

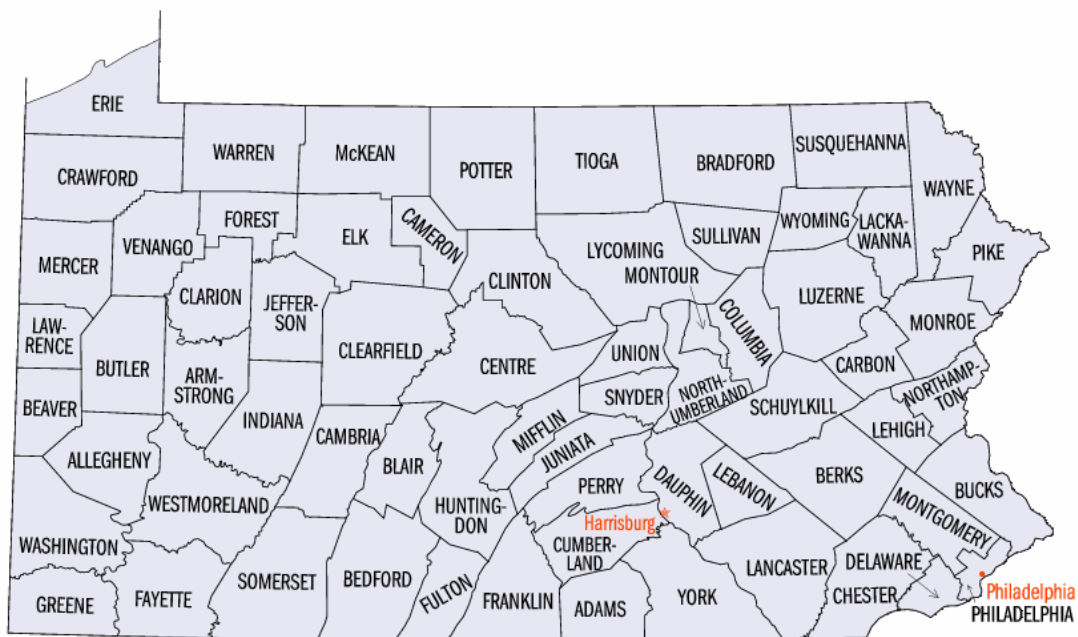
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Pennsylvania

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

Demographics

- Population (2003 American Community Survey): 11,922,023¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2003 American Community Survey): 83.7% white, 9.7% black/African American, 0.1% American Indian/Alaska Native, 2.0% Asian, 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.1% other, 0.9% two or more races, 3.4% Hispanic/Latino origin²

Politics

- Governor: Edward Rendell³
- Lt. Governor: Catherine Baker Knoll⁴
- Attorney General: Gerald Pappert⁵
- Secretary of the Commonwealth: Pedro Cortes⁶
- U.S. Senate: Rick Santorum (R); Arlen Specter (R)⁷
- 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 Platts⁸
- Capital: Harrisburg⁹

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)¹⁰
Designated in 1995, the Philadelphia/Camden HIDTA is responsible for Philadelphia County in Pennsylvania and the City of Camden in New Jersey.
- Community Capacity Development Office¹¹
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.
- Drug-Free Pennsylvania¹²
Founded in 1990, Drug-Free Pennsylvania is a non-profit corporation dedicated to fighting substance abuse throughout the Commonwealth. 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.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- From January to September 2004, Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies reported 11,423 arrests for marijuana possession.¹³ During full year 2003, Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies reported 15,163 arrests for marijuana possession.¹⁴

Number of Arrests for Drug Offenses, Pennsylvania, 2003-September 2004

Type of Drug Offense	Full Year 2003		January-September 2004	
	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Adult
Sale/manufacturing	2,294	16,448	1,510	11,788
Opium/cocaine	1,274	11,008	767	7,892
Marijuana	788	3,918	604	2,955
Synthetic	160	913	88	609
Other	72	609	51	332
Possession	4,463	26,510	3,022	19,510
Opium/cocaine	514	10,998	314	7,658
Marijuana	3,417	11,746	2,370	9,053
Synthetic	157	1,161	91	836
Other	375	2,605	247	1,963

- From January to September 2004, there were 39,673 adult arrests for Part I offenses reported in Pennsylvania.¹⁵ During full year 2003, there were 57,300 adult arrests for such offenses.¹⁶

Number of Arrests for Part I Offenses, Pennsylvania, 2003-September 2004

Offense	Full Year 2003		January-September 2004	
	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Adult
Murder/non-negl. mansl.	40	484	32	329
Forcible rape	259	1,099	167	721
Robbery	1,660	4,835	1,083	3,345
Aggravated assault	2,942	11,885	2,022	8,412
Burglary	2,886	7,275	1,765	4,871
Larceny-theft	9,462	27,693	6,469	19,462
Motor vehicle theft	2,344	3,607	1,124	2,255
Arson	315	390	236	278
Total Part I	19,915	57,300	12,898	39,673

- During 2003, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported making 625 arrests for drug violations in Pennsylvania.¹⁷

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Pennsylvania, 1999-2003

Year	Arrests
1999	1,097
2000	1,004
2001	805
2002	597
2003	625

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. Purity levels in Pennsylvania were 60-95% for powder and 80% for crack.¹⁸
- Heroin

Heroin (primarily South American) has surpassed cocaine as the greatest drug threat in most of Pennsylvania.¹⁹ Heroin availability is increasing in western Pennsylvania, where purity is also increasing and prices are decreasing.²⁰ 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%.²¹
- Marijuana

Marijuana remains abundantly available in wholesale and retail quantities in Pennsylvania.²² 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.²³ 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.²⁴
- Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine is the primary illegal drug being manufactured in Pennsylvania.²⁵ 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%.²⁶
- 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.²⁷
- 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.²⁸
- According to 2002 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 39.58% of Pennsylvania citizens ages 12 and older felt that smoking marijuana once a month posed a great risk.²⁹

Percent of Citizens Reporting Drug Use, by Age, Pennsylvania, 2002

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Past month use of any illicit drug	11.57%	21.57%	4.86%	7.59%
Past month use of marijuana	8.38	18.31	2.97	5.41
Past month use of illicit drug other than marij.	5.36	7.93	2.17	3.20
Past year cocaine use	1.40	6.73	1.54	2.17
Great risk of smoking marijuana once a month	32.04	19.61	43.72	39.58

- Additional data from the 2002 National Survey on Drug Use and Health indicate that 1.76% of Pennsylvania citizens reported past year dependence on illicit drugs.³⁰

Percent of Citizens Reporting Past Year Dependence, Pennsylvania, 2002

Past Year Dependence	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Illicit drug dependence	3.29%	5.81%	0.92%	1.76%
Illicit drug dependence or abuse	5.73	7.86	1.38	2.61
Alcohol dependence	2.16	6.76	2.23	2.79
Alcohol dependence or abuse	5.56	18.34	4.78	6.53
Alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse	9.12	22.72	5.71	8.15

Juveniles

- Approximately 43% of Pennsylvania high school seniors surveyed in 2003 reported using marijuana at least once during their lifetimes.³¹

Percent of Students Reporting Lifetime Drug Use, Pennsylvania, 2003

Drug Type	6th Grade	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
Alcohol	28.7%	56.7%	76.4%	83.6%
Marijuana	1.3	10.8	27.5	42.8
Inhalants	7.3	12.3	10.5	9.1
Methamphetamine	0.2	1.1	2.3	3.0
Cocaine	0.4	1.8	3.9	7.4
Crack	0.4	1.8	1.9	2.5
Ecstasy	0.2	2.7	4.8	8.7
Hallucinogens	0.3	2.9	6.1	10.9
Heroin	0.2	1.0	1.4	2.9
Steroids	1.2	2.5	2.8	2.3

- Approximately 21.4% of Pennsylvania high school seniors surveyed in 2003 reported using marijuana within the past 30 days.³²

Percent of Students Reporting Past 30 Day Drug Use, Pennsylvania, 2003

Drug Type	6th Grade	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
Alcohol	4.1%	17.0%	37.9%	49.2%
Marijuana	0.5	5.2	14.5	21.4
Inhalants	2.8	5.0	2.9	2.0
Methamphetamine	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.9
Cocaine	0.1	0.7	1.3	2.4
Crack	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.7
Ecstasy	0.0	0.9	1.3	1.5
Hallucinogens	0.1	1.3	2.3	3.4
Heroin	0.1	0.4	0.7	1.3
Steroids	0.3	0.8	1.2	0.9

- Additional survey results indicate that 17.8% of high school seniors statewide reported being high or drunk at school on at least one occasion within the past year.³³
- During 2003, Pennsylvania State Police Drug Detection Teams conducted 132 school searches across the Commonwealth.³⁴

Enforcement

- During 2005, the Pennsylvania State Police will begin to train troopers and municipal police officers to recognize when an individual has been driving under the influence of drugs and to identify the type of drug causing the impairment. The goal of the new program is to train officers to determine if a driver is under the influence of illegal drugs, prescription drugs or other substances.³⁵
- The Operations Division of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement (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.³⁶
- Clandestine Laboratory Response Team (CLRT)³⁷
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 2003, there were 27,237 full-time law enforcement employees in Pennsylvania (22,960 officers and 4,277 civilians).³⁸

Trafficking and Seizures

- Most of the illicit drugs available in Pennsylvania are transported into the state from New York City.³⁹
- During 2003, Pennsylvania State Police Drug Detection Teams seized 614,225 grams of marijuana, valued at \$2,517,149.⁴⁰

Amount and Value of Drugs Seized by Drug Detection Teams, Pennsylvania, 2003

Drug Type	Amount Seized	Value
Marijuana	614,225 grams	\$2,517,149
Cocaine	64,513 grams	\$2,295,550
Heroin	7,386 grams	\$764,170
Methamphetamine	1,226 grams	\$53,700
MDMA/ecstasy	1,976 dosage units	\$44,060
Mushrooms	1,372 grams	\$3,200
Steroids	5,660 grams	\$5,800
Paraphernalia	488 items	\$6,855

- During 2003, more than 5,600 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Pennsylvania under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.⁴¹

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Pennsylvania, 2003

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Cultivated Plants Eradicated
Eradicated Plots	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
318	3,833	49	1,789	5,622

- During 2003, Federal agencies seized 539 kilograms of cocaine in Pennsylvania.⁴²

Amount of Drugs Seized by Federal Agencies, Pennsylvania, 2003

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Cocaine	539.0 kilograms
Heroin	31.8 kilograms
Methamphetamine	11.1 kilograms
Marijuana	68.0 kilograms
MDMA/ecstasy	132,878 tablets

- Sixty methamphetamine labs were seized in Pennsylvania during 2003.⁴³

Methamphetamine Labs Seized, Pennsylvania, 1999-2003

Year	Labs Seized
1999	1
2000	8
2001	17
2002	29
2003	60

Courts

- Drug Courts⁴⁴
As of September 2004, there were 6 drug courts in Pennsylvania that had been in existence for more than 2 years, 5 that were recently implemented, and 7 that were being planned.
- During FY 2002, 36.4% of Federally-sentenced defendants in Pennsylvania were charged with drug offenses. Crack cocaine was involved in 218 (34.1%) of the drug offenses.⁴⁵

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Offenses, Pennsylvania, FY 2002

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Powder cocaine	176	27.5%
Crack cocaine	218	34.1
Marijuana	74	11.6
Heroin	63	9.9
Methamphetamine	57	8.9
Other	51	8.0

Corrections

- As of September 30, 2004, the total Pennsylvania Department of Correction (DOC) inmate population was 40,633. This is greater than the DOC facility capacity, which is 37,391.⁴⁶
- 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.⁴⁷
- The average time served in Pennsylvania for drug offenses decreased 19.3% from 37.3 months in 2001 to 30.1 months in 2002.⁴⁸
- In FY 2002/2003, the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC) spent \$24.3 million in state funds and \$2.3 million in Federal funds to provide alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment to inmates.⁴⁹
- Approximately 70% of all inmates admitted to DOC are AOD dependent and require some form of treatment.⁵⁰
- The number of inmates enrolled in AOD treatment increased 12% from 15,077 in 1999 to 16,024 in 2003.⁵¹
- At the end of 2003, there were 137,206 adults on probation and 102,244 adults on parole in Pennsylvania.⁵²
- Treatment alternatives for Pennsylvania parole violators include the following:⁵³
 - 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.
 - 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.⁵⁴

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 2003, there were 60,849 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Pennsylvania.⁵⁵ This is up from 60,560 admissions during 2002.⁵⁶ In 2001, there were 60,794 treatment admissions in Pennsylvania.⁵⁷

Number of Admissions to Treatment, Pennsylvania, 2001-2003

Drug Type	2001		2002		2003	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	14,790	24.3%	14,503	23.9%	13,837	22.7%
Alc. w/ second. drug	12,286	20.2	11,655	19.2	10,147	16.7
Cocaine – smoked	7,223	11.9	7,102	11.7	7,336	12.1
Cocaine – other route	2,434	4.0	2,512	4.1	2,538	4.2
Marijuana	9,501	15.6	9,224	15.2	8,730	14.3
Heroin	10,760	17.7	11,943	19.7	14,057	23.1
Other opiates	1,877	3.1	2,051	3.4	2,752	4.5
PCP	134	0.2	184	0.3	222	0.4
Hallucinogens	165	0.3	118	0.2	81	0.1
Amphetamines	221	0.4	229	0.4	244	0.4
Other stimulants	49	0.1	59	0.1	39	0.1
Tranquilizers	289	0.5	250	0.4	307	0.5
Sedatives	173	0.3	150	0.2	175	0.3
Inhalants	58	0.1	44	0.1	49	0.1
Other/none specified	834	1.4	536	0.9	335	0.6
Total	60,794	100.0	60,560	100.0	60,849	100.0

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