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

Demographics

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 1,144,946¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 56.9% white; 23.7% black/African American; 0.5% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.8% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 15.0% some other race; 1.2% two or more races; 42.1% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²
- The city of Dallas is located in Collin, Dallas, and Denton counties.³

Politics

- Mayor: Laura Miller⁴
- City Council (Districts 1-14, respectively): Dr. Elba Garcia (Deputy Mayor Pro Tem); Pauline Medrano; Ed Oakley; Maxine Thornton-Reese; Donald W. Hill (Mayor Pro Tem); Steve Salazar; Leo V. Chaney, Jr.; James L. Fantroy; Gary Griffith; Bill Blaydes; Linda Koop; Ron Natinsky; Mitchell Rasansky; Angela Hunt⁵
- City Manager: Mary K Suhm⁶
- Chief of Police: David Kunkle⁷
- Collin County Sheriff: Terry G. Box⁸
- Dallas County Sheriff: Lupe Valdez⁹
- Denton County Sheriff: Benny Parkey¹⁰

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)¹¹
Designated in 1998, the North Texas HIDTA is responsible for Counties in Oklahoma and Texas, including Collin, Dallas and Denton Counties.
- Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (GDCADA)¹²
Since the council was founded in 1946, it has developed campaigns to reduce the incidence and impact of alcohol and drug abuse. Some of the GDCADA services and programs include education classes for drug and DWI offenders, school-based prevention programs, a prevention resource center, and community service/restitution programs.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2006, there were 184 homicides known to police in Dallas¹³

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Dallas, 2006

Offense	2006
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	184
Forcible rape	683
Robbery	6,899
Aggravated assault	7,273

Burglary	21,618
Larceny-theft	26,202
Motor vehicle theft	14,020
Crime index total	101,383

- There were 9,254 arrests for drug offenses in Dallas County during 2004.¹⁴

Substance-Related Arrests, Dallas Counties, 2004

Selected Offenses	Collin	Dallas	Denton
DWI	1,861	9,112	1,371
Public intoxication	1,573	18,043	1,871
Drug trafficking (all drugs)	230	1,347	161
Possession (all drugs)	1,724	7,907	1,467
Marijuana trafficking	30	214	32
Marijuana possession	1,038	3,556	852
All drug offenses	1,954	9,254	1,628

Drugs

- Cocaine
A gram of powder cocaine sells for \$50-\$80 and an ounce of powder cocaine sells for \$600-\$950 in Dallas.¹⁵ Throughout the Dallas metropolitan area, crack cocaine remains popular and easily attainable.¹⁶ An ounce of crack cocaine sells for \$700-\$1,100 in Dallas.¹⁷
- Heroin
Intelligence indicates an increase in the availability of Colombian and Southwest Asian heroin in the greater Dallas area.¹⁸ In the Dallas area, black tar heroin is readily available and its purity is increasing. An ounce of black tar heroin costs \$1,000-\$1,500 and Mexican brown heroin sells for \$800-\$1,600 per ounce in Dallas. Colombian heroin sells for \$10 per cap, \$2,000 per ounce, and \$65,000-\$80,000 per kilogram.¹⁹
- Marijuana
Mexican Marijuana is readily available in the Dallas area, although there are continuing seizures of domestically grown marijuana. High quality sinsemilla sells for \$900-\$1,200 a pound in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Canadian "BC Bud" sells for \$2,900-\$3,100 in Dallas. Commercial grade marijuana sells for \$350-\$800 per pound.²⁰
- Methamphetamine
Recent intelligence and seizure analysis indicates an increased availability of high purity methamphetamine in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.²¹ An ounce of domestic methamphetamine sells for \$600-\$800, an ounce of Mexican methamphetamine sells for \$400 and an ounce of ice sells for \$1,400 in Dallas.²²
- Club Drugs
The abuse of ecstasy among 18 to 24 year old African Americans in the greater Dallas area appears to be on the rise.²³ Single dosage units of ecstasy sell for \$12-\$20 in Dallas. The price of GHB has increased from \$100-\$200 per gallon in 2005 to \$500-\$1,600 per gallon in 2006 and a dose of GHB costs \$20. A dosage unit of LSD

sells for \$1–\$10 and PCP sells for \$375–\$450 per ounce, \$25 per cigarette, and \$10 for a piece of a “sherm” stick in Dallas.²⁴

- Diverted Pharmaceuticals²⁵
In the Dallas area, there is an increase in the use of Xanax and Valium among methadone clients.
- Other Drugs²⁶
“Cheese” or “starter heroin” is a combination of heroin and ground up cold medicine containing acetaminophen and diphenhydramine. This mixture was found at several Dallas middle and high schools in 2006.
- According to 2002-2005 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 6.5% of Dallas metropolitan area residents (ages 12 or older) reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁷

Juveniles

- During 2005, 6% of Dallas high school students reported using methamphetamine at least once within their lifetime.²⁸

Percent of Students Reporting Selected Drug Use, by Gender, Dallas, 2005

	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	46.1%	48.2%	47.1%
Current marijuana use	19.8	23.5	21.6
Lifetime cocaine use	11.8	12.1	11.9
Current cocaine use	4.5	4.8	4.7
Lifetime inhalant use	12.1	8.1	10.1
Lifetime heroin use	2.5	2.7	2.6
Lifetime methamphetamine use	6.1	5.8	6.0
Lifetime illegal steroid use	4.5	4.8	4.6
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	1.1	2.6	1.9
Tried marijuana before age 13 years	11.1	18.3	14.6

- During 2005 in Dallas, 26% of high school seniors reported using marijuana within the past month.²⁹

Percent of Students Reporting Selected Drug Use, by Grade, Dallas, 2005

	9th	10th	11th	12th
Lifetime marijuana use	44.9%	42.1%	49.2%	56.0
Current marijuana use	22.1	19.5	19.6	26.0
Lifetime cocaine use	12.7	10.4	12.0	11.9
Current cocaine use	5.7	4.6	3.3	4.1
Lifetime inhalant use	12.3	8.0	8.9	9.2
Lifetime heroin use	3.2	3.2	1.2	1.6
Lifetime methamphetamine use	5.5	7.7	5.1	5.2
Lifetime illegal steroid use	6.1	4.5	3.7	2.9
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	2.2	1.2	1.8	2.0
Tried marijuana before age 13 years	19.5	12.5	12.9	9.4

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 3,518 law enforcement employees in Dallas (2,970 officers and 548 civilians).³⁰
- Dallas Police Department Narcotics Division³¹
The Narcotics Division of the Dallas Police Department consists of four units, including Street Level Enforcement; Mid and Upper Level Enforcement; Federal Task Force; and Airport Interdiction.

Trafficking and Seizures

- The greater Dallas/Fort Worth area primarily serves as a drug distribution and transshipment area. Drug smuggling and transportation are dominated by major Mexican trafficking organizations. These groups are poly-drug organizations smuggling methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, and marijuana to the Dallas/Fort Worth area for distribution in the Eastern, Southeastern, and Midwestern United States.³²
- Intelligence indicates that organizations operating on the East Coast are interested in setting up an operation in the greater Dallas area in order to obtain reliable supplies of cocaine at a lower price than what they pay on the East Coast.³³
- The Dallas metropolitan area serves as the primary distribution point for crack destined to outlying areas in North Texas as well as the states of Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi.³⁴
- The greater Dallas/Fort Worth area is a distribution point for Mexican black tar heroin shipped to the Eastern, Southeastern, and Midwestern United States.³⁵
- Intelligence indicates increased interest among Mexican traffickers to distribute and sell Ecstasy in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.³⁶

Courts

- Drug Courts³⁷
As of November 22, 2006, there were 5 drug courts in Dallas that had been operating for over 2 years and an additional 3 drug courts had recently been implemented. There were no additional drug courts in existence or being planned at that time.
- During FY 2005, 26.1% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Northern Texas were charged with committing a drug offense. Methamphetamine was involved in more than 20% of the drug cases.³⁸

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Offenses, Northern Texas, FY 2005

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Methamphetamine	51	21.7%
Marijuana	22	9.4
Powder cocaine	77	32.8
Crack cocaine	66	28.1
Heroin	7	3.0
Other	12	5.1

Corrections

- During 2004, there were 5,557 probationers sentenced for felony controlled substance violations under the supervision of the Community Justice Assistance Division (CJAD) in Dallas County.³⁹

Number of Offenders under CJAD supervision, by County of Conviction, 2004

Offense	Collin	Dallas	Denton
Felony Cont. Substance	622	5,557	497
Felony DWI/DUI	221	1,435	151
Misd. Contr. Substance	305	886	304
Misd. DWI/DUI	1,286	5,971	1,183

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