

About 38 percent of the subjects arrested were under some form of probation or parole supervision at the time of arrest, 6 percent (1,716) were on parole from the department of corrections and 1,751, roughly the same proportion, from the California Youth Authority. Less than 3 percent were on parole from the California Rehabilitation Center. Approximately 20 percent were under adult probation supervision.

Because these percentages are based on arrests, some of them multiple, they should be regarded as indications rather than as exact determinations.

JUVENILE ARRESTS

Juvenile arrests rose from 2,691 in 1965 to 5,034, an increase of 87 percent. Los Angeles County reported 3,189, or 63.3 percent of the total. In the other leading counties, Alameda County registered 295 such arrests; San Diego County 253; Orange County 251; and San Francisco 167. San Mateo and Santa Clara counties reported 144 and 126, respectively.

The youth drug problem revolved around marihuana (3,869 arrests) and dangerous drugs (898 arrests). Together, these two offense groups account for 95 percent of juvenile arrests on drug charges. One hundred and nine arrests in 1966 compared with 60 in 1965 involved the possession, sale or use of heroin and other narcotics.

Age 17 appears to be the critical year for youths arrested for drug usage. Those born in 1949 (age 17) made up 40 percent of the total; combined with those born in 1950, the two groups accounted for 63.8 percent of all juvenile arrestees.

SUMMARY

Total adult drug arrests were 32 percent higher in 1966 than in 1965. Adult marihuana arrests increased by 71 percent over 1965 and were more than three times greater than the number reported in 1960.

Juvenile drug arrests increased in number from 2,691 in 1965 to 5,034 in 1966—an increase of about 87 percent. Juvenile marihuana arrests increased from 1,623 to 3,869, or 140 percent.

TABLE 1.—ADULT DRUG ARRESTS REPORTED BY CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES JANUARY 1960 THROUGH DECEMBER 1966 (PROVISIONAL)

[By offense, area of State and year of arrest]

Area and offense	Year of arrest							Percent change 1966 over 1965	Percent change 1966 over 1960
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966		
Statewide.....	17,619	16,925	16,250	16,728	19,244	21,444	28,319	32.1	60.7
Marihuana.....	4,098	3,305	3,291	4,677	6,055	8,349	14,293	71.2	248.8
Heroin and other narcotics.....	2,244	1,971	1,971	2,206	2,601	2,362	2,610	10.5	16.3
Narcotic addict or user ¹	6,401	5,801	3,532	3,226	4,073	3,473	3,695	6.4	-42.3
Dangerous drugs ¹	3,305	4,322	5,578	4,415	4,595	5,916	6,093	3.0	84.4
Other offenses ²	1,571	1,526	1,878	2,204	1,920	1,344	1,628	21.1	3.6
Los Angeles County.....	11,959	11,604	10,200	10,042	11,671	13,394	16,820	25.6	40.6
Marihuana.....	2,653	2,316	2,256	3,161	3,964	5,327	8,600	61.4	224.1
Heroin and other narcotics.....	1,544	1,302	1,187	1,355	1,470	1,254	1,416	12.9	-8.3
Narcotic addict or user ¹	4,771	4,193	2,204	2,014	2,830	2,501	2,942	17.6	-38.3
Dangerous drugs ¹	2,238	3,013	3,742	2,645	2,864	3,779	3,253	-13.9	45.4
Other offenses ²	753	780	811	867	543	533	609	14.3	-19.1
State less Los Angeles County.....	5,660	5,321	6,050	6,686	7,573	8,050	11,499	42.8	103.2
Marihuana.....	1,445	989	1,035	1,516	2,091	3,022	5,693	88.4	294.0
Heroin and other narcotics.....	700	669	784	851	1,131	1,108	1,194	7.8	70.6
Narcotic addict or user ¹	1,630	1,608	1,328	1,212	1,243	972	753	-22.5	53.8
Dangerous drugs ¹	1,067	1,309	1,836	1,770	1,731	2,137	2,840	32.9	166.2
Other offenses ²	818	746	1,067	1,337	1,377	811	1,019	25.6	24.6

¹ Includes driving under the influence of narcotics or dangerous drugs.

² "Other offenses" include prescription violations, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, etc. Prior to 1965 driving offenses and all Federal violations were included. Beginning with 1965, Federal violations are shown under the more descriptive offense groups wherever appropriate.

Note: Data are subject to change as additional arrest information is received.