
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 2012.

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:

- 83.0% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 17.0% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 78.5% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 21.5% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 5,527 total drug arrests: 4,240 were male, 1,287 were female.
- Total drug arrests decreased by 1.8% from the 5,628 arrests in 2011.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 94.4% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 5.6% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 65.9% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 34.1% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 2012 increased by 0.4% from the 2011 total. There were 5,812 OUI arrests in 2011 — 5,836 in 2012. Adult OUI arrests increased 0.3% and juvenile OUI arrests increased 12.8%.
- Of the 5,836 OUI arrests in 2012, 4,260 were male — 1,576 were female.
- Adults accounted for 99.1% of all OUI arrests for 2012.
- Juvenile liquor arrests increased 0.7%, from 940 in 2011 to 947 in 2012.

Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 2012
(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	—	—	0	0
10-12	2	4	6	—	7	7	13
13-14	15	46	61	—	85	85	146
15	18	75	93	3	146	149	242
16	21	128	149	11	268	279	428
17	32	176	208	39	388	427	635
Total Juvenile Arrests	88	429	517	53	894	947	1,464
Percent of Total	17.0%	83.0%	100.0%	5.6%	94.4%	100.0%	
18	43	268	311	92	744	836	1,147
19	48	324	372	124	820	944	1,316
20	50	306	356	157	737	894	1,250
21-29	404	1,613	2,017	1,974	327	2,301	4,318
30-39	269	787	1,056	1,270	88	1,358	2,414
40-49	175	407	582	1,112	150	1,262	1,844
50-59	69	200	269	755	101	856	1,125
60 and over	20	27	47	299	29	328	375
Total Adult Arrests	1,078	3,932	5,010	5,783	2,996	8,779	13,789
Percent of Total	21.5%	78.5%	100.0%	65.9%	34.1%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	1,166	4,361	5,527	5,836	3,890	9,726	15,253
Percent of Total	21.1%	78.9%	100.0%	60.0%	40.0%	100.0%	

Drug Arrest Analysis 2012

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	—	2	—	—	2	—	4	—	—	4	6
13–14	—	7	1	7	15	—	40	—	6	46	61
15	—	10	1	7	18	—	66	2	7	75	93
16	1	13	1	6	21	1	119	1	7	128	149
17	1	19	3	9	32	2	161	3	10	176	208
Total < 18	2	51	6	29	88	3	390	6	30	429	517
18	9	25	2	7	43	8	237	8	15	268	311
19	8	24	5	11	48	15	261	16	32	324	372
20	5	27	9	9	50	18	248	19	21	306	356
21	9	19	8	8	44	17	198	9	29	253	297
22	8	22	5	13	48	26	136	20	36	218	266
23	19	13	8	13	53	23	129	12	29	193	246
24	10	18	11	10	49	24	127	22	37	210	259
25–29	50	64	49	47	210	103	359	78	199	739	949
30–34	48	59	27	32	166	90	218	57	124	489	655
35–39	14	35	18	36	103	46	134	49	69	298	401
40–44	21	32	23	22	98	36	96	31	67	230	328
45–49	15	33	14	15	77	27	75	20	55	177	254
50–54	6	27	7	4	44	20	70	15	24	129	173
55–59	5	10	4	6	25	7	40	8	16	71	96
60–64	—	3	1	4	8	2	11	4	2	19	27
Over 65	1	5	5	1	12	2	5	—	1	8	20
Total > 18	228	416	196	238	1,078	464	2,344	368	756	3,932	5,010
Grand Total	230	467	202	267	1,166	467	2,734	374	786	4,361	5,527