
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 2015.

The information provided here should be of interest to social agencies involved in the study of drug 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:

- 87.8% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 12.2% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 78.8% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 21.2% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 5,943 total drug arrests: 4,339 were male, 1,604 were female.
- Total drug arrests increased by 2.4% from the 5,801 arrests in 2014.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 93.6% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 6.4% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 72.7% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 27.3% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 2015 increased by 4.1% from the 2014 total. There were 5,530 OUI arrests in 2014 — 5,756 in 2015. Adult OUI arrests increased 4.3% and juvenile OUI arrests decreased 23.1% from the previous year.
- Of the 5,756 OUI arrests in 2015, 4,158 were male — 1,598 were female.
- Adults accounted for 99.3% of all OUI arrests for 2015.
- Juvenile liquor arrests decreased 9.3%, from 688 in 2014 to 624 in 2015.

Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 2015
(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	—	1	1	—	—	0	1
10–12	2	7	9	—	2	2	11
13–14	13	45	58	1	46	47	105
15	10	63	73	1	62	63	136
16	15	114	129	9	176	185	314
17	14	160	174	29	298	327	501
Total Juvenile Arrests	54	390	444	40	584	624	1,068
Percent of Total	12.2%	87.8%	100.0%	6.4%	93.6%	100.0%	
18	26	251	277	71	484	555	832
19	44	296	340	100	568	668	1,008
20	23	262	285	127	466	593	878
21–29	429	1,762	2,191	1,909	243	2,152	4,343
30–39	347	1,055	1,402	1,350	99	1,449	2,851
40–49	173	458	631	987	126	1,113	1,744
50–59	98	202	300	801	142	943	1,243
60 and over	25	48	73	371	16	387	460
Total Adult Arrests	1,165	4,334	5,499	5,716	2,144	7,860	13,359
Percent of Total	21.2%	78.8%	100.0%	72.7%	27.3%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	1,219	4,724	5,943	5,756	2,728	8,484	14,427
Percent of Total	20.5%	79.5%	100.0%	67.8%	32.2%	100.0%	

Drug Arrest Analysis 2015

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	—	1	—	—	1	1
10–12	—	1	—	1	2	—	5	—	2	7	9
13–14	—	8	3	2	13	2	39	1	3	45	58
15	1	3	2	4	10	1	57	2	3	63	73
16	—	11	—	4	15	2	94	6	12	114	129
17	—	9	—	5	14	6	141	4	9	160	174
Total < 18	1	32	5	16	54	11	337	13	29	390	444
18	3	8	2	13	26	12	226	6	7	251	277
19	12	15	1	16	44	14	265	5	12	296	340
20	7	5	3	8	23	22	216	6	18	262	285
21	11	11	1	8	31	20	209	9	26	264	295
22	22	9	5	5	41	22	149	13	27	211	252
23	21	4	1	13	39	46	126	5	46	223	262
24	17	13	9	14	53	24	114	14	30	182	235
25–29	127	31	33	74	265	220	433	80	149	882	1,147
30–34	107	34	32	46	219	196	249	56	135	636	855
35–39	59	21	13	35	128	102	163	39	115	419	547
40–44	40	6	10	30	86	79	96	33	58	266	352
45–49	42	16	11	18	87	52	85	15	40	192	279
50–54	21	16	13	12	62	28	73	14	25	140	202
55–59	13	10	3	10	36	17	27	3	15	62	98
60–64	3	6	3	2	14	7	19	1	3	30	44
Over 65	3	1	5	2	11	4	8	1	5	18	29
Total > 18	508	206	145	306	1,165	865	2,458	300	711	4,334	5,499
Grand Total	509	238	150	322	1,219	876	2,795	313	740	4,724	5,943