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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Jackson, Mississippi

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

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 184,256
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 27.8% white; 70.6% black/African American; 0.1% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.6% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other race; 0.7% two or more races; 0.8% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- The majority of the Jackson population resides in Hinds County (99.7%), while the remainder reside in Madison County (0.3%).

Politics

- Mayor: Harvey Johnson, Jr.²
- City Council (Wards 1-7, respectively): Ben Allen; Leslie McLemore; Kenneth Stokes; William Brown; Bettye Dagner-Cook; Marshand Crisler (President); Margaret Barrett-Simon (Vice President)³
- Chief of Police: Robert Moore⁴
- Hinds County Sheriff: Malcolm E. McMillin⁵

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁶
Designated in 1996, the Gulf Coast HIDTA is responsible for areas of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, including Hinds and Madison counties.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁷
Only one coalition in Jackson has ever received funding as part of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program. In FY 2001, \$100,000 was awarded to the West Jackson Community Development Corporation.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁸
There is 1 site in Jackson that has been recognized as a Weed and Seed site.
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY 2003 Discretionary Funds received in Jackson:⁹
 - Center for Mental Health Services: \$1,572,910
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: \$3,576,674
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: \$100,000
- Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Discretionary Grant:
 - FY 2003: no Jackson recipients¹⁰
 - FY 2002: no Jackson recipients¹¹
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant:
 - FY 2003: no Jackson recipients¹²
 - FY 2002: no Jackson recipients¹³

- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in Jackson:¹⁴
 - Communities (discretionary): 2 awards valued at a total of \$464,996
 - Counter-Terrorism (discretionary): 3 awards valued at \$6,236,000
 - Juvenile Justice:
 - discretionary: 3 awards valued at \$389,649
 - formula: 5 awards valued at \$4,064,600
 - Law Enforcement:
 - discretionary: 10 awards valued at \$5,035,143
 - formula: 5 awards valued at \$2,695,343
 - Substance Abuse:
 - discretionary: 0 awards
 - formula: 3 awards valued at \$6,508,891
 - Victims:
 - discretionary: 0 awards
 - formula: 2 awards valued at \$4,546,000
- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant amount received in Jackson: \$145,000 to Westwick Apartments¹⁵

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- From January 1 through February 29, 2004, there were 5 homicides known to the Jackson Police Department. This is an increase over the 7 homicides known to police from January through February 2003.¹⁶

Number of Offenses Known to Police, Select Offenses, Jackson, Jan.-Feb. 2003-2004

Offense	Jan.-Feb. 2003	Jan.-Feb. 2004
Auto burglary	859	495
Auto theft	508	345
Business burglary	205	134
Grand larceny	209	123
House burglary	541	398
Aggravated assault	61	71
Armed robbery	112	110
Carjacking	32	20
Homicide	7	5
Rape	24	19

- Preliminary data indicate that there were 22 murders known to the Jackson Police Department from January to June 2003. From January to June 2002, there were 26 murders known to police in Jackson.¹⁷

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Jackson, Jan.-June 2002-2003

Offense	Jan.-June 2002	Jan.-June 2003
Murder	26	22
Forcible rape	93	80
Robbery	436	448
Aggravated assault	234	225
Burglary	2,072	2,220
Larceny-theft	3,949	4,307
Motor vehicle theft	1,275	1,458
Arson	39	23

- During FY 2002, the Hinds County Street Sales Narcotics Enforcement Team initiated 400 cases resulting in the arrests of 175 offenders.¹⁸

Enforcement

- Hinds County Street Sales Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET)¹⁹
The purpose of the Hinds County NET initiative is to reduce and ultimately eliminate illicit drug activities in targeted areas through community efforts, enforcement, arrest, prosecution, sentencing, and incarceration of drug violators.
- As of October 31, 2002, there were 668 full-time law enforcement employees working in Jackson (436 officers and 232 civilians).²⁰

Trafficking and Seizures

- In FY 2002, efforts of the Hinds County NET initiative resulted in the seizure of \$31,552 in U.S. currency, 16 weapons, and 5 vehicles.²¹
- During FY 2001, the Jackson Police Department seized illicit drugs valued at \$560,203.²²

Value of Drug-Related Seizures, Jackson, FY 2001

Item Seized	Value
Illicit drugs	\$560,203
Prescription drugs	\$64,952
Currency	\$109,173
Vehicles	\$80,000
Weapons	\$20,400
Other property	\$17,500

Courts

- Drug Courts²³
As of November 2003, there was 1 drug court in operation and 1 drug court being planned in Jackson.
- During FY 2002, efforts of the Hinds County NET initiative resulted in 146 indictments.²⁴

Corrections

- As of June 30, 2002, approximately 6.46% of the inmates (1,427 inmates) within the Mississippi Department of Corrections were committed in Hinds County.²⁵

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