

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 2017.

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:

- 85.8% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 14.2% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 68.5% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 31.5% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 3,387 total drug arrests: 2,410 were male, 977 were female.
- Total drug arrests decreased by 37.4% from the 5,411 arrests in 2016.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 86.6% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 13.4% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 76.3% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 23.7% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 2017 increased by 0.2% from the 2016 total. There were 5,828 OUI arrests in 2016 — 5,838 in 2017. Adult OUI arrests decreased by 0.3% and juvenile OUI arrests increased by 103.6% from the previous year.
- Of the 5,838 OUI arrests in 2017, 4,178 were male — 1,660 were female.
- Adults accounted for 99.0% of all OUI arrests for 2017.
- Juvenile liquor arrests decreased 12.3%, from 486 in 2016 to 426 in 2017.

Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 2017
(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	—	4	4	4
10–12	3	10	13	—	5	5	18
13–14	7	46	53	2	28	30	83
15	6	52	58	4	62	66	124
16	19	80	99	11	80	91	190
17	15	113	128	40	190	230	358
Total Juvenile Arrests	50	301	351	57	369	426	777
Percent of Total	14.2%	85.8%	100.0%	13.4%	86.6%	100.0%	
18	32	236	268	89	379	468	736
19	33	151	184	105	468	573	757
20	36	118	154	106	378	484	638
21–29	283	587	870	1,865	170	2,035	2,905
30–39	369	649	1,018	1,460	110	1,570	2,588
40–49	129	234	363	944	133	1,077	1,440
50–59	61	92	153	831	123	954	1,107
60 and over	12	14	26	381	30	411	437
Total Adult Arrests	955	2,081	3,036	5,781	1,791	7,572	10,608
Percent of Total	31.5%	68.5%	100.0%	76.3%	23.7%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	1,005	2,382	3,387	5,838	2,160	7,998	11,385
Percent of Total	29.7%	70.3%	100.0%	73.0%	27.0%	100.0%	

<i>Drug Arrest Analysis 2017</i>											
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
10–12	—	3	—	—	3	—	10	—	—	10	13
13–14	—	7	—	—	7	—	44	—	2	46	53
15	—	6	—	—	6	—	46	3	3	52	58
16	2	9	1	7	19	1	73	4	2	80	99
17	—	10	—	5	15	3	99	2	9	113	128
Total < 18	2	35	1	12	50	4	272	9	16	301	351
18	5	12	1	14	32	7	204	5	20	236	268
19	8	14	2	9	33	7	115	6	23	151	184
20	13	7	2	14	36	21	82	4	11	118	154
21	10	4	—	6	20	17	10	7	11	45	65
22	9	2	—	9	20	12	12	5	26	55	75
23	5	5	2	7	19	15	8	6	24	53	72
24	11	1	2	14	28	15	6	5	18	44	72
25–29	82	5	19	90	196	150	28	49	163	390	586
30–34	63	7	21	102	193	156	21	39	170	386	579
35–39	66	8	15	87	176	108	11	29	115	263	439
40–44	27	3	4	43	77	50	12	18	72	152	229
45–49	14	2	4	32	52	32	1	10	39	82	134
50–54	19	1	4	12	36	22	2	9	20	53	89
55–59	6	—	2	17	25	8	3	6	22	39	64
60–64	2	1	—	2	5	2	1	1	6	10	15
Over 65	1	—	2	4	7	—	1	—	3	4	11
Total > 18	341	72	80	462	955	622	517	199	743	2,081	3,036
Grand Total	343	107	81	474	1,005	626	789	208	759	2,382	3,387