
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 2014.

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:

- 86.7% of all juvenile drug arrests involved possession violations, while 13.3% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- 78.4% of all adult drug arrests involved possession violations, while 21.6% were for sale or manufacturing of drugs.
- Of the 5,801 total drug arrests: 4,350 were male, 1,451 were female.
- Total drug arrests increased by 3.6% from the 5,599 arrests in 2013.

Facts revealed by the chart on liquor violations:

- 92.4% of all juvenile arrests involving liquor were for violations of liquor laws, while 7.6% were for driving under the influence of liquor.
- 68.7% of all adult arrests involving liquor were for driving under the influence of liquor, while 31.3% were for violations of liquor laws.
- Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor during 2014 decreased by 5.1% from the 2013 total. There were 5,830 OUI arrests in 2013 — 5,530 in 2014. Adult OUI arrests decreased 5.2% and juvenile OUI arrests decreased 1.9% from the previous year.
- Of the 5,530 OUI arrests in 2014, 4,056 were male — 1,474 were female.
- Adults accounted for 99.1% of all OUI arrests for 2014.
- Juvenile liquor arrests decreased 11.6%, from 778 in 2013 to 688 in 2014.

Drug and Liquor Arrests by Age — 2014
(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	5	13	18	—	—	0	18
13–14	16	54	70	—	33	33	103
15	9	68	77	2	106	108	185
16	12	94	106	10	173	183	289
17	21	180	201	40	324	364	565
Total Juvenile Arrests	63	409	472	52	636	688	1,160
Percent of Total	13.3%	86.7%	100.0%	7.6%	92.4%	100.0%	
18	37	266	303	54	642	696	999
19	43	285	328	102	626	728	1,056
20	52	291	343	145	532	677	1,020
21–29	433	1,760	2,193	1,814	255	2,069	4,262
30–39	330	914	1,244	1,215	108	1,323	2,567
40–49	146	416	562	1,013	187	1,200	1,762
50–59	93	214	307	792	118	910	1,217
60 and over	18	31	49	343	23	366	415
Total Adult Arrests	1,152	4,177	5,329	5,478	2,491	7,969	13,298
Percent of Total	21.6%	78.4%	100.0%	68.7%	31.3%	100.0%	
Grand Totals	1,215	4,586	5,801	5,530	3,127	8,657	14,458
Percent of Total	20.9%	79.1%	100.0%	63.9%	36.1%	100.0%	

Drug Arrest Analysis 2014

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	—	4	—	1	5	—	10	—	3	13	18
13–14	—	10	1	5	16	1	47	1	5	54	70
15	2	6	1	—	9	1	63	2	2	68	77
16	1	4	—	7	12	1	87	1	5	94	106
17	—	17	—	4	21	6	159	4	11	180	201
Total < 18	3	41	2	17	63	9	366	8	26	409	472
18	7	17	5	8	37	11	241	6	8	266	303
19	8	24	5	6	43	10	241	10	24	285	328
20	13	24	1	14	52	21	239	7	24	291	343
21	8	11	4	11	34	20	194	10	23	247	281
22	20	12	6	11	49	30	162	16	25	233	282
23	27	19	6	12	64	36	143	14	31	224	288
24	24	6	9	14	53	44	134	16	29	223	276
25–29	75	58	34	66	233	187	404	76	166	833	1,066
30–34	69	35	40	52	196	141	233	64	125	563	759
35–39	37	20	28	49	134	79	159	34	79	351	485
40–44	31	14	9	23	77	64	89	32	48	233	310
45–49	21	19	7	22	69	37	78	34	34	183	252
50–54	15	27	11	16	69	36	78	13	26	153	222
55–59	6	9	5	4	24	10	36	5	10	61	85
60–64	3	6	2	1	12	1	18	1	2	22	34
Over 65	1	4	1	—	6	1	5	—	3	9	15
Total > 18	365	305	173	309	1,152	728	2,454	338	657	4,177	5,329
Grand Total	368	346	175	326	1,215	737	2,820	346	683	4,586	5,801