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Percent distribution of arrests for drug abuse violations

By type of drug, United States, 1982-2007^a

	Total			Heroin/cocaine			Marijuana			Synthetic drugs			Other		
	Total	Sale/manu- facture	Posses- sion	Total	Sale/manu- facture	Posses- sion	Total	Sale/manu- facture	Posses- sion	Total	Sale/manu- facture	Posses- sion	Total	Sale/manu- facture	Posses- sion
1982	100%	20%	80%	13%	4%	9%	72%	10%	62%	4%	1%	2%	12%	5%	7%
1983	100	22	78	23	6	17	61	10	50	3	1	2	13	4	8
1984	100	22	78	26	7	19	59	10	48	3	1	2	12	4	9
1985	100	24	76	30	8	22	55	10	45	3	1	2	12	4	8
1986	100	25	75	41	13	28	44	8	36	3	1	2	13	4	9
1987	100	26	74	46	14	32	40	7	33	3	1	2	12	4	8
1988	100	27	73	52	17	35	34	6	28	3	1	2	11	4	7
1989	100	32	68	54	19	35	29	6	23	2	1	1	15	6	8
1990	100	32	68	54	21	33	30	6	24	2	1	2	14	4	10
1991	100	33	67	55	22	33	28	6	22	2	1	1	14	4	10
1992	100	32	68	53	21	32	32	7	26	2	1	1	13	4	9
1993	100	30	70	50	19	31	34	6	28	2	1	1	14	4	10
1994	100	27	73	47	17	30	36	6	30	2	(b)	1	16	4	12
1995	100	25	75	42	15	28	40	6	34	2	1	2	16	4	12
1996	100	25	75	40	14	26	43	6	36	2	1	1	16	4	12
1997	100	20	80	36	10	25	44	6	38	3	1	2	18	4	14
1998	100	21	79	37	11	26	44	5	38	3	1	2	17	4	13
1999	100	20	80	34	10	24	46	6	40	3	1	2	17	3	14
2000	100	19	81	34	9	24	46	6	41	3	1	2	17	3	14
2001	100	19	81	33	10	23	46	5	40	4	1	3	18	3	14
2002	100	20	80	30	9	21	45	5	40	4	1	3	20	4	16
2003	100	19	81	30	9	22	45	6	40	5	2	3	20	4	17
2004	100	18	82	30	8	22	44	5	39	5	2	4	20	3	17
2005	100	18	82	30	8	22	43	5	38	5	1	3	22	4	18
2006	100	18	82	31	8	23	44	5	39	5	2	3	20	3	17
2007	100	18	82	29	8	22	47	5	42	5	2	3	18	3	16

Note: These data were compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. On a monthly basis, law enforcement agencies report the number of offenses that become known to them in the following crime categories: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Arrest statistics are compiled as part of this monthly data collection effort. Participating law enforcement agencies are instructed to count one arrest each time a person is taken into custody, notified, or cited for criminal infractions other than traffic violations. Annual arrest figures do not measure the number of individuals taken into custody because one person may be arrested several times during the year for the same type of offense or for different offenses. A juvenile is counted as a person arrested when he/she commits an act that would be a criminal offense if committed by an adult.

The number of agencies reporting and the populations represented vary from year to year. Due to National Incident-Based Reporting System conversion efforts beginning in 1991 as well as other reporting problems, complete arrest data were not available for a small number of jurisdictions for certain years. See Appendix 3 for a list of jurisdictions omitted. For definition of drug abuse violations, see Appendix 3.

^aBecause of rounding, percents may not add to total.
^bLess than 0.5%.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States*, 1982, p. 165; 1983, p. 168; 1984, p. 161; 1985, p. 163; 1986, p. 163; 1987, p. 163; 1988, p. 167; 1989, p. 171; 1990, p. 173; 1991, p. 212; 1992, p. 216; 1993, p. 216; 1994, p. 216; 1995, p. 207; 1996, p. 213; 1997, p. 221; 1998, p. 209; 1999, p. 211; 2000, p. 216; 2001, p. 232; 2002, p. 234; 2003, p. 269; 2004, p. 278 (Washington, DC: USGPO); 2005, Arrest Table [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/arrests/index.html> [Oct. 12, 2006]; 2006, Arrest Table [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2006/arrests/index.html> [Oct. 31, 2007]; 2007, Arrest Table [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/arrests/index.html> [Jan. 15, 2009]. Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.