



State-Based Fact Sheet for Efficacy and Impact Report

Nevada

- In 2003, Nevada was arresting people for marijuana at a rate of 190 per 100,000.
- Current marijuana use (in the past 30 days) stood at a rate of 6,065 per 100,000 or an estimated 136,000 people.
- In that same year marijuana arrests comprised 48 percent of total drug arrests (4,260 out of 8,925 total arrests).

New Mexico

- In 2003, New Mexico was arresting people for marijuana at a rate of 132 per 100,000.
- Current marijuana use (in the past 30 days) stood at a rate of 5,909 per 100,000 or an estimated 111,000 people.
- In that same year marijuana arrests comprised 45 percent of total drug arrests (2,473 out of 5,481 total arrests).

Utah

- In 2003, Utah was arresting people for marijuana at a rate of 173 per 100,000.
- Current marijuana use (in the past 30 days) stood at a rate of 3,104 per 100,000 or an estimated 73,000 people.
- In that same year marijuana arrests comprised 48 percent of total drug arrests (4,059 out of 8,496 total arrests).

Colorado

- In 2003, Colorado was arresting people for marijuana at a rate of 210 per 100,000.
- Current marijuana use (in the past 30 days) stood at a rate of 6,883 per 100,000 or an estimated 313,000 people.
- In that same year marijuana arrests comprised 58 percent of total drug arrests (9,552 out of 16,389).

Connecticut

- In 2003, Connecticut was arresting people for marijuana at rate of 168 per 100,000.
- While, current marijuana use (in the past 30 days) stood at a rate of 5,678 per 100,000 or an estimated 198,000 people.
- In that same year marijuana arrests comprised 49 percent of total drug arrests (5,872 out of 11,942 total arrests).

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Vermont

- In 2003, Vermont was arresting people for marijuana at rate of 127 per 100,000.
- While, current marijuana use (in the past 30 days) stood at a rate of 8,396 per 100,000 or an estimated 52,000 people.
- In that same year marijuana arrests comprised 54 percent of total drug arrests (784 out of 1,444 total arrests).

New York

- In 2003, New York was arresting people for marijuana at rate of 145 per 100,000.
- While, current marijuana use (in the past 30 days) stood at a rate of 6,074 per 100,000 or an estimated 1,167,000 people.
- In that same year marijuana arrests comprised 63 percent of total drug arrests (27,908 out of 44,135 total arrests). New York currently has 116 people in prison for marijuana as the controlling offense.

Alabama

- In 2003, Alabama was arresting people for marijuana at rate of 212 per 100,000
- While, current marijuana use (in the past 30 days) stood at a rate of 3,553 per 100,000 or an estimated 160,000 people.
- In that same year marijuana arrests comprised 59 percent of total drug arrests (9,549 out of 16,133 total arrests). Alabama currently has 408 people in prison for marijuana as the controlling offense.

California

- In 2003, California was arresting people for marijuana at rate of 171 per 100,000. While, current marijuana use (in the past 30 days) stood at a rate of 5,217 per 100,000 or an estimated 1,850,000 people.
- In that same year marijuana arrests comprised 22 percent of total drug arrests (60,652 out of 273,229 total arrests).
- California currently has 1,189 people in prison for marijuana as the controlling offense.

Texas

- In 2003, Texas was arresting people for marijuana at rate of 222 per 100,000.
- While, current marijuana use (in the past 30 days) stood at a rate of 3,751 per 100,000 or an estimated 829,000 people.
- In that same year marijuana arrests comprised 56 percent of total drug arrests (48,963 out of 88,053 total arrests). Texas currently has 1,215 people in prison for marijuana as the controlling offense.

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