

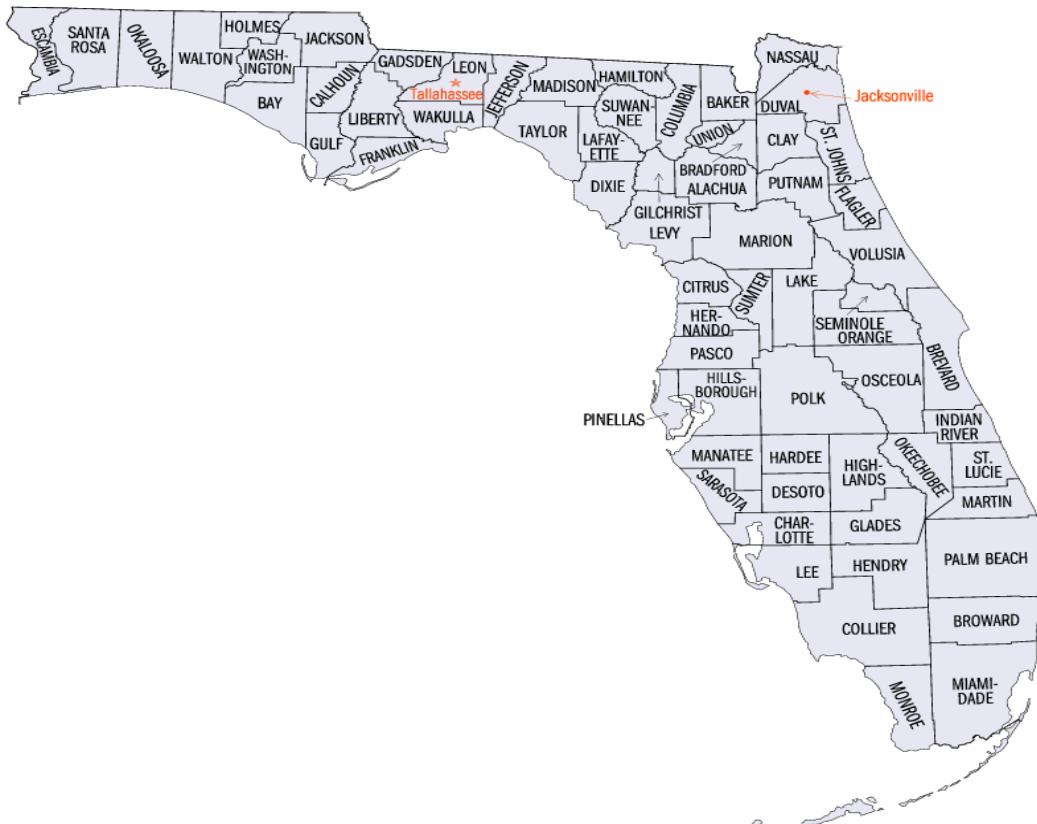
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## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

## Tallahassee, Florida

### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## Tallahassee, Florida

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

### Demographics

- Population: 153,938 (July 2003 Census estimate)<sup>1</sup>; 150,624 (2000 Census)<sup>2</sup>
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 57.8% white; 33.9% African American/black; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.4% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; 0.2% other; 1.3% two or more races; 4.2% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)<sup>3</sup>
- Tallahassee is located in Leon County.<sup>4</sup>

### Politics

- Mayor: John Marks<sup>5</sup>
- City Commission: Allan Katz, Mark Mustian, Andrew Gillum, Debbie Lightsey<sup>6</sup>
- City Manager: Anita Favors<sup>7</sup>
- Chief of Police: Walter McNeil<sup>8</sup>

### Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2003, the Tallahassee Police Department reported 4 murders.<sup>9</sup>

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Tallahassee, 2003

| Offense             | # of Offenses |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Murder              | 4             |
| Forcible rape       | 155           |
| Robbery             | 342           |
| Aggravated assault  | 911           |
| Burglary            | 2,223         |
| Larceny             | 6,413         |
| Motor vehicle theft | 702           |
| Total index         | 10,750        |

- The Tallahassee Police Department reported 8 arrests for murder during 2003.<sup>10</sup> There were 16 arrests for murder reported during 2002.<sup>11</sup> In 2001, the Tallahassee Police Department reported 5 murder arrests.<sup>12</sup>

Number of Arrests, Index Offenses, Tallahassee, 2001-2003

| Offense              | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Murder               | 5     | 16    | 8     |
| Forcible sex offense | 50    | 46    | 36    |
| Robbery              | 97    | 58    | 67    |
| Aggravated assault   | 392   | 355   | 277   |
| Burglary             | 240   | 208   | 167   |
| Larceny              | 1,291 | 1,237 | 1,221 |
| Motor vehicle theft  | 156   | 124   | 101   |

- The Tallahassee Police Department reported 1,380 drug arrests during 2003.<sup>13</sup> There were 1,225 drug arrests reported during 2002.<sup>14</sup> In 2001, the Tallahassee Police Department reported 1,432 drug arrests.<sup>15</sup>

Number of Drug-/Alcohol-Related Arrests, Tallahassee, 2001-2003

| Offense     | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Drug        | 1,432 | 1,225 | 1,380 |
| DUI         | 585   | 471   | 440   |
| Liquor laws | 1,309 | 982   | 864   |

**Drugs**

- Cocaine  
Powder and crack cocaine continue to be observed in the Tallahassee area.<sup>16</sup>
- Methamphetamine  
The Tallahassee Police Department reports meth manufacturing in local labs.<sup>17</sup>
- Club Drugs  
Ecstasy, GHB, LSD, and Rohypnol are frequently seen in the Tallahassee college community and at local nightclubs.<sup>18</sup>

**Juveniles**

- In 2002, 30% of Leon County high school students (grades 9-11) reported using marijuana at least once in their lifetime. Approximately 13% of Leon County middle school students surveyed in 2002 reported lifetime marijuana use.<sup>19</sup>

Students Reporting Lifetime Use of Selected Drugs, Leon County, 2000-2002

| Drug Type                    | Middle School |       | Grades 9-11 |       |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------|-------------|-------|
|                              | 2000          | 2002  | 2000        | 2002  |
| Marijuana                    | 17.4%         | 13.2% | 47.7%       | 30.4% |
| Inhalants                    | 14.4          | 15.1  | 10.8        | 9.7   |
| Ecstasy                      | --            | 5.2   | --          | 6.9   |
| Rohypnol                     | --            | 2.8   | --          | 1.1   |
| GHB                          | --            | 1.7   | --          | 1.1   |
| Ketamine                     | --            | 2.1   | --          | 2.8   |
| LSD/PCP                      | 3.0           | 3.1   | 9.6         | 5.5   |
| Halluc. mushrooms            | --            | 4.0   | --          | 5.6   |
| Cocaine                      | 2.5           | 4.0   | 10.2        | 3.9   |
| Crack cocaine                | 1.3           | 1.8   | 3.7         | 2.2   |
| Methamphetamine              | 1.0           | 4.0   | 4.4         | 1.1   |
| Depressants                  | 1.9           | 3.8   | 6.2         | 5.5   |
| Heroin                       | 1.0           | 0.9   | 5.1         | 0.0   |
| OxyContin                    | --            | 2.0   | --          | 2.8   |
| Other prescr. pain relievers | --            | 4.9   | --          | 7.6   |
| Steroids w/o Rx              | 2.4           | 2.1   | 2.2         | 1.1   |
| Amphetamines                 | --            | 5.3   | --          | 7.8   |
| Any illicit drug             | 27.7          | 21.1  | 50.6        | 35.4  |

- Approximately 16% of Leon County students in grades 9 through 11 who were surveyed in 2002 reported using marijuana within the past 30 days.<sup>20</sup>

Students Reporting Past 30 Day Use of Selected Drugs, Leon County, 2000-2002

| Drug Type                    | Middle School |      | Grades 9-11 |       |
|------------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|-------|
|                              | 2000          | 2002 | 2000        | 2002  |
| Marijuana                    | 9.6%          | 8.6% | 28.4%       | 15.9% |
| Inhalants                    | 6.1           | 4.8  | 3.0         | 2.2   |
| Ecstasy                      | --            | 2.6  | --          | 1.8   |
| Rohypnol                     | --            | 1.1  | --          | 1.1   |
| GHB                          | --            | 1.9  | --          | 0.0   |
| Ketamine                     | --            | 1.1  | --          | 0.0   |
| LSD/PCP                      | 1.8           | 0.9  | 6.2         | 1.1   |
| Halluc. mushrooms            | --            | 1.7  | --          | 1.1   |
| Cocaine                      | 0.9           | 1.8  | 5.2         | 1.7   |
| Crack cocaine                | 0.9           | 0.3  | 1.5         | 0.0   |
| Methamphetamine              | 0.7           | 1.5  | 2.8         | 0.0   |
| Depressants                  | 0.5           | 2.2  | 1.9         | 2.8   |
| Heroin                       | 0.3           | 0.0  | 0.3         | 0.0   |
| OxyContin                    | --            | 0.3  | --          | 0.0   |
| Other prescr. pain relievers | --            | 2.2  | --          | 3.8   |
| Steroids w/o Rx              | 0.4           | 0.3  | 1.2         | 0.0   |
| Amphetamines                 | --            | 2.7  | --          | 2.8   |
| Any illicit drug             | 14.6          | 12.7 | 30.2        | 16.4  |

- During 2002, the mean age when Leon County middle school students first used marijuana was 12.2 years. Among Leon County students in grades 9 through 11, the average age of first marijuana use was 14.1 years.<sup>21</sup>

Mean Age (in Years) of First Substance Use, Leon County, 2002

|                                   | Middle School | Grades 9-11 | Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| More than a sip or two of alcohol | 11.1          | 13.0        | 12.2  |
| Drinking at least once a month    | 12.3          | 14.3        | 13.6  |
| Cigarettes                        | 11.4          | 12.6        | 12.1  |
| Marijuana                         | 12.2          | 14.1        | 13.6  |

- Nearly 10% of Leon County students surveyed in 2002 reported being drunk or high at school.<sup>22</sup>

Percent of Students Reporting Drug-Related Behavior, Leon County, 2002

| Behavior                | Middle School | Grades 9-11 | Total |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Sold drugs              | 5.6%          | 9.7%        | 7.7%  |
| Drunk or high at school | 8.3           | 11.4        | 9.9   |

### Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2002, there were 477 full-time law enforcement employees in Tallahassee (336 officers and 141 civilians).<sup>23</sup>

### Trafficking and Seizures

- During 2002, 25 marijuana plants were seized in Leon County as part of the Domestic Marijuana Eradication program. The plants were all found at 1 site.<sup>24</sup>
- From FY 2001-2002, the Tallahassee Police Department Vice/Narcotics Unit seized \$1,000,000 worth of powder cocaine, \$322,697 worth of marijuana, \$61,685 worth of crack, and \$58,990 worth of designer drugs, steroids, and methamphetamine.<sup>25</sup>

### Corrections

- In 2003, the average daily population at the Leon County Jail was 1,035.<sup>26</sup>

### Consequences of Use

- There were 43 deaths in Tallahassee during 2003 in which cocaine was found in the body of the deceased.<sup>27</sup> This is up from 2002 when there were 33 deaths in which cocaine was present.<sup>28</sup> During 2001, there were 28 deaths in which cocaine was present.<sup>29</sup>

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

| Drug Involved                          | 2001       | 2002       | 2003       |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Alprazolam only                        | Not avail. | Not avail. | 0          |
| Alprazolam with other drug             | Not avail. | Not avail. | 12         |
| Cocaine only                           | 7          | 11         | 11         |
| Cocaine with other drug                | 21         | 22         | 32         |
| Diazepam only                          | Not avail. | Not avail. | 0          |
| Diazepam with other drug               | Not avail. | Not avail. | 6          |
| Heroin only                            | 0          | 0          | 1          |
| Heroin with other drug                 | 1          | 0          | 0          |
| Oxycodone only                         | 0          | 1          | 1          |
| Oxycodone with other drug              | 8          | 2          | 4          |
| Hydrocodone only                       | 0          | 1          | 0          |
| Hydrocodone with other drug            | 6          | 6          | 11         |
| Methadone only                         | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Methadone with other drug              | 0          | 5          | 6          |
| Methylated amphetamine only            | 0          | 0          | Not avail. |
| Methylated amphetamine with other drug | 2          | 1          | Not avail. |
| Morphine only                          | Not avail. | Not avail. | 3          |
| Morphine with other drug               | Not avail. | Not avail. | 14         |
| Propoxyphene only                      | Not avail. | Not avail. | 4          |
| Propoxyphene with other drug           | Not avail. | Not avail. | 11         |

- In 2003, lethal amounts of cocaine were found in 9 Tallahassee deaths.<sup>30</sup>

## Drug-Related Deaths by Lethal/Non-Lethal Levels, Tallahassee, 2003

| Drugs       | Lethal Levels | Non-Lethal Levels |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Heroin      | 0             | 1                 |
| Cocaine     | 9             | 34                |
| Methadone   | 2             | 4                 |
| Oxycodone   | 3             | 2                 |
| Hydrocodone | 7             | 4                 |

### Courts

#### ➤ Drug Courts<sup>31</sup>

As of September 2004, there were 2 drug courts in Tallahassee that had been in existence for more than 2 years. There were no additional drug courts in existence or being planned in Tallahassee at that time.

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