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DUI ARRESTS

DEFINITION

For UCR purposes, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) is the driving or operating of any motor vehicle or common carrier while under the influence of liquor or narcotics.

ANALYSIS

Volume

As with all Part II non-index crimes, information on the number of reported crimes is not collected by the UCR program for this offense. However, the number of persons arrested for this crime is collected.

The number of arrests for DUI in Texas, in 2008, was 94,248. The volume of DUI arrests decreased 0.4 percent in comparison with 2007.

Rate

The 2008 DUI arrest rate for Texas was 387.4 arrests for every 100,000 persons. The change in

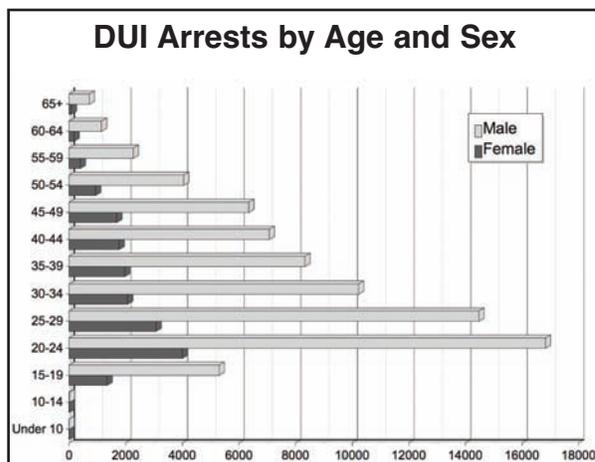
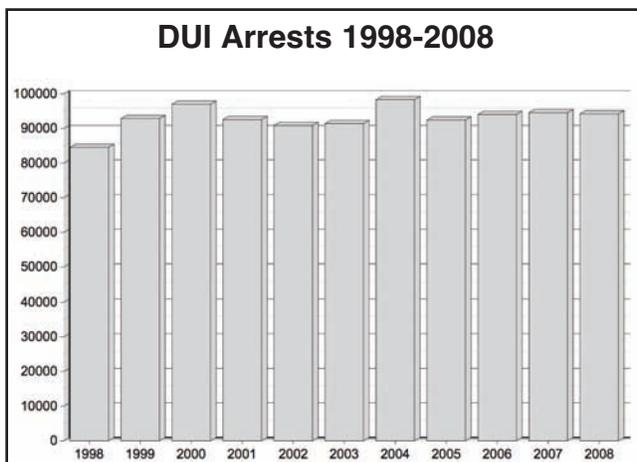
the DUI arrest rate from 2007 was a decrease of 2.1 percent.

Nature

Any consideration of the number and rate of DUI arrests must be reconciled with the fact that many factors control the ability of law enforcement personnel to detect drunken drivers. Among the significant factors which drive the DUI arrest rate are: media coverage of the DUI problem, public awareness, availability of funds for patrol officer overtime, and the skill and training in DUI detection of law officers.

Persons Arrested

Of the 94,248 persons arrested for DUI in 2008, only 0.3 percent were juveniles (16 and under); 81 percent were male; 92 percent were White; 7 percent were Black and the remainder were other races; 58 percent were not Hispanic and 42 percent were Hispanic. The age group with the highest number of DUI arrestees was the 20-to-24 year-old group. Of all DUI arrests, 10,373 or 11.0 percent, were of persons who were under the legal age to purchase alcohol in Texas, which is 21.



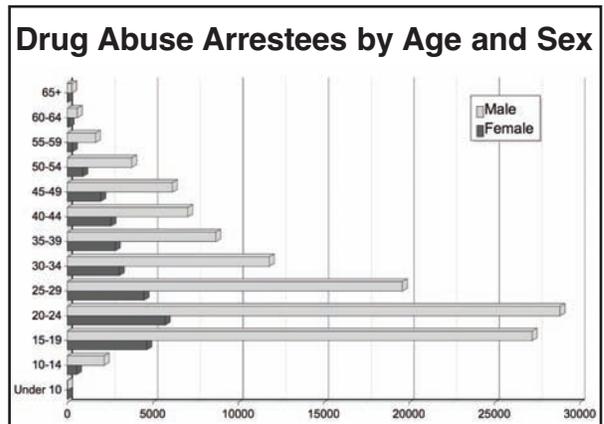
DRUG ABUSE ARRESTS

DEFINITION

For UCR purposes, drug abuse encompasses all violations of narcotic drug laws. These are offenses such as unlawful possession, sale, use, growing and manufacturing of narcotic drugs.

In this report these violations are summarized to include arrests for possession and sale/manufacturing of narcotic drugs.

As with all Part II non-index crimes, information on the number of reported crimes is not collected by the Texas UCR program for these offenses. However, the number of persons arrested for these crimes is collected.



The 2008 drug abuse arrest rate for Texas was 595.9 arrests for every 100,000 persons. The change in the drug abuse arrest rate from 2007 was a decrease of 5.7 percent.

GRAND TOTAL DRUG ABUSE

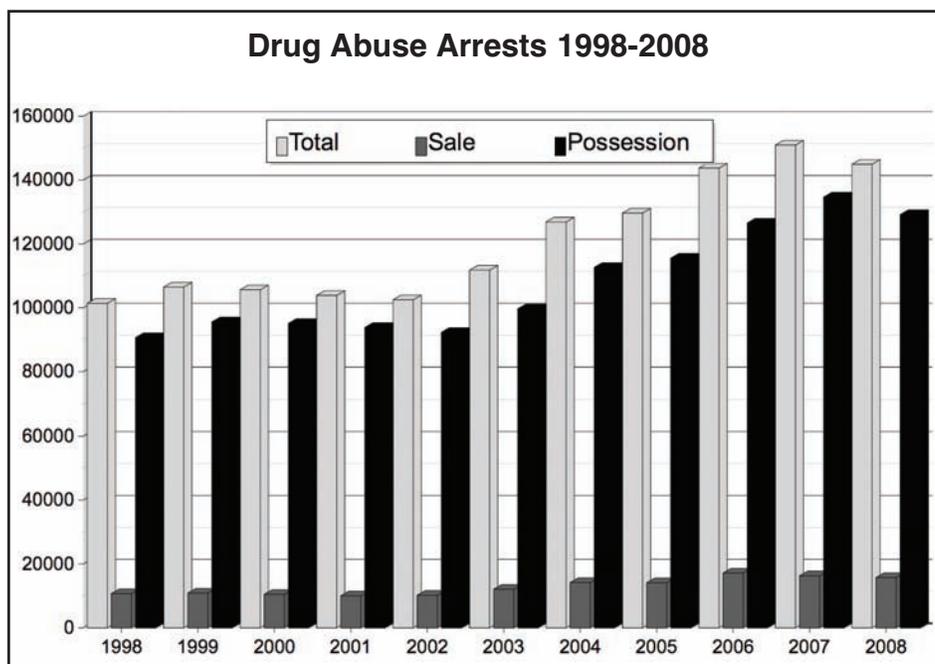
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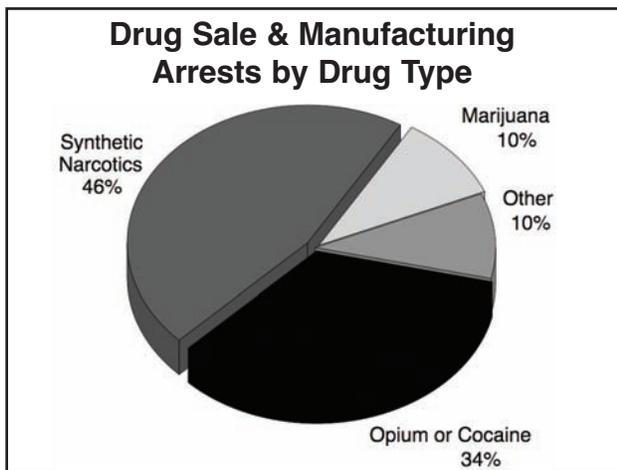
Analysis

The reported total number of arrests for drug abuse in Texas in 2008 was 144,953. This grand total of all drug abuse violations decreased 4.0 percent in comparison with 2007.

Persons Arrested

Of the persons arrested for drug abuse violations in 2008, 6.5 percent were juveniles (16 and under); 81 percent were male; 69 percent were White; 31 percent were Black; 67 percent were not Hispanic and 33 percent were Hispanic. The most common age group in the drug abuse arrestee population was the 20-to-24 year olds.





SALE AND MANUFACTURING

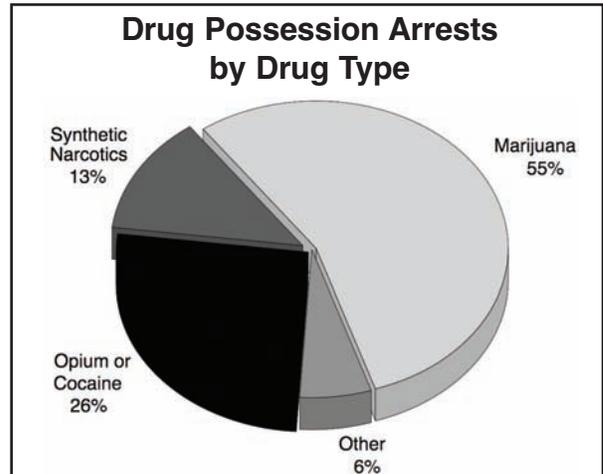
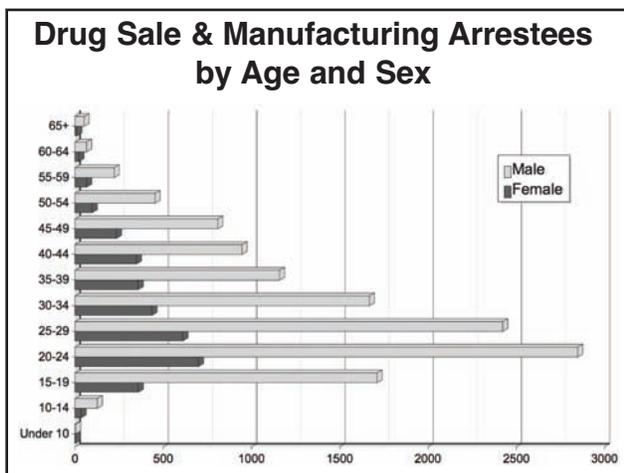
Analysis

The number of arrests for illegal drug sale and manufacturing totaled 15,761, which was a 3.2 percent decrease from 2007.

The rate of drug sale and manufacturing arrests was 64.8 arrests per 100,000 Texans. There was an 4.8 percent decrease in the arrest rate when compared to 2007.

Persons Arrested

Of the persons arrested for sale and manufacturing of illicit drugs in 2008, 3 percent were juveniles (16 and under); 79 percent were male; 69 percent were White; 31 percent were Black; 60 percent were not Hispanic and 40 percent were Hispanic. The age group with the highest number of arrestees was the 20-to-24 year-old group.



POSSESSION

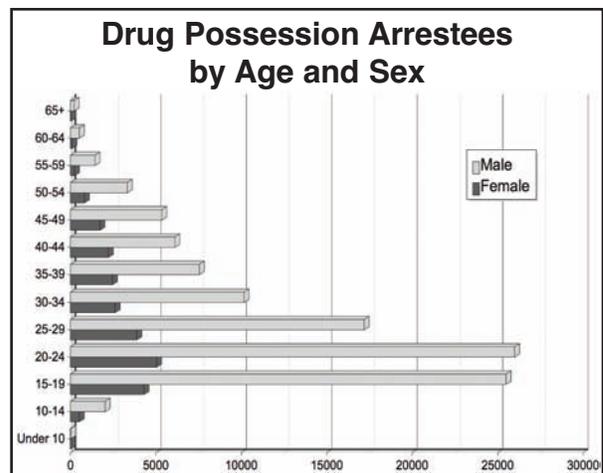
Analysis

The number of arrests for drug possession in 2008 was 129,192. This represented a 4.1 percent decrease when compared to 2007.

The rate of drug possession arrests in Texas in 2008 was 531.1 arrests for every 100,000 persons. The drug possession arrest rate decreased 6.0 percent from 2007.

Persons Arrested

Of the persons arrested for drug possession, 7 percent were juveniles (16 and under); 82 percent were male; 69 percent were White; 31 percent were Black; 68 percent were not Hispanic and 32 percent were Hispanic. The age group with the highest number of arrestees was the 20-to-24 year-old group.



DRUG SEIZURES

PURPOSE

Drug seizure information is presented in compliance with Health & Safety Code, Sec. 481.185, and its requirement that “All law enforcement agencies in this state shall file monthly with the [DPS] Director a report of all arrests for drug offenses made and quantities of controlled substances seized by them during the preceding month.”

QUANTITIES

The following chart displays the quantity of illegal drugs seized in Texas. Amounts are rounded. Dose units refer to one pill, tablet, capsule or other single user quantity. The information presented here is based upon reports of drugs seized by Texas law enforcement agencies and does not include drugs seized in Texas by any federal law enforcement agency.

Marijuana Plants, Fields and Gardens

In addition to the drug seizure quantities displayed in the chart, Texas law officers seized 200 marijuana gardens, 21 wild marijuana fields, 15 cultivated marijuana fields and 113 marijuana greenhouses. The reported total number of all marijuana plants that were seized in 2008 was 31,081.

Clandestine Labs

During 2008, 206 clandestine labs were seized in Texas. Of these seized labs, 204 were used to produce methamphetamines and 2 were manufacturing crack.

<i>Type and Quantity of Drugs Seized</i>		
Class	Type	Quantity
Cannabinoids	Marijuana	577,380 Pounds, 9 Ounces
	Hashish	8 Pounds, 11 Ounces, 20 Grams, 9 Liquid Ounces
Opiates	Morphine	4 Pounds, 5 Ounces 7 Grams, 1 Liquid Ounce 803 Dose Units
	Heroin	224 Pounds, 13 Ounces 3 Grams, 55,015 Liquid Ounces, 392,644 Dose Units
	Codeine	557 Pounds, 13 Ounces 17,941 Liquid Ounces 64,251 Dose Units
	Gum Opium	12 Pounds, 9 Ounces 21 Grams
Cocaine	Solid	18,498 Pounds, 7 Ounces 17 Grams
	Liquid	5,062 Liquid Ounces
Hallucinogens	LSD	2 Pounds, 6 Ounces, 18 Grams, 19 Liquid Ounces 93,096 Dose Units
	PCP	31 Pounds, 3 Ounces 20 Grams, 188 Liquid Ounces 241 Dose Units
	Mushrooms	16 Pounds, 6 Ounces 12 Grams, 31 Dose Units
	Peyote	8 Pounds, 14 Ounces, 24 Grams
	Designer Drugs	416 Pounds, 5 Ounces 1 Gram, 723 Liquid Ounces, 162,641 Dose Units
Precursor Chemicals		232 Pounds, 14 Ounces 22 Grams, 21,786 Liquid Ounces
Other Drugs	Barbiturates	300 Liquid Ounces 1,287,855 Dose Units
	Amphetamines	517 Pounds, 1 Ounce 8 Grams, 34 Liquid Ounces 76,676 Dose Units
	Methampheta- mines	2,199 Pounds, 8 Ounces 12 Grams, 1,824 Liquid Ounces 29,810 Dose Units
	Tranquilizers	986 Liquid Ounces 5,316,321 Dose Units
	Synthetic Drugs	8,468 Liquid Ounces 2,705,976 Dose Units

WEAPONS ARRESTS

DEFINITION

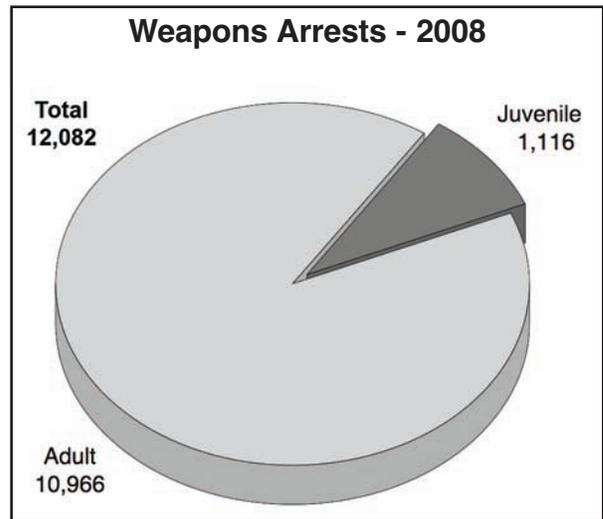
Weapons definition: violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons. As with all Part II non-index crimes, the UCR program collects only reports of arrests for this offense.

ANALYSIS

As indicated in the murder section, firearms are the murder weapon of choice in 67 percent of all Texas murders. Handguns accounted for 79 percent of the weapons. In light of these facts, this section focuses on trends in weapon possession.

Volume and Rate

In 2008, 12,082 arrests for weapon violations were reported. The number of arrests decreased 11.9 percent over 2007. The 2008 weapons arrest rate was 49.7 arrests for every 100,000 persons. The change in the arrest rate from 2007 was a decrease of 13.4 percent.



Persons Arrested

Of the persons arrested for weapons violations in 2008, 9 percent were juveniles (16 and under); 93 percent were male; 65 percent were White; 35 percent were Black; 65 percent were not Hispanic and 35 percent were Hispanic. The age group with the highest number of arrestees was the 20-24 year-old group.

In this report's base year of 1994 there were 23,044 weapons arrests. Of this total, 16 percent were juveniles, and 92 percent were male.

