

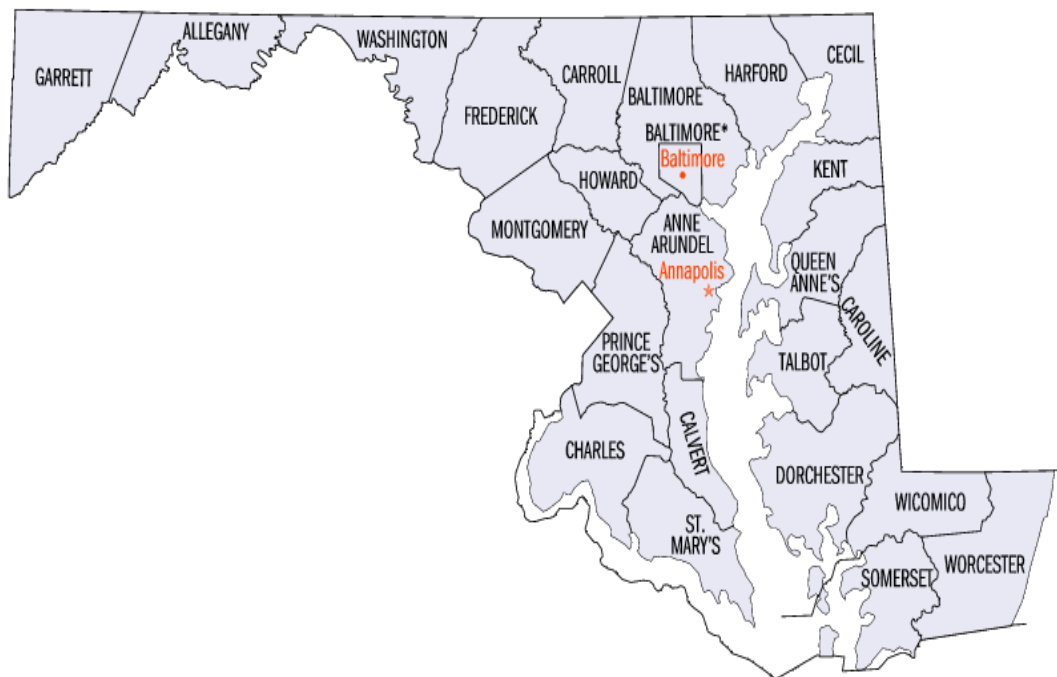
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Maryland

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

Demographics

- Population (2006 American Community Survey): 5,615,727¹
- Race/ethnicity (2006 American Community Survey): 61.3% white; 28.9% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 4.9% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 2.7% other race; 1.9% two or more races; 6.0% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²

Politics

- Governor: Martin O'Malley³
- Lt. Governor: Anthony G. Brown⁴
- Attorney General: Douglas F. Gansler⁵
- Secretary of State (Interim): Dennis C. Schnepfe⁶
- U.S. Senate: Barbara Mikulski (D); Benjamin Cardin (D)⁷
- U.S. Representatives (Districts 1-8): Wayne T. Gilchrest (R); C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D); John P. Sarbanes (D); Albert Russell Wynn (D); Steny H. Hoyer (D); Roscoe G. Bartlett (R); Elijah E. Cummings (D); Chris Van Hollen (D)⁸
- Capital: Annapolis⁹

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)¹⁰
Designated in 1994, the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA is responsible for Washington, DC, the city of Alexandria and eight counties in northern Virginia, and the following areas of Maryland: Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's and Charles counties.
- Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR)¹¹
CESAR is dedicated to addressing the problems substance abuse creates for individuals, families, and communities. To this end, the mission of CESAR is to inform policymakers, practitioners and the general public about substance abuse, its nature and extent, its prevention and treatment and its relation to other problems.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported making 579 arrests for drug violations in Maryland.¹²

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Maryland, 2003-2007

Year	Arrests
2003	496
2004	511
2005	489
2006	576
2007	579

- In 2006, there were 547 homicides known to Maryland law enforcement agencies.¹³

Number of Offenses, Index Offenses, Maryland, 2006

Type of Offense	Total
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	547
Rape	1,178
Robbery	14,375
Aggravated assault	22,011
Breaking & entering	37,457
Larceny-theft	127,500
Motor vehicle theft	30,522
Arson	2,533

- During 2006, law enforcement officials reported 21,220 arrests for opium and cocaine possession in Maryland. In 2005, there were 19,061 arrests for opium and cocaine possession in Maryland.¹⁴

Number of Drug-Related Arrests, Maryland, 2005-2006

Type of Offense	2005	2006
Sale/Manufacturing	13,189	13,874
Opium/Cocaine	10,220	10,402
Marijuana	2,058	2,349
Synthetic narcotics	801	941
Other	110	182
Possession	39,858	42,854
Opium/Cocaine	19,061	21,220
Marijuana	20,049	20,700
Synthetic narcotics	261	278
Other	487	656

Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁵

Cocaine and crack cocaine abuse and distribution are significant threats throughout Maryland, especially in areas near Washington, DC. Wholesale amounts of cocaine are readily available via suppliers in New York City, the southwestern U.S. and the Atlanta, Georgia area. Additionally, law enforcement sources in cities and towns located along the Eastern Shore and in western Maryland cite crack cocaine as the primary drug threat in their areas.

- Heroin¹⁶

Heroin is abused throughout Maryland, but is centered in and around the city of Baltimore, where high-purity heroin is readily available. Baltimore is home to higher numbers of heroin addicts and heroin-related crime than almost any other city in the nation. These problems tend to spill over into adjoining counties where many heroin distributors maintain residences. The enormous demand for heroin in the Baltimore metropolitan area led to an increase in the drug's abuse among teens and young

adults, who routinely drive into the city to obtain heroin for themselves and other local abusers.

- Marijuana¹⁷
Marijuana is the most readily available and commonly abused illicit drug in Maryland.
- Methamphetamine¹⁸
The demand for and the availability of methamphetamine are not high in Maryland, although the availability of methamphetamine imported from Mexico and the southwestern U.S. may be slowly increasing.
- Pharmaceutical Diversion¹⁹
Current investigations indicate that the diversion of oxycodone products continues to be a problem in Maryland. Benzodiazepines, methadone and Klonopin are also among the most commonly abused and diverted pharmaceuticals in the state.
- According to 2004-2005 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 301,000 (7%) of Maryland citizens (ages 12 or older) reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁰

Citizens (Ages 12 or Older) Reporting Drug Use, Maryland, 2004-2005 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	301	6.57%
Past year marijuana use	465	10.16
Past month marijuana use	233	5.10
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	139	3.03
Past year cocaine use	104	2.27
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	166	3.62

* The number of users is in thousands

- Approximately 1.8 million (39%) Maryland citizens reported that using marijuana occasionally (once a month) was a “great risk”.²¹
- Additional 2004-2005 NSDUH results indicate that 125,000 (2.72%) Maryland citizens reported illicit drug dependence or abuse within the past year. Approximately 88,000 (1.92%) reported past year illicit drug dependence.²²

Juveniles

- Approximately 38% of Maryland high school students reported trying marijuana at least once in their lifetime during 2005.²³

Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, Maryland, 2005

Drug Type and Use	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	34.4%	41.7%	38.2%
Current marijuana use	18.4	18.5	18.5
Lifetime cocaine use	5.3	8.5	6.9
Current cocaine use	1.7	3.1	2.4
Lifetime inhalant use	13.6	11.4	12.5
Lifetime heroin use	2.3	2.8	2.6
Lifetime methamphetamine use	2.2	5.8	4.0

Lifetime ecstasy use	5.1	4.8	5.0
Lifetime illegal steroid use	2.2	4.9	3.6
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	1.7	2.2	2.0
Tried marijuana before age 13	6.5	11.4	8.9

- Approximately 16% of Maryland 8th graders surveyed in 2005 reported abusing inhalants at least once during their lifetime.²⁴

Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, by Grade, Maryland, 2005

Drug Type and Use	9th	10th	11th	12th
Lifetime marijuana use	27.4%	39.5%	40.3%	48.7%
Current marijuana use	11.4	19.4	22.2	22.6
Lifetime cocaine use	4.0	4.2	6.8	14.2
Current cocaine use	1.3	1.4	2.0	5.8
Lifetime inhalant use	15.7	13.0	8.4	11.6
Lifetime heroin use	1.3	1.6	2.8	5.3
Lifetime methamphetamine use	2.4	2.8	3.3	8.4
Lifetime ecstasy use	2.6	3.1	5.2	10.3
Lifetime illegal steroid use	3.2	2.0	3.8	5.8
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	1.6	0.7	1.4	4.6
Tried marijuana before age 13	11.0	7.9	6.5	9.6

- During the 2006-2007 school year, there were 4,316 suspensions in Maryland public schools that were the result of a “dangerous substance” offense.²⁵ There were 4,129 such suspensions in Maryland public schools during the 2005-2006 school year.²⁶

Number of Dangerous Substance Suspensions, Maryland, 2005-2007

Type of Offense	2005-2006	2006-2007
Alcohol	746	760
Inhalants	23	33
Drugs	1,912	1,889
Tobacco	1,318	1,516
Sell/solicit sale of controlled substance	11	15
Possess/use illegal drugs	119	103
Total dangerous substance suspensions	4,129	4,316

- During the 2006-2007 school year, there were 258 drug-related expulsions from Maryland public schools. There were 276 such expulsions from Maryland public schools during the 2005-2006 school year.²⁷
- According to 2004-2005 NSDUH data, approximately 9% of Maryland 12-17 year olds reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁸

Youth (12-17 Year Olds) Reporting Drug Use, Maryland, 2004-2005 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	45	9.14%
Past year marijuana use	71	14.49
Past month marijuana use	34	6.88
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	22	4.39
Past year cocaine use	6	1.21
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	28	5.76

* The number of users is in thousands

Enforcement

- As of October 2006, there were 20,097 full-time law enforcement employees in Maryland (15,048 officers and 5,049 civilians).²⁹

Trafficking and Seizures

- Drugs, weapons and illicit proceeds destined for points south of New York City routinely transit through Baltimore, Maryland.³⁰
- Maryland's major seaport in Baltimore contributes to a substantial amount of international drug traffic entering the state.³¹
- Baltimore is deeply affected by the heroin trade, having carried the dubious distinction as one of the most heroin-plagued cities in the nation for over a decade.³²
- Most of the marijuana that is trafficked in Maryland is imported from the southwestern U.S.³³
- During 2007, the DEA and state and local authorities in Maryland reported no methamphetamine laboratory incidents.³⁴

Methamphetamine Laboratory Incidents, Maryland, 2003-2007

Year	Laboratory Incidents
2003	2
2004	1
2005	2
2006	3
2007	0

- There were 126,195 dosage units and 0.1 kilograms of MDMA seized by Federal agencies in Maryland during 2007.³⁵

Amount of Federal Drug Seizures, Maryland, 2007

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Cocaine	256.4 kilograms
Heroin	7.6 kilograms
Methamphetamine	482 dosage units
Marijuana	70.2 kilograms
MDMA	0.1 kgs./126,195 dosage units

- During 2006, there were 4,510 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Maryland under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.³⁶

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated/Seized, Maryland, 2006

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Plants Eradicated
Eradicated Plots	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
40	720	62	3,790	4,510

Courts

- Drug Courts³⁷
As of April 16, 2007, there were 35 drug courts in existence or being planned in Maryland. Fourteen drug courts had been operating for at least two years, 15 had been recently implemented and 6 were being planned at that time.
- During FY 2006, approximately 36.1% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Maryland had committed drug offenses. Approximately 40% of these drug cases involved powder cocaine.³⁸

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Cases, Maryland, FY 2006

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Powder cocaine	97	40.2%
Crack cocaine	56	23.2
Heroin	51	21.2
Marijuana	13	5.4
Methamphetamine	5	2.1
Other	19	7.9

Corrections

- As of June 30, 2007, there were 22,569 offenders within Maryland correctional institutions.³⁹
- As of June 30, 2007, drug offenses accounted for 21.5% of the Maryland Department of Corrections (DOC) population's most serious offenses.⁴⁰
- As of December 31, 2007, there were 70,265 Maryland offenders on probation and parole as reported by the Maryland DOC.⁴¹

Consequences of Use

- During 2006, there were 788 drug-induced deaths reported in Maryland.⁴²

Number of Drug-Induced Deaths, by Age, Maryland, 2006

Age Group	# of Deaths
Up to age 14	5
15-24	85
25-34	132
35-44	233

45-54	239
55-64	75
65 +	19
Total	788

- There were 179 methadone-related deaths in Maryland during 2006.⁴³

Treatment

- The juvenile justice system accounted for approximately 4.5% of all referrals to substance abuse treatment in Maryland during FY 2006.⁴⁴

Source of Referrals to Substance Abuse Treatment, Maryland, FY 2006

Referral Source	# of Referrals	% of Total
Individual	10,485	22.1%
Parent/Family	1,038	2.2
Employer/EAP	309	0.7
AOD treatment provider	5,526	11.6
Other health care	2,986	6.3
DSS/TCA	1,135	2.4
School/SAP	852	1.8
Other community	2,698	5.7
Juvenile justice system	2,155	4.5
DWI/DUI	4,321	9.1
Pre-Trial	1,233	2.6
Probation	7,724	16.3
Parole	1,159	2.4
Prison/Jail	1,542	3.2
DHMH court	588	1.2
Other drug court	1,676	3.5
Other criminal justice referral	2,065	4.3

- During 2006, there were 65,861 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Maryland.⁴⁵ There were 71,278 such treatment admissions during 2005.⁴⁶ In 2004, there were 72,593 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in the state.⁴⁷

Admissions to Treatment, Maryland, 2004-2006

Drug Type	2004		2005		2006	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	14,472	19.9%	13,734	19.3%	13,231	20.1%
Alcohol with secondary drug	11,020	15.2	11,246	15.8	11,055	16.8
Cocaine (smoked)	7,810	10.8	7,882	11.1	7,665	11.6
Cocaine (other route)	2,072	2.9	2,300	3.2	2,125	3.2
Marijuana	10,507	14.5	10,208	14.3	9,950	15.1
Heroin	22,322	30.7	21,273	29.8	16,984	25.8
Other opiates	2,671	3.7	3,186	4.5	3,639	5.5

PCP	288	0.4	283	0.4	340	0.5
Hallucinogens	151	0.2	108	0.2	53	0.1
Amphetamines	204	0.3	210	0.3	216	0.3
Other stimulants	8	0.0	13	0.0	13	0.0
Tranquilizers	208	0.3	291	0.4	403	0.6
Sedatives	166	0.2	116	0.2	53	0.1
Inhalants	29	0.0	30	0.0	16	0.0
Other unknown	655	0.9	398	0.6	118	0.2
Total	72,593	100.0	71,278	100.0	65,861	100.0

- According to 2004-2005 NSDUH data, approximately 109,000 (2.39%) Maryland citizens reported needing but not receiving treatment for illicit drug use within the past year.⁴⁸

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