
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 2016.

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:

- 88.5% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 11.5% 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 5,411 total drug arrests: 3,920 were male, 1,491 were female.
- Total drug arrests decreased by 9.0% from the 5,943 arrests in 2015.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 94.2% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 5.8% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 76.6% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 23.4% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 2016 increased by 1.3% from the 2015 total. There were 5,756 OUI arrests in 2015 — 5,828 in 2016. Adult OUI arrests increased by 1.5% and juvenile OUI arrests decreased by 30.0% from the previous year.
- Of the 5,828 OUI arrests in 2016, 4,258 were male — 1,570 were female.
- Adults accounted for 99.5% of all OUI arrests for 2016.
- Juvenile liquor arrests decreased 22.1%, from 624 in 2015 to 486 in 2016.

Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 2016
(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	2	4	—	4	4	8
13–14	5	53	58	—	36	36	94
15	5	52	57	1	70	71	128
16	16	83	99	5	117	122	221
17	16	148	164	22	231	253	417
Total Juvenile Arrests	44	338	382	28	458	486	868
Percent of Total	11.5%	88.5%	100.0%	5.8%	94.2%	100.0%	
18	33	288	321	65	409	474	795
19	31	266	297	98	465	563	860
20	35	212	247	134	376	510	757
21–29	391	1,527	1,918	1,919	152	2,071	3,989
30–39	334	1,035	1,369	1,470	95	1,565	2,934
40–49	150	359	509	968	126	1,094	1,603
50–59	67	234	301	793	121	914	1,215
60 and over	24	43	67	353	25	378	445
Total Adult Arrests	1,065	3,964	5,029	5,800	1,769	7,569	12,598
Percent of Total	21.2%	78.8%	100.0%	76.6%	23.4%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	1,109	4,302	5,411	5,828	2,227	8,055	13,466
Percent of Total	20.5%	79.5%	100.0%	72.4%	27.6%	100.0%	

Drug Arrest Analysis 2016

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	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10–12	—	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	2	4
13–14	—	2	1	2	5	2	47	1	3	53	58
15	1	—	—	4	5	3	44	—	5	52	57
16	3	8	—	5	16	4	69	5	5	83	99
17	—	12	—	4	16	5	132	1	10	148	164
Total < 18	4	24	1	15	44	14	294	7	23	338	382
18	5	18	1	9	33	19	238	3	28	288	321
19	7	16	3	5	31	19	223	9	15	266	297
20	11	13	3	8	35	17	167	5	23	212	247
21	17	11	2	9	39	18	160	13	18	209	248
22	16	7	6	15	44	27	128	10	31	196	240
23	10	8	4	14	36	31	101	9	24	165	201
24	22	5	4	14	45	21	107	5	28	161	206
25–29	117	20	23	67	227	178	383	74	161	796	1,023
30–34	96	19	27	56	198	161	219	61	170	611	809
35–39	64	14	11	47	136	124	146	49	105	424	560
40–44	43	10	8	17	78	62	73	23	51	209	287
45–49	30	8	9	25	72	45	68	11	26	150	222
50–54	17	7	5	12	41	32	85	15	35	167	208
55–59	8	7	7	4	26	13	37	7	10	67	93
60–64	7	4	3	3	17	7	19	3	4	33	50
Over 65	—	5	—	2	7	—	9	1	—	10	17
Total > 18	470	172	116	307	1,065	774	2,163	298	729	3,964	5,029
Grand Total	474	196	117	322	1,109	788	2,457	305	752	4,302	5,411