
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 1995.

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:

- 84.0% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 16.0% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 75.4% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 24.6% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 3,418 total drug arrests: 2,955 were male, 463 were female.
- Total drug arrests increased by 12.6% from the 3,036 arrests in 1994.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 86.3% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 13.7% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 79.2% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 20.8% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 1995 increased by 1.9% from the 1994 total. There were 7,036 OUI arrests in 1994 — 7,170 in 1995. Adult OUI arrests increased 1.9% and juvenile OUI arrests stayed the same.
- Of the 7,170 OUI arrests in 1995, 6,010 were male — 1,160 were female.
- Adults accounted for 98.6% of all OUI arrests for 1995.
- Juvenile liquor arrests increased 30.9%, from 540 in 1994 to 707 in 1995.

Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 1995
(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	—	7	7	2	2	4	11
11–12	—	13	13	—	2	2	15
13–14	15	64	79	—	47	47	126
15	13	80	93	8	57	65	158
16	22	141	163	28	190	218	381
17	40	168	208	59	312	371	579
Total Juvenile Arrests	90	473	563	97	610	707	1,270
Percent of Total	16.0%	84.0%	100.0%	13.7%	86.3%	100.0%	
18	35	249	284	159	500	659	943
19	48	204	252	221	488	709	961
20	40	167	207	219	414	633	840
21–29	239	848	1,087	2,308	281	2,589	3,676
30–39	220	500	720	2,385	101	2,486	3,206
40–49	105	161	266	1,211	40	1,251	1,517
50–59	15	18	33	399	22	421	454
60 and over	1	5	6	171	7	178	184
Total Adult Arrests	703	2,152	2,855	7,073	1,853	8,926	11,781
Percent of Total	24.6%	75.4%	100.0%	79.2%	20.8%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	793	2,625	3,418	7,170	2,463	9,633	13,051
Percent of Total	23.2%	76.8%	100.0%	74.4%	25.6%	100.0%	

Drug Arrest Analysis 1995

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	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	1	7	7
11–12	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	1	2	13	13
13–14	1	10	4	—	15	1	59	1	3	64	79
15	—	8	2	3	13	2	70	1	7	80	93
16	5	14	3	—	22	—	132	—	9	141	163
17	2	32	2	4	40	2	146	9	11	168	208
Total < 18	8	64	11	7	90	5	423	12	33	473	563
18	11	21	2	1	35	3	225	6	15	249	284
19	8	28	6	6	48	4	178	6	16	204	252
20	7	24	5	4	40	2	146	5	14	167	207
21	4	16	—	2	22	3	138	5	9	155	177
22	8	24	3	3	38	7	111	2	8	128	166
23	9	13	1	2	25	3	104	5	2	114	139
24	7	19	4	2	32	4	74	3	4	85	117
25–29	27	82	2	11	122	19	309	14	24	366	488
30–34	35	71	7	6	119	22	234	11	24	291	410
35–39	23	67	7	4	101	14	173	4	18	209	310
40–44	24	47	7	3	81	15	82	5	15	117	198
45–49	3	20	—	1	24	6	32	5	1	44	68
50–54	2	7	—	1	10	1	9	—	—	10	20
55–59	1	3	—	1	5	1	7	—	—	8	13
60–64	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	3	4
Over 65	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	2
Total > 18	169	443	44	47	703	106	1,823	71	152	2,152	2,855
Grand Total	177	507	55	54	793	111	2,246	83	185	2,625	3,418