



Data Request Briefing

Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

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1. NATURE OF THE REQUEST

Sheila Vakharia, Deputy Director with Drug Policy Alliance, requested drug possession arrest and conviction data. The data sources and caveats are listed below.

The arrest and conviction data are the same sources that CJC has used in past reports on drug possession trends¹. The table below includes monthly counts from January 2017 to July 2022. The race/ethnicity categories presented have a racial correction algorithm applied to mitigate race/ethnicity reporting issues within criminal justice data sources.²

The arrest data were queried from the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS), which includes arrests where the person was fingerprinted. The tables include arrest events with at least one drug possession charge listed.

The conviction data were queried from the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) sentencing data which includes felony and drug misdemeanor convictions from Oregon's 36 counties. Admissions where the drug possession conviction is the most serious are included.

2. DATA REQUEST RESULTS

Table 1: Drug Possession Arrests and Convictions

Month-Year	Arrests	Convictions	
		Misdemeanor	Felony
Jan-17	1,355	17	391
Feb-17	1,274	16	387
Mar-17	1,559	32	487
Apr-17	1,555	22	395
May-17	1,483	45	447
Jun-17	1,505	64	476

¹ [2019PCSRReport.pdf \(oregon.gov\)](#)

² The CJC has developed a racial correction algorithm based on Bayesian Improved Surname Geocoding (BISG), an approach that is widely used in studies and litigation evaluating mortgage and non-mortgage lending patterns, in academic research, and by financial institutions (see Elliott et al. 2009).

<https://www.oregon.gov/cjc/CJC%20Document%20Library/RaceCorrectionTechDocFinal-8-6-18.pdf>

Jul-17	1,458	59	402
Aug-17	1,354	71	393
Sep-17	1,113	114	280
Oct-17	1,177	123	308
Nov-17	1,021	154	233
Dec-17	1,167	135	204
Jan-18	1,152	154	220
Feb-18	1,058	136	208
Mar-18	1,194	164	198
Apr-18	1,092	151	200
May-18	1,214	163	200
Jun-18	1,205	146	175
Jul-18	1,204	160	188
Aug-18	1,115	160	188
Sep-18	1,129	132	137
Oct-18	1,111	158	189
Nov-18	1,194	149	168
Dec-18	1,212	139	171
Jan-19	1,363	197	160
Feb-19	1,143	172	177
Mar-19	1,316	191	196
Apr-19	1,384	213	176
May-19	1,252	184	159
Jun-19	1,204	160	161
Jul-19	1,356	177	186
Aug-19	1,327	182	172
Sep-19	1,171	155	168
Oct-19	1,191	198	154
Nov-19	1,145	168	156
Dec-19	1,082	157	169
Jan-20	1,265	164	173
Feb-20	1,163	140	168
Mar-20	763	84	137
Apr-20	443	11	42
May-20	704	21	35
Jun-20	624	58	77
Jul-20	683	50	82
Aug-20	651	68	85
Sep-20	699	75	98
Oct-20	776	72	99
Nov-20	571	47	58

Dec-20	511	43	44
Jan-21	530	30	35
Feb-21	294	29	30
Mar-21	346	38	36
Apr-21	322	36	39
May-21	279	28	25
Jun-21	255	28	27
Jul-21	238	38	33
Aug-21	213	24	26
Sep-21	168	22	28
Oct-21	174	14	22
Nov-21	156	22	28
Dec-21	188	18	18
Jan-22	152	20	32
Feb-22	148	16	19
Mar-22	187	29	26
Apr-22	165	11	25
May-22	175	23	32
Jun-22	155	12	25
Jul-22	162	14	11

Table 2. Drug Possession Arrests by Race/Ethnicity

Month- Year	Asian	Black	Latinx	Native American	Pacific Islander	Unknown	White
Jan-19	9	78	160	17	3	4	1092
Feb-19	11	72	123	18	0	0	918
Mar-19	5	78	142	25	1	1	1064
Apr-19	8	78	158	26	2	4	1106
May-19	12	67	139	20	1	3	1010
Jun-19	9	71	131	9	1	6	975
Jul-19	18	77	148	15	1	1	1095
Aug-19	10	91	126	20	1	3	1074
Sep-19	4	75	105	14	0	1	970
Oct-19	16	60	116	17	1	4	976
Nov-19	8	65	109	11	4	1	947
Dec-19	9	47	93	21	0	2	908
Jan-20	11	72	131	17	0	1	1032
Feb-20	8	51	125	14	0	2	963
Mar-20	7	41	76	16	0	1	622

Apr-20	5	32	46	2	0	1	358
May-20	4	47	73	8	0	2	573
Jun-20	2	28	72	7	0	1	515
Jul-20	7	29	72	9	0	2	565
Aug-20	8	27	70	9	0	3	534
Sep-20	0	33	73	16	0	3	575
Oct-20	9	33	70	10	0	2	655
Nov-20	6	32	58	10	0	2	468
Dec-20	4	32	42	9	0	3	421
Jan-21	8	26	52	6	0	1	442
Feb-21	2	16	22	3	0	1	253
Mar-21	2	13	36	9	0	2	286
Apr-21	2	19	32	0	0	1	269
May-21	3	7	27	7	0	3	232
Jun-21	2	10	24	6	0	1	214
Jul-21	2	7	17	6	0	1	205
Aug-21	5	6	24	2	0	1	177
Sep-21	2	9	16	5	0	2	137
Oct-21	6	5	14	4	0	0	146
Nov-21	1	9	9	1	0	0	136
Dec-21	2	9	17	2	0	0	159
Jan-22	4	10	11	2	0	1	125
Feb-22	2	5	8	1	0	3	131
Mar-22	3	13	16	3	0	0	156
Apr-22	3	13	11	2	0	2	140
May-22	2	8	16	5	0	2	142
Jun-22	4	7	11	6	0	4	123
Jul-22	4	10	18	3	0	1	126

Table 3. Misdemeanor Drug Possession Convictions by Race/Ethnicity

Month- Year	Asian	Black	Latinx	Native American	Unknown	White
Jan-19	0	14	23	1	2	157
Feb-19	1	10	14	4	0	143
Mar-19	3	9	28	1	1	146
Apr-19	0	9	20	3	1	180
May-19	2	8	22	3	0	151
Jun-19	1	10	19	3	1	123
Jul-19	1	13	20	3	1	137
Aug-19	1	13	21	4	0	141

Sep-19	1	7	16	0	0	133
Oct-19	1	14	21	1	1	159
Nov-19	3	7	19	2	0	135
Dec-19	2	7	18	1	0	125
Jan-20	2	9	14	2	0	137
Feb-20	4	6	17	1	0	113
Mar-20	1	5	10	1	0	67
Apr-20	0	0	3	0	0	8
May-20	1	0	3	3	0	17
Jun-20	0	1	11	3	0	42
Jul-20	0	0	7	0	0	42
Aug-20	0	1	4	0	0	65
Sep-20	0	2	4	2	0	67
Oct-20	0	2	16	0	1	52
Nov-20	0	2	4	5	0	34
Dec-20	0	1	7	1	0	34
Jan-21	0	0	3	1	0	26
Feb-21	0	0	2	1	0	28
Mar-21	0	1	1	0	0	36
Apr-21	0	1	8	0	0	28
May-21	0	1	2	0	0	25
Jun-21	0	0	4	1	0	23
Jul-21	0	0	7	1	0	27
Aug-21	0	0	3	0	2	21
Sep-21	0	0	5	0	0	18
Oct-21	0	1	1	0	0	12
Nov-21	0	1	1	1	0	18
Dec-21	1	0	4	0	0	14
Jan-22	0	1	3	1	0	15

Table 4. Felony Drug Possession Convictions by Race/Ethnicity

Month- Year	Asian	Black	Latinx	Native American	Unknown	White
Jan-19	1	5	11	3	0	140
Feb-19	2	4	13	3	1	153
Mar-19	1	10	20	5	0	161
Apr-19	3	6	20	4	0	145
May-19	3	2	17	4	1	132
Jun-19	0	6	17	2	1	137
Jul-19	0	8	15	1	1	159

Aug-19	2	11	19	1	0	140
Sep-19	2	6	18	2	1	136
Oct-19	1	4	17	2	1	127
Nov-19	2	5	15	3	0	131
Dec-19	3	8	21	2	0	137
Jan-20	0	4	17	4	0	148
Feb-20	1	5	22	0	0	137
Mar-20	1	5	11	3	0	120
Apr-20	1	3	8	2	0	27
May-20	0	1	4	0	0	28
Jun-20	1	4	11	2	0	58
Jul-20	1	3	11	0	0	67
Aug-20	2	1	10	1	0	69
Sep-20	0	3	8	0	0	86
Oct-20	1	5	12	1	0	79
Nov-20	0	1	5	0	0	48
Dec-20	0	0	4	0	0	37
Jan-21	0	0	3	0	0	34
Feb-21	0	3	2	0	0	24
Mar-21	0	2	4	1	0	28
Apr-21	0	0	3	0	0	35
May-21	0	0	5	0	0	21
Jun-21	0	0	4	0	0	24
Jul-21	0	2	3	1	1	27
Aug-21	0	1	3	1	0	20
Sep-21	0	1	4	1	0	18
Oct-21	1	1	2	0	0	17
Nov-21	1	0	4	1	0	22
Dec-21	1	0	3	0	0	12
Jan-22	0	0	5	0	1	27
