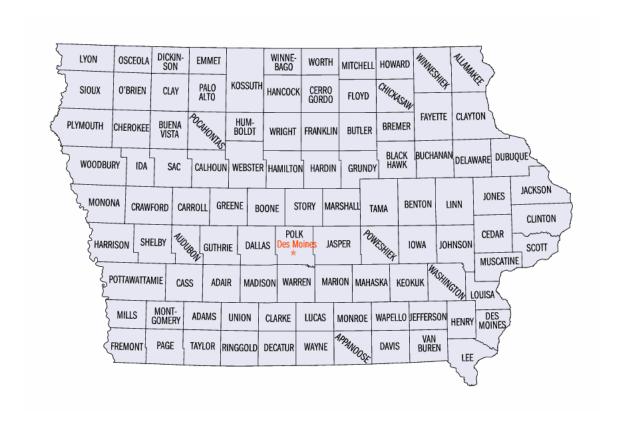
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Iowa

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

Demographics

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 2,862,541¹
- Race/ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 93.5% white; 2.2% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.5% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 1.5% other race; 1.1% two or more races; 3.7% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²

Politics

- ➤ Governor: Chet Culver³
- Lt. Governor: Patty Judge⁴
- ➤ Attorney General: Tom Miller⁵
- > Secretary of State: Michael Mauro⁶
- ➤ U.S. Senate Members: Charles Grassley (R), Tom Harkin (D)⁷
- ➤ U.S. House of Representatives: Bruce L. Braley (D), David Loebsack (D), Leonard Boswell (D), Steve King (R), Tom Latham (R)⁸
- > Capital: Des Moines⁹

Programs/Initiatives

- ➢ High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)¹⁰
 Designated in 1996, the Midwest HIDTA includes counties in Iowa, Kansas,
 Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. The Iowa counties involved in Midwest HIDTA efforts are Muscatine, Polk, Pottawattamie, Scott, Marshall, Black Hawk, Appanoose, Woodbury and Linn.
- Drug Endangered Children¹¹
 Iowa's drug endangered children program was established in 2004 as a coordinated response to the impact of parental substance abuse on Iowa children who are often found to be living in deplorable conditions, neglected beyond imagination and suffering at the hands of drug-using parents.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

During 2006, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) made 279 drug arrests in Iowa. 12

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Iowa, 2002-2006

Year	Arrests
2002	396
2003	352
2004	353
2005	288
2006	279

➤ During 2005, there were 26 homicide arrests in Iowa. ¹³

Number of Arrests for Index Offenses, Iowa, 2005

Offense	Arrests
Murder	26
Forcible rape	137
Aggravated assault	4,361
Robbery	403
Burglary	2,395
Larceny	11,385
Motor vehicle theft	680

➤ During 2005, there were 11,096 drug possession/use offenses reported by law enforcement in Iowa. In 2001, there were 8,826 such offenses. ¹⁴

Number of Drug Offenses Known to Police, Iowa, 2001 and 2005

	Manufacture/Distribution		Possess	ion/Use
Drug Type	2001	2005	2001	2005
Cocaine/crack	255	143	523	876
Heroin	3	8	7	15
Other narcotics/opiates	18	11	59	155
Marijuana/derivatives	609	645	6,289	7,463
Hallucinogens	31	10	39	62
Meth./amphetamines	606	372	1,320	1,808
Other	96	122	324	485
Unknown	166	53	265	232
Total	1,784	1,364	8,826	11,096

Drugs

Cocaine

While cocaine continues to be readily available throughout Iowa¹⁵ and remains a significant threat to the state, cocaine use has been overshadowed by the rise in the use of amphetamine and methamphetamine.¹⁶

➤ Heroin¹⁷

Mexican heroin is sporadically available in retail-level quantities throughout the urban areas of Iowa. There is a growing heroin problem in eastern Iowa as evidenced by heroin overdoses in the area.

> Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine is the principal drug of concern in all parts of Iowa and all racial and ethnic groups abuse the drug. ¹⁸ According to methamphetamine sample data reported by the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement during 2005, the average purity level of methamphetamine in Iowa was 38%. ¹⁹ Further law enforcement reports indicate that high purity crystal methamphetamine is available in northwestern Iowa. ²⁰

- ➤ Marijuana²¹
 - Marijuana is readily available throughout eastern and northwestern Iowa, and is usually available in combination with cocaine and/or meth. Domestically produced marijuana is available in Iowa and small indoor and outdoor grow operations have been found in eastern and central Iowa. "Ditchweed" marijuana, which is used as filler for higher purity imported marijuana, is a continuing problem.
- Club Drugs²²
 Intelligence indicates the continued abuse of club drugs, such as MDMA and GHB, in Iowa. Furthermore, MDMA continues to be encountered at rave parties in eastern and central Iowa.
- ➤ Diverted Pharmaceuticals²³
 Vicodin®, Lortab®, propoxyphene, alprazolam, hydrocodone, Ultram®, diazepam, Hycodan®, Demerol®, Dilaudid® and Percodan® are the most popular pharmaceutical substances abused in eastern and central Iowa. These drugs are diverted through fraudulent prescriptions, doctor shopping, pharmacy break-ins and hospital thefts. OxyContin is also noted to be a pharmaceutical drug of abuse in Iowa.
- According to 2004-2005 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 146,000 (6%) of Iowa citizens (ages 12 or older) reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁴

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

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	146	5.88%
Past year marijuana use	199	8.00
Past month marijuana use	105	4.24
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	73	2.94
Past year cocaine use	46	1.84
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	96	3.85

^{*} The number of users is in thousands

- Approximately 970,000 (39.2%) Iowa citizens reported that using marijuana occasionally (once a month) was a "great risk". 25
- Additional 2004-2005 NSDUH results indicate that 57,000 (2.3%) Iowa citizens reported illicit drug dependence or abuse within the past year. Approximately 38,000 (1.51%) reported past year illicit drug dependence.²⁶

Juveniles

Results of a 2005 survey of Iowa high school students indicate that 31% reported trying marijuana at least once in their lifetime.²⁷

Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, Iowa, 2005

Drug Type and Use	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	28.5%	33.4%	31.0%
Current marijuana use	14.7	16.4	15.6
Lifetime cocaine use	6.1	6.0	6.1
Current cocaine use	1.9	2.9	2.4

Lifetime inhalant use	10.3	10.2	10.3
Lifetime heroin use	1.0	1.8	1.5
Lifetime methamphetamine use	4.3	4.2	4.3
Lifetime ecstasy use	3.4	4.9	4.3
Lifetime illegal steroid use	2.1	3.8	3.0
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	0.9	1.6	1.3
Tried marijuana before age 13	5.5	8.0	6.7

➤ Approximately 5% of Iowa 12th graders surveyed in 2005 reported using methamphetamine at least once during their lifetime. ²⁸

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

Drug Type and Use	9th	10th	11th	12th
Lifetime marijuana use	21.4%	29.8%	35.1%	38.8%
Current marijuana use	10.3	18.2	17.8	16.4
Lifetime cocaine use	4.2	4.9	7.8	7.3
Current cocaine use	1.7	2.2	1.3	4.5
Lifetime inhalant use	11.1	10.1	11.8	7.6
Lifetime heroin use	1.9	2.1	1.0	0.5
Lifetime methamphetamine use	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.9
Lifetime ecstasy use	3.1	3.7	5.1	5.1
Lifetime illegal steroid use	2.9	3.1	3.6	2.3
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	1.5	1.6	1.7	0.2
Tried marijuana before age 13	6.0	6.6	6.8	7.4

➤ According to 2004-2005 NSDUH data, approximately 10% of Iowa 12-17 year olds reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁹

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

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	23	9.49%
Past year marijuana use	26	10.85
Past month marijuana use	14	5.98
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	13	5.25
Past year cocaine use	4	1.70
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	15	6.28

^{*} The number of users is in thousands

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 7,557 full-time law enforcement employees in Iowa (5,009 officers and 2,548 civilian employees).³⁰
- Clandestine Laboratory Emergency Response Team (CLERT)³¹
 The Iowa Department of Public Safety CLERT is comprised of specially trained law enforcement officers from the Division of Narcotics Enforcement, the Iowa State Patrol and the Fire Marshal's Office, as well as chemists from the Division of

Criminal Investigation. CLERT provides assistance to city and county law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

Trafficking and Seizures

- ➤ Iowa serves as a transshipment point for drugs being transported to the eastern United States via Interstate 80. Interstates 29 and 35 also provide a critical north-south transportation avenue for drug traffickers. ³²
- > Street gangs control cocaine distribution in the urban areas of Iowa and their presence has increased gang-related violence.³³
- ➤ Hispanic organizations transport most of the methamphetamine into the state via motor vehicles and mail delivery services. Large Mexican communities in Iowa provide an infrastructure to import and distribute the methamphetamine.³⁴
- ➤ Since the Iowa Pseudoephedrine Control Act was passed in May 2005, the number of meth labs seized in Iowa has dropped from a high of 1,500 in 2004 to a total of 764 in 2005 and 255 as of September 30, 2006.³⁵
- ➤ The majority of the marijuana available in Iowa is imported from the southwest border via motor vehicles and mail delivery services. ³⁶
- From January through June 1, 2007, the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) was involved in the seizure of 10 clandestine laboratories. During full year 2006, DPS was involved in 116 clandestine laboratory seizures.³⁷

Seizures of Clandestine Labs Involving DPS, Iowa, 2002-June 1, 2007

Year	Labs Seized
Full year 2002	709
Full year 2003	682
Full year 2004	630
Full year 2005	345
Full year 2006	116
January-June 1, 2007	10

From January through May 1, 2007, local and county agencies in Iowa seized 60 clandestine laboratories. During full year 2006, 229 clandestine laboratory seizures were seized by local and county agencies. 38

Clandestine Labs Seized by Local/County Agencies, Iowa, 2003-May 1, 2007

Year	Labs Seized
Full year 2003	497
Full year 2004	842
Full year 2005	415
Full year 2006	229
January-May 1, 2007	60

➤ During 2005, the DPS Division of Narcotics Enforcement (DNE) seized 66,504 grams of methamphetamine valued at \$2,327,640.³⁹

Amount and Value of Drugs Seized by DNE, Iowa, 2005

Drug	Amount Seized	Value
Cocaine	129,926 grams	\$4,677,366
Crack cocaine	1,748 grams	\$335,616
Methamphetamine	66,504 grams	\$2,327,640
Marijuana	726 pounds	\$726,812
Marijuana plants	5,402 plants	\$2,701,000
Ecstasy	68 dosage units	\$1,360
Heroin	34 grams	N/A

Approximately 45 kilograms of cocaine were seized by Federal agencies in Iowa during 2006.⁴⁰

Amount of Federal Drug Seizures, Iowa, 2006

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Cocaine	45.2 kilograms
Heroin	0.1 kilograms
Methamphetamine	10.7 kilograms
Marijuana	293.0 kilograms
MDMA	5 dosage units

➤ During 2005, more than 5,000 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Iowa as part of the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program. ⁴¹

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Iowa, 2005

Outdoor Operations		Indoor O	Total	
	Cultivated			Cultivated
Eradicated	Plants	Plants		Plants
Plots	Eradicated	Grows Seized	Eradicated	Eradicated
6	4,561	6	683	5,244

Courts

➤ Drug Courts⁴²

As of April 16, 2007, there were 7 drug courts in existence or being planned in Iowa. Five drug courts had been operating for more than 2 years, 1 had recently been implemented and another 1 was being planned at that time.

➤ During FY 2006, 45.8% of the Federally sentenced defendants in Iowa had committed a drug offense. More than 60% of these drug offenses involved methamphetamine. ⁴³

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Cases, Iowa, FY 2006

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Powder cocaine	21	5.8%
Crack cocaine	67	18.7
Heroin	5	1.4

Marijuana	30	8.4
Methamphetamine	229	63.8
Other	7	1.9

- Drug cases made up a significant portion of the Iowa District Court docket in Iowa during 2005, representing 19.8% of the charges and 20.0% of the convictions for indictable misdemeanors and felonies.⁴⁴
- ➤ During 2005, there were 18,639 indictable misdemeanor and felony drug charges adjudicated by the Iowa District Court. 45

Drug Charges Adjudicated, Iowa, 2002-2005

Year	Drug Charges Adjudicated
2002	17,199
2003	19,012
2004	19,931
2005	18,639

➤ There were 11,213 drug-related convictions in the Iowa District Court during 2005. 46

Number of Drug Convictions, Iowa, 2002-2005

Year	Drug Convictions
2002	9,631
2003	10,532
2004	11,641
2005	11,213

Corrections

- ➤ As of June 22, 2007, there were 8,831 inmates within Iowa Department of Corrections (DOC) institutions. ⁴⁷
- ➤ On June 30, 2005 Iowa's prisons held 8,578 offenders. Drug offenders accounted for 26.9% of the prison population at this time. 48
- ➤ Of the approximately 90% of inmates in Iowa prisons who participated in a recent risk assessment, 21.8% reported a drug problem and 59.5% reported problems with both drugs and alcohol. 49
- At yearend 2005, a total of 1,064 offenders in Iowa's prison system were participating in an intervention to address their substance abuse treatment need.⁵⁰
- ➤ During FY 2006, there were 987 prison admissions in Iowa for drug offenses.⁵¹

New Prison Admissions by Offense Type, Iowa, FY 2002-2006

Offense	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Property	1,056	1,127	1,064	1,044	1,097
Drug	959	1,091	1,101	1,048	987
Violent	815	860	721	866	874
Drunk driving/traffic	350	395	373	364	436
Other	199	221	166	196	216

Total	3.379	3,694	3.425	3,518	3,610
1000	3,317	5,07.	3,723	5,510	5,010

- ➤ According to the Iowa Department of Corrections, meth-related offenses made up 58% of new prison admissions for all drug offenses in the state during FY 2006. 52
- ➤ During FY 2006, the Iowa DOC was able to provide treatment services to more than 60% of the incarcerated offenders in need of substance abuse treatment.⁵³

Substance Abuse Treatment, Iowa DOC, FY 2002-2006

Treatment	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Inmates needing treatment	1,277	1,706	1,816	1,218	3,156
Inmates receiving treatment	749	952	975	667	1,959
Percent receiving treatment	58.6%	55.8%	53.7%	54.7%	62.1%

At the yearend 2005, there were 23,404 adults on probation and 3,560 adults on parole in Iowa. 54

Consequences of Use

- According to the El Paso Intelligence Center, there were 2 children in Iowa injured at methamphetamine laboratories during 2005 and another 30 children affected by the labs in some way.⁵⁵
- ➤ During 2005, there were 1,354 confirmed child abuse cases in Iowa involving the presence of illegal drugs in a child's body. ⁵⁶

Child Abuse Cases, Presence of Illegal Drugs in a Child's Body, 2001-2005

Year	# of Cases
2001	678
2002	846
2003	1,501
2004	1,713
2005	1,354

➤ There were 128 reported child abuse cases in Iowa involving the manufacture of illegal drugs by a child's caretaker during 2005. ⁵⁷

Child Abuse Cases, Drug Manufacture by Child's Caretaker, 2002-2005

_Year	# of Cases
2002	325
2003	353
2004	299
2005	128

➤ Following enactment of the Iowa Pseudoephedrine Control Act, the University of Iowa Burn Treatment Center reported a \$2.5 million savings in SFY 2006 versus SFY 2005, due to fewer patients admitted with meth lab fire or explosion related burns. ⁵⁸

Treatment

➤ During 2006, there were 28,044 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Iowa. ⁵⁹ There were 28,438 treatment admissions during 2005. 60 In 2004, there were 28,234 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in the state. 61

Number of Admissions to Treatment, Iowa, 2004-2006

	20	04	<u>2005</u>		<u>2006</u>	
Drug Type	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	7,654	27.1%	7,605	26.7%	7,847	28.0%
Alcohol with secondary drug	5,600	19.8	5,508	19.4	5,593	19.9
Cocaine (smoked)	1,408	5.0	1,434	5.0	1,643	5.9
Cocaine (other route)	477	1.7	444	1.6	533	1.9
Marijuana	6,557	23.2	6,733	23.7	7,022	25.0
Heroin	240	0.9	186	0.7	181	0.6
Other opiates	467	1.7	438	1.5	492	1.8
PCP	9	0.0	7	0.0	11	0.0
Hallucinogens	20	0.1	9	0.0	18	0.1
Amphetamines	5,563	19.7	5,780	20.3	4,424	15.8
Other stimulants	8	0.0	10	0.0	19	0.1
Tranquilizers	54	0.2	61	0.2	53	0.2
Sedatives	20	0.1	43	0.2	32	0.1
Inhalants	14	0.0	16	0.1	24	0.1
Other unknown	143	0.5	164	0.6	152	0.5
Total	28,234	100.0	28,438	100.0	28,044	100.0

According to 2004-2005 NSDUH data, approximately 52,000 (2.07%) Iowa citizens reported needing but not receiving treatment for illicit drug use within the past year. 62

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