

DUI is 1st or 2nd Most Common Reason for Arrest in Maryland, 1990-1992

Driving under the influence (DUI) was the first or second most common reason for adult arrest in Maryland between 1990 and 1992. Similarly, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's UCR Program show that DUI arrests in 1991 account for the largest number of adult arrests nationally, with 1.2 million arrests for DUI compared to 724,000 arrests for drug abuse violations. The extensive media preoccupation with illegal drug crimes and associated violence may be obscuring the tremendous burden that DUI cases place on the police and courts. More attention needs to be given to how to reduce this serious problem.

Four Most Common Adult Arrest Offenses in Maryland, 1990-1992

Offense	1990	1991	1992
Driving Under the Influence	31,800	31,087	25,999
Drug Abuse Violation	26,068	26,608	28,251
Other Assaults	24,394	25,248	23,345
Larceny-Theft	20,891	23,309	23,274
TOTAL ARRESTS	226,605	233,266	227,450

SOURCE: 1990, 1991, and 1992 State of Maryland Uniform Crime Reports (UCR), Maryland State Police.

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