
Arrests — Drug and Liquor Violations

Due to the nature of the violations and a high interest and concern by public officials and the citizens of Maine generally, a special review is provided of drug and alcohol-related arrests. The charts displayed reveal the number and age of people arrested during 1997.

The information provided here should be of interest to social agencies involved in the study of drugs and alcohol problems in Maine. The information pinpoints the predominant drug and liquor arrests in Maine by age and identifies possible problem areas.

Facts revealed by the chart on drug violations:

- 88.9% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 11.1% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 74.3% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 25.7% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 4,196 total drug arrests: 3,631 were male, 565 were female.
- Total drug arrests increased by 2.7% from the 4,086 arrests in 1996.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 81.5% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 18.5% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 77.9% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 22.1% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 1997 decreased by 6.7% from the 1996 total. There were 8,050 OUI arrests in 1996 — 7,510 in 1997. Adult OUI arrests decreased 6.9% and juvenile OUI arrests increased 3.2%.
- Of the 7,510 OUI arrests in 1997, 6,163 were male — 1,347 were female.
- Adults accounted for 97.9% of all OUI arrests for 1997.
- Juvenile liquor arrests decreased 7.1%, from 924 in 1996 to 858 in 1997.

Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 1997
(includes those released without having been formally charged)

Age	DRUG ARRESTS			LIQUOR ARRESTS			Total Drug & Liquor Arrests
	Sale or Manufacturing	Possession	Total	Operating Under Influence	Liquor Laws	Total	
10 and under	—	1	1	11	2	13	14
11–12	2	9	11	0	2	2	13
13–14	17	76	93	2	59	61	154
15	8	97	105	4	73	77	182
16	17	174	191	39	238	277	468
17	34	265	299	103	325	428	727
Total Juvenile Arrests	78	622	700	159	699	858	1,558
Percent of Total	11.1%	88.9%	100.0%	18.5%	81.5%	100.0%	
18	56	327	383	194	595	789	1,172
19	52	288	340	261	528	789	1,129
20	32	203	235	238	426	664	899
21–29	310	923	1,233	2,223	295	2,518	3,751
30–39	265	596	861	2,454	127	2,581	3,442
40–49	155	229	384	1,317	79	1,396	1,780
50–59	26	23	49	473	25	498	547
60 and over	4	7	11	191	14	205	216
Total Adult Arrests	900	2,596	3,496	7,351	2,089	9,440	12,936
Percent of Total	25.7%	74.3%	100.0%	77.9%	22.1%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	978	3,218	4,196	7,510	2,788	10,298	14,494
Percent of Total	23.3%	76.7%	100.0%	72.9%	27.1%	100.0%	

Drug Arrest Analysis 1997

Age	SALE/MANUFACTURING					POSSESSION					Grand Totals Drug Arrests
	Opium, cocaine and derivatives	Mari- juana	Synthetic narcotics	Other dangerous non- narcotics	Sub- totals	Opium, cocaine and derivatives	Mari- juana	Synthetic narcotics	Other dangerous non- narcotics	Sub- totals	
10 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
11–12	—	—	—	2	2	—	7	—	2	9	11
13–14	—	12	1	4	17	—	66	3	7	76	93
15	—	6	—	2	8	—	82	1	14	97	105
16	1	12	—	4	17	2	156	1	15	174	191
17	3	21	1	9	34	5	234	7	19	265	299
Total < 18	4	51	2	21	78	7	545	12	58	622	700
18	10	30	8	8	56	6	287	9	25	327	383
19	14	24	5	9	52	5	257	9	17	288	340
20	8	20	1	3	32	7	175	7	14	203	235
21	17	28	2	2	49	5	143	4	6	158	207
22	16	29	3	5	53	7	127	4	6	144	197
23	4	20	2	1	27	9	102	8	6	125	152
24	8	19	3	3	33	10	83	2	2	97	130
25–29	31	95	10	12	148	32	333	13	21	399	547
30–34	47	71	10	18	146	32	251	13	16	312	458
35–39	35	72	6	6	119	44	200	15	25	284	403
40–44	21	54	2	9	86	18	126	6	11	161	247
45–49	27	33	2	7	69	9	54	3	2	68	137
50–54	6	11	—	4	21	3	16	—	1	20	41
55–59	1	2	—	2	5	—	3	—	—	3	8
60–64	2	1	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	2	5
Over 65	1	—	—	—	1	—	3	2	—	5	6
Total > 18	248	509	54	89	900	187	2,162	95	152	2,596	3,496
Grand Total	252	560	56	110	978	194	2,707	107	210	3,218	4,196