
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 2003.

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:

- 81.6% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 18.4% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 74.8% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 25.2% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 5,099 total drug arrests: 4,142 were male, 957 were female.
- Total drug arrests increased by 4.6% from the 4,877 arrests in 2002.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 86.2% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 13.8% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 73.8% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 26.2% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 2003 increased by 7.9% from the 2002 total. There were 6,817 OUI arrests in 2002 — 7,357 in 2003. Adult OUI arrests increased 7.7% and juvenile OUI arrests increased 20.9%.
- Of the 7,357 OUI arrests in 2003, 5,772 were male — 1,585 were female.
- Adults accounted for 97.8% of all OUI arrests for 2003.
- Juvenile liquor arrests increased 24.2%, from 943 in 2002 to 1,171 in 2003.

Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 2003
(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	—	4	4	1	4	5	9
11–12	7	5	12	—	11	11	23
13–14	32	90	122	—	57	57	179
15	28	116	144	5	143	148	292
16	32	177	209	41	272	313	522
17	53	284	337	115	522	637	974
Total Juvenile Arrests	152	676	828	162	1,009	1,171	1,999
Percent of Total	18.4%	81.6%	100.0%	13.8%	86.2%	100.0%	
18	69	346	415	219	737	956	1,371
19	74	337	411	279	675	954	1,365
20	68	291	359	315	536	851	1,210
21–29	395	1,181	1,576	2,199	298	2,497	4,073
30–39	239	611	850	1,773	94	1,867	2,717
40–49	176	355	531	1,591	161	1,752	2,283
50–59	53	69	122	597	38	635	757
60 and over	4	3	7	222	9	231	238
Total Adult Arrests	1,078	3,193	4,271	7,195	2,548	9,743	14,014
Percent of Total	25.2%	74.8%	100.0%	73.8%	26.2%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	1,230	3,869	5,099	7,357	3,557	10,914	16,013
Percent of Total	24.1%	75.9%	100.0%	67.4%	32.6%	100.0%	

Drug Arrest Analysis 2003

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	—	—	—	—	0	—	4	—	—	4	4
11–12	—	1	2	4	7	—	4	1	—	5	12
13–14	—	19	6	7	32	2	70	5	13	90	122
15	1	19	1	7	28	1	98	3	14	116	144
16	—	18	2	12	32	7	160	3	7	177	209
17	2	46	1	4	53	7	243	5	29	284	337
Total < 18	3	103	12	34	152	17	579	17	63	676	828
18	14	45	3	7	69	19	273	17	37	346	415
19	11	40	6	17	74	27	258	10	42	337	411
20	17	36	1	14	68	21	216	17	37	291	359
21	21	27	8	9	65	18	155	12	28	213	278
22	12	26	7	13	58	40	149	13	34	236	294
23	14	23	3	4	44	21	125	11	27	184	228
24	11	22	6	8	47	11	88	9	16	124	171
25–29	64	66	13	38	181	69	271	28	56	424	605
30–34	37	48	14	16	115	51	200	22	44	317	432
35–39	38	58	11	17	124	50	188	17	39	294	418
40–44	40	44	19	11	114	38	145	16	18	217	331
45–49	18	26	10	8	62	36	82	12	8	138	200
50–54	5	20	6	5	36	6	38	6	3	53	89
55–59	2	13	2	—	17	—	11	1	4	16	33
60–64	—	1	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	0	4
Over 65	—	—	—	—	0	—	3	—	—	3	3
Total > 18	304	495	110	169	1,078	407	2,202	191	393	3,193	4,271
Grand Total	307	598	122	203	1,230	424	2,781	208	456	3,869	5,099