



# Crime in Oklahoma, 2018

## Selected Findings

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### Drug and Alcohol Related Arrests

The Oklahoma Uniform Crime Reporting Program collects data for juvenile and adult arrests made in Oklahoma. The juvenile and adult arrests 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 have decreased in 2018, following a previous decrease in 2017.

Oklahoma law enforcement agencies reported 40,538 drug and alcohol related arrests during 2018, representing a 13.1% decrease compared to 2017. Drug and alcohol related arrests accounted for 37.2% of all arrests reported in 2018. Alcohol related arrests decreased 16.7%, while drug related arrests decreased 8.7% from 2017.

#### Juvenile drug and alcohol related arrests decreased 8.0% from 2017.

In 2018, juveniles represented 3.9% of all drug and alcohol related arrests. Possession of marijuana accounted for 79.6% of all juvenile drug related arrests. Drunkenness accounted for 57.5% of all juvenile alcohol related arrests.

#### Adult alcohol related arrests decreased from 2009 to 2018.

Adult alcohol related arrests decreased by 7.9% on average from 2009 to 2018. Drunkenness accounted for 51.2% of adult alcohol related arrests in 2018; 66.8% of those arrested for drunkenness were White, 12.0% were Black, and 20.3% were American Indian. Adult drug related arrests have fluctuated up or down 1%-23% from 2009 to 2018, with a peak of 21,091 in 2016. Possession of marijuana accounted for 45.1% of adult drug related arrests in 2018; 65.5% of those arrested for marijuana possession were White, 27.4% Black, and 6.4% American Indian.

#### More men were arrested for drug related offenses than women.

Males accounted for 70.0% of drug related arrests in 2018. The majority of adults (76.4%) 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 47.3% of all drug related arrests in 2018, while drunkenness represented 51.3% of all alcohol related arrests. Sale or manufacturing of an illegal drug represented 12.1% of all adult and juvenile drug related arrests, with marijuana being the most frequent drug accounting for sale/manufacturing arrests, and other (dangerous non-narcotic drugs like barbiturates, benzedrine) being the second most frequent.

Total Drug and Alcohol Related Arrests, 2009-2018

