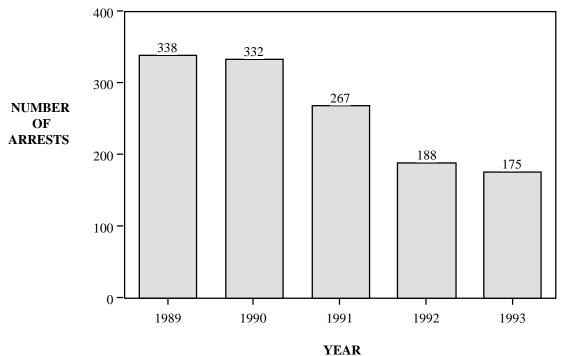
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Drinking and Driving Arrests of Maryland Juveniles Remain at Low Levels

According to recently released 1993 data from the Maryland State Police, arrests for drinking and driving among juveniles have remained at a level far below that of five years ago. In 1993, 175 juveniles were arrested for either driving while impaired or driving while intoxicated. This is a 48% decrease in arrests since 1989. It is unclear whether this decline is due to a change in arrest practices or a change in drinking and driving practices of Maryland youth. However, it is noteworthy that similar decreases have occurred in adult drinking and driving arrests.

Drinking and Driving Arrests of Maryland Residents Under Age 18, 1989 to 1993



¹Driving while impaired: Blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level of .07% to .09%. Driving while intoxicated: BAC level of .10% or higher.

SOURCE: State of Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, Maryland State Police. <u>Crime in Maryland</u>, the 1993 State of Maryland Uniform Crime Report, will be available from the Maryland State Police in early fall.

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