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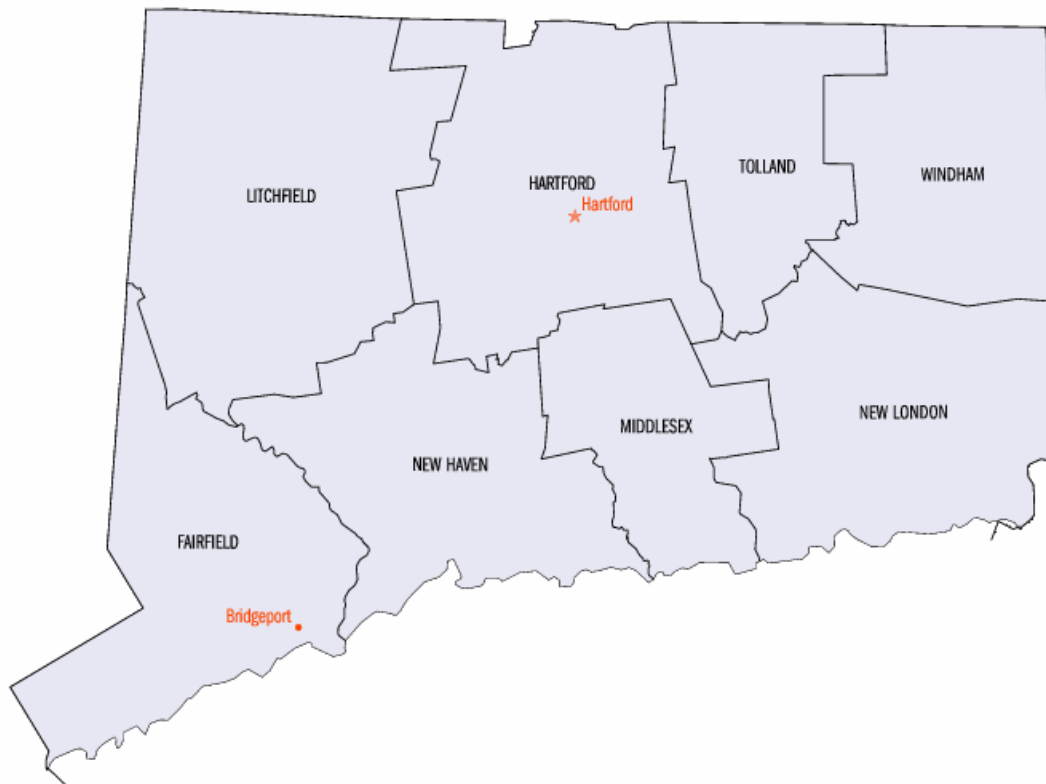
## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Hartford, Connecticut

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#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Hartford, Connecticut**

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

### **Demographics<sup>1</sup>**

- Population (2000 Census): 121,578
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 27.7% white; 38.1% black/African American; 0.5% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.6% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 26.5% other race; 5.4% two or more races; 40.5% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- Hartford is located in Hartford County.

### **Politics**

- Mayor: Eddie Perez<sup>2</sup>
- City Council: Veronica Airey-Wilson, John Bazzano, James Boucher, Elizabeth Horton Scheff, Kenneth Kennedy, Jr., Hernan LaFontaine, Robert Painter, Calixto Torres, rJo Winch<sup>3</sup>
- Chief of Police: Mark Pawlina<sup>4</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>5</sup>  
Designated in 1999, the New England HIDTA is responsible for areas of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Hartford County is one of the Connecticut counties involved in New England HIDTA efforts.

### **Federal Funding**

- Drug Free Communities Support Program<sup>6</sup>  
There have been no Hartford recipients of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program grant.
- Office of Weed and Seed<sup>7</sup>  
One site in Hartford has received Federal funding and official recognition as a Weed and Seed site.
- FY 2003 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Funds awarded to Hartford:<sup>8</sup>
  - Center for Mental Health Services: \$3,101,555
  - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: \$1,544,175
  - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: \$2,751,187
- Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Discretionary Grant:
  - FY 2003: no Hartford grantees<sup>9</sup>
  - FY 2002: no Hartford grantees<sup>10</sup>
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant:
  - FY 2003: no Hartford grantees<sup>11</sup>
  - FY 2002: no Hartford grantees<sup>12</sup>

- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in Hartford:<sup>13</sup>
  - Communities: 1 award valued at \$275,000
  - Counter-Terrorism: 2 awards valued at \$6,553,000
  - Juvenile Justice:
    - discretionary: 1 award valued at \$219,909
    - formula: 5 awards valued at \$4,208,300
  - Law Enforcement:
    - discretionary: 6 awards valued at \$4,231,571
    - formula: 4 awards valued at \$4,137,177
  - Substance Abuse:
    - discretionary: 0 awards
    - formula: 2 awards valued at \$7,017,346
  - Victims:
    - discretionary: 1 award valued at \$60,000
    - formula: 2 awards valued at \$5,327,000
- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant:<sup>14</sup>
  - \$115,500 to Chappelle Gardens

### Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2003, there were 44 murders known to the police in Hartford.<sup>15</sup>

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Hartford, 1999-2003

Offense	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Murder	22	18	26	26	44
Rape	57	69	78	76	68
Robbery	776	873	893	898	1,031
Agg. assault	661	580	623	581	679
Burglary	1,562	1,665	1,579	1,585	1,324
Larceny	5,959	6,168	5,848	5,626	6,035
Auto theft	1,440	2,140	1,843	2,212	2,391
Total	10,477	11,513	10,890	11,004	11,572

- There were 2,691 drug arrests in Hartford during 2003.<sup>16</sup>

Number of Arrests, Index and Drug Offenses, Hartford, 1999-2003

Offense	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Murder	26	20	39	25	52
Rape	35	56	57	47	36
Robbery	147	183	231	152	184
Agg. assault	506	443	466	438	482
Burglary	314	256	267	272	245
Larceny	1,010	1,042	1,125	1,018	855
Auto theft	72	86	122	167	207
Drug	3,299	2,540	3,419	3,333	2,691

- In FY 2000/2001, the Connecticut Statewide Narcotics Task Force North Central Office conducted 62 investigations in Hartford, resulting in 32 arrests.<sup>17</sup>

### Drugs

- Cocaine  
Cocaine hydrochloride remains a popular drug of choice in Hartford County.<sup>18</sup> In the first quarter of FY 2003, powder cocaine sold for \$26,000/kilogram, \$600-\$850/ounce, and \$50-\$60/gram in Hartford. The powder cocaine averaged 30-50% pure. Crack cocaine sold for \$650-\$900/ounce, \$10-\$20/vial, and \$10/rock in Hartford during the first quarter of FY 2003.<sup>19</sup>
- Heroin  
Heroin is widespread in the major cities in Hartford County. The majority of the heroin found in the county comes from Hartford.<sup>20</sup> In the first quarter of FY 2003, heroin sold for \$90,000/kilogram, \$3,000-\$4,000/ounce, \$110-\$125/gram, and \$10/bag in Hartford.<sup>21</sup>
- Marijuana  
Marijuana is popular among all social classes in Hartford County.<sup>22</sup> Commercial-grade marijuana sold for \$800-\$1,500/pound, \$75-\$100/ounce, and \$2/joint in Hartford during the first quarter of FY 2003, while sinsemilla sold for \$3,000/pound.<sup>23</sup>
- Club Drugs  
While LSD is available in Hartford County, it is not as popular as ecstasy.<sup>24</sup>
- Other Drugs  
The DEA Hartford Resident Office indicates that OxyContin, Vicodin, oxycodone, Hydcodone, methadone, Ritalin, Xanax and Diazepam are among the most frequently abused diverted pharmaceuticals in the area.<sup>25</sup>

### Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2002, there were 601 full-time law enforcement employees in Hartford (397 officers and 204 civilians).<sup>26</sup>

### Trafficking and Seizures

- In FY 2000/2001, the Connecticut Statewide Narcotics Task Force North Central Office, which includes Hartford County, seized more than 500 kilograms of marijuana value at \$4,268,603.<sup>27</sup>

Drugs Seized by Task Force North Central Office, Connecticut, FY 2000/2001

Drug	Weight (in kgs.)	Value
Cocaine	3.46	\$586,041
Heroin	0.29	\$68,760
Marijuana	503.68	\$4,268,603
Crack cocaine	0.62	\$43,470
Pills	0.52	\$49,620
Other	--	\$200
Total	--	\$5,016,694

## Courts

### ➤ Drug Courts

As of November 2003, there were no drug courts in existence or being planned in Hartford.<sup>28</sup> There had been one drug court in Hartford, but it was closed in 2002 (along with all of the other Connecticut drug courts) due to budget cuts.<sup>29</sup>

## Corrections

- As of January 1, 2004, there were 926 offenders in the Hartford Correctional Center. Most (856) of the offenders were accused, while the remainder (69) were sentenced.<sup>30</sup>
- Addiction Services Tier 1 Substance Abuse Education Program<sup>31</sup>  
Available at the Hartford Correctional Center, the Tier 1 program consists of 6 substance abuse education group sessions. The purpose of the program is to present basic substance abuse information, confront denial, and encourage further involvement in treatment.

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