
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 2002.

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:

- 77.4% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 22.6% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 76.8% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 23.2% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 4,877 total drug arrests: 4,015 were male, 862 were female.
- Total drug arrests decreased by 2.5% from the 5,000 arrests in 2001.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 85.8% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 14.2% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 70.6% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 29.4% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 2002 decreased by 0.4% from the 2001 total. There were 6,845 OUI arrests in 2001 — 6,817 in 2002. Adult OUI arrests decreased 0.4% and juvenile OUI arrests decreased 0.7%.
- Of the 6,817 OUI arrests in 2002, 5,532 were male — 1,285 were female.
- Adults accounted for 98.0% of all OUI arrests for 2002.
- Juvenile liquor arrests decreased 8.2%, from 1,027 in 2001 to 943 in 2002.

Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 2002
(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	—	1	1	1	—	1	2
11–12	2	9	11	—	3	3	14
13–14	36	93	129	2	60	62	191
15	29	87	116	4	125	129	245
16	57	177	234	24	219	243	477
17	49	226	275	103	402	505	780
Total Juvenile Arrests	173	593	766	134	809	943	1,709
Percent of Total	22.6%	77.4%	100.0%	14.2%	85.8%	100.0%	
18	63	348	411	188	678	866	1,277
19	71	352	423	257	757	1,014	1,437
20	58	312	370	247	682	929	1,299
21–29	334	1,188	1,522	2,009	363	2,372	3,894
30–39	219	565	784	1,704	117	1,821	2,605
40–49	150	326	476	1,509	140	1,649	2,125
50–59	47	57	104	588	39	627	731
60 and over	13	8	21	181	10	191	212
Total Adult Arrests	955	3,156	4,111	6,683	2,786	9,469	13,580
Percent of Total	23.2%	76.8%	100.0%	70.6%	29.4%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	1,128	3,749	4,877	6,817	3,595	10,412	15,289
Percent of Total	23.1%	76.9%	100.0%	65.5%	34.5%	100.0%	

Drug Arrest Analysis 2002

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	—	1	—	—	1	1
11–12	—	1	—	1	2	—	7	1	1	9	11
13–14	1	24	3	8	36	—	70	9	14	93	129
15	—	20	4	5	29	1	71	11	4	87	116
16	3	47	2	5	57	5	157	6	9	177	234
17	8	34	2	5	49	10	183	14	19	226	275
Total < 18	12	126	11	24	173	16	489	41	47	593	766
18	2	52	1	8	63	8	295	7	38	348	411
19	15	42	3	11	71	30	278	13	31	352	423
20	21	27	3	7	58	29	242	18	23	312	370
21	21	31	5	6	63	29	187	16	23	255	318
22	15	28	3	7	53	26	159	11	20	216	269
23	29	27	1	7	64	19	97	14	18	148	212
24	13	17	1	1	32	22	96	8	11	137	169
25–29	54	46	9	13	122	68	296	34	34	432	554
30–34	51	41	12	13	117	44	210	17	28	299	416
35–39	33	49	7	13	102	44	179	24	19	266	368
40–44	23	54	4	11	92	21	152	23	17	213	305
45–49	16	37	—	5	58	21	83	4	5	113	171
50–54	7	20	1	5	33	4	35	1	6	46	79
55–59	4	5	4	1	14	1	8	—	2	11	25
60–64	1	6	2	—	9	1	4	1	1	7	16
Over 65	—	3	1	—	4	—	1	—	—	1	5
Total > 18	305	485	57	108	955	367	2,322	191	276	3,156	4,111
Grand Total	317	611	68	132	1,128	383	2,811	232	323	3,749	4,877