



ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

MARIJUANA ARRESTS (01/01/13 - 05/02/19)

This report aims to show a multi-year comparison of marijuana arrests in Arlington County.

IMPORTANT ITEMS OF NOTE

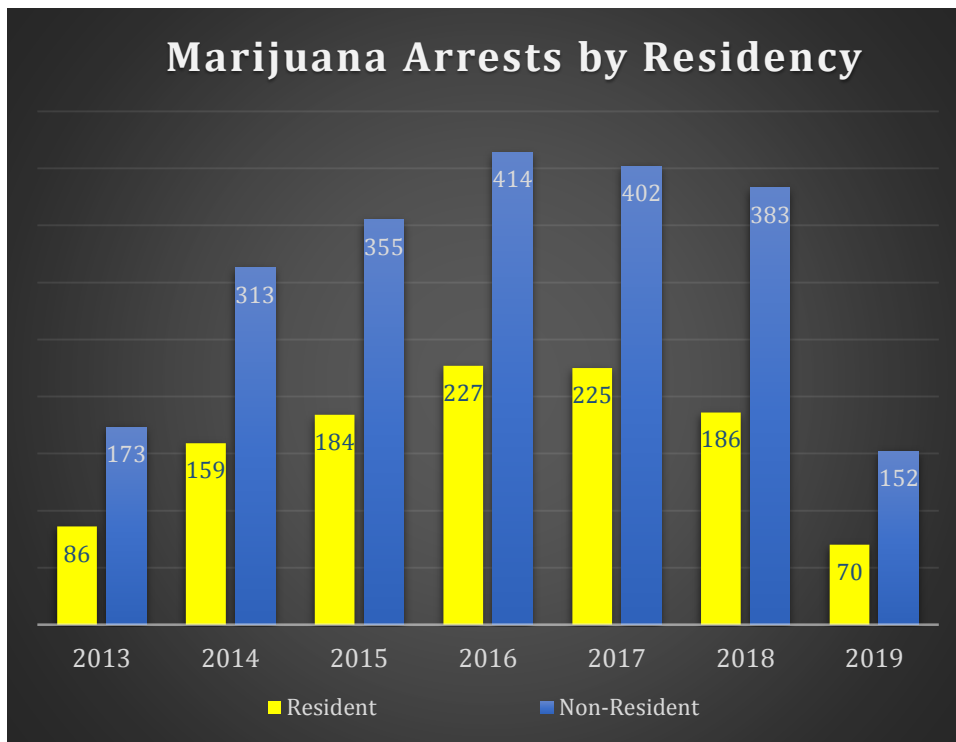
In February 2015, the District of Columbia legalized recreational use of marijuana. Given the close proximity of DC to Arlington's jurisdiction, DC's legislation should be considered when evaluating marijuana arrests after this timeframe.

2016 arrests are housed both in the historical records management system and in the current records management system. Given the differences in recording on these systems, numbers may have been affected and should be considered accordingly.

STATUTE TYPE	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	186	400	445	524	483	423	172	2,633
POSSESSION OF SCHEDULE III/IV/V/VI/CANNABIMIMETIC AGENT	4	2	3	13	43	60	21	146
SELL/GIVE/DISTRIBUTE/PWID MARIJUANA: FELONY	63	67	85	92	66	64	19	456
SELL/GIVE/DISTRIBUTE/PWID MARIJUANA: MISDEMEANOR	6	3	6	12	35	22	10	94
Grand Total	259	472	539	641	627	569	222	3,329

by TYPE

Marijuana arrests have stayed relatively consistent overall since 2014 through 2019 YTD. The spike in 2016 for possession arrests may be a result of both the new legality of recreational marijuana in DC, and the splitting of data between two records management systems.



by RESIDENCY

Overall, marijuana arrests have consistently involved more nonresidents than residents. There were 93 more nonresidents than residents arrested for marijuana in 2014. That gap has steadily widened until its peak in 2018, where there were 200 more nonresidents arrested for marijuana than residents.



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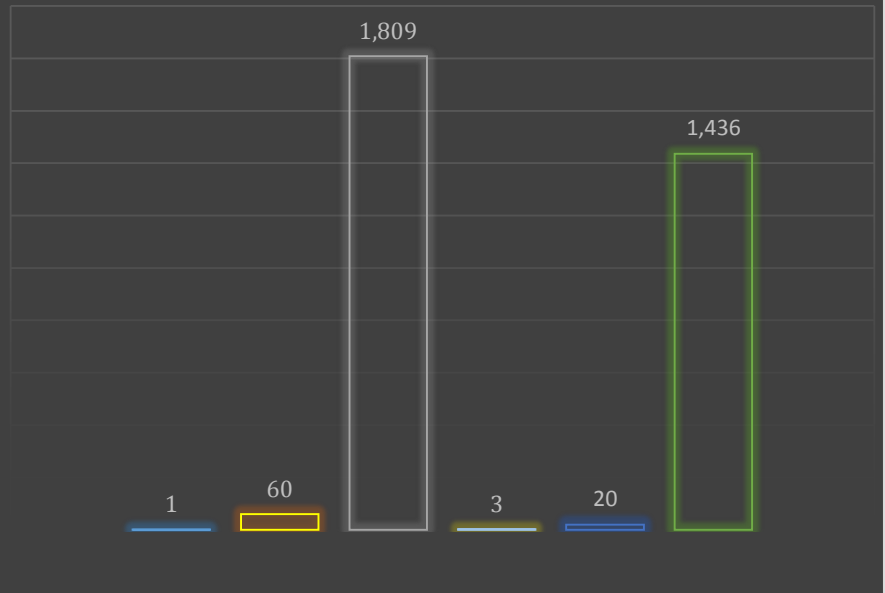
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by RACE

Marijuana arrests, from 2013 to 2019YTD, overall comprise approximately 26% more black individuals than white individuals. When that examined by residency, however, 74% of those arrestees are non-residents (a breakdown of residents according to the DMV area can be found on page 2). Percentages are consistent with the census breakdown on page 2.

Marijuana Arrests by Race

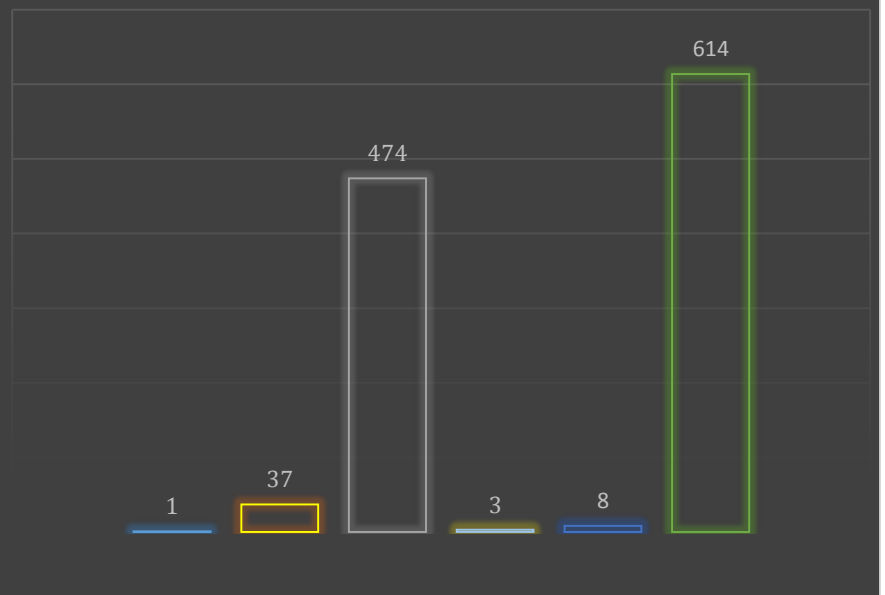
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black
- Other
- Unknown
- White



Race	Resident	Non-Resident
American Indian/Alaskan Native	100%	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	62%	38%
Black	26%	74%
Other	100%	0%
Unknown	40%	60%
White	43%	57%

Marijuana Arrests by Race (ARLINGTON RESIDENTS ONLY)

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Regional Population Race Percentage Breakdowns

(Data collected from the [Census Bureau](#); data estimates as of 2016)

Race	Arlington County	District of Columbia	Prince George County	Fairfax County
White	75.9%	44.6%	26.5%	65.8%
Black	9.4%	47.7%	65.0%	10.2%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.7%	0.6%	1.1%	0.6%
Asian	10.6%	4.1%	4.6%	19.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Hispanic or Latino	15.1%	10.9%	17.8%	16.1%

by STATE and RACE

415 (23%) of black arrestees are residents of DC. 384 (21%) of black arrestees are residents of Maryland. 878 (49%) of black arrestees are residents of Virginia; 54% of those arrestees (474) are Arlington residents.

	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Other	Unknown	White
DC	0	4	415	0	0	37
MD	0	0	384	0	0	102
VA	1	54	878	3	11	1,170
not reported	0	0	37	0	9	28
Other	0	2	95	0	0	99
Grand Total	1	60	1,809	3	20	1,436

by RACE and ARREST TYPE (Possession only)

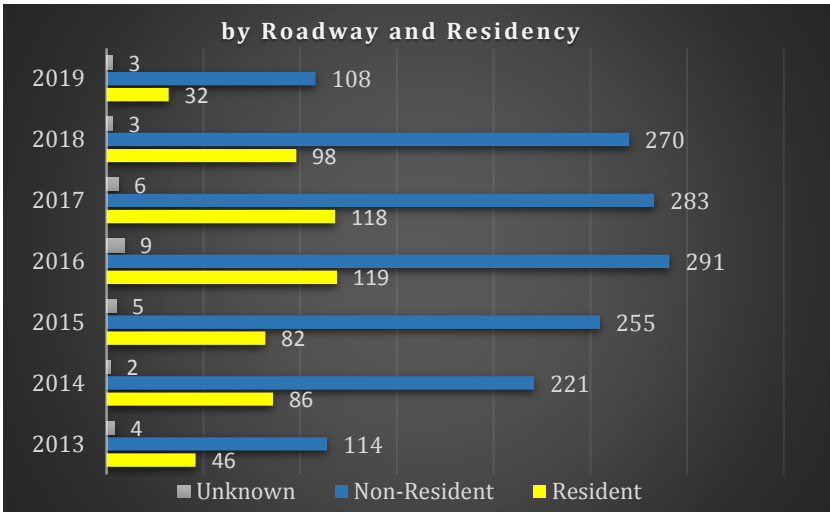
More than half of those arrested for marijuana possession (56%) are cited and released on a summons, not taken to jail. Custodial arrests for the possession of marijuana are not automatic but rather are the result of a variety of factors including: the subject refusing to appear for their court appearance, the subject refusing to stop the illegal actions, the subject refusing to identify themselves, and/or subject having committed other criminal offenses at the same time as they were possessing marijuana.

	Custody Arrest	Summons/Citation	Grand Total	Custody Arrest	Summons/Citation
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	1	1	0.00%	100.00%
Asian/Pacific Islander	16	30	46	34.80%	65.20%
Black	630	792	1,422	44.30%	55.70%
Other	1	2	3	33.30%	66.70%
Unknown/blank	10	5	15	66.70%	33.30%
White	497	649	1,146	43.40%	56.60%
Grand Total	1,154	1,479	2,633	43.80%	56.20%



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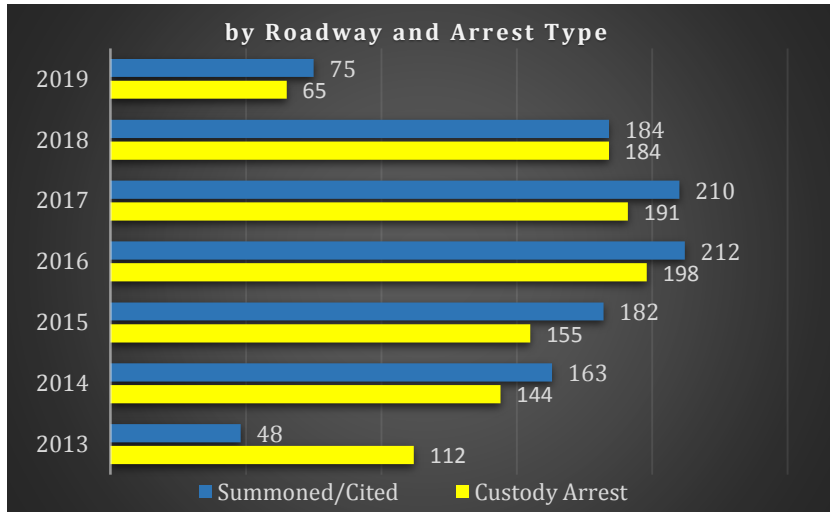
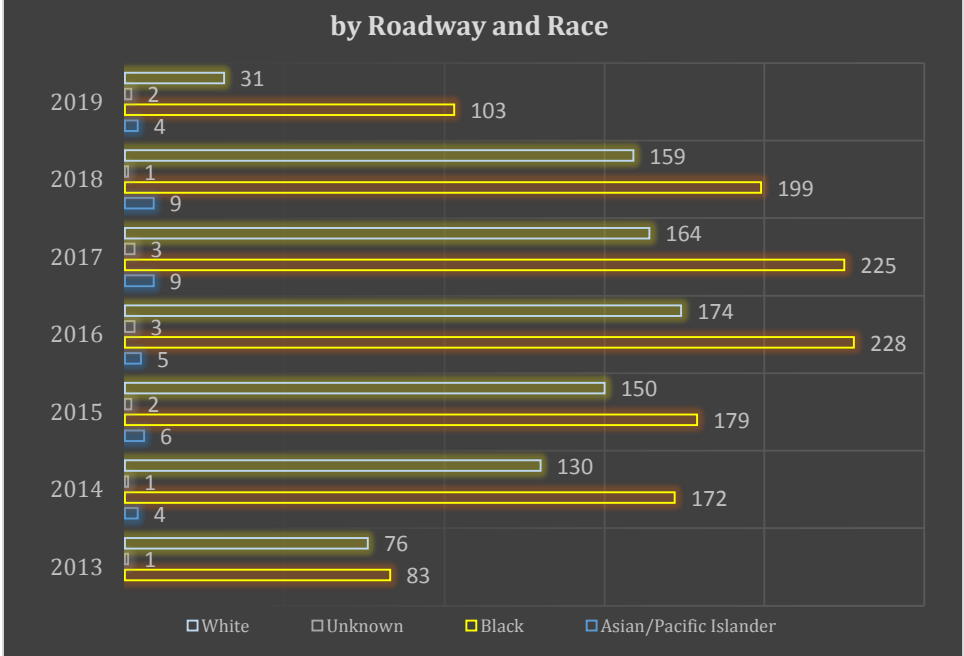


by LOCATION TYPE - ROADWAY and RESIDENCY

Given that most traffic stop related arrests are coded with the roadway location type, and that it is the one most frequently associated with marijuana arrests, it is important to examine it by both race and residency. Arlington arrested more than 100% more non-residents on roadways than it did residents. This trend has stayed consistent since 2013.

by LOCATION TYPE - ROADWAY and RACE

Following the breakdown for marijuana arrests overall, there are slightly more black arrestees for marijuana charges than white arrestees on roadways. These numbers, however, need to be considered with the above statistics, which show that more than double of these arrestees are nonresidents.



by LOCATION TYPE - ROADWAY and ARREST TYPE

When looking at marijuana arrests that occur on roadways, slightly more (2%) are released on summons than taken into custody from 2013-2019YTD. Please see the explanation on page 3 for custodial arrests.