

AJiC Fact Sheet

Drug Possession Arrests Reported in Alaska, 1986–2017 — Drug Types by Sex

ANCHORAGE, AK— The 18-07 (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; 18.8 per 100,000 female residents, for marijuana; 42.9 per 100,000 female residents, for synthetic narcotics; 4.6 per 100,000 female residents, and for other non-narcotics; 5.9 per 100,000 female residents.
- From 1986 to 2017, the average male arrest rates for each drug are as follows: for narcotics; 45.4 per 100,000 male residents, for marijuana; 190.4 per 100,000 male residents, for synthetic narcotics; 9.2 per 100,000 male residents, and for other non-narcotics; 15.4 per 100,000 male residents.
- From 1986 to 2017, males accounted for roughly four-fifths (79.2%) and females accounted for roughly one-fifth (20.8%) of all drug possession 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.
- In 2002, the synthetic narcotics and other non-narcotics possession arrest rates sharply increased for both males and females until the mid-2000s before a sharp decline and subsequent increase.
- Marijuana possession, the offense with the highest arrest rates, peaked at 90.4 per 100,000 female residents and 324.9 per 100,000 male residents.
- Synthetic narcotics possession, the offense with the lowest arrest rates, peaked at 13.8 per 100,000 female residents and 29.8 per 100,000 male residents.
- Narcotics possession is the only offense that peaked before 2000.

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