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Wisconsin

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

Demographics

- Population (2006 American Community Survey): 5,556,506¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2006 American Community Survey): 87.5% white; 5.9% black/African American; 0.9% American Indian/Alaskan Native; 2.0% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 2.5% other race; 1.3% two or more races; 4.6% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²

Politics

- Governor: Jim Doyle³
- Lt. Governor: Barbara Lawton⁴
- Attorney General: J.B. Van Hollen⁵
- Secretary of State: Doug LaFollette⁶
- U.S. Senate: Russell Feingold (D); Herb Kohl (D)⁷
- U.S. Representatives: Paul Ryan (R); Tammy Baldwin (D); Ron Kind (D); Gwen Moore (D); F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R); Thomas E. Petri (R); David R. Obey (D); Steve Kagen (D)⁸
- Capitol: Madison⁹

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HITDA)¹⁰
Designated in 1998, the Milwaukee HIDTA is responsible for the following counties in Wisconsin: Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine and Waukesha.
- Wisconsin State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse¹¹
The State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse was created in the Office of the Governor in August 1970 to provide leadership and coordination regarding alcohol and other drug abuse issues confronting the state.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) made 232 drug arrests in Wisconsin.¹²

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Wisconsin, 2003-2007

Year	Arrests
2003	246
2004	237
2005	200
2006	216
2007	232

- There were 165 murders known to police in Wisconsin during 2006, a 20.3% decrease from the 207 murders known to police during 2005.¹³

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Wisconsin, 2005-2006

Offense	2005	2006	% Change
Murder	207	165	- 20.3%
Forcible rape	1,226	1,241	+ 1.2
Robbery	4,584	5,634	+ 22.9
Aggravated assault	7,643	9,183	+ 20.1
Burglary	24,697	27,198	+ 10.1
Theft	114,883	116,402	+ 1.3
Motor vehicle theft	12,644	14,166	+ 12.0
Arson	749	942	+ 25.8

- There were 23 juvenile and 141 adult arrests for murder in Wisconsin during 2006.¹⁴

Number of Arrests, Select Offenses, Wisconsin, 2006

Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Murder	23	141
Forcible rape	147	624
Robbery	622	1,116
Aggravated assault	982	4,656
Burglary	1,892	3,292
Theft	12,294	19,278
Motor vehicle theft	1,362	1,369
Arson	168	146

- There were 4,203 juvenile and 15,605 adult arrests for drug possession in Wisconsin during 2006.¹⁵

Number of Drug Arrests, Wisconsin, 2006

Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Sale	885	5,500
Opium/cocaine	238	2,863
Marijuana	432	1,909
Synthetic narcotics	79	283
Other drugs	136	445
Possession	4,203	15,605
Opium/cocaine	149	2,017
Marijuana	3,469	11,611
Synthetic narcotics	113	604
Other drugs	472	1,373

- Approximately 8.3% of the murders, whose circumstances were known to law enforcement, in Wisconsin during 2006 were drug-related.¹⁶

Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁷
Powder and crack cocaine are both widely available in Wisconsin and are of particular concern in eastern and central Wisconsin.
- Heroin¹⁸
High levels of heroin purity in Wisconsin give users the option of snorting the drug rather than injecting it, an option that may appeal to younger users.
- Marijuana¹⁹
Marijuana remains the most readily available and most widely abused drug throughout Wisconsin.
- Methamphetamine
Methamphetamine production and use are expanding from the neighboring states of Iowa and Minnesota into northwestern and southwestern Wisconsin.²⁰ Much of the methamphetamine available in Wisconsin has come from Mexico, transported to Wisconsin from California and other Southwest Border states.²¹
- Pharmaceutical Diversion²²
The use of diverted controlled substances in Wisconsin continues to be a problem. The most commonly diverted controlled substances from the licit market are Ritalin, Vicodin, hydrocodone products, OxyContin, other oxycodone products and benzodiazepines.
- According to 2004-2005 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 346,000 (7%) Wisconsin citizens (ages 12 or older) reported past month use of an illicit drug.²³

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

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	346	7.48%
Past year marijuana use	504	10.88
Past month marijuana use	278	6.01
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	155	3.34
Past year cocaine use	105	2.26
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	224	4.83

* The number of users is in thousands

- Approximately 1.5 million (31.73%) Wisconsin citizens reported that using marijuana occasionally (once a month) was a “great risk”.²⁴
- Additional 2004-2005 NSDUH results indicate that 134,000 (2.88%) Wisconsin citizens reported illicit drug dependence or abuse within the past year. Approximately 82,000 (1.78%) reported past year illicit drug dependence.²⁵

Juveniles

- According to 2004-2005 NSDUH data, approximately 50,000 (11%) Wisconsin 12-17 year olds reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁶

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

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	50	10.55%
Past year marijuana use	75	15.85
Past month marijuana use	38	8.13
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	24	5.12
Past year cocaine use	9	1.91
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	31	6.53

* The number of users is in thousands

- Approximately 37% of Wisconsin high school students surveyed in 2005 reported using marijuana during their lifetime.²⁷

Percent of High School Students Reporting Drug Use, Wisconsin, 2005

Drug Type and Use	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	34.8%	38.8%	36.9%
Current marijuana use	16.0	15.8	15.9
Lifetime cocaine use	6.7	8.8	7.8
Current cocaine use	2.2	3.2	2.7
Lifetime inhalant use	10.4	10.8	10.6
Lifetime heroin use	1.7	3.4	2.6
Lifetime methamphetamine use	5.6	6.1	5.9
Tried marijuana before age 13	4.7	8.5	6.7

- Approximately 10% of Wisconsin 12th graders surveyed in 2005 reported using cocaine at least once during their lifetime.²⁸

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

Drug Type and Use	9th	10th	11th	12th
Lifetime marijuana use	22.9%	30.8%	46.4%	48.5%
Current marijuana use	10.4	15.3	18.9	19.3
Lifetime cocaine use	4.7	7.9	9.0	9.5
Current cocaine use	2.0	2.2	2.5	3.9
Lifetime inhalant use	14.5	10.1	8.5	8.8
Lifetime heroin use	2.9	2.2	2.6	2.3
Lifetime methamphetamine use	5.9	6.6	5.3	5.3
Tried marijuana before age 13	7.0	6.9	6.5	5.7

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2006, there were 18,111 full-time law enforcement employees in Wisconsin (13,038 officers and 5,073 civilians).²⁹
- Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation: Narcotics Bureau³⁰
The activities of the Narcotics Bureau include providing investigative assistance to local law enforcement and initiating independent drug investigations.

Trafficking and Seizures

- Three types of organizations are responsible for most of the transportation and wholesale distribution of drugs in Wisconsin: Mexican drug trafficking organizations that transport cocaine, marijuana and methamphetamine; Nigerian criminal groups that distribute Southeast Asian heroin; and Dominican criminal groups that distribute cocaine and South American heroin.³¹
- Federal agencies in Wisconsin seized 66,103 dosage units of MDMA during 2007.³²

Amount of Federal Drug Seizures, Wisconsin, 2007

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Cocaine	5.8 kilograms
Heroin	0.1 kilograms
Methamphetamine	0.0 kilograms
Marijuana	34.8 kilograms
MDMA	66,103 dosage units

- During 2007, there were 4 methamphetamine laboratory incidents in Wisconsin reported by the DEA and state and local authorities.³³

Methamphetamine Laboratory Incidents, Wisconsin, 2003-2007

Year	Laboratory Incidents
2003	98
2004	77
2005	55
2006	31
2007	4

- During 2006, more than 8,000 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated and seized in Wisconsin as part of the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.³⁴

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Wisconsin, 2006

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total
Eradicated Plots	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	Cultivated Plants Eradicated
112	5,134	92	3,291	8,425

Courts

- Drug Courts³⁵
As of April 2007, there were 9 drug courts in Wisconsin that had been operating for at least two years, 6 that had recently been implemented and 6 that were being planned.
- During FY 2006, 42.8% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Wisconsin had committed a drug offense. Approximately 39% of these drug cases involved crack cocaine.³⁶

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Cases, Wisconsin, FY 2006

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Powder cocaine	84	36.1%
Crack cocaine	90	38.6
Heroin	13	5.6
Marijuana	23	9.9
Methamphetamine	22	9.4
Other	1	0.4

Corrections

- On January 25, 2008, the adult institutional population in Wisconsin was 22,242.³⁷
- The adult community corrections population in Wisconsin was 72,473 on August 31, 2007.³⁸
- The Wisconsin Division of Juvenile Corrections population was 579 on January 25, 2008. The Juvenile Field Operations population was 240 at that time.³⁹

Consequences of Use

- According to the El Paso Intelligence Center, there was 1 child affected by methamphetamine laboratories in Wisconsin during 2007.⁴⁰

Treatment

- During 2006, there were 23,050 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Wisconsin.⁴¹ There were 25,566 such treatment admissions during 2005.⁴²

Admissions to Treatment, Wisconsin, 2005-2006

Drug Type	<u>2005</u>		<u>2006</u>	
	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	13,037	51.0%	12,624	54.8%
Alcohol with secondary drug	4,446	17.4	3,939	17.1
Cocaine (smoked)	2,350	9.2	1,668	7.2
Cocaine (other route)	545	2.1	479	2.1
Marijuana	2,319	9.1	2,330	10.1
Heroin	932	3.6	554	2.4
Other opiates	781	3.1	746	3.2
PCP	1	0.0	1	0.0
Hallucinogens	19	0.1	23	0.1
Amphetamines	483	1.9	371	1.6
Other stimulants	7	0.0	4	0.0
Tranquilizers	53	0.2	40	0.2
Sedatives	17	0.1	15	0.1
Inhalants	9	0.0	10	0.0
Other unknown	567	2.2	246	1.1
Total	25,566	100.0	23,050	100.0

- According to 2004-2005 NSDUH data, approximately 122,000 (2.64%) Wisconsin citizens reported needing but not receiving treatment for illicit drug use within the past year.⁴³

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