

Highest Number of Arrests in the U.S. Are for Drug Abuse Violations



There were an estimated 12,408,899 arrests in the United States in 2011, according to data from the national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

The highest number of arrests were for drug abuse violations—selling, manufacturing, or possessing drugs, followed by larceny-theft and driving under the influence.

The majority (82%) of these arrests were for possession and one-half of these drug abuse violations involved marijuana.

A poll conducted in 2011 found that one-half of U.S. residents think that marijuana should be legalized and initiatives to legalize marijuana for recreational use.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Crime in the United States, 2011, 2012.

The primary concern about drugged driving is clear....it is dangerous. Being under the influence of any drug that acts on the brain and central nervous system impairs a driver's motor skills, reaction time and judgment. Drugged driving puts not only the driver at risk, but also passengers and others who share the road and nearby walkways. [Click here to learn more.](#)