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Arrests for alcohol-related offenses and driving under the influence

United States, 1970-2012

(In thousands)

	Alcohol-related offenses ^a	Driving under the influence
1970	2,849	424
1971	2,914	490
1972	2,835	604
1973	2,539	654
1974	2,297	617
1975	3,044	909
1976	2,790	838
1977	3,303	1,104
1978	3,406	1,205
1979	3,455	1,232
1980	3,535	1,304
1981	3,745	1,422
1982	3,640	1,405
1983	3,729	1,613
1984	3,153	1,347
1985	3,418	1,503
1986	3,325	1,459
1987	3,248	1,410
1988	2,995	1,294
1989	3,180	1,333
1990	3,270	1,391
1991	3,000	1,289
1992	3,061	1,320
1993	2,886	1,229
1994	2,698	1,080
1995	2,578	1,033
1996	2,677	1,014
1997	2,510	986
1998	2,451	969
1999	2,238	931
2000	2,218	916
2001	2,224	947
2002	2,401	1,020
2003	2,301	1,006
2004	2,373	1,013
2005	2,374	997
2006	2,463	1,039
2007	2,552	1,056
2008	2,620	1,110
2009	2,576	1,112
2010	2,439	1,088
2011	2,201	930
2012	2,172	987

Note: These data were compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. 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. This table presents data from all law enforcement agencies submitting complete reports for 12 months.

^a Alcohol-related offenses include driving under the influence, liquor law violations, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and vagrancy.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States*, 1970, p. 126; 1971, p. 122; 1972, p. 126; 1973, p. 128; 1974, p. 186; 1975, p. 188; 1976, p. 181; 1977, p. 180; 1978, p. 194; 1979, p. 196; 1980, p. 200; 1981, p. 171; 1982, pp. 176, 177; 1983, pp. 179, 180; 1984, pp. 172, 173; 1985, pp. 174, 175; 1986, pp. 174, 175; 1987, pp. 174, 175; 1988, pp. 178, 179; 1989, pp. 182, 183; 1990, pp. 184, 185; 1991, pp. 223, 224; 1992, pp. 227, 228; 1993, pp. 227, 228; 1994, pp. 227, 228; 1995, pp. 218, 219; 1996, pp. 224, 225; 1997, pp. 232, 233; 1998, pp. 220, 221; 1999, pp. 222, 223; 2000, pp. 226, 227; 2001, pp. 244, 245; 2002, pp. 244, 245; 2003, pp. 280, 281; 2004, p. 290 (Washington, DC: USGPO); 2005, Table 38; 2006, Table 38; 2007, Table 38; 2008, Table 38; 2009, Table 38; 2010, Table 38; 2011, Table 38; 2012, Table 38. Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.