

Idaho Drug and Alcohol Arrests

Dashboard User Guide

How to Use the Dashboard

Welcome to the Idaho Drug and Alcohol Arrest Trends dashboard! Here you will find data on arrests reported through the Idaho Incident-Based Reporting System (IIBRS) in the previous 10 years.

The maps and bar charts can be adjusted with the three filters at the top of the screen. These are “Select Year”, “Select Substance”, and “Select Offense”. The line chart can be changed with the “Select Substance” and “Select Offense” filters. On the “Arrestee Characteristics” page, the bar chart can also be changed by using the “Select Characteristic” filter just above the bar chart.

Should you get stuck, you may click the refresh icon located above the page button for the page you are currently viewing, or you may use your browser refresh button. If the page goes blank, make sure none of the items in the drop-down menus are enclosed by parentheses. For example, if the “Select Offense” box looks like this: (All Drug Offenses), use the drop-down menu to choose a different option.

IIBRS Reporting and Arrest Rates

Arrest data comes from the “Arrest Section” of the incident reports where only 1 arresting offense is listed. Because some offenders are arrested with multiple charges, but only one of these charges is listed as the arrest offense, this analysis potentially excludes some drug charges.

Nearly all local law enforcement agencies report data to Idaho State Police (ISP) through IIBRS. However, data may be reported late or not at all (for example, tribal agencies do not report data to IIBRS). Although these occurrences are rare, they are still accounted for in the calculation of arrest rates by removing the part of the population that was not within the service area of a non-reporting agency. One county in the last 10 years (Clark County in 2010) did not report any data to IIBRS, so Clark County’s population was removed from the 2010 state total.

Drug Categories

Alcohol

Includes all arrests stemming from an alcohol law violation. DUI is included here; however, it is possible for someone to be arrested for DUI as a result of a substance other than alcohol.

Cocaine

Includes all forms of cocaine, including crack.

Depressants

Includes barbiturates, Quaalude, and others.

Hallucinogens

Includes LSD, PCP, MDMA, spice, and others.

Heroin

Does not include synthetic heroin.

Marijuana

Includes hashish. Does not include other drugs containing THC.

Meth/Amphetamines

Includes all forms of amphetamines.

Narcotics

Includes morphine, opium, and other opioids. Also includes synthetic heroin.

Stimulants

Includes Ritalin, bath salts, and others.

Prescription Drugs

Not an official IIBRS category. Derived from cross-referencing commonly prescribed drug types with seizures that were recorded in dosage units.