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## ***Arrests — Drug and Liquor Violations***

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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 2020.

The information provided here should be of interest to social agencies involved in the study of drug 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:

- 78.8% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 21.2% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 66.2% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 33.8% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 3,181 total drug arrests: 2,179 were male, 1,002 were female.
- Total drug arrests decreased by 12.0% from the 3,614 arrests in 2019.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 91.2% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 8.8% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 85.6% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 14.4% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 2020 decreased by 24.5% from the 2019 total. There were 5,451 OUI arrests in 2019 — 4,118 in 2020. Adult OUI arrests decreased by 24.5% and juvenile OUI arrests decreased by 15.4% from the previous year.
- Of the 4,118 OUI arrests in 2020, 2,986 were male — 1,132 were female.
- Adults accounted for 99.5% of all OUI arrests for 2020.
- Juvenile liquor arrests decreased 23.1%, from 324 in 2019 to 249 in 2020.

***Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 2020***  
*(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	
Under 10	—	—	0	—	—	0	0
10–12	—	3	3	—	2	2	5
13–14	3	13	16	—	25	25	41
15	6	15	21	—	31	31	52
16	5	20	25	5	53	58	83
17	11	42	53	17	116	133	186
<b>Total Juvenile Arrests</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>367</b>
<b>Percent of Total</b>	<b>21.2%</b>	<b>78.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>91.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
18	11	56	67	33	155	188	255
19	12	46	58	63	144	207	265
20	17	65	82	68	117	185	267
21–29	270	453	723	1,177	66	1,243	1,966
30–39	440	897	1,337	1,163	45	1,208	2,545
40–49	201	351	552	689	57	746	1,298
50–59	70	142	212	602	87	689	901
60 and over	15	17	32	301	17	318	350
<b>Total Adult Arrests</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>2,027</b>	<b>3,063</b>	<b>4,096</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>4,784</b>	<b>7,847</b>
<b>Percent of Total</b>	<b>33.8%</b>	<b>66.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>85.6%</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>3,181</b>	<b>4,118</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>5,033</b>	<b>8,214</b>
<b>Percent of Total</b>	<b>33.4%</b>	<b>66.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>81.8%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

<i>Drug Arrest Analysis 2020</i>											
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	
Under 10	—	—	—	—	0	—	—	—	—	0	0
10–12	—	—	—	—	0	—	3	—	—	3	3
13–14	—	3	—	—	3	—	12	—	1	13	16
15	—	2	—	4	6	—	15	—	—	15	21
16	—	3	—	2	5	2	17	—	1	20	25
17	3	7	—	1	11	4	33	—	5	42	53
<b>Total &lt; 18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>118</b>
18	1	7	2	1	11	4	39	1	12	56	67
19	3	3	—	6	12	5	34	—	7	46	58
20	7	2	3	5	17	15	30	9	11	65	82
21	12	1	2	3	18	14	1	7	7	29	47
22	8	—	2	11	21	8	1	3	12	24	45
23	5	—	3	11	19	9	2	6	20	37	56
24	8	1	4	9	22	18	2	12	22	54	76
25–29	79	5	21	85	190	123	9	66	111	309	499
30–34	91	2	28	117	238	175	9	92	199	475	713
35–39	75	3	30	94	202	175	7	82	158	422	624
40–44	55	1	17	62	135	90	6	44	88	228	363
45–49	36	—	5	25	66	48	3	21	51	123	189
50–54	17	2	8	20	47	39	2	18	28	87	134
55–59	6	1	2	14	23	25	1	12	17	55	78
60–64	5	1	2	5	13	5	1	1	5	12	25
Over 65	1	—	1	—	2	3	—	1	1	5	7
<b>Total &gt; 18</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>2,027</b>	<b>3,063</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>3,181</b>