

# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Augusta, Maine

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## Augusta, Maine

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): 18,560
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 95.6% white; 0.5% black/African American; 0.5% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.3% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.1% other race; 1.2% two or more races; 0.9% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- Augusta is located in Kennebec County.

### **Politics**

- Mayor: William Dowling<sup>2</sup>
- City Council (Ward): Thomas Sotir (1) Donna Doore (2); Gary Veilleux (3); Karen Foster (4); Kim Davis (at large); Sylvia Lund (at large); Stanley Koski (at large); Mark O'Brien (at large)<sup>3</sup>
- City Manager: William Bridgeo<sup>4</sup>
- Chief of Police: Wayne McCamish<sup>5</sup>

### **Federal Funding**

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program<sup>6</sup>  
No coalitions in Augusta have ever received funding through the Drug-Free Communities Support Program.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed<sup>7</sup>  
There are no sites in Augusta that have been officially recognized or received Federal funding as a Weed and Seed site.
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program amount awarded to Augusta:<sup>8</sup>
  - \$177,911 to the Maine Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services Office of Substance Abuse for drug court enhancement
- Augusta did not receive any methamphetamine funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.<sup>9</sup>
- Augusta did not receive any funding as part of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant.<sup>10</sup>
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY 2002 Discretionary Funds received in Augusta:<sup>11</sup>
  - Center for Mental Health Services:
    - \$288,259 to Healthreach Network; project period: 1/1/03-8/31/05
    - \$60,000 to the Maine Parent Federation; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
    - \$457,334 to the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/06
    - \$100,000 to the Maine Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
  - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention:

- \$2,999,857 to the Office of the Governor; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment:
  - \$100,000 to the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/05
  - \$399,222 to the Maine Judicial Branch; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/05
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts for Augusta:<sup>12</sup>
  - \$10,132,729 in discretionary funds
  - \$10,441,525 in formula funds

### Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2001, the Augusta Police Department made 26 adult arrests for drug violations.<sup>13</sup> During 2000, there were 21 adult drug arrests.<sup>14</sup> There were 20 adult drug violation arrests in Augusta in 1999.<sup>15</sup>

Number of Adult Arrests, Selected Offenses, Augusta, 1999-2001

Offense	1999	2000	2001
Murder/non-negl. mansl.	0	0	0
Forcible rape	0	1	2
Robbery	1	6	3
Aggravated assault	14	11	8
Burglary	19	17	9
Larceny-theft	107	96	97
Motor vehicle theft	4	3	2
Arson	0	1	1
Drug violations	20	21	26
DUI	146	146	124
Liquor laws	5	7	9
Total*	939	1,043	959

\*Total includes arrests for all offenses, including those not listed in table

### Drugs

- Cocaine
 

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency (MDEA) reports that crack cocaine became available in Augusta after a Dominican distribution group expanded its market into the city in 1999. The MDEA Augusta notes that when cocaine availability increases, there is a rise in thefts, burglaries, assaults, and home invasions, as well as a rise in violent crime from disputes over owed money.<sup>16</sup>
- Heroin
 

Augusta is one of the major cities in Maine in which heroin abuse is high.<sup>17</sup> MDEA Augusta reports that heroin prices are decreasing, while purity is increasing.<sup>18</sup>
- Club Drugs
 

The use of methamphetamine at raves has been reported by MDEA Augusta.<sup>19</sup>
- Other Drugs
 

MDEA Augusta reports an increase in the use of diverted prescription drugs.<sup>20</sup>

**Juveniles**

- During 2001, the Augusta Police Department made 8 juvenile arrests for drug violations.<sup>21</sup> During 2000, there were also 8 juvenile drug arrests.<sup>22</sup> There were 14 juvenile drug violation arrests in Augusta in 1999.<sup>23</sup>

Number of Juvenile Arrests, Selected Offenses, Augusta, 1999-2001

Offense	1999	2000	2001
Murder/non-negl. mansl.	0	0	0
Forcible rape	0	1	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated assault	8	1	3
Burglary	7	5	1
Larceny-theft	84	56	75
Motor vehicle theft	3	10	6
Arson	3	3	0
Drug violations	14	8	8
DUI	1	1	2
Liquor laws	12	27	16
Total*	250	221	280

\*Total includes arrests for all offenses, including those not listed in table

- Approximately 29% of Kennebec County students surveyed in 2002 reported using marijuana at least once in their lives.<sup>24</sup>

Percent of Students Reporting Drug Use, Kennebec County, 2002

Substance	% Reporting Use
Lifetime alcohol use	50.5%
Past month alcohol use	26.9
Lifetime marijuana use	29.1
Lifetime cocaine use	4.0
Past month cocaine use	1.3
Lifetime LSD use	4.8
Past month LSD use	1.6
Lifetime MDMA use	5.3
Past month inhalant use	4.0
Lifetime stimulant use	3.1
Past month stimulant use	1.3
Past month OxyContin use	2.0
Lifetime use of other prescription	15.1
Past month use of other prescription	6.9

- Approximately 15.4% of Kennebec County students surveyed in 2002 reported being drunk or high in school within the past year.<sup>25</sup>

## Enforcement

- In 2001, there were 54 full-time law enforcement employees in Augusta (42 sworn officers and 12 civilians).<sup>26</sup>

## Trafficking and Seizures

- MDEA Augusta task force reports methamphetamine distribution by members of the Saracens and Hells Angels outlaw motorcycle gangs.<sup>27</sup>

## Courts

- Drug Courts<sup>28</sup>  
As of May 2003, there was one drug court in Augusta that had been implemented within the past two years. There were no additional drug courts in operation or being planned in Augusta.

## Consequences of Use

- From 1997-2002, there were 37 drug deaths in Kennebec County. Nineteen of the drug deaths were accidents, and 18 were suicides.<sup>29</sup>

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