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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Montgomery, Alabama

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

Demographics

- Population: 200,123 (July 2003 Census estimate)¹; 201,568 (2000 Census)²
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 47.7% white; 49.6% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.1% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.4% other race; 1.0% two or more races; 1.2% Hispanic/Latino (any race)³
- Montgomery is located in Montgomery County.⁴

Politics

- Mayor: Bobby N. Bright⁵
- City Council Members (Districts 1-9, respectively): Jim Spear; Tim Head; Janet May; Dr. James A. Nuckles; Cornelius Calhoun; Willie Cook; Martha Roby; Glen Pruitt, Jr.; Charles W. Jinright⁶
- Chief of Police: John H. Wilson, III⁷
- Montgomery County Sheriff: D.T. Marshall⁸

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁹
Designated in 1996, the Gulf Coast HIDTA is responsible for Baldwin, Jefferson, Madison, Mobile, Montgomery, and Morgan counties in Alabama. In addition to Alabama, the Gulf Coast HIDTA is also responsible for areas of Louisiana and Mississippi.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Montgomery (the dollar amount is the total amount received by the coalition since the original award year):¹⁰
 - Original award year 2003: no grantees
 - Original award year 2002: no grantees
 - Original award year 2001: \$299,796 to ACATA-Montgomery Community Support Coalition
 - Original award year 2000: no grantees
 - Original award year 1999: no grantees
- Community Capacity Development Office¹¹
The Westside Community area of Montgomery has been designated a Weed and Seed site.
- FY 2003 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Discretionary Grant funds received in Montgomery:¹²
 - Center for Mental Health Services: \$696,860
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: \$3,000,000
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: \$499,958

- There were no Montgomery recipients of the FY 2004 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Discretionary Grant.¹³
- There were no Montgomery recipients of the FY 2003 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant.¹⁴
- FY 2003 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in Montgomery:¹⁵
 - Communities (discretionary): 0 awards
 - Counter-Terrorism (discretionary): 0 awards
 - Juvenile Justice:
 - discretionary: 1 award valued at \$99,932
 - formula: 4 awards valued at \$3,947,260
 - Law Enforcement:
 - discretionary: 13 awards valued at \$4,531,585
 - formula: 8 awards valued at \$10,865,201
 - Substance Abuse:
 - discretionary: 0 awards
 - formula: 1 award valued at \$1,237,867
 - Victims:
 - discretionary: 1 award valued at \$598,734
 - formula: 2 awards valued at \$7,237,000
- There were no Montgomery recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant.¹⁶

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2003, there were 18 homicides known to police in Montgomery. This is a 40% decrease from the 30 homicides known to police in Montgomery during 2002.¹⁷

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Montgomery, 2002-2003

Offense	2002	2003	% Change
Homicide	30	18	- 40%
Rape	118	113	- 4
Robbery	698	658	- 6
Assault	629	518	- 18
Burglary	3,812	4,092	+ 7
Larceny	10,640	10,268	- 3
Motor vehicle theft	1,690	1,765	+ 4

- There were 107 arrests for drug violations in Montgomery during 2002. This is an increase over the 102 drug violation arrests in Montgomery during 2001.¹⁸

Number of Arrests, Selected Offenses, Montgomery, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002
Homicide	26	30
Rape	99	118
Robbery	646	690
Assault	209	209
Burglary	3,253	3,811
Larceny	10,045	10,829
Motor vehicle theft	1,099	1,570
Drug violations	102	107

- During 2003, there were 279 adult arrests in Montgomery County for drug possession.¹⁹

Number of Drug Possession Arrests, Montgomery County, 2003

Drug Type	Adult	Juvenile
Opium/cocaine	48	4
Marijuana	226	91
Synthetic drugs	3	0
Other	2	0
Total	279	95

- There were 29 adult arrests for drug sales in Montgomery County during 2003.²⁰

Number of Drug Sales Arrests, Montgomery County, 2003

Drug Type	Adult	Juvenile
Opium/cocaine	10	1
Marijuana	9	2
Synthetic drugs	0	0
Other	10	0
Total	29	3

Juveniles

- Results of a 2002 survey of Montgomery County students indicate that 41% of 12th graders reported using marijuana during their lives.²¹

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

Drug Type	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Cigarettes	45%	40%	46%	43%
Alcohol	66	61	70	73
Marijuana	34	27	39	41
Inhalants	15	7	5	5
Hallucinogens	3	1	3	5
Cocaine	4	0	2	3
Other drugs	9	5	8	7

- Twenty percent of Montgomery County 8th graders surveyed in 2002 reported lifetime marijuana use.²²

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

Drug Type	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Cigarettes	23%	37%	41%
Alcohol	28	39	57
Marijuana	7	14	20
Inhalants	10	13	9
Hallucinogens	1	4	2
Cocaine	n/a	2	2
Other drugs	5	11	6

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2002, there were 639 full-time law enforcement employees in Montgomery (446 officers and 193 civilians).²³
- Vice/Narcotics Bureau²⁴
The Montgomery Police Department Vice/Narcotics Bureau is responsible for all adult drug cases, both misdemeanor and felony. Investigators within this Bureau are assigned to multi-agency drug task forces consisting of Federal, State, and local agencies.
- Juvenile Enforcement Bureau²⁵
This Montgomery Police Department bureau is responsible for the investigation of all crimes involving juveniles as victims or suspects. This includes misdemeanor and felony drug offenses.

Courts

- Drug Courts²⁶
As of May 2004, there was 1 drug court in Montgomery that had recently been implemented. There were no additional drug courts in existence or being planned in Montgomery.

Corrections

- In July 2004, approximately 7.5% of the Alabama Department of Corrections inmate population was from Montgomery County.²⁷

Treatment

- There are 2 treatment programs in Montgomery that receive funds from the Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation: Chemical Addictions Program, Inc. and Lighthouse Counseling Center.²⁸
- Chemical Addictions Program, Inc. (CAP) offers the following services: intensive outpatient and crisis residential.²⁹

Type of Service Provided, Montgomery Treatment Facilities, FY 2002-2003

Program/Facility	Intensive output.	Crisis resident.	Resident. rehab.	Methadone	Detox.
CAP	X	X			
Lighthouse Counseling	X				

- There were 723 clients admitted to Lighthouse Counseling Center (LCC) during FY 2002-2003.³⁰

Number of Clients, Montgomery Facilities, FY 2002-2003

Program/Facility	# of Clients
CAP	1,429
LCC	723

- During FY 2002-2003, 948 (66.34%) of those admitted to CAP were referred to treatment through the criminal justice system.³¹

Number of Clients by Referral Source, Montgomery Facilities, FY 2002-2003

Referral Type	CAP		LCC	
	#	%	#	%
Criminal justice-related	948	66.34%	438	60.58%
Community	185	12.95	11	1.52
Doctor/hospital	5	0.35	11	1.52
Mental health/psychiatric service	0	0	14	1.94
Other/school/employee assistance program	29	2.03	71	9.82
Relative/friend	47	3.29	42	5.81
Substance abuse treatment	0	0	7	0.97
Self	215	15.05	129	17.84

- Of the clients being treated at CAP during FY 2002-2003, 371 (26.04%) had used their primary drug of abuse for more than 15 years before being admitted to treatment.³²

Clients by Years of Use Before Admission, Montgomery Facilities, FY 2002-2003

Years of Use	CAP		LCC	
	#	%	#	%
Less than 1 year	13	0.91%	6	0.83%
1	65	4.56	30	4.17
2	121	8.49	43	5.98
3	144	10.11	59	8.21
4	123	8.63	52	7.23
5	94	6.60	52	7.23
6-9	281	19.72	134	18.64
10-15	213	14.95	143	19.89
More than 15 years	371	26.04	200	27.82

- Approximately 38% of those being treatment at CAP in FY 2002-2003 reported marijuana as their primary substance problem.³³

Clients by Primary Substance Problem, Montgomery Facilities, FY 2002-2003

Primary Substance	CAP		LCC	
	#	%	#	%
Alcohol	443	31.00	179	24.76%
Cocaine	261	18.26	191	26.42
Marijuana/hashish	542	37.93	299	41.36
Heroin	1	0.07	0	0
Non-Rx methadone	1	0.07	0	0
Other opiates/synthetics	29	2.03	19	2.63
PCP	1	0.07	0	0
Other hallucinogens	2	0.14	6	0.83
Methamphetamine	69	4.83	6	0.83
Other amphetamines	57	3.99	11	1.52
Other stimulants	0	0	4	0.55
Benzodiazepines	17	1.19	5	0.69
Other tranquilizers	0	0	0	0
Barbiturates	0	0	0	0
Other sedatives	6	0.42	3	0.41
Inhalants/glue/ether	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0

- Of the 1,429 individuals being treated at CAP during FY 2002-2003, 747 had not received prior treatment.³⁴

Number of Prior Treatment Episodes, Montgomery Facilities, FY 2002-2003

Program/Facility	0	1	2	3	4	5+
CAP	747	402	165	67	25	23
LCC	434	149	62	42	18	18

- Approximately 51% (367) of those being treated at LCC in FY 2002-2003 reported daily use of their primary drug of abuse.³⁵

Frequency of Use of Primary Drug, Montgomery Facilities, FY 2002-2003

Frequency of Use	CAP		LCC	
	#	%	#	%
Daily	435	30.55%	367	50.76%
1-2 times/week	124	8.68	90	12.45
3-6 times/week	166	11.62	96	13.28
1-3 times/month	87	6.09	43	5.95
No past month use	617	43.18	123	17.01
Other	0	0	4	0.55

- Approximately 17% (243) of those being treated at CAP in FY 2002-2003 reported first using a substance before age 13.³⁶

Clients by Reported Age of First Use, Montgomery Facilities, FY 2002-2003

Age at First Use	CAP		LCC	
	#	%	#	%
Younger than 13	243	17.00%	134	18.53%
13-15	478	33.45	208	28.77
16-18	309	21.62	151	20.89
19-29	278	19.45	169	23.37
30 and older	121	8.47	61	8.44

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