

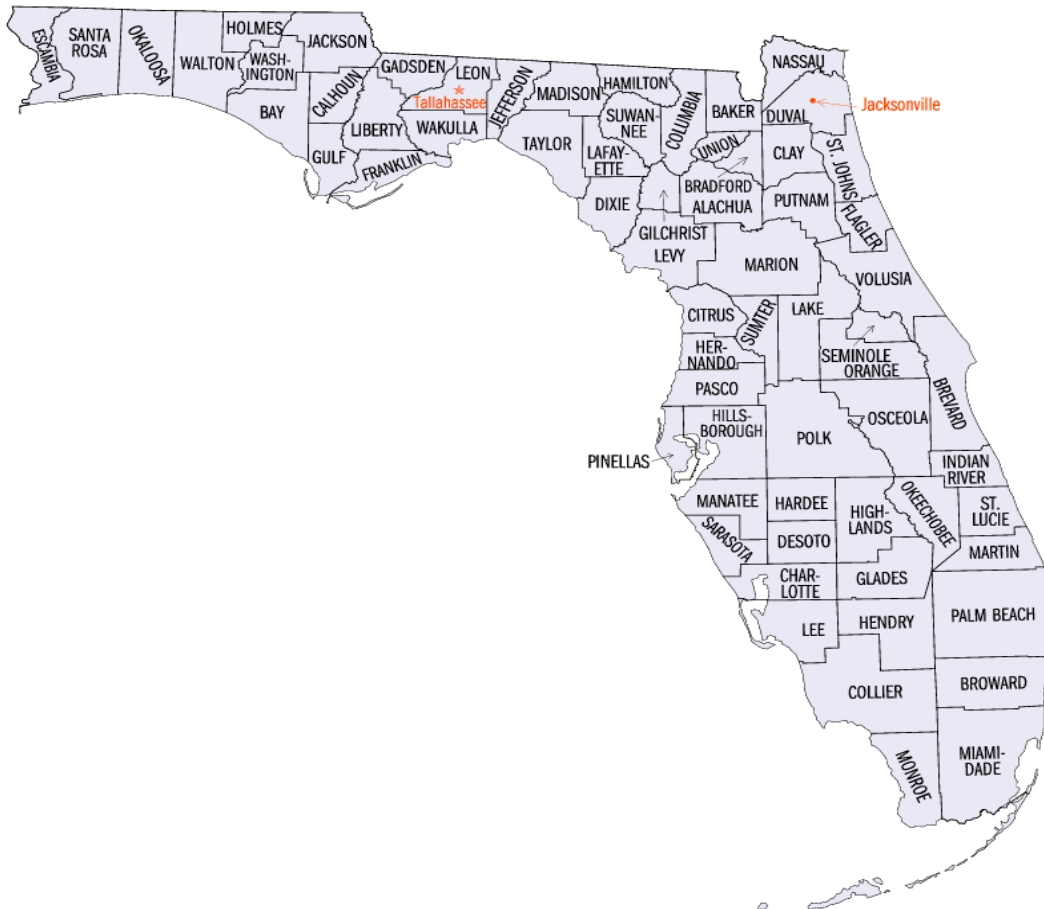
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

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

Demographics¹

- Population: 152,397 (2000 Census); 149,377 (1990 Census)
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 57.5% white; 28.5% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.0% Asian; 0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other race; 3.2% two or more races; 9.5% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)
- Ft. Lauderdale is located in Broward County.

Politics

- Mayor: Jim Naugle²
- City Commissioners (District): Christine Teel (1); Dean Trantalis (2); Carlton B. Moore (3); Cindi Hutchinson (4)³
- City Manager (Acting): Alan Silva⁴
- Ft. Lauderdale Police Chief: Bruce Roberts⁵
- Broward County Sheriff: Ken Jenne⁶

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁷
Designated in 1990, the South Florida HIDTA is responsible for Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties. The extensive shoreline of the Florida peninsula and the Florida Keys combined with two major seaports and a close proximity to the Caribbean, make South Florida a prime target for maritime smuggling operations, particularly from Haiti.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Ft. Lauderdale:⁸
 - FY 2003:
 - \$100,000 to Broward County Commission on Substance Abuse
 - FY 2002, FY 2001, FY 2000, and FY 1999: no Ft. Lauderdale grantees
 - FY 1998:
 - \$99,882 to United Way of Broward County
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁹
There are currently no sites in Ft. Lauderdale receiving Federal funding as Weed and Seed sites.
- FY 2002 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Funds awarded to agencies/organizations in Ft. Lauderdale:¹⁰
 - Center for Mental Health Services: \$1,000,000
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: \$293,843
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: \$686,950
- Ft. Lauderdale did not receive any funding through the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.¹¹

- Ft. Lauderdale did not receive any funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Methamphetamine Grant.¹²
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in Ft. Lauderdale:¹³
 - Discretionary - \$2,860,348
 - Formula - \$2,202,464
- There were no Ft. Lauderdale recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Federally-Assisted Low Income Housing Drug Elimination Grant.¹⁴

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- From January to September 2003, there were 1,513 drug arrests in Ft. Lauderdale. During full year 2002, there were 2,239 drug arrests.¹⁵

Number of Arrests, Selected Offenses, Fort Lauderdale, 1999-September 2003

Offense	Full Year 1999	Full Year 2000	Full Year 2001	Full Year 2002	Jan.-Sept. 2003
Homicide	21	13	28	13	11
Forcible sex offense	96	105	72	57	49
Robbery	701	769	822	667	481
Aggravated assault	576	727	595	590	451
Larceny	5,679	5,423	5,032	4,212	3,231
Auto theft	1,769	1,454	1,478	1,366	870
Arson	56	51	48	49	21
Drug	3,085	2,183	2,297	2,239	1,513

- During 2000, 61.8% of Ft. Lauderdale adult male arrestees tested positive for drugs at arrest.¹⁶

Percent of Adult Male Arrestees Positive for Drugs, by Offense, Ft. Lauderdale, 2000

Offense	Any Drug	Cocaine	Marijuana	Opiates	Multiple
Violent	42.2%	20.0%	27.8%	2.1%	7.8%
Property	50.2	27.0	27.8	0.0	4.7
Drug	67.9	35.3	45.0	2.8	15.3
Dom. viol.	31.7	18.0	20.3	0.0	6.6
DWI	46.2	24.5	31.1	3.5	12.9
Other	70.8	34.4	54.2	2.1	19.9
Total	61.8	30.9	43.3	2.1	14.5

Drugs

- Methamphetamine
 - In some areas of southern Florida, including Ft. Lauderdale, methamphetamine abuse has increased.¹⁷
- Club Drugs
 - MDMA continues to be widely available and abused in the club scene in Ft. Lauderdale.¹⁸

Juveniles

- From January to September 2003, the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department reported 996 juvenile arrests. During full year 2002, there were 1,238 juvenile arrests.¹⁹
- Approximately 21% of middle school and 35% of high school students in Broward County who were surveyed in 2002 reported lifetime use of an illicit drug.²⁰

Percent of Students Reporting Lifetime Drug Use, Broward County, 2002

Drug Type	Middle School	High School
Marijuana/hashish	9.7%	31.2%
Inhalants	13.1	8.6
Ecstasy	2.8	8.2
Rohypnol	1.3	1.8
GHB	2.6	0.8
Ketamine	1.1	0.9
LSD/PCP	1.3	3.6
Hallucinogenic mushrooms	2.2	3.5
Cocaine	1.7	3.5
Crack cocaine	1.8	1.0
Methamphetamine	2.8	1.2
Depressants	2.7	9.5
Heroin	1.1	0.4
OxyContin	0.9	2.9
Steroids w/o doctor order	1.5	1.4
Amphetamines	1.8	3.7
Any illicit drug	21.1	34.8

- Approximately 6.2% of Broward County middle school students and 13.8% of Broward County high school students surveyed in 2002 reported being high or drunk at school.²¹

Percent of Students Reporting Delinquent Behavior, Broward County, 2000-2002

Type of Delinquent Behavior	2000		2002	
	Middle	High	Middle	High
Sold drugs	2.9%	7.9%	2.8%	6.6%
Been drunk or high at school	6.9	17.3	6.2	13.8
Been arrested	8.6	10.2	5.2	6.4

- Approximately 17% of Broward County high school students surveyed in 2002 reported using an illicit drug within the past month.²²

Percent of Students Reporting Past Month Drug Use, Broward County, 2002

Drug Type	Middle School	High School
Marijuana/hashish	5.2%	13.9%
Inhalants	5.9	2.4
Ecstasy	0.8	1.8
Rohypnol	0.3	0.7
GHB	1.8	0.6
Ketamine	0.8	0.3
LSD/PCP	0.7	0.5
Hallucinogenic mushrooms	0.5	1.0
Cocaine	0.7	0.3
Crack cocaine	0.4	0.4
Methamphetamine	1.1	0.3
Depressants	0.9	4.1
Heroin	0.4	0.2
OxyContin	0.2	1.0
Steroids	0.6	0.8
Amphetamines	0.9	1.3
Any illicit drug	10.5	16.7

- Among Ft. Lauderdale high school students surveyed in 2001, nearly 41% reported using marijuana at some point in their lives.²³

Percent of High School Students Reporting Drug Use, Ft. Lauderdale, 2001

Drug Type and Use	Females	Males	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	35.7%	45.6%	40.8%
Current marijuana use	18.5	24.9	21.8
Lifetime cocaine use	5.3	9.0	7.2
Current cocaine use	0.9	4.1	2.6
Lifetime inhalant use	8.8	12.2	10.5
Current inhalant use	1.7	5.9	3.9
Lifetime heroin use	1.4	4.9	3.3
Lifetime methamphetamine use	4.5	6.3	5.6
Lifetime illegal steroid use	2.1	6.6	4.5
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	1.0	4.5	2.9
Tried marijuana before age 13	5.0	12.6	8.9

- Approximately 6% of Ft. Lauderdale students surveyed in 2001 reported using marijuana on school property within the past 30 days. Twenty-seven percent of Ft. Lauderdale students were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property within the past year.²⁴

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2001, there were 733 full-time law enforcement employees working in Fort Lauderdale (483 officers and 250 civilians).²⁵

Trafficking and Seizures

- Broward County remains a favorite area for drug traffickers smuggling large quantities of cocaine, heroin, and marijuana into the United States from South America, Central America and the Caribbean.²⁶
- In January 2002, U.S. Customs Service agents at the Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport arrested drug couriers from Haiti and seized approximately 16.5 kilograms of cocaine that had been hidden in false panels of suitcases.²⁷
- During 2002, law enforcement officials seized 1,503 marijuana plants in Broward County as part of the Domestic Marijuana Eradication program. The plants were discovered at 22 different indoor sites.²⁸

Courts

- Drug Courts²⁹
As of September 2003, there were 2 drug courts in Ft. Lauderdale that had been operating for more than 2 years. There was also 1 drug court that had recently been implemented and 1 drug court that was being planned in Ft. Lauderdale at that time.
- During FY 2001, 52% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in southern Florida had been charged with a drug offense. The majority of the drug offenses involved powder cocaine.³⁰

Federally-Sentenced Drug Offenders, Southern Florida, FY 2001

Drug Type	Number	% of All Drug Offenses
Powder cocaine	602	51.5%
Heroin	247	21.1
Crack cocaine	135	11.5
Marijuana	89	7.6
Methamphetamine	10	0.9
Other	87	7.4

Consequences of Use

- In 2002, lethal amounts of cocaine were found in 71 Ft. Lauderdale deaths.³¹

Drug-Related Deaths by Lethal/Non-Lethal Levels, Ft. Lauderdale, 2002

Drugs	Lethal Levels	Non-Lethal Levels
Heroin	38	12
Cocaine	71	50
Methadone	40	12
Oxycodone	56	35
Hydrocodone	26	18
Methylated	3	6

- During 2002, there were 76 drug-related deaths in Ft. Lauderdale in which OxyContin was involved.³² This is up from 61 in 2001.³³

Number of Drug-Related Deaths, Ft. Lauderdale, 2001- 2002

Drug Involved	2001	2002
Cocaine only	22	31
Cocaine with other drug	72	90
Heroin only	8	13
Heroin with other drug	45	37
Oxycodone only	12	15
Oxycodone with other drug	61	76
Hydrocodone only	1	10
Hydrocodone with other drug	27	34
Methadone only	5	5
Methadone with other drug	17	47
Methylated amphetamine only	0	3
Methylated amphetamine with other drug	4	6

Treatment

- Substance Abuse and Health Care Services Division³⁴
This office assists persons living in Broward County who have alcohol and/or drug-related problems. They operate the Broward Addiction Recovery Center located in Ft. Lauderdale. This Center offers detoxification, diagnosis, and assessment of alcohol and drug-related problems, as well as outpatient and outreach services.

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