
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 2007.

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:

- 83.5% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 16.5% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 77.7% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 22.3% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 5,717 total drug arrests: 4,394 were male, 1,323 were female.
- Total drug arrests decreased by 1.3% from the 5,795 arrests in 2006.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 90.4% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 9.6% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 70.3% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 29.7% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 2007 increased by 4.6% from the 2006 total. There were 7,725 OUI arrests in 2006 — 8,080 in 2007. Adult OUI arrests increased 5.7% and juvenile OUI arrests decreased 37.6%.
- Of the 8,080 OUI arrests in 2007, 6,104 were male — 1,976 were female.
- Adults accounted for 98.5% of all OUI arrests for 2007.
- Juvenile liquor arrests decreased 13.5%, from 1,417 in 2006 to 1,225 in 2007.

Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 2007
(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	—	2	2	—	7	7	9
10-12	3	7	10	—	3	3	13
13-14	27	41	68	2	80	82	150
15	22	81	103	8	156	164	267
16	23	138	161	22	327	349	510
17	19	208	227	86	534	620	847
Total Juvenile Arrests	94	477	571	118	1,107	1,225	1,796
Percent of Total	16.5%	83.5%	100.0%	9.6%	90.4%	100.0%	
18	71	333	404	185	878	1,063	1,467
19	39	287	326	256	884	1,140	1,466
20	47	311	358	270	731	1,001	1,359
21-29	441	1,595	2,036	2,846	405	3,251	5,287
30-39	223	745	968	1,735	116	1,851	2,819
40-49	226	540	766	1,620	238	1,858	2,624
50-59	88	167	255	792	95	887	1,142
60 and over	14	19	33	258	10	268	301
Total Adult Arrests	1,149	3,997	5,146	7,962	3,357	11,319	16,465
Percent of Total	22.3%	77.7%	100.0%	70.3%	29.7%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	1,243	4,474	5,717	8,080	4,464	12,544	18,261
Percent of Total	21.7%	78.3%	100.0%	64.4%	35.6%	100.0%	

Drug Arrest Analysis 2007

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	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	2
10–12	—	1	—	2	3	—	6	1	—	7	10
13–14	—	16	1	10	27	2	34	1	4	41	68
15	—	10	1	11	22	3	72	2	4	81	103
16	1	16	—	6	23	2	122	1	13	138	161
17	—	12	—	7	19	4	179	3	22	208	227
Total < 18	1	55	2	36	94	11	415	8	43	477	571
18	9	37	3	22	71	13	282	7	31	333	404
19	5	12	5	17	39	21	220	9	37	287	326
20	11	17	3	16	47	26	234	12	39	311	358
21	20	19	4	11	54	30	184	18	36	268	322
22	27	19	7	11	64	32	151	13	39	235	299
23	34	15	3	13	65	29	125	15	39	208	273
24	20	13	3	13	49	26	114	16	38	194	243
25–29	91	64	22	32	209	122	384	63	121	690	899
30–34	48	28	11	13	100	70	207	37	66	380	480
35–39	47	35	10	31	123	90	166	45	64	365	488
40–44	48	41	18	31	138	91	144	34	50	319	457
45–49	24	34	13	17	88	45	120	21	35	221	309
50–54	18	25	8	12	63	22	62	12	16	112	175
55–59	2	12	4	7	25	7	36	3	9	55	80
60–64	3	8	2	1	14	1	8	1	1	11	25
Over 65	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	3	8	8
Total > 18	407	379	116	247	1,149	626	2,440	307	624	3,997	5,146
Grand Total	408	434	118	283	1,243	637	2,855	315	667	4,474	5,717