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Santa Fe, New Mexico

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

Demographics

- Population: 66,476 (July 2003 Census estimate)¹; 62,203 (2000 Census)²
- ➤ Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 79.6% white; 0.7% black/African American; 2.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.3% Asian; 16.0% other; 4.4% two or more races; 49.9% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)³
- > Santa Fe is located in Santa Fe County.⁴

Politics

- ➤ Mayor: Larry Delgado⁵
- City Council (District): Patti Bushee (1); David Pfeffer (1); Rebecca Wurzburger (2); Karen Heldmeyer (2); David Coss (3); Miguel Chavez (3); Carol Robertson Lopez (4); Matthew Ortiz (4)⁶
- City Manager: Jim Romero⁷
- > Santa Fe Chief of Police: Beverly Lennen⁸

Programs/Initiatives

- Santa Fe County DWI Program⁹
 The DWI Program promotes the safety of Santa Fe County residents by developing and implementing programs to prevent or reduce the incidence of DWI alcoholism
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- ➤ High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)¹⁰
 Designated in 1990, the Southwest Border HIDTA/New Mexico Partnership is responsible for thirteen counties, including Santa Fe County. In addition to these thirteen counties, the New Mexico Partnership region also encompasses four ports of entry and approximately 180 miles of international border shared with Mexico.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

➤ During 2002, there were 4,929 offenses known to law enforcement in Santa Fe. 11

Offenses Known to Law Enforcement, Santa Fe, 2002

Offense	2002
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	8
Forcible rape	38
Robbery	90
Aggravated assault	270
Burglary	2,059
Larceny-theft	2,251
Motor vehicle theft	213
Arson	29
Crime index total	4,929

Drugs

➤ MDMA, ketamine, LSD, and GHB are available in Santa Fe. 12

Enforcement

As of October 31, 2002, there were 178 full-time law enforcement employees in Santa Fe (137 officers and 41 civilians). ¹³

Trafficking and Seizures

➤ The Region III Multi-jurisdictional Task Force, which includes Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and Taos counties, seized 6,402.68 grams of cocaine during FY 2001.¹⁴

Drug Seizures by Region III Multi-jurisdictional Task Force, FY 2001

Substance Type	
Cocaine	6,402.68 grams
Crack	499.2 grams
Heroin	605.1 grams
Marijuana	574.69 pounds
Amphetamine/methamphetamine	55.16 grams
Plants	1,642 count
Oxycodone	25.5 dosage unit
Other	945 dosage unit

Courts

➤ Drug Courts¹⁵
As of September 2004, there were 2 drug courts in Santa Fe that had been operating over 2 years. There was also 1 drug court being planned in Santa Fe at that time.

Corrections

➤ The average daily population in the Santa Fe County Detention Center is 144. 16

Consequences of Use

- ➤ During 2003, the New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator reported 23 drug caused deaths involving Santa Fe County residents. ¹⁷
- ➤ During 2001, there were 164 hospital inpatient discharges for alcohol and drug abuse in Santa Fe County. 18

Hospital Inpatient Discharges for Alcohol/Drug Abuse, Santa Fe County, 1999-2001

Year	Number of Hospital Discharges
1999	183
2000	191
2001	164

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