

AJiC Fact Sheet

Drug Sale and Manufacture Arrests Reported in Alaska, 1986–2017 — Drug Types by Sex

ANCHORAGE, AK— The 18-06 (December 2018) issue of the *AJiC Fact Sheet* has been released. This Fact Sheet presents data from the Alaska Department of Public Safety's annual report *Crime in Alaska* for the years 1986 through 2017. *Crime in Alaska* represents the State of Alaska's contribution to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program.

- From 1986 to 2017, the average female arrest rates for each drug are as follows: for narcotics; 16.5 per 100,000 female residents, for marijuana; 11 per 100,000 female residents, for synthetic narcotics; 3.8 per 100,000 female residents, and for other non-narcotics; 3.7 per 100,000 female residents.
- From 1986 to 2017, the average male arrest rates for each drug are as follows: for narcotics; 46.2 per 100,000 male residents, for marijuana; 40 per 100,000 male residents, for synthetic narcotics; 10.4 per 100,000 male residents, and for other non-narcotics; 9.8 per 100,000 male residents.
- From 1986 to 2017, males accounted for roughly three-fourths (76.4%) and females accounted for roughly one-fourth (23.6%) of all drug sale and manufacture arrests in the state of Alaska.
- The female and male rates parallel one another in that they rise and fall at the same points in most years.
- For all drugs, the difference between female and male arrest rates in 2016 are smaller than in 1986.
- Narcotics sale and manufacture, the offense with the highest arrest rates, peaked at 38.1 per 100,000 female residents and 92.2 per 100,000 male residents. Other non-narcotics sale and manufacture, the offense with the lowest arrest rates, peaked at 12.1 per 100,000 female residents and 33.5 per 100,000 male residents.
- Synthetic narcotics sale and manufacture is the only offense that shows an increasing trend for both male and female populations; all other drug offenses show a decreasing trend for both male and female populations.
- Other non-narcotics sale and manufacture is the only offense that did not have arrest rates peak at least once in the 1990s.

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