



Crime in Oklahoma, 2017

Selected Findings

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Drug and Alcohol Related Arrests

The Oklahoma Uniform Crime Reporting Program collects data for adult and juvenile arrests made in Oklahoma. The adult and juvenile arrest dataset includes all arrests relating to index crimes, drug related crimes, and alcohol related crimes. This bulletin focuses on drug and alcohol related arrests in Oklahoma.

Drug and alcohol related arrests decreased in 2017.

Oklahoma law enforcement agencies reported 46,671 drug and alcohol related arrests during 2017. This represented a 7.5% decrease compared to 2016. Drug and alcohol related arrests accounted for 40.9% of all arrests reported in 2017. Alcohol related arrests decreased 7.7%, while drug related arrests decreased 7.3% from 2016.

Juvenile drug and alcohol related arrests decreased 7.3% from 2016.

In 2017, juveniles represented 3.7% of all drug and alcohol related arrests. Possession of marijuana accounted for 80.2% of all juvenile drug related arrests. Drunkenness accounted for 50.1% of all juvenile alcohol related arrests.

Adult alcohol related arrests decreased from 2008 to 2017.

Adult alcohol related arrests decreased 44.7% from 2008 to 2017. Drunkenness accounted for 50.4% of adult alcohol related arrests in 2017. Adult drug related arrests increased 4.0% from 2008 to 2017. Possession of marijuana accounted for 44.9% of adult drug related arrests in 2017.

Males were more likely to get arrested for drug related offenses than women.

Males accounted for 70.7% of drug related arrests in 2017. The majority of adults (76.6%) arrested for drug related offenses were between the ages of 18 and 39.

Possession of marijuana represented the largest number of drug related arrests for both adult and juveniles.

Adult and juvenile arrests for possession of marijuana represented 47.1% of all drug related arrests in 2017, while drunkenness represented 50.4% of all alcohol related arrests. Sale or manufacturing of an illegal drug represented 8.3% of all adult and juvenile drug related arrests.

Drug and alcohol related arrests in Oklahoma, 2008-2017

