

Oklahoma

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

Demographics

- Population (2006 American Community Survey): 3,579,212¹
- Race/ethnicity (2006 American Community Survey): 75.4% white; 7.4% black/African American; 8.6% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.7% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 2.6% other race; 6.1% two or more races; 6.8% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²

Politics

- Governor: Brad Henry³
- Lt. Governor: Jari Askins⁴
- Attorney General: Drew Edmondson⁵
- Secretary of State: M. Susan Savage⁶
- U.S. Senators: James Inhofe (R); Tom Coburn (R)⁷
- U.S. Representatives (Districts 1-5, respectively): John Sullivan (R); Dan Boren (D); Frank Lucas (R); Tom Cole (R); Mary Fallin (R)⁸
- Capital: Oklahoma City⁹

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)¹⁰
The North Texas HIDTA is responsible for areas of Texas and the following counties in Oklahoma: Cleveland, Comanche, Muskogee, Sequoyah, Oklahoma and Tulsa.
- Oklahoma Prescription Monitoring Program¹¹
The goal of this program is to reduce prescription fraud, substance abuse, “doctor shopping” and other illegal activity related to pharmaceutical drug diversion.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) made 268 drug arrests in Oklahoma.¹²

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Oklahoma, 2003-2007

Year	Arrests
2003	231
2004	168
2005	215
2006	299
2007	268

- During 2007, there were 168 adult homicide arrests reported in Oklahoma.¹³

Number of Arrests, Index Offenses, Oklahoma, 2007

Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	15	168
Forcible rape	58	262
Robbery	180	615
Aggravated assault	462	3,924
Burglary	928	2,154
Larceny theft	3,212	7,671
Motor vehicle theft	294	721
Arson	109	167

- During 2007, there were 10,282 adult arrests for marijuana possession in Oklahoma.¹⁴

Number of Drug Arrests, Oklahoma, 2007

Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Sales/manufacturing opium/cocaine & derivatives	28	490
Sales/manufacturing marijuana	129	1,143
Sales/manufacturing synthetic narcotics	22	901
Sales/manufacturing other	23	509
Possession opium/cocaine and their derivatives	114	2,667
Possession marijuana	1,549	10,282
Possession synthetic narcotics	86	2,657
Possession other	72	1,652

Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁵
Cocaine continues to be readily available throughout Oklahoma. Crack cocaine is a significant problem in the urban areas of the state. An increase in the number of cocaine couriers over the past year have been white females in their mid to late 30s.
- Heroin¹⁶
Demand for heroin has declined in recent years. Black Tar heroin is available in extremely limited quantities near the metropolitan areas in Oklahoma. Encounters with brown or white heroin are rare.
- Methamphetamine¹⁷
Methamphetamine, particularly crystal methamphetamine, which is produced in Mexico and the Southwest United States, remains the principal drug of concern in Oklahoma. An increase in the amount of crystal methamphetamine has been seen over the past two years. Whites are typically the primary users of methamphetamine in the state.
- Marijuana¹⁸
Marijuana is readily available throughout Oklahoma and is abused more than any other illicit drug in the state. Mexican “sinsemilla,” which is usually found in pressed or brick form, is the most common type of marijuana available in Oklahoma, particularly in urban areas.

- **Club Drugs¹⁹**
An increase in the abuse of club drugs has been seen in the state. MDMA has been found at rave parties in eastern and central Oklahoma.
- **Diverted Pharmaceuticals²⁰**
The most popular pharmaceutical substances abused/diverted in Oklahoma are hydrocodone products. Oxycodone products, alprazolam and phentermine are also often abused/diverted. Methadone is a pharmaceutical drug of abuse on the rise in Oklahoma.
- According to 2005-2006 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 224,000 (8%) of Oklahoma citizens (ages 12 or older) reported past month use of an illicit drug.²¹

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

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	224	8.43%
Past year marijuana use	253	8.71
Past month marijuana use	153	5.27
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	117	4.04
Past year cocaine use	56	1.93
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	195	6.72

* The number of users is in thousands

- Approximately 1.2 million (40.86%) Oklahoma citizens reported that using marijuana occasionally (once a month) was a “great risk”.²²
- Additional 2005-2006 NSDUH results indicate that 82,000 (2.82%) Oklahoma citizens reported illicit drug dependence or abuse within the past year. Approximately 61,000 (2.09%) reported past year illicit drug dependence.²³

Juveniles

- Approximately 5.5% of Oklahoma high school students surveyed in 2007 reported trying methamphetamine at least once in their lifetime.²⁴

Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, Oklahoma, 2007

Drug Type and Use	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	30.5%	35.8%	33.2%
Current marijuana use	13.4	18.2	15.9
Lifetime cocaine use	5.9	8.7	7.3
Current cocaine use	2.1	3.9	3.0
Lifetime inhalant use	12.0	11.4	11.7
Lifetime heroin use	1.1	3.2	2.2
Lifetime methamphetamine use	4.6	6.3	5.5
Lifetime ecstasy use	4.3	7.3	5.9
Lifetime illegal steroid use	3.2	6.1	4.7
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	0.8	3.3	2.1
Tried marijuana before age 13	5.8	10.4	8.1

- Approximately 45% of Oklahoma 12th graders surveyed in 2007 reported using marijuana at least once during their lifetime.²⁵

Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, by Grade, Oklahoma, 2007

Drug Type and Use	9th	10th	11th	12th
Lifetime marijuana use	23.5%	32.5%	34.6%	45.4%
Current marijuana use	11.6	16.6	15.0	21.4
Lifetime cocaine use	6.2	6.7	7.3	9.4
Current cocaine use	3.1	2.4	3.2	3.0
Lifetime inhalant use	15.4	11.2	10.8	8.0
Lifetime heroin use	2.6	1.6	2.5	1.7
Lifetime methamphetamine use	4.4	5.3	5.0	7.3
Lifetime ecstasy use	4.7	5.3	5.9	7.9
Lifetime illegal steroid use	5.3	4.6	3.4	5.0
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	2.2	1.8	2.0	2.1
Tried marijuana before age 13	2.9	2.1	2.7	2.4

- According to 2005-2006 NSDUH data, approximately 10% of Oklahoma 12-17 year olds reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁶

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

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	30	10.17%
Past year marijuana use	38	12.90
Past month marijuana use	19	6.36
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	16	5.34
Past year cocaine use	5	1.56
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	29	9.70

* The number of users is in thousands

Enforcement

- Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics & Dangerous Drugs Control (OBN)²⁷
OBN works to enforce the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance Act, to train and assist local law enforcement agencies and to compile drug related statistics. OBN also provides a leadership role for law enforcement throughout the state for the investigative effort directed toward the illegal use of controlled substances.
- As of October 2007, there were 9,803 full-time law enforcement employees in Oklahoma (6,477 officers and 3,326 civilians).²⁸

Trafficking and Seizures

- The cocaine available in Oklahoma is transported into the state from Texas and Mexico via commercial airlines and motor vehicles. Much of the powder cocaine available in the state is converted into crack cocaine for sale at the retail level. Mexican and African American traffickers are the primary distributors of cocaine.²⁹
- Most heroin traffickers in Oklahoma receive the drug from Mexico.³⁰

- Hispanic organizations transport most of the methamphetamine into the state via motor vehicles, commercial airlines and mail delivery services.³¹
- Marijuana imported from Mexico is prevalent in Oklahoma and is usually imported in combination with other illegal substances. The majority of the marijuana smuggled from the southwest border into the state is transported via passenger vehicle and occasionally in freight vehicles.³²
- Nearly 90 kilograms of cocaine were seized by Federal agencies in Oklahoma during 2007.³³

Amount of Federal Drug Seizures, Oklahoma, 2007

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Cocaine	89.7 kilograms
Heroin	2.9 kilograms
Methamphetamine	9.8 kilograms
Marijuana	715.1 kilograms
MDMA	736 dosage units

- During 2007, there were 89 methamphetamine laboratory incidents in Oklahoma reported by the DEA and state and local authorities.³⁴

Methamphetamine Lab Incidents, Oklahoma, 2003-2007

Year	Number of Lab Incidents
2003	894
2004	404
2005	217
2006	179
2007	89

- During 2007, more than 22,000 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Oklahoma as part of the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.³⁵

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Oklahoma, 2007

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Cultivated Plants Eradicated
Eradicated Plots	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
205	22,133	6	261	22,394

Courts

- Drug Courts³⁶
As of August 11, 2008, there were 61 drug courts in existence or being planned in Oklahoma. Forty-eight drug courts had been operating for at least two years, 1 had recently been implemented and another 12 were being planned at that time.

- During FY 2007, 18.7% of the Federally sentenced defendants in Oklahoma had committed a drug offense. More than one-third of these drug offenses involved methamphetamine.³⁷

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Cases, Oklahoma, FY 2007

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Powder cocaine	14	8.8%
Crack cocaine	50	31.3
Heroin	1	0.6
Marijuana	31	19.4
Methamphetamine	57	35.6
Other	7	4.4

Corrections

- As of June 30, 2008, there were 25,297 inmates, 27,297 probation clients and 3,755 parole clients under the supervision of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.³⁸
- Approximately 17.5% of the inmates on June 30, 2008 were incarcerated for distributing a controlled substance and 13.3% were incarcerated for possession/obtaining a controlled substance.³⁹
- As of June 30, 2008, there were 2,328 inmates under Oklahoma Department of Corrections supervision who were in substance abuse treatment programs. An additional 1,169 were assigned to the Therapeutic Community.⁴⁰

Consequences of Use

- According to the El Paso Intelligence Center, 24 children were affected by meth labs in some way.⁴¹

Treatment

- During 2007, there were 16,860 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Oklahoma.⁴² There were 16,395 admissions during 2006.⁴³ In 2005, there were 17,546 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in the state.⁴⁴

Admissions to Treatment, Oklahoma, 2005-2007

Drug Type	2005		2006		2007	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	2,969	16.9%	2,824	17.2%	3,151	18.7%
Alcohol with secondary drug	3,234	18.4	2,902	17.7	2,960	17.6
Cocaine (smoked)	1,618	9.2	1,408	8.6	1,221	7.2
Cocaine (other route)	488	2.8	445	2.7	491	2.9
Marijuana	2,901	16.5	2,917	17.8	3,196	19.0
Heroin	94	0.5	85	0.5	118	0.7
Other opiates	773	4.4	876	5.3	1,133	6.7
PCP	33	0.2	35	0.2	38	0.2
Hallucinogens	23	0.1	25	0.2	20	0.1
Amphetamines	4,221	24.1	3,750	22.9	3,322	19.7
Other stimulants	8	0.0	7	0.0	17	0.1

Tranquilizers	129	0.7	171	1.0	168	1.0
Sedatives	111	0.6	95	0.6	124	0.7
Inhalants	30	0.2	41	0.3	35	0.2
Other unknown	914	5.2	814	5.0	866	5.1
Total	17,546	100.0	16,395	100.0	16,860	100.0

- According to 2005-2006 NSDUH data, approximately 77,000 (2.67%) Oklahoma citizens reported needing but not receiving treatment for illicit drug use within the past year.⁴⁵

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