
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 2008.

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:

- 85.0% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 15.0% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 76.9% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 23.1% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 5,769 total drug arrests: 4,453 were male, 1,316 were female.
- Total drug arrests increased by 0.9% from the 5,717 arrests in 2007.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 91.8% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 8.2% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 66.0% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 34.0% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 2008 decreased by 10.0% from the 2007 total. There were 8,080 OUI arrests in 2007 — 7,275 in 2008. Adult OUI arrests decreased 9.8% and juvenile OUI arrests decreased 18.6%.
- Of the 7,275 OUI arrests in 2008, 5,447 were male — 1,828 were female.
- Adults accounted for 98.7% of all OUI arrests for 2008.
- Juvenile liquor arrests decreased 4.8%, from 1,225 in 2007 to 1,166 in 2008.

Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 2008
(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	1	9	10	10
10-12	1	2	3	—	4	4	7
13-14	18	39	57	2	65	67	124
15	10	64	74	6	162	168	242
16	28	134	162	28	291	319	481
17	26	233	259	59	539	598	857
Total Juvenile Arrests	83	472	555	96	1,070	1,166	1,721
Percent of Total	15.0%	85.0%	100.0%	8.2%	91.8%	100.0%	
18	65	333	398	174	998	1,172	1,570
19	72	339	411	212	1,062	1,274	1,685
20	54	333	387	243	854	1,097	1,484
21-29	440	1,596	2,036	2,545	342	2,887	4,923
30-39	251	680	931	1,459	127	1,586	2,517
40-49	222	534	756	1,541	175	1,716	2,472
50-59	85	171	256	739	124	863	1,119
60 and over	17	22	39	266	13	279	318
Total Adult Arrests	1,206	4,008	5,214	7,179	3,695	10,874	16,088
Percent of Total	23.1%	76.9%	100.0%	66.0%	34.0%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	1,289	4,480	5,769	7,275	4,765	12,040	17,809
Percent of Total	22.3%	77.7%	100.0%	60.4%	39.6%	100.0%	

Drug Arrest Analysis 2008

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	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	2	3
13–14	—	11	—	7	18	—	33	—	6	39	57
15	2	4	—	4	10	—	49	4	11	64	74
16	1	16	2	9	28	4	108	4	18	134	162
17	3	19	1	3	26	1	199	10	23	233	259
Total < 18	6	50	3	24	83	5	391	18	58	472	555
18	8	34	5	18	65	15	271	14	33	333	398
19	14	39	9	10	72	13	283	10	33	339	411
20	10	25	7	12	54	20	252	17	44	333	387
21	14	25	6	10	55	20	197	20	31	268	323
22	14	26	11	16	67	33	154	17	29	233	300
23	14	27	9	7	57	27	132	13	30	202	259
24	18	13	5	9	45	26	113	17	21	177	222
25–29	70	70	35	41	216	137	395	58	126	716	932
30–34	40	37	15	27	119	75	192	35	66	368	487
35–39	56	34	21	21	132	64	163	34	51	312	444
40–44	41	41	20	23	125	60	138	20	43	261	386
45–49	18	43	14	22	97	60	144	30	39	273	370
50–54	15	27	12	6	60	28	75	12	17	132	192
55–59	6	11	5	3	25	8	25	3	3	39	64
60–64	1	4	5	1	11	2	12	1	2	17	28
Over 65	1	2	2	1	6	—	5	—	—	5	11
Total > 18	340	458	181	227	1,206	588	2,551	301	568	4,008	5,214
Grand Total	346	508	184	251	1,289	593	2,942	319	626	4,480	5,769