
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 1998.

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:

- 87.5% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 12.5% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 81.4% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 18.6% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 4,639 total drug arrests: 4,006 were male, 633 were female.
- Total drug arrests increased by 10.6% from the 4,196 arrests in 1997.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 84.2% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 15.8% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 77.1% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 22.9% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 1998 increased by 6.6% from the 1997 total. There were 7,510 OUI arrests in 1997 — 8,007 in 1998. Adult OUI arrests increased 6.8% and juvenile OUI arrests decreased 1.3%.
- Of the 8,007 OUI arrests in 1998, 6,560 were male — 1,447 were female.
- Adults accounted for 98.0% of all OUI arrests for 1998.
- Juvenile liquor arrests increased 15.7%, from 858 in 1997 to 993 in 1998.

<i>Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 1998</i>							
<i>(includes those released without having been formally charged)</i>							
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	5	3	8	10
11–12	6	7	13	1	6	7	20
13–14	12	65	77	2	81	83	160
15	14	108	122	6	115	121	243
16	17	180	197	33	241	274	471
17	35	243	278	110	390	500	778
Total Juvenile Arrests	86	603	689	157	836	993	1,682
Percent of Total	12.5%	87.5%	100.0%	15.8%	84.2%	100.0%	
18	54	355	409	231	638	869	1,278
19	53	309	362	275	636	911	1,273
20	57	313	370	278	473	751	1,121
21–29	226	1,137	1,363	2,263	352	2,615	3,978
30–39	186	774	960	2,462	126	2,588	3,548
40–49	130	282	412	1,594	80	1,674	2,086
50–59	25	42	67	535	19	554	621
60 and over	3	4	7	212	4	216	223
Total Adult Arrests	734	3,216	3,950	7,850	2,328	10,178	14,128
Percent of Total	18.6%	81.4%	100.0%	77.1%	22.9%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	820	3,819	4,639	8,007	3,164	11,171	15,810
Percent of Total	17.7%	82.3%	100.0%	71.7%	28.3%	100.0%	

Drug Arrest Analysis 1998

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	—	5	—	1	6	—	5	1	1	7	13
13–14	—	6	—	6	12	1	46	3	15	65	77
15	1	6	—	7	14	1	91	4	12	108	122
16	—	15	1	1	17	3	156	2	19	180	197
17	2	26	2	5	35	3	203	7	30	243	278
Total < 18	3	60	3	20	86	8	501	17	77	603	689
18	8	25	4	17	54	1	324	11	19	355	409
19	8	32	5	8	53	12	260	11	26	309	362
20	8	33	2	14	57	20	267	6	20	313	370
21	11	11	4	12	38	13	169	5	17	204	242
22	7	21	5	5	38	12	146	9	14	181	219
23	9	9	3	9	30	8	110	8	16	142	172
24	3	11	4	2	20	4	96	3	9	112	132
25–29	29	40	9	22	100	42	393	18	45	498	598
30–34	23	38	7	8	76	27	344	7	36	414	490
35–39	45	43	5	17	110	33	291	14	22	360	470
40–44	22	40	1	10	73	14	149	3	13	179	252
45–49	19	29	—	9	57	16	73	3	11	103	160
50–54	6	8	—	2	16	5	25	—	3	33	49
55–59	3	4	—	2	9	—	8	—	1	9	18
60–64	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	2
Over 65	2	1	—	—	3	—	1	—	1	2	5
Total > 18	203	345	49	137	734	208	2,657	98	253	3,216	3,950
Grand Total	206	405	52	157	820	216	3,158	115	330	3,819	4,639