
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 2009.

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:

- 81.8% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 18.2% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 74.3% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 25.7% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 5,879 total drug arrests: 4,631 were male, 1,248 were female.
- Total drug arrests increased by 1.9% from the 5,769 arrests in 2008.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 94.7% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 5.3% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 61.2% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 38.8% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 2009 decreased by 5.7% from the 2008 total. There were 7,275 OUI arrests in 2008 — 6,863 in 2009. Adult OUI arrests decreased 5.3% and juvenile OUI arrests decreased 30.2%.
- Of the 6,863 OUI arrests in 2009, 5,074 were male — 1,789 were female.
- Adults accounted for 99.0% of all OUI arrests for 2009.
- Juvenile liquor arrests increased 9.0%, from 1,166 in 2008. to 1,271 in 2009.

Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 2009
(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	1	12	13	14
10-12	2	2	4	—	6	6	10
13-14	29	49	78	—	67	67	145
15	21	78	99	1	151	152	251
16	23	142	165	11	353	364	529
17	37	233	270	54	615	669	939
Total Juvenile Arrests	112	505	617	67	1,204	1,271	1,888
Percent of Total	18.2%	81.8%	100.0%	5.3%	94.7%	100.0%	
18	60	363	423	150	1,052	1,202	1,625
19	62	357	419	191	1,359	1,550	1,969
20	67	280	347	204	1,098	1,302	1,649
21-29	502	1,584	2,086	2,270	373	2,643	4,729
30-39	298	658	956	1,422	107	1,529	2,485
40-49	214	468	682	1,436	191	1,627	2,309
50-59	133	174	307	839	116	955	1,262
60 and over	17	25	42	284	18	302	344
Total Adult Arrests	1,353	3,909	5,262	6,796	4,314	11,110	16,372
Percent of Total	25.7%	74.3%	100.0%	61.2%	38.8%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	1,465	4,414	5,879	6,863	5,518	12,381	18,260
Percent of Total	24.9%	75.1%	100.0%	55.4%	44.6%	100.0%	

Drug Arrest Analysis 2009

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	—	—	—	2	2	—	2	—	—	2	4
13–14	2	17	1	9	29	2	41	2	4	49	78
15	3	9	2	7	21	1	65	3	9	78	99
16	5	7	2	9	23	5	120	4	13	142	165
17	3	25	2	7	37	2	202	8	21	233	270
Total < 18	13	58	7	34	112	10	431	17	47	505	617
18	4	33	5	18	60	10	301	13	39	363	423
19	6	34	14	8	62	16	277	12	52	357	419
20	11	30	12	14	67	16	217	17	30	280	347
21	15	24	13	6	58	24	198	17	39	278	336
22	19	18	11	14	62	17	173	19	22	231	293
23	21	21	6	16	64	20	124	21	37	202	266
24	18	18	11	11	58	21	117	19	48	205	263
25–29	74	67	61	58	260	86	371	62	149	668	928
30–34	54	56	33	29	172	67	185	39	77	368	540
35–39	41	35	19	31	126	45	150	33	62	290	416
40–44	31	38	26	22	117	47	119	30	57	253	370
45–49	18	49	16	14	97	34	112	23	46	215	312
50–54	13	41	12	18	84	19	79	8	24	130	214
55–59	6	22	12	9	49	6	33	4	1	44	93
60–64	3	3	2	—	8	1	9	3	2	15	23
Over 65	2	3	2	2	9	—	4	3	3	10	19
Total > 18	336	492	255	270	1,353	429	2,469	323	688	3,909	5,262
Grand Total	349	550	262	304	1,465	439	2,900	340	735	4,414	5,879