

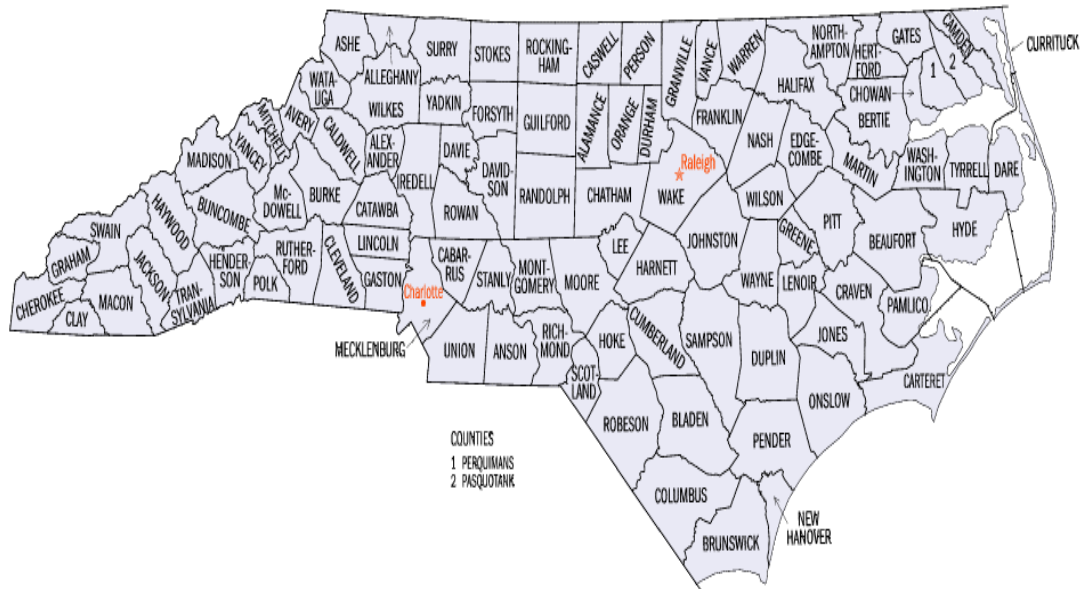
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 276,093
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 60.3% white; 27.5% black/African American; 0.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 3.4% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.1% other race; 1.4% two or more races; 7.0% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- Raleigh is located in Wake County.

Politics

- Mayor: Charles Meeker²
- City Council (District): W. Benson Kirkman (D-Deputy Mayor); John Odom (B-Deputy Mayor); Kieran Shanahan (A); James West (C); Philip Isley (E); Janet Cowell (at large); Neal Hunt (at large)³
- City Manager: J. Russell Allen⁴
- Chief of Police: Jane Perlov⁵
- Wake County Sheriff: Donnie Harrison⁶

Programs/Initiatives

- Substance Abuse Advisory Commission (SAAC)⁷
The City Council and the City of Raleigh created the SAAC on June 19, 1990. The purpose of the SAAC is to advocate for a healthy community by promoting the prevention, intervention, and treatment of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse. The SAAC consists of 9 appointed members.
- Substance-Abuse-Free Families (SAFE)⁸
The SAFE Prevention Coalition is made up of youth and community partners from healthcare and educational institutions to create substance-abuse-free families, businesses, and other environments in Wake County.
- School-Based Substance Abuse Team⁹
The purpose of Wake County's school-based substance abuse team is to prevent and treat substance abuse by students in the County's public schools. Services provided by the substance abuse team include: individual substance abuse assessments; consultations, screenings, and referrals to community resources; prevention/early intervention substance abuse groups; school-based outpatient treatment; and drug-related trainings for faculties, parents, students, and others.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program¹⁰
Since FY 1998 when funding was first made available through the Drug-Free Communities Support Program, no coalitions in Raleigh have ever received funding.

- Executive Office for Weed and Seed¹¹
Two sites in Raleigh have been designated and received Federal funding as Weed and Seed sites.
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY 2002 Discretionary Funds received in Raleigh:¹²
 - Center for Mental Health Services:
 - \$365,721 to Pan Lutheran Ministries of Wake County; project period: 9/30/99-9/30/04
 - \$1,500,000 to the North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services; project period: 9/30/97-8/31/03
 - \$100,000 to the North Carolina Department of Human Resources; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
 - \$1,500,000 to the North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services; project period: 9/30/99-8/31/05
 - \$60,000 to the North Carolina Mental Health Consumers Organization; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention:
 - No Raleigh grantees
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment:
 - \$100,000 to the North Carolina Department of Human Resources; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/05
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program amounts received in Raleigh:¹³
 - \$333,818 to the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts/Forsyth County Drug Treatment Court for drug court implementation
 - \$187,228 to the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts/North Carolina Drug Treatment Court Program for drug court enhancement
 - \$435,341 to the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts/Durham County Drug Treatment Court for drug court implementation
- Raleigh did not receive any methamphetamine funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.¹⁴
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts for Raleigh:¹⁵
 - \$21,252,090 in discretionary funds
 - \$41,212,634 in formula funds
- There were no recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant in Raleigh.¹⁶

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- From January 1 through August 3, 2003, there were 6 murders reported to police in Raleigh. During the same time period in 2002, there were 11 murders reported to the Raleigh Police.¹⁷

Number of Reported Index Offenses, Raleigh, January 1-August 3, 2002 and 2003

Offense	Jan. 1-Aug. 3, 2002	Jan. 1-Aug. 3, 2003	Percent Change
Murder	11	6	-45.45%
Rape	70	68	-2.86
Robbery	490	419	-14.49
Aggravated assault	696	690	-0.86
Burglary	2,418	1,953	-19.23
Larceny	6,498	6,127	-5.71
Auto theft	889	827	-6.97
Total index offenses	11,072	10,090	-8.87

- There were 13 arrests for murder in Raleigh from January 1 through August 3, 2003. During the same time period in 2002, there were 17 murder arrests in Raleigh.¹⁸

Number of Arrests for Index Offenses, Raleigh, January 1-August 3, 2002 and 2003

Offense	Jan. 1-Aug. 3, 2002	Jan. 1-Aug. 3, 2003	Percent Change
Murder	17	13	-23.53%
Rape	24	18	-25.00
Robbery	162	157	-3.09
Aggravated assault	130	168	29.23
Burglary	230	281	22.17
Larceny	740	1,051	42.03
Auto theft	29	20	-31.03
Total index offenses	1,332	1,708	28.23

- During full year 2002, there were 29 adult arrests for murder in Raleigh. This is up from 16 adult arrests for murder in 2001.¹⁹

Number of Adult Arrests, Selected Offenses, Raleigh, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	16	29
Forcible rape	26	32
Robbery	215	215
Aggravated assault	231	227
Burglary	418	394
Larceny-theft	1,094	1,215
Motor vehicle theft	42	44
Driving under the influence	1,278	1,067
Liquor laws	1,639	1,739

- During full year 2002, there were 690 adult arrests in Raleigh for the sale/manufacture of marijuana.²⁰

Number of Adult Drug Arrests, Raleigh, 2001-2002

Type of Drug Arrest	2001	2002
Sale/manufacture – opium or cocaine	359	421
Sale/manufacture – marijuana	647	690
Sale/manufacture – other dangerous drugs	14	21
Possession – opium or cocaine	314	298
Possession – marijuana	379	367
Possession – other dangerous drugs	108	112

Drugs

- The Raleigh Police Department reports that methamphetamine is primarily abused by young individuals in Raleigh.²¹

Juveniles

- During full year 2002, there were 2 juvenile arrests for murder in Raleigh.²²

Number of Juvenile Arrests, Selected Offenses, Raleigh, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	2	2
Forcible rape	1	0
Robbery	39	28
Aggravated assault	18	13
Burglary	45	34
Larceny-theft	253	182
Motor vehicle theft	12	10
Driving under the influence	10	9
Liquor laws	59	66

- During full year 2002, there were 58 juvenile arrests in Raleigh for the sale/manufacture of marijuana.²³

Number of Juvenile Drug Arrests, Raleigh, 2001-2002

Type of Drug Arrest	2001	2002
Sale/manufacture – opium or cocaine	23	26
Sale/manufacture – marijuana	64	58
Sale/manufacture – other dangerous drugs	1	2
Possession – opium or cocaine	8	10
Possession – marijuana	64	47
Possession – other dangerous drugs	26	9

Enforcement

- Drugs and Vice Unit²⁴
The Raleigh Police Department Drug and Vice Unit is made up of 3 Drug Squads and a Drug Task Force. The Drug Squads are responsible for conducting initial and follow-up investigations on drug and vice regulations. The Drug Task Force works

with other law enforcement agencies and conducts initial follow-up investigations on drug-related offenses.

- In 2002, there were 714 full-time law enforcement employees in Raleigh (620 officers and 94 civilians).²⁵

Trafficking and Seizures

- The Raleigh-Durham International Airport has non-stop service to and from several international destinations providing criminal groups with the opportunity to transport drugs into and through the area.²⁶
- The number of MDMA seizures at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport is increasing.²⁷
- From April to June 2001, the Raleigh Police Department reported 119 crack seizures and 24 powder cocaine seizures.²⁸

Courts

- Drug Courts²⁹
As of May 2003, there was one drug court in Raleigh that had been operating for more than two years and two drug courts that had been implemented within the past two years. There were no additional drug courts being planned in Raleigh.

Corrections

- On June 30, 2003, there were 2,257 prisoners within the North Carolina Department of Corrections who had been convicted in Wake County. Of these prisoners, 256 were charged with drug trafficking and 169 were charged with non-trafficking drug offenses.³⁰
- The Wake County probation population on June 30, 2003 was 7,720. Of these probationers, 53 were charged with drug trafficking and 1,333 were charged with non-trafficking drug offenses.³¹
- The Wake County parole population on June 30, 2003 was 166. Of these parolees, 11 were charged with drug trafficking and 10 were charged with non-trafficking drug offenses.³²

Consequences of Use

- Wake County ranks fourth in the state for the number of unintentional drug-related deaths from 1997-2001. During this time period, there were 57 unintentional drug-related deaths in Wake County.³³

Treatment

- The Healing Place of Wake County³⁴
Approximately 60-80% of Wake County homeless persons are in need of substance abuse treatment. Located in Raleigh, the Healing Place of Wake County was created as a new model of comprehensive detoxification, rehabilitation, and shelter of homeless individuals with alcohol or other drug problems. The following services are offered at the Healing Place: emergency shelter, sobering up/detox center, motivational track, residential recovery programs, and transitional housing.

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