
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 1996.

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:

- 85.2% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 14.8% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 73.7% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 26.3% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 4,086 total drug arrests: 3,561 were male, 525 were female.
- Total drug arrests increased by 19.5% from the 3,418 arrests in 1995.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 83.3% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 16.7% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 79.3% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 20.7% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 1996 increased by 12.3% from the 1995 total. There were 7,170 OUI arrests in 1995 — 8,050 in 1996. Adult OUI arrests increased 11.6% and juvenile OUI arrests increased 58.8%.
- Of the 8,050 OUI arrests in 1996, 6,672 were male — 1,378 were female.
- Adults accounted for 98.1% of all OUI arrests for 1996.
- Juvenile liquor arrests increased 30.7%, from 707 in 1995 to 924 in 1996.

Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 1996
(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	—	2	2	3	4	7	9
11–12	2	10	12	—	5	5	17
13–14	13	88	101	1	71	72	173
15	25	97	122	3	120	123	245
16	27	176	203	37	213	250	453
17	42	254	296	110	357	467	763
Total Juvenile Arrests	109	627	736	154	770	924	1,660
Percent of Total	14.8%	85.2%	100.0%	16.7%	83.3%	100.0%	
18	56	303	359	210	562	772	1,131
19	56	240	296	243	538	781	1,077
20	41	205	246	240	436	676	922
21–29	330	899	1,229	2,412	333	2,745	3,974
30–39	264	603	867	2,691	115	2,806	3,673
40–49	117	204	321	1,453	48	1,501	1,822
50–59	15	12	27	472	24	496	523
60 and over	1	4	5	175	5	180	185
Total Adult Arrests	880	2,470	3,350	7,896	2,061	9,957	13,307
Percent of Total	26.3%	73.7%	100.0%	79.3%	20.7%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	989	3,097	4,086	8,050	2,831	10,881	14,967
Percent of Total	24.2%	75.8%	100.0%	74.0%	26.0%	100.0%	

Drug Arrest Analysis 1996

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	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	2
11–12	—	2	—	—	2	—	8	—	2	10	12
13–14	1	9	1	2	13	1	67	3	17	88	101
15	1	18	3	3	25	2	86	2	7	97	122
16	2	22	1	2	27	1	155	3	17	176	203
17	5	25	2	10	42	2	226	6	20	254	296
Total < 18	9	76	7	17	109	6	544	14	63	627	736
18	10	38	5	3	56	8	263	4	28	303	359
19	8	38	2	8	56	4	211	7	18	240	296
20	5	27	5	4	41	4	182	7	12	205	246
21	5	32	8	3	48	3	125	8	11	147	195
22	8	25	4	3	40	7	116	5	4	132	172
23	12	15	4	4	35	6	99	1	6	112	147
24	10	36	4	5	55	3	85	3	6	97	152
25–29	46	90	7	9	152	32	347	12	20	411	563
30–34	35	91	5	6	137	35	284	10	19	348	485
35–39	25	82	7	13	127	24	206	9	16	255	382
40–44	13	44	5	6	68	15	102	4	12	133	201
45–49	11	35	1	2	49	11	47	2	11	71	120
50–54	3	8	—	—	11	—	7	1	1	9	20
55–59	1	3	—	—	4	—	3	—	—	3	7
60–64	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	2
Over 65	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	3
Total > 18	192	565	57	66	880	152	2,081	73	164	2,470	3,350
Grand Total	201	641	64	83	989	158	2,625	87	227	3,097	4,086