
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 1999.

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:

- 87.3% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 12.7% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 77.7% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 22.3% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 4,494 total drug arrests: 3,882 were male, 612 were female.
- Total drug arrests decreased by 3.1% from the 4,639 arrests in 1998.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 84.8% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 15.2% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 74.7% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 25.3% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 1999 decreased by 8.9% from the 1998 total. There were 8,007 OUI arrests in 1998 — 7,293 in 1999. Adult OUI arrests decreased 8.9% and juvenile OUI arrests decreased 11.5%.
- Of the 7,293 OUI arrests in 1999, 5,875 were male — 1,418 were female.
- Adults accounted for 98.1% of all OUI arrests for 1999.
- Juvenile liquor arrests decreased 7.9%, from 993 in 1998 to 915 in 1999.

Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 1999
(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	3	4	8	3	11	15
11–12	1	10	11	—	7	7	18
13–14	19	66	85	2	92	94	179
15	18	85	103	3	84	87	190
16	24	182	206	32	236	268	474
17	23	243	266	94	354	448	714
Total Juvenile Arrests	86	589	675	139	776	915	1,590
Percent of Total	12.7%	87.3%	100.0%	15.2%	84.8%	100.0%	
18	68	373	441	211	607	818	1,259
19	70	347	417	261	649	910	1,327
20	58	256	314	221	555	776	1,090
21–29	278	1,005	1,283	2,044	308	2,352	3,635
30–39	215	641	856	2,183	147	2,330	3,186
40–49	120	294	414	1,473	111	1,584	1,998
50–59	38	42	80	566	28	594	674
60 and over	5	9	14	195	13	208	222
Total Adult Arrests	852	2,967	3,819	7,154	2,418	9,572	13,391
Percent of Total	22.3%	77.7%	100.0%	74.7%	25.3%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	938	3,556	4,494	7,293	3,194	10,487	14,981
Percent of Total	20.9%	79.1%	100.0%	69.5%	30.5%	100.0%	

Drug Arrest Analysis 1999

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	—	3	—	—	3	4
11–12	—	—	—	1	1	—	8	—	2	10	11
13–14	1	8	2	8	19	—	52	2	12	66	85
15	1	10	1	6	18	—	71	4	10	85	103
16	2	15	—	7	24	6	149	7	20	182	206
17	3	15	—	5	23	6	194	17	26	243	266
Total < 18	8	48	3	27	86	12	477	30	70	589	675
18	10	42	5	11	68	9	313	9	42	373	441
19	20	35	4	11	70	18	283	9	37	347	417
20	8	32	7	11	58	11	215	7	23	256	314
21	13	25	2	5	45	13	157	8	24	202	247
22	11	23	6	3	43	7	119	4	12	142	185
23	8	14	3	5	30	11	102	1	13	127	157
24	4	10	1	4	19	6	99	5	8	118	137
25–29	45	62	8	26	141	41	329	19	27	416	557
30–34	44	58	7	15	124	28	254	14	26	322	446
35–39	24	55	7	5	91	20	259	14	26	319	410
40–44	17	45	3	13	78	18	159	5	15	197	275
45–49	11	26	2	3	42	10	69	3	15	97	139
50–54	8	18	4	4	34	3	24	3	1	31	65
55–59	—	4	—	—	4	3	8	—	—	11	15
60–64	—	2	—	1	3	1	4	—	1	6	9
Over 65	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	1	3	5
Total > 18	223	452	60	117	852	199	2,396	101	271	2,967	3,819
Grand Total	231	500	63	144	938	211	2,873	131	341	3,556	4,494