

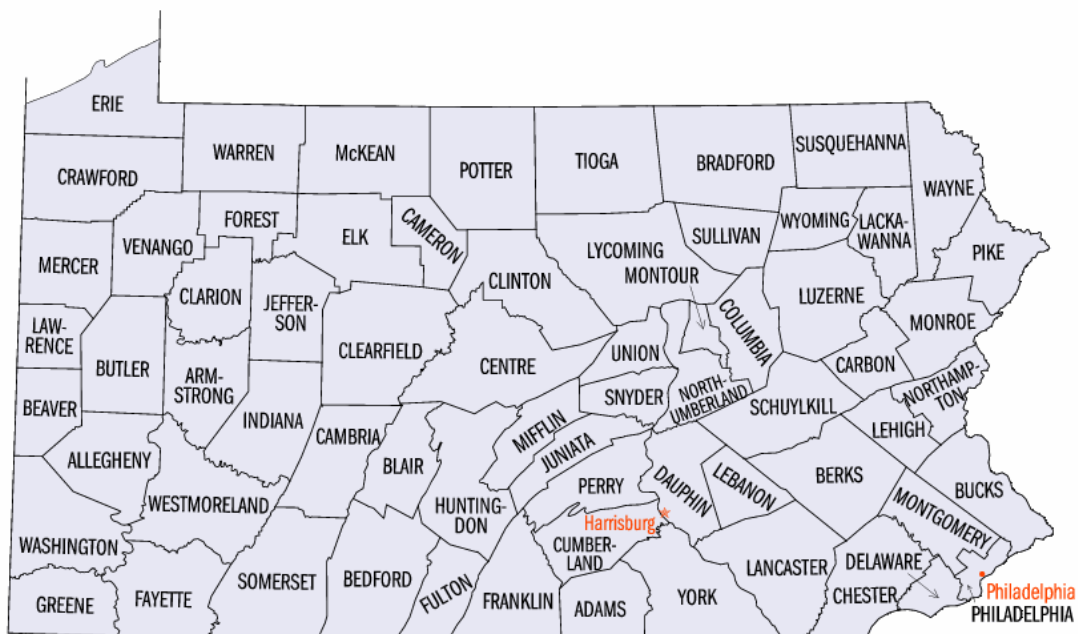
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Pennsylvania

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

Demographics

- Population: 12,365,455 (July 2003 Census estimate)¹; 11,897,522 (2002 American Community Survey)²
- Race/Ethnicity (2002 American Community Survey): 83.8% white, 9.6% black/African American, 0.1% American Indian/Alaska Native, 2.0% Asian, 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other, 1.0% two or more races, 3.3% Hispanic/Latino origin³

Politics

- Governor: Edward Rendell⁴
- Lt. Governor: Catherine Baker Knoll⁵
- Attorney General: Gerald Pappert⁶
- Secretary of the Commonwealth: Pedro Cortes⁷
- U.S. Senate: Rick Santorum (R); Arlen Specter (R)⁸
- U.S. House of Representatives (Districts 1-19, respectively): Robert Brady, Chaka Fattah, Phil English, Melissa Hart, John Peterson, Jim Gerlach, Curt Weldon, James Greenwood, Bill Shuster, Donald Sherwood, Paul Kanjorski, John Murtha, Joe Hoeffel, Michael Doyle, Patrick Toomey, Joseph Pitts, Tim Holden, Tim Murphy, Todd Russell Platts⁹
- Capital: Harrisburg¹⁰

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)¹¹
Designated in 1995, the Philadelphia/Camden HIDTA is responsible for Philadelphia County in Pennsylvania and the City of Camden in New Jersey.
- Drug-Free Pennsylvania¹²
Founded in 1990, Drug-Free Pennsylvania is a non-profit corporation dedicated to fighting substance abuse throughout the state. Examples of programs developed by Drug-Free Pennsylvania to fight substance abuse are:
 - Drugs Don't Work Here in Pennsylvania: this program addresses the problem of drug abuse by responding to substance abuse in the workplace.
 - Media Partnership: this program aims to increase anti-drug attitudes and behaviors, particularly among youth, through the use of the media.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Pennsylvania:¹³
 - FY 2003:
 - \$100,000 to Lehigh Valley Hospital/ALERT Partnership, Allentown
 - \$100,000 to The Guidance Center/The Elk County Family Resource Network Collaborative, Ridgway

- \$100,000 to Bucks County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc./Central Bucks Underage Drinking Initiative, Doylestown
- \$75,000 to Lehigh Valley Hospital/ALERT Partnership, Allentown (Coalition Mentoring Program grantee)
- \$75,000 to Bensalem Township/Building a Better Bensalem (Coalition Mentoring Program grantee)
- FY 2002:
 - \$99,935 to the Coalition for Human Dignity, Monroeville
- FY 2001:
 - \$100,000 to Blair Countians for Drug-Free Communities, Hollidaysburg
 - \$99,017 to Mifflin County Safe and Drug-Free Coalition, Lewistown
 - \$99,094 to Board of Family Services Prevention Coalition, Somerset
 - \$100,000 to Building a Better Bensalem...Today, Bensalem
 - \$47,526 to York County TREND (Turning Recreational Excitement in New Directions), York
- FY 2000:
 - \$59,125 to ERASE (Endorse Resistance of All Substance Abuse Everywhere) Anti-Drug Coalition, Mercer
- FY 1999:
 - \$90,822 to Addison Learning Terrace, Pittsburgh
 - \$100,000 to Community Prevention Partnership of Berks County, Reading
 - \$99,998 to Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation, Pittsburgh
 - \$99,792 to Woodrock, Inc., Philadelphia
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed¹⁴

Seven sites in Pennsylvania have received Federal funding and official recognition as Weed and Seed sites. There are 3 Weed and Seed sites in Philadelphia, 3 in Pittsburgh, and 1 in Reading.
- FY 2002/2003 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Formula and Discretionary Grant summary for Pennsylvania:¹⁵
 - Formula Funding: \$78,763,506
 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant - \$59,336,807
 - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant - \$16,782,207
 - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) - \$1,563,000
 - Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant - \$1,081,492
 - Discretionary Funding: \$22,308,018
 - Mental Health - \$10,177,327
 - Substance Prevention - \$6,941,450
 - Substance Abuse Treatment - \$5,189,241
 - Total Mental Health Funds: \$29,604,026
 - Total Substance Abuse Funds: \$71,467,498
 - Total Funds for Pennsylvania: \$101,071,524
- FY 2003 Byrne Formula Grant Program amount awarded to Pennsylvania: \$18,831,953¹⁶
- Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant amounts received in Pennsylvania:

- FY 2003: \$298,714 to the Lackawanna County District Attorney's Office/Lackawanna County Treatment Center¹⁷
- FY 2002: \$499,931 to the Lackawanna County District Attorney's Office, Scranton, for drug court implementation¹⁸
- There were no Pennsylvania recipients of the FY 2003 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant.¹⁹
- There were no Pennsylvania recipients of the FY 2002 COPS Methamphetamine Grant.²⁰
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Formula Grant amounts allocated to Pennsylvania:
 - FY 1996: \$672,781²¹
 - FY 1997: \$802,033²²
 - FY 1998: \$1,686,078²³
 - FY 1999: \$1,616,357²⁴
 - FY 2000: \$1,596,503²⁵
 - FY 2001: \$1,563,411²⁶
 - FY 2002: \$1,738,021²⁷
 - FY 2003: \$1,666,947²⁸
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and COPS total grant amounts received in Pennsylvania (by funding category):²⁹
 - Communities (discretionary): \$4.9 million
 - Counter-terrorism (discretionary): \$16.2 million
 - Juvenile Justice:
 - discretionary: \$12.4 million
 - formula: \$11.0 million
 - Law Enforcement:
 - discretionary: \$27.2 million
 - formula: \$18.6 million
 - Substance Abuse:
 - discretionary: \$11.5 million
 - formula: \$21.0 million
 - Victims:
 - discretionary: \$0.8 million
 - formula: \$17.6 million
 - Total OJP/COPS funds received in Pennsylvania in FY 2002: \$141.3 million
- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant recipients in Pennsylvania:³⁰
 - \$125,000 to Lebanon Village, Lebanon
 - \$125,000 to HiView Gardens Apartments, McKeesport
 - \$125,000 to Jamestown Village Apartments, Reading

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- In January 2004, there were 2,272 adult arrests for Part I offenses in Pennsylvania. During full year 2003, there were more than 55,000 adult arrests for Part I offenses in the state.³¹

Number of Adult Arrests for Part I Offenses, Pennsylvania, 2001-January 2004

Offense	Full Year 2001	Full Year 2002	Full Year 2003	January 2004
Murder/non-negl. mansl.	500	476	471	9
Forcible rape	1,115	1,151	1,096	32
Robbery	5,268	4,879	4,651	94
Aggravated assault	13,310	13,019	11,375	346
Burglary	7,139	7,312	7,019	349
Larceny-theft	28,581	27,320	26,501	1,312
Motor vehicle theft	3,811	3,765	3,534	108
Arson	433	468	380	22
Total Part I	60,157	58,390	55,027	2,272

- There were 479 adult arrests in Pennsylvania in January 2004 for marijuana possession. During full year 2003, there were 11,382 such adult arrests.³²

Number of Adult Arrests for Drug Offenses, Pennsylvania, 2001-January 2004

Type of Drug Offense	Full Year 2001	Full Year 2002	Full Year 2003	January 2004
Sale/manufacturing				
Opium/cocaine	12,178	11,908	10,766	242
Marijuana	4,017	3,999	3,770	102
Synthetic	666	853	887	29
Other	490	633	597	16
Possession				
Opium/cocaine	12,349	11,075	10,723	226
Marijuana	12,048	12,019	11,382	479
Synthetic	785	992	1,138	24
Other	1,952	2,486	2,482	126

- The Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement (BDLE) made 640 arrests during 2002.³³
- During 2001, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported making 805 arrests for drug violations in Pennsylvania.³⁴

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Pennsylvania, 1997-2001

Year	Arrests
1997	1,009
1998	983
1999	1,097
2000	1,004
2001	805

Drugs

➤ Cocaine

Powder and crack cocaine are widely available and frequently abused in Pennsylvania. In the 2nd quarter of FY 2003, powder cocaine sold for \$20,000-35,000/kilogram, \$800-1,600/ounce, and \$28-125/gram, while crack sold for \$3-50/rock. Pennsylvania cocaine purity levels were 60-95% for powder cocaine and 80% for crack.³⁵

➤ Heroin

Heroin (primarily South American) has surpassed cocaine as the greatest drug threat in most of Pennsylvania.³⁶ Heroin availability is increasing in western Pennsylvania, where purity is also increasing and prices are decreasing.³⁷ In the 2nd quarter of FY 2003, heroin sold for \$80,000-\$110,000/kilogram, \$2,000-6,500/ounce and \$10-40/bag in Pennsylvania. The heroin analyzed during that quarter ranged in purity from 40 to 95%.³⁸

➤ Marijuana

Marijuana remains abundantly available in wholesale and retail quantities in Pennsylvania.³⁹ Most of the marijuana available in Pennsylvania is produced in Mexico. However, significant quantities of locally-produced marijuana and marijuana produced in other states, Canada, and Jamaica are also available.⁴⁰ In the 2nd quarter of FY 2003, marijuana sold for \$3,000-4,000/kilogram, \$500-2,000/pound, \$80-225/ounce, and \$5-35/bag in Pennsylvania.⁴¹

➤ Methamphetamine

The production and abuse of methamphetamine are increasing threats to Pennsylvania, particularly in the northwestern parts of the state. In the 2nd quarter of FY 2003, meth sold for \$8,000-13,000/pound, \$700-2,000/ounce, and \$80-200/gram. Meth purity during that quarter ranged from 25% to 60%.⁴²

➤ Club Drugs

MDMA is most readily available in the state's larger cities and on or near college campuses. MDMA sells for \$9-35/tablet at the retail level. GHB sells for \$10-20/dosage unit.⁴³

➤ Other Drugs

Pharmaceutical drugs such as Dilaudid, OxyContin, Vicodin, and Xanax pose a serious drug threat to Pennsylvania. OxyContin sells for \$1/milligram; Dilaudid sells for \$20/20 milligram tablet; Vicodin sells for \$4-7/tablet; and Xanax sells for \$1-5/tablet.⁴⁴

- According to 2000-2001 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA), approximately 45% of Pennsylvania citizens ages 12 and older felt that smoking marijuana once a month posed a great risk.⁴⁵

Percent of Citizens Reporting Drug Use, by Age, Pennsylvania, 2000-2001 Data

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Past month use of any illicit drug	9.68%	16.63%	3.86%	5.93%
Past month use of marijuana	7.37	14.95	2.92	4.76
Past month use of illicit drug other than marij.	4.70	7.20	1.81	2.73
Past year cocaine use	1.45	5.23	1.14	1.64
Great risk of smoking marijuana once a month	38.42	26.68	48.81	45.20

- According to 2000-2001 data from the NHSDA, approximately 1.30% of Pennsylvania citizens reported past year dependence on illicit drugs.⁴⁶

Percent of Citizens Reporting Past Year Dependence, Pennsylvania, 2000-2001 Data

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Illicit drug dependence	2.35%	4.02%	0.76%	1.30%
Illicit drug dependence or abuse	3.85	5.87	0.96	1.82
Alcohol dependence	1.69	5.34	1.91	2.29
Alcohol dependence or abuse	5.18	14.32	4.45	5.67
Alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse	7.11	17.15	5.08	6.69

Juveniles

- In January 2004, there were 742 juvenile arrests for Part I offenses in Pennsylvania. During full year 2003, there were 19,206 such arrests in the state.⁴⁷

Number of Juvenile Arrests for Part I Offenses, Pennsylvania, 2001-January 2004

Offense	2001	2002	2003	Jan. 2004
Murder/non-negl. mansl.	34	39	39	3
Forcible rape	284	304	251	17
Robbery	1,376	1,534	1,624	26
Aggravated assault	3,115	2,972	2,812	113
Burglary	2,750	2,894	2,781	116
Larceny-theft	10,511	10,284	9,118	420
Motor vehicle theft	2,349	1,985	2,280	39
Arson	403	364	301	8
Total Part I	20,833	20,376	19,206	742

- In January 2004, there were 145 juvenile arrests for marijuana possession in Pennsylvania. During full year 2003, there were 3,297 such arrests in the state.⁴⁸

Number of Juvenile Arrests for Drug Offenses, Pennsylvania, 2001-January 2004

Type of Drug Offense	2001	2002	2003	Jan. 2004
Sale/manufacturing				
Opium/cocaine	1,445	1,332	1,249	18
Marijuana	801	788	765	28
Synthetic	118	107	159	2
Other	72	100	69	5
Possession				
Opium/cocaine	453	461	498	8
Marijuana	3,515	3,480	3,297	145
Synthetic	203	171	155	1
Other	376	451	356	13

- Results of a 2001 survey of Pennsylvania students indicate that 21.2% of high school seniors statewide reported being high or drunk at school on at least one occasion within the past year.⁴⁹
- Students from southwest Pennsylvania reported the highest prevalence levels statewide for lifetime and past 30 day marijuana use (24.3% and 13.3%, respectively). Students from north central Pennsylvania reported the lowest lifetime and past 30 day prevalence rates (15.6% and 8.4%, respectively).⁵⁰
- Approximately 47% of Pennsylvania high school seniors surveyed in 2001 reported using marijuana at least once during their lifetimes.⁵¹

Percent of Students Reporting Lifetime Drug Use, Pennsylvania, 2001

Drug Type	6th Grade	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
Alcohol	32.3%	57.4%	75.8%	83.8%
Marijuana	1.3	10.9	30.9	47.1
Inhalants	2.3	5.8	7.5	12.5
Methamphetamine	0.6	1.8	3.3	4.4
Club drugs	0.4	2.5	6.9	11.3
Cocaine	0.4	1.0	3.0	6.0
Crack	0.4	0.9	1.7	2.3
Depressants	2.5	5.9	12.2	14.9
Hallucinogens	0.2	1.8	6.3	12.7
Heroin	0.2	0.5	0.9	1.7
Steroids	0.9	2.1	2.8	2.5
Stimulants	1.6	6.1	16.2	22.2

- Approximately 26% of Pennsylvania high school seniors surveyed in 2001 reported using marijuana within the past 30 days.⁵²

Percent of Students Reporting Past 30 Day Drug Use, Pennsylvania, 2001

Drug Type	6th Grade	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
Alcohol	4.8%	17.4%	36.4%	48.5%
Marijuana	0.6	5.3	17.0	25.6
Inhalants	0.7	1.9	2.1	3.0
Methamphetamine	0.3	0.6	1.0	0.9
Club drugs	0.2	1.0	2.5	4.0
Cocaine	0.2	0.4	1.0	1.9
Crack	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.6
Depressants	0.6	2.3	5.7	6.1
Hallucinogens	0.1	0.8	2.2	3.6
Heroin	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5
Steroids	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.0
Stimulants	0.6	2.5	7.1	9.2

Enforcement

- The Operations Division of the Pennsylvania BDLE is organized into 5 geographic regions comprised of 15 Tactical Narcotics Teams located throughout the Commonwealth, as well as an Eastern and Western Interdiction Team.⁵³
- Clandestine Laboratory Response Team (CLRT)⁵⁴
The Pennsylvania State Police CLRT is made up of 51 certified members (as of 2002): 32 BDLE members, 10 Bureau of Forensic Services Forensic Scientists, and 19 Special Emergency Response Team members.
- As of October 2002, there were 28,183 full-time law enforcement employees in Pennsylvania (23,713 officers and 4,470 civilians).⁵⁵

Trafficking and Seizures

- Most of the illicit drugs available in Pennsylvania are transported into the state from New York City.⁵⁶
- Central Pennsylvania is known as a crossroads for shipments of wholesale quantities of drugs moving west from New York City and Philadelphia as well as shipments moving northeast from Florida and the Southwest Border.⁵⁷
- During full year 2003, the DEA and state and local authorities in Pennsylvania reported 51 methamphetamine lab incidents to the El Paso Intelligence Center.⁵⁸

Number of Methamphetamine Incidents/Seizures, Pennsylvania, 2003

Type of Seizure	Number
Chemical/glass/equipment	7
Dumpsite	4
Laboratory	40
Total	51

- The Pennsylvania State Police seized 32 methamphetamine labs during 2002.⁵⁹
- A total of 168.9 kilograms of cocaine were seized by the BDLE during 2002.⁶⁰

Drugs Seized by BDLE, Pennsylvania, 2002

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Cocaine	168.9 kg.
Heroin	106.9 kg.
Stimulants	95.5 kg.
Depressants	7 kg.
LSD	10 dosage units
Hallucinogens	.08 kg.

- The BDLE also seized 49 vehicles valued at \$385,000 during 2002.⁶¹

Assets Seized by BDLE, Pennsylvania, 2002

Asset	#	Value
Vehicles	49	\$385,000
Real estate	3	\$220,000
Cash	n/a	\$1,957,269
Total	n/a	\$2,562,269

- Additionally, the BDLE seized 25 handguns and 16 rifles during 2002.⁶²
- In 2002, there were 7,308 marijuana plants eradicated in Pennsylvania under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.⁶³

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Pennsylvania, 2002

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Plants Eradicated
Plots Eradicated	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
359	6,508	79	800	7,308

- During 2002, Federal agencies seized more than 190 kilograms of cocaine in Pennsylvania.⁶⁴

Amount of Drugs Seized by Federal Agencies, Pennsylvania, 2002

Drug Type	Amount Seized (in kilograms)
Cocaine	190.8
Heroin	13.2
Methamphetamine	2.0
Marijuana	28.6

- Fifteen methamphetamine labs were seized in Pennsylvania during 2001.⁶⁵

Methamphetamine Labs Seized, Pennsylvania, 1996-2001

Year	Labs Seized
1996	13
1997	6
1998	5
1999	1
2000	8
2001	15

Courts

- Drug Courts⁶⁶
As of November 2003, there were 15 drug courts in existence or being planned in Pennsylvania. Six of the drug courts have been in existence for more than 2 years, 5 were recently implemented, and 4 were being planned.

- During FY 2001, approximately 37% (36.9%) of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Pennsylvania had committed drug offenses. Thirty-four percent of the drug offenses (200 offenses) involved crack cocaine.⁶⁷

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Offenses, Pennsylvania, FY 2001

Drug Type Involved	# of Offenses	% of Total
Crack cocaine	200	34.0%
Powder cocaine	179	30.4
Marijuana	76	12.9
Methamphetamine	57	9.7
Heroin	54	9.2
Other	23	3.9

Corrections

- As of January 31, 2004, the total Pennsylvania Department of Correction (DOC) inmate population was 40,836. This is greater than the DOC facility capacity, which is 34,439.⁶⁸
- From January 2003 to January 2004, the DOC inmate population increased 1.1%.⁶⁹
- On January 31, 2004, approximately 1,703 Pennsylvania inmates were in Therapeutic Community (TC) programs and 161 were in Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) programs.⁷⁰
- On December 31, 2002, there were 6,084 Pennsylvania inmates who committed drug offenses, representing 15.1% of the total inmate population. This is up from December 31, 2001, when there were 5,480 drug offenders representing 14.4% of the inmate population.⁷¹
- The average time served in Pennsylvania for drug offenses decreased 19.3% from 37.3 months in 2001 to 30.1 months in 2002.⁷²
- Drug Interdiction Unit⁷³
Since the implementation of the Drug Interdiction Unit in 1995, the K-9 teams have played a role in approximately 400 drug finds while searching cells, common areas within state prisons, and vehicles.
- At the end of 2002, there were 130,786 adults on probation and 97,712 adults on parole in Pennsylvania.⁷⁴
- Treatment alternatives for Pennsylvania parole violators include the following:⁷⁵
 - Substance Abuse Violators Effort (SAVE): One of the two SAVE programs is geared toward sentenced offenders with substance abuse problems who would normally be returned to a state correctional facility due to technical parole violations. The second SAVE program is for sentenced offenders with substance abuse problems who have been returned to a county correctional facility due to technical parole violations. If an offender is referred to either SAVE program and fails the program, he or she is automatically referred to the RSAT program.
 - Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT): Like SAVE, the RSAT program provides an alternative to long-term recommitment for technical parole violators with substance abuse problems. RSAT is comprised of three phases involving a therapeutic community, placement in a community corrections center, and intensive supervision.

Consequences of Use

- From October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003, there were 2 Pennsylvania methamphetamine laboratory sites reported to the El Paso Intelligence Center in which a child was present.⁷⁶

Number of Children at Methamphetamine Lab Incidents, Pennsylvania, FY 2003

	Number
Sites with a child affected	8
Sites with a child exposed to toxic chemicals	0
Sites with a child injured	0
Sites with a child killed	0
Sites with a child present	2
Sites with a child residing at the site	1
Number of children placed in protective custody	0

Treatment

- During 2002, there were 60,192 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Pennsylvania.⁷⁷ In 2001, there were 60,575 treatment admissions.⁷⁸ There were 63,326 treatment admissions in 2000.⁷⁹

Number of Admissions to Treatment, Pennsylvania, 2000-2002

Drug Type	2000		2001		2002	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	15,505	24.5%	14,724	24.3%	14,370	23.9%
Alc. w/ second. drug	13,839	21.9	12,271	20.3	11,622	19.3
Cocaine – smoked	8,753	13.8	7,183	11.9	7,045	11.7
Cocaine – other route	2,612	4.1	2,421	4.0	2,498	4.2
Marijuana	9,247	14.6	9,460	15.6	9,170	15.2
Heroin	10,262	16.2	10,734	17.7	11,888	19.8
Other opiates	1,273	2.0	1,867	3.1	2,037	3.4
PCP	149	0.2	134	0.2	184	0.3
Hallucinogens	177	0.3	160	0.3	119	0.2
Amphetamines	241	0.4	219	0.4	231	0.4
Other stimulants	33	0.1	49	0.1	58	0.1
Tranquilizers	311	0.5	287	0.5	245	0.4
Sedatives	186	0.3	147	0.2	142	0.2
Inhalants	67	0.1	58	0.1	41	0.1
Other/none specified	671	1.1	861	1.4	542	0.9
Total	63,326	100.0	60,575	100.0	60,192	100.0

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