

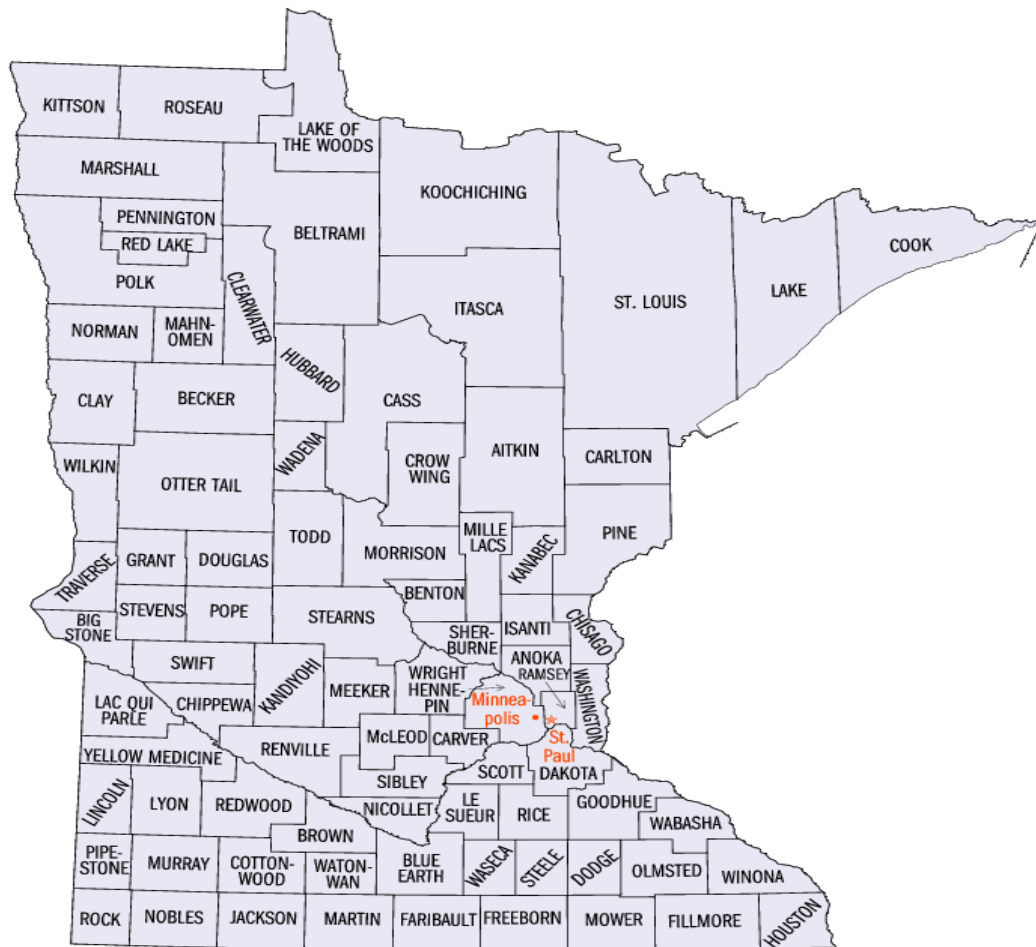
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Minnesota

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

Demographics

- Population (2006 American Community Survey): 5,167,101¹
- Race/ethnicity (2006 American Community Survey): 87.8% white; 4.4% black/African American; 1.0% American Indian/Alaska Native; 3.5% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 1.6% other race; 1.6% two or more races; 3.8% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²

Politics

- Governor: Tim Pawlenty³
- Lt. Governor: Carol Molnau⁴
- Attorney General: Lori Swanwson⁵
- Secretary of State: Mark Ritchie⁶
- U.S. Senators: Norm Coleman (R); Amy Klobuchar (D)⁷
- U.S. Representatives (Districts 1-8, respectively): Timothy J. Walz (D); John Kline (R); Jim Ramstad (R); Betty McCollum (D); Keith Ellison (D); Michele Bachmann (R); Collin C. Peterson (D); James L. Oberstar (D)⁸
- Capital: St. Paul⁹

Programs

- Meth Lab Program¹⁰
The purpose of the Minnesota Department of Health's Meth Lab Program is to share resources, raise awareness, protect endangered children and provide training and equipment for first responders and other at-risk staff.
- Minnesota Meth Watch Program¹¹
The Minnesota Meth Watch Program is a voluntary program designed to help curtail the suspicious sale and theft of common household products used in the illicit manufacturing of methamphetamine.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported making 258 arrests for drug violations in Minnesota.¹²

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Minnesota, 2003-2007

Year	Arrests
2003	234
2004	241
2005	292
2006	272
2007	258

- During 2006, there were 120 homicides known to police in Minnesota.¹³

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Minnesota, 2006

Offenses	# of Offenses
Homicide	120
Rape	2,562
Robbery	5,390
Aggravated assault	8,655
Burglary	29,496
Larceny	112,516
Motor vehicle theft	12,961
Arson	1,093

- There were 83 total arrests for murder/non-negligent manslaughter in Minnesota during 2006.¹⁴

Number of Arrests for Index Offenses, Minnesota, 2006

Offenses	Juvenile	Adult
Murder/non-negl. manslaughter	4	79
Rape	154	629
Robbery	432	952
Aggravated assault	879	3,797
Burglary	1,275	2,574
Larceny	7,747	12,945
Motor vehicle theft	654	1,394
Arson	174	99

- During 2006, there were 13,486 arrests for drug possession in Minnesota.¹⁵

Arrests for Drug Possession, Minnesota, 2005-2006

Drug Type	2005	2006
Opium/cocaine	3,020	3,425
Marijuana	6,809	7,225
Synthetic	504	519
Other	2,899	2,317
Total	13,232	13,486

- There were 6,732 arrests for drug sales in Minnesota during 2006.¹⁶

Arrests for Drug Sales, Minnesota, 2005-2006

Drug Type	2005	2006
Opium/cocaine	562	681
Marijuana	4,305	4,092
Synthetic	25	39
Other	1,891	1,560

Total	6,783	6,732
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Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁷
The majority of cocaine found in Minnesota is purchased from sources of supply in California, Chicago and Detroit.
- Heroin¹⁸
Heroin distribution and use are not significant problems in Minnesota. However, recent reports indicate that there has been an increase in heroin use, especially in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.
- Marijuana¹⁹
Marijuana remains the most commonly used and readily available drug in the state.
- Club Drugs²⁰
Club drugs, including MDMA (ecstasy), Ketamine, GHB, GBL, Rohypnol, LSD, PCP, and, to a lesser extent, psilocybin mushrooms, have been reported in Minnesota. Club drugs are most prevalent in Minneapolis' gay population and to a lesser extent, among young people at raves and nightclubs in suburban areas.
- Pharmaceutical Diversion²¹
Current investigations indicate that diversion of OxyContin® and Vicodin® continues to be a problem in Minnesota. Benzodiazepines, methylphenidate and Ritalin® were also identified as being among the most commonly abused and diverted pharmaceuticals in Minnesota.
- According to 2005-2006 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 349,000 (8%) of Minnesota citizens (ages 12 or older) reported past month use of an illicit drug.²²

Citizens (Ages 12 or Older) Reporting Drug Use, Minnesota, 2005-2006 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	349	8.15%
Past year marijuana use	482	11.25
Past month marijuana use	307	7.17
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	135	3.15
Past year cocaine use	99	2.30
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	188	4.39

* The number of users is in thousands

- Approximately 1.4 million (31.88%) Minnesota citizens reported that using marijuana occasionally (once a month) was a “great risk”.²³
- Additional 2005-2006 NSDUH results indicate that 112,000 (2.61%) Minnesota citizens reported illicit drug dependence or abuse within the past year. Approximately 75,000 (1.76%) reported past year illicit drug dependence.²⁴

Juveniles

- Thirty-four percent of male 12th graders and 27% of female 12th graders surveyed in Minnesota during 2007 reported that they had used marijuana in the past year.²⁵

Percent of Students Reporting Use of Marijuana and Inhalants, Minnesota, 2007

Drug Type and Use	6th Grade		9th Grade		12th Grade	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Past year marijuana use	2%	1%	16%	14%	34%	27%
Past month marijuana use	1	1	11	9	23	16
Past year inhalant use	3	3	3	4	3	2

- Seven percent of male 12th graders and 4% of female 12th graders surveyed in 2007 reported that they had used cocaine within the past year.²⁶

Percent of Students Reporting Past Year Use of Drugs, Minnesota, 2007

Drug Type	9th Grade		12th Grade	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Methamphetamine	2%	1%	3%	1%
Cocaine	3	2	7	4
MDMA, GHB, Ketamine	3	2	6	3
LSD, PCP, other psychedelics	3	2	7	3
Heroin, other narcotics	2	1	2	1
Stimulants w/o prescription	3	3	4	3
Ritalin w/o prescription	3	4	6	4
Pain relievers w/o prescription	4	4	9	5
Tranquilizers w/o prescription	2	2	4	2

- According to 2005-2006 NSDUH data, approximately 10% of Minnesota 12-17 year olds reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁷

Youth (12-17 Year Olds) Reporting Drug Use, Minnesota, 2005-2006 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	45	10.28%
Past year marijuana use	59	13.45
Past month marijuana use	33	7.53
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	23	5.21
Past year cocaine use	8	1.87
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	28	6.31

* The number of users is in thousands

Enforcement

- In 2006, there were 13,179 full-time law enforcement employees in Minnesota (8,493 officers and 4,686 civilian employees).²⁸

Trafficking and Seizures

- Mexican traffickers control the transportation, distribution and bulk sales of cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine and black-tar heroin in Minnesota. Numerous Mexican groups and street gangs, such as the Latin Kings, are operating in the state.²⁹

- At the retail level, independent African American traffickers, African American street gangs, Hispanic gangs, Native American gangs, and independent Caucasian groups purchase cocaine, black-tar heroin and marijuana from Mexican traffickers.³⁰
- Hispanic street gangs are the major distributors of marijuana at the retail level, although marijuana is also readily available from local cultivators.³¹
- During 2007, the DEA and state and local authorities in Minnesota reported 25 methamphetamine laboratory incidents.³²

Methamphetamine Laboratory Incidents, Minnesota, 2003-2007

Year	Laboratory Incidents
2003	301
2004	96
2005	88
2006	33
2007	25

- Approximately 64.9 kilograms of cocaine were seized by Federal agencies in Minnesota during 2007.³³

Amount of Federal Drug Seizures, Minnesota, 2007

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Cocaine	64.9 kilograms
Heroin	0.5 kilograms
Methamphetamine	8.4 dosage units
Marijuana	96.1 kilograms
MDMA	153 dosage units

- During 2006, there were 4,762 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Minnesota under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.³⁴

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated/Seized, Minnesota, 2006

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Plants Eradicated
Eradicated Plots	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
5	825	14	3,937	4,762

Courts

- Drug Courts³⁵
As of April 16, 2007, there were 40 drug courts in existence or being planned in Minnesota. Eleven drug courts had been operating for at least two years, 8 had been recently implemented and 21 were being planned at that time.
- During FY 2006, approximately 54% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Minnesota had committed drug offenses. Approximately 50% of these drug cases involved methamphetamine.³⁶

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Cases, Minnesota, FY 2006

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Powder cocaine	30	10.0%
Crack cocaine	54	18.0
Heroin	1	0.3
Marijuana	51	17.0
Methamphetamine	151	50.3
Other	13	4.3

Corrections

- On January 1, 2008, the Minnesota Department of Corrections adult inmate population was 9,270. Approximately 20% of the inmates were incarcerated for drug offenses.³⁷

Adult Inmates, by Type of Offense, Minnesota, January 1, 2008

Type of Offense	# of Offenders	% of Total
Person	4,549	49.1%
Drug	1,893	20.4
Property	1,140	12.3
DWI	661	7.1
Weapons	455	4.9
Other	540	5.8
PSI holds	32	0.4

- In 2006, there were 127,289 adults and 14,742 juveniles on probation in Minnesota.³⁸
- On December 31, 2006, there were 4,431 adults on parole in Minnesota.³⁹

Consequences of Use

- During 2007, authorities reported that there were 12 children affected by methamphetamine laboratories in Minnesota.⁴⁰
- Approximately 6% of all confirmed AIDS cases in Minnesota were related to injection drug use. An additional 7% of AIDS cases were related to men who have sex with men and injection drug use.⁴¹

Treatment

- During 2006, there were 47,776 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Minnesota.⁴² There were 45,339 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Minnesota during 2005.⁴³ In 2004, there were 46,029 such admissions to treatment in the state.⁴⁴

Admissions to Treatment, Minnesota, 2004-2006

Drug Type	<u>2004</u>		<u>2005</u>		<u>2006</u>	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	13,189	28.7%	12,099	26.7%	13,445	28.1%
Alc. w/ second. drug	9,626	20.9	9,463	20.9	10,800	22.6

Cocaine – smoked	4	0.0	n/a	n/a	3,468	7.3
Cocaine – other route	4,701	10.2	4,816	10.6	1,517	3.2
Marijuana	8,595	18.7	7,821	17.3	8,267	17.3
Heroin	1,216	2.6	1,426	3.1	1,693	3.5
Other opiates	1,363	3.0	1,488	3.3	1,781	3.7
PCP	22	0.0	15	0.0	8	0.0
Hallucinogens	65	0.1	85	0.2	100	0.2
Amphetamines	5,934	12.9	7,159	15.8	5,374	11.2
Other stimulants	26	0.1	24	0.1	21	0.0
Tranquilizers	159	0.3	183	0.4	195	0.4
Sedatives	46	0.1	56	0.1	76	0.2
Inhalants	20	0.0	19	0.0	37	0.1
Other/none specified	1,063	2.3	685	1.5	994	2.1
Total	46,029	100.0	45,339	100.0	47,776	100.0

- According to 2005-2006 NSDUH data, approximately 100,000 (2.34%) Minnesota citizens reported needing but not receiving treatment for illicit drug use within the past year.⁴⁵

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