

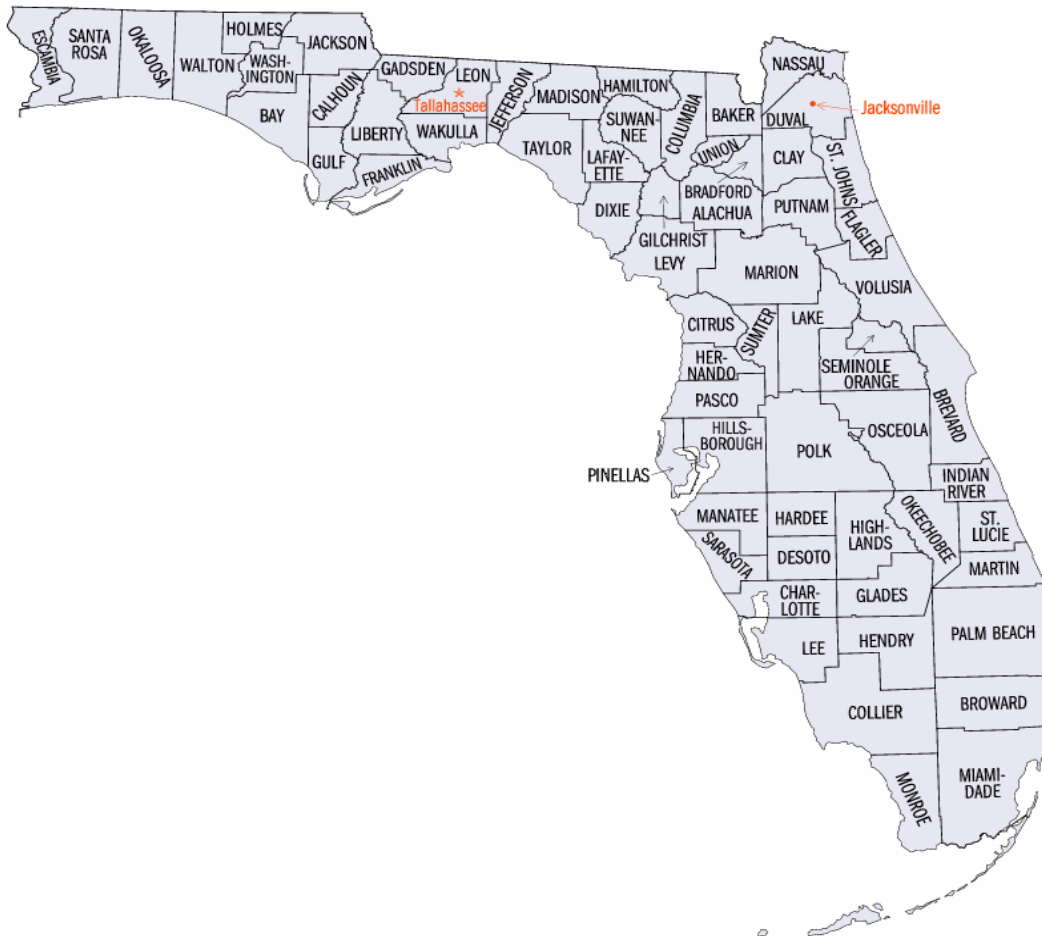
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Jacksonville, Florida

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, and crime statistics.

Demographics

- Population (2002 American Community Survey): 745,439¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2002 American Community Survey): 60.8% white; 30.3% black/African American; 0.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.8% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.3% other race; 1.0% two or more races; 4.4% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)²
- Jacksonville is located in Duval County.³

Politics

- Mayor: John Peyton⁴
- City Council Members (District): Lake Ray (1); Lynette Self (2); Jerry Holland (3); Suzanne Jenkins (4); Art Shad (5); Sharon Copeland (6); Pat Lockett-Felder (7); Gwen Yates (8); Reggie Fullwood (9); Mia Jones (10); Warren Alvarez (11); Daniel Davis (12); Arthur Graham (13); Michael Corrigan (14); Faye Rustin (at-large); Elaine Brown (at-large); Lad Daniels (at-large); Kevin Hyde (at-large); Glorious Johnson (at-large)⁵
- Jacksonville Sheriff: John Rutherford⁶

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁷
Designated in 2001, the North Florida HIDTA is responsible for Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties.
- Drug Abatement Response Team (DART)⁸
Established in January 1996, Jacksonville's DART program consists of police and other city agencies that identify and dispose of crack houses and other nuisance properties. By working with landlords/property owners, strategies are developed to reduce drug activity. Actions taken may include bringing the property up to code, tenant screening, and physical improvements to the property.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁹
 - Original award years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003: no Jacksonville recipients
 - Original award year 1999: \$425,000 has been awarded in total to Join Together Jacksonville
- Community Capacity Development Office¹⁰
There are no Weed and Seed sites in Jacksonville.
- FY 2003 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Funds awarded to Jacksonville:¹¹
 - Center for Mental Health Services: \$0
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: \$1,193,000
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: \$1,100,000

- FY 2003 Office of Justice Program Drug Court Discretionary Grant amount received in Jacksonville:¹²
 - \$499,898 to the Florida Court Administrators Office
- There were no Jacksonville recipients of the FY 2003 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant.¹³
- FY 2003 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in Jacksonville:¹⁴
 - Communities (discretionary): 0 awards
 - Counter-Terrorism (discretionary): 2 awards valued at \$274,920
 - Juvenile Justice:
 - discretionary: 2 awards valued at \$200,000
 - formula: 0 awards
 - Law Enforcement:
 - discretionary: 1 award valued at \$2,250,000
 - formula: 1 award valued at \$1,353,653
 - Substance Abuse:
 - discretionary: 1 award valued at \$499,898
 - formula: 0 awards
 - Victims:
 - discretionary: 1 award valued at \$232,500
 - formula: 0 awards
- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant recipients in Jacksonville:¹⁵
 - \$65,360 to Brandywine Court Apartments
 - \$125,000 to Roosevelt Gardens

Crime

- During 2003, the Jacksonville Police Department made 50 arrests for murder.¹⁶ There were 52 murder arrests in Jacksonville during 2002.¹⁷ In 2001, the Jacksonville Police Department made 47 murder arrests.¹⁸

Number of Arrests, Select Offenses, Jacksonville, 2001-2003

Offense	2001	2002	2003
Murder	47	52	50
Forcible sex offense	442	405	365
Robbery	403	340	403
Aggravated assault	2,051	1,855	1,758
Burglary	1,192	1,054	1,100
Larceny	4,609	4,985	4,826
Motor vehicle theft	717	756	638

- During 2003, the Jacksonville Police Department made 7,256 drug arrests.¹⁹ There were 8,015 drug arrests in Jacksonville during 2002.²⁰ In 2001, the Jacksonville Police Department made 7,465 drug arrests.²¹

Number of Drug/Alcohol Arrests, Jacksonville, 2001-2003

Offense	2001	2002	2003
Drugs/narcotics	7,465	8,015	7,256
DUI	2,791	2,558	2,768
Liquor law violations	90	708	193

Drugs

- Cocaine
Crack cocaine and cocaine HCl are both readily available throughout the Jacksonville area.²²
- Club Drugs
MDMA is extremely popular in Jacksonville.²³

Juveniles

- Approximately 24% of Duval County middle school students surveyed in 2002 reported using an illicit drug in their lifetime. More than 12% of Duval County middle school students surveyed in 2002 reported using an illicit drug within the past 30 days.²⁴

Percent of Middle School Students Reporting Drug Use, Duval County, 2000 and 2002

Drug Type	Lifetime Use		Past 30-Day Use	
	2000	2002	2000	2002
Alcohol	40.1%	42.4%	22.4%	18.6%
Marijuana	14.3	12.4	8.5	5.9
Inhalants	14.7	14.6	6.2	6.8
Ecstasy	--	3.5	--	1.6
Rohypnol	--	1.9	--	0.8
GHB	--	1.0	--	1.1
Ketamine	--	0.5	--	0.3
LSD or PCP	2.5	1.5	2.3	0.7
Hallucinogenic mushrooms	--	3.1	--	1.0
Cocaine	2.7	2.7	1.0	0.7
Crack cocaine	1.4	2.5	0.8	1.1
Methamphetamine	1.8	2.2	1.0	0.6
Heroin	1.4	1.0	1.2	0.1
OxyContin	--	1.7	--	0.5
Steroids w/o Rx	2.4	1.4	1.1	0.8
Amphetamines	--	2.6	--	1.6
Any illicit drug	23.1	24.0	11.9	12.2

- Approximately 38% of Duval County high school students surveyed in 2002 reported using an illicit drug in their lifetime.²⁵

Percent of High School Students Reporting Drug Use, Duval County, 2000 and 2002

Drug Type	Lifetime Use		Past 30-Day Use	
	2000	2002	2000	2002
Alcohol	64.4%	64.3%	38.8%	37.6%
Marijuana	45.0	35.3	8.5	20.2
Inhalants	15.0	9.3	6.2	3.0
Ecstasy	--	9.3	--	2.4
Rohypnol	--	1.5	--	0.6
GHB	--	1.0	--	0.4
Ketamine	--	2.3	--	0.7
LSD or PCP	13.1	4.1	2.3	0.7
Hallucinogenic mushrooms	--	4.3	--	1.3
Cocaine	10.3	3.6	1.0	1.2
Crack cocaine	3.6	1.0	0.8	0.6
Methamphetamine	5.6	2.2	1.0	0.6
Heroin	2.8	1.6	1.2	0.4
OxyContin	--	3.5	--	0.8
Steroids w/o Rx	1.8	1.1	1.1	0.3
Amphetamines	--	6.2	--	2.7
Any illicit drug	48.4	38.4	11.9	21.9

- Only 27% of Duval County high school students and 38.5% of middle school students surveyed in 2002 perceived a great risk of harm in trying marijuana once or twice.²⁶
- The average age when Duval County middle school students first used marijuana was 12.1 years of age. Among high school students, the average age was 13.8 years.²⁷

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2002, there were 2,592 full-time law enforcement employees in Jacksonville (1,562 officers and 1,030 civilians).²⁸

Trafficking and Seizures

- Cocaine and heroin are regularly transported to Jacksonville in private and commercial vehicles along Interstate 95 from south Florida.²⁹
- Marijuana is imported into the Jacksonville area from the Southwest Border, Canada, and Jamaica.³⁰
- The trafficking of methamphetamine has increased considerably in the Jacksonville area.³¹
- During 2002, authorities seized 925 marijuana plants from indoor operations in Duval County.³²

Domestic Marijuana Eradication Program, Duval County, 2002

Type of Operation	Sites	Plants
Indoor	6	925
Outdoor	17	280
Total	23	1,205

Courts

➤ Drug Courts³³

As of May 2004, there were 2 drug courts in Jacksonville that had been in existence for more than 2 years. There was also 1 drug court being planned at that time.

Corrections

➤ The following components make up the Duval County Jail and Prisons Division substance abuse treatment program:³⁴

- Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Services: consists of a series of classes that cover a range of topics related to substance abuse, dependency, and treatment
- Secure Drug Treatment: the Secure Drug Treatment Program/Therapeutic Community (TC) is an adult drug dependency treatment program housed within the Jacksonville Community Corrections Division (CCD)
- Aftercare Case Management Services: this component involves professional Corrections Case Managers working with individuals who complete the in-jail secure substance abuse treatment program (TC)

Consequences of Use

➤ During 2003, there were 184 cocaine-related deaths reported by medical examiners in Jacksonville.³⁵ During 2002, there were 148 cocaine-related deaths in Jacksonville.³⁶ There were 108 cocaine-related deaths in Jacksonville during 2001.³⁷

Number of Drug-Related Deaths, Jacksonville, 2001-2003

Drug Involved	2001	2002	2003
Cocaine	108	148	184
Heroin	13	17	7
Oxycodone	27	50	44
Hydrocodone	35	48	57
Methadone	45	59	75

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