## WA STRATEGY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

## Drug Offences in Western Australia: 1998-2000

## Introduction

This report contains a breakdown of the number of drug charges laid by the West Australian Police for each quarter from the beginning of 1998 to the end of 2000 and updates Statistical Bulletin No. 9. Information about seizures and regional patterns of offending for this period are available from the website.

This data has been provided to the WA Drug Abuse Strategy Office by the Crime Information Unit of the West Australian Police Service. The data was extracted from the Offence Information System (OIS) and is a count of the number of offences where a person has been processed. Processed persons refers to adults and juveniles who have been arrested, summonsed, cautioned or appeared before the Juvenile Justice Team. This data does not measure court outcomes.

This information reflects police activity and accordingly deals with reported crime which has been detected and resulted in the apprehension of an offender. It should be noted that as data presented in this publication counts multiple offences, it
does not provide a count the number of distinct persons. Due to limitations of the OIS it is not possible to determine distinct persons. The data reported in this publication is concerned with the following offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1981:

- possession/use of prohibited drugs or prohibited plants;
- possession of smoking implements;
- sell/supply of prohibited drugs or prohibited plants
- cultivation of prohibited plants;
- manufacture of prohibited drugs; and
- other drug offences.


## Overview

Over the three year period the number of drug offences fluctuated between about 3,000 and 3,500 per quarter. Higher numbers of charges occurred in the June quarter 1998 ( 3,931 offences) and in the March and June quarters 2000 ( 3,677 and 3,833 offences, respectively) (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Number of quarterly offences by type of offence, WA, 1998-2000


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http://www.wa.gov.au/drugwestaus/
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The most frequent offence was for the possession and/or use of drugs, with between about 1,600 and 1,800 charges per quarter, except for the March quarters 1998 and 1999 ( 2,161 and 1,939 offences, respectively) and in the March and June quarters 2000 ( 2,055 and 2,113 offences, respectively) (Table 1).

The second most frequent charge involved the possession of smoking implements, with about 1,000 charges per quarter, except for the March quarters 1998 and 1999 ( 1,179 and 1,285 offences, respectively)

In each year the majority of charges involved persons in the 15 to 34 year age range, with nearly eight out of 10 offences involving this age group (Table 2).

There were similar proportions of offences for the seven age groups in 1998, 1999 and 2000 (except for the 45-54 age group ( $9.4 \%$ of offences in 1999), as follows:

|  | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $<15$ | $5.6 \%$ | $5.1 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ |
| $15-19$ | $29.5 \%$ | $28.9 \%$ | $29.8 \%$ |
| $20-24$ | $22.1 \%$ | $21.6 \%$ | $22.3 \%$ |
| $25-34$ | $27.2 \%$ | $28.3 \%$ | $28.1 \%$ |
| $35-44$ | $12.3 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ | $12.3 \%$ |
| $45-54$ | $2.9 \%$ | $9.4 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ |
| $55+$ | $0.4 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ |

## 1998 in summary

In 1998 there was a total of 13,322 drug offences (Table 5 , page 6) of which $10,981(82.4 \%)$ involved males (Table 3, page 4) and 2,341 (17.6\%) involved females (Table 4, page 5).

For all age groups the greatest number of offences involved the possession and/or use of drugs. For those aged less than 45 years possession of smoking implements was the second most frequent offence, whereas for those aged 45 years and older the second most frequent offence involved cultivation charges (Figure 4, page 6).

For both males (Figure 2, page 4) and females (Figure 3, page 5) there was, with increasing age, a decrease in the proportion of offences involving less serious drug charges (ie possession and/or use and possession of implements) compared to more serious offences (ie sell/supply and cultivation).

A breakdown of the data by age group and type of offence (see Table 5, page 6) shows the proportion of less serious offences (ie possession/use and possession of smoking implements) decreased with age compared to more serious offences (ie cultivation and manufacture), as follows.

There was a marked decline with age in the proportion of charges for possession of smoking implements, decreas-

Table 1: Number of quarterly offences by type of offence, WA, 1998-2000

|  | 1998 |  |  |  |  | 1999 |  |  |  |  | 2000 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type of offence | Qtr 1 | Qtr 2 | Qtr 3 | Qtr 4 | Total | Qtr 1 | Qtr 2 | Qtr 3 | Qtr 4 | Total | Qtr 1 | Qtr 2 | Qtr 3 | Qtr 4 | Total |
| Possess/use | 1,608 | 2,161 | 1,765 | 1,585 | 7,119 | 1,692 | 1,939 | 1,835 | 1,620 | 7,086 | 1,666 | 2,055 | 2,113 | 1,883 | 7,717 |
| Sell/Supply | 162 | 275 | 187 | 172 | 796 | 192 | 220 | 217 | 172 | 801 | 175 | 223 | 222 | 188 | 808 |
| Cultivate | 370 | 295 | 208 | 263 | 1,136 | 364 | 240 | 197 | 240 | 1,041 | 261 | 211 | 185 | 199 | 856 |
| Manufacture | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 15 | 6 | 31 | 12 | 14 | 63 |
| Undetermined | 8 | 20 | 24 | 21 | 73 | 14 | 18 | 17 | 22 | 71 | 18 | 15 | 16 | 6 | 55 |
| Implement | 893 | 1,179 | 1,103 | 1,013 | 4,188 | 1,094 | 1,082 | 1,091 | 950 | 4,217 | 963 | 1142 | 1,285 | 1,048 | 4,438 |
| Total | 3,043 | 3,931 | 3,289 | 3,059 | 13,322 | 3,356 | 3,500 | 3,367 | 3,008 | 13,231 | 3,089 | 3,677 | 3,833 | 3,338 | 13,937 |

Table 2: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 1998-2000

|  | 1998 |  |  |  |  | 1999 |  |  |  |  | 2000 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Qtr 1 | Qtr 2 | Qtr 3 | Qtr 4 | Total | Qtr 1 | Qtr 2 | Qtr 3 | Qtr 4 | Total | Qtr 1 | Qtr 2 | Qtr 3 | Qtr 4 | Total |
| <15 | 147 | 232 | 217 | 149 | 745 | 150 | 213 | 186 | 126 | 675 | 93 | 174 | 143 | 173 | 583 |
| 15-19 | 810 | 1,126 | 1,062 | 930 | 3,928 | 906 | 1,016 | 1,035 | 872 | 3,829 | 905 | 1,179 | 1,135 | 940 | 4,159 |
| 20-24 | 716 | 817 | 702 | 712 | 2,947 | 705 | 751 | 688 | 720 | 2,864 | 715 | 774 | 893 | 726 | 3,108 |
| 25-34 | 835 | 1,116 | 870 | 807 | 3,628 | 998 | 996 | 923 | 828 | 3,745 | 859 | 1,015 | 1,093 | 943 | 3,910 |
| 35-44 | 420 | 513 | 340 | 360 | 1,633 | 446 | 388 | 415 | 346 | 1,595 | 399 | 413 | 461 | 444 | 1,717 |
| 45-54 | 96 | 113 | 87 | 87 | 383 | 922 | 110 | 106 | 101 | 1,239 | 97 | 111 | 94 | 85 | 387 |
| 55+ | 19 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 58 | 29 | 26 | 14 | 15 | 84 | 21 | 11 | 14 | 27 | 73 |
| All ages | 3,043 | 3,931 | 3,289 | 3,059 | 13,322 | 3,356 | 3,500 | 3,367 | 3,008 | 13,231 | 3,089 | 3,677 | 3,833 | 3,338 | 13,937 |

ing from just over one third offences in the <20 age group, to $12 \%$ of charges in the 55 years and older age group.

For the most serious charges, grouped as 'other', the proportion of offences increased about five fold, from $8 \%$ in the 15 to 19 age group to $40 \%$ for 55 years and older age group.

|  | Possession/use | Implements | Other |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| $<15$ | $58.9 \%$ | $35.4 \%$ | $5.6 \%$ |
| $15-19$ | $53.7 \%$ | $38.3 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ |
| $20-24$ | $54.9 \%$ | $31.5 \%$ | $13.6 \%$ |
| $25-34$ | $53.2 \%$ | $28.7 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ |
| $35-44$ | $49.8 \%$ | $23.3 \%$ | $26.9 \%$ |
| $45-54$ | $46.7 \%$ | $16.4 \%$ | $36.8 \%$ |
| $55+$ | $48.3 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ | $39.7 \%$ |

## 1999 in summary

In 1999 there was a total of 13,231 drug offences (Table 8 , page 9 ) of which $10,808(81.7 \%)$ involved males (Table 6, page 7) and 2,423 (18.3\%) involved females (Table 7 , page 8 ).

For all age groups the greatest number of offences involved the possession and/or use of drugs. For those aged less than 45 years possession of smoking implements was the second most frequent offence, whereas for those aged 45 years and older the second most frequent offence involved cultivation charges (Figure 7, page 9).

For both males (Figure 5, page 7) and females (Figure 6, page 8) there was, with increasing age, a decrease in the proportion of offences involving less serious drug charges (ie possession and/or use and possession of implements) compared to more serious offences (ie sell/supply and cultivation).

A breakdown of the data by age group and type of offence (see Table 8, page 9) shows the proportion of less serious offences (ie possession/use and possession of smoking implements) decreased with age compared to more serious offences (ie cultivation and manufacture) which are grouped as 'other', as follows.

There was a marked decline with age in the proportion of charges for possession of smoking implements, decreasing from nearly $40 \%$ of offences in the <20 age group, to just over $10 \%$ of charges in the 55 years and older age group.

For the most serious charges, grouped as 'other', the proportion of offences increased about seven fold, from $7 \%$ in the 15 to 19 age group to $52 \%$ for 55 years and older age group.

|  | Possession/use | Implements | Other |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| $<15$ | $55.1 \%$ | $38.1 \%$ | $6.8 \%$ |
| $15-19$ | $55.3 \%$ | $38.1 \%$ | $6.6 \%$ |
| $20-24$ | $54.7 \%$ | $32.3 \%$ | $13.0 \%$ |
| $25-34$ | $53.6 \%$ | $29.2 \%$ | $17.3 \%$ |
| $35-44$ | $50.2 \%$ | $24.9 \%$ | $24.9 \%$ |
| $45-54$ | $43.7 \%$ | $17.8 \%$ | $38.5 \%$ |
| $55+$ | $36.9 \%$ | $10.7 \%$ | $52.4 \%$ |

## 2000 in summary

In 2000 there was a total of 13,937 drug offences (Table 11, page 12) of which $11,397(81.7 \%)$ involved males (Table 9, page 10) and 2,540 (18.3\%) involved females (Table 10 , page 11 ).

For all age groups the greatest number of offences involved the possession and/or use of drugs. For those aged less than 45 years possession of smoking implements was the second most frequent offence, whereas for those aged 45 years and older the second most frequent offence involved cultivation charges (Figure 10, page 12).

For both males (Figure 8, page 10) and females (Figure 9, page 11) there was, with increasing age, a decrease in the proportion of offences involving less serious drug charges (ie possession and/or use and possession of implements) compared to more serious offences (ie sell/supply and cultivation).

A breakdown of the data by age group and type of offence (see Table 11, page 12) shows the proportion of less serious offences (ie possession/use and possession of smoking implements) decreased with age compared to more serious offences (ie cultivation and manufacture) which are grouped as 'other', as follows.

There was a marked decline with age in the proportion of charges for possession of smoking implements, decreasing from nearly $40 \%$ of offences in the <20 age group, to just under $15 \%$ of charges in the 55 years and older age group.

For the most serious charges, grouped as 'other', the proportion of offences increased about seven fold, from $7 \%$ in the 15 to 19 age group to $52 \%$ for 55 years and older age group.

|  | Possession/use | Implements | Other |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $<15$ | $54.5 \%$ | $37.6 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ |
| $15-19$ | $54.4 \%$ | $39.4 \%$ | $6.2 \%$ |
| $20-24$ | $60.0 \%$ | $30.5 \%$ | $9.5 \%$ |
| $25-34$ | $55.9 \%$ | $28.1 \%$ | $16.0 \%$ |
| $35-44$ | $51.4 \%$ | $25.8 \%$ | $22.8 \%$ |
| $45-54$ | $46.8 \%$ | $20.9 \%$ | $32.3 \%$ |
| $55+$ | $34.2 \%$ | $13.7 \%$ | $52.1 \%$ |

## Quarterly offences 1998

Table 3: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 1998 - males

|  | <15 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55+ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 98 Qtr 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 83 | 386 | 313 | 343 | 157 | 30 | 5 | 1,317 |
| Sell/supply | 5 | 27 | 23 | 32 | 35 | 7 | - | 129 |
| Cultivate | 1 | 40 | 61 | 101 | 72 | 23 | 9 | 307 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Undetermined | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | - | 3 |
| Implements | 39 | 229 | 187 | 203 | 67 | 9 | 1 | 735 |
| Total | 128 | 683 | 584 | 681 | 332 | 69 | 15 | 2,492 |
| 98 Qtr 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 124 | 506 | 383 | 505 | 195 | 49 | 6 | 1,768 |
| Sell/supply | 9 | 34 | 47 | 81 | 47 | 12 | 3 | 233 |
| Cultivate | 4 | 30 | 47 | 92 | 56 | 21 | 3 | 253 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Undetermined | - | 3 | 2 | 11 | - | 1 | - | 17 |
| Implements | 63 | 362 | 199 | 249 | 95 | 11 | 1 | 980 |
| Total | 200 | 935 | 678 | 938 | 394 | 94 | 13 | 3,252 |
| 98 Qtr 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 88 | 458 | 325 | 396 | 136 | 31 | 7 | 1,441 |
| Sell/supply | 6 | 27 | 28 | 44 | 25 | 8 | 1 | 139 |
| Cultivate | 2 | 36 | 32 | 56 | 32 | 18 | 1 | 177 |
| Manufacture | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Undetermined | - | 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 | - | - | 18 |
| Implements | 68 | 354 | 205 | 201 | 62 | 16 | 2 | 908 |
| Total | 164 | 881 | 596 | 701 | 259 | 73 | 11 | 2,685 |
| 98 Qtr 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 65 | 430 | 299 | 344 | 143 | 36 | 8 | 1,325 |
| Sell/supply | 6 | 17 | 30 | 44 | 26 | 13 | - | 136 |
| Cultivate | 1 | 36 | 41 | 76 | 46 | 16 | 3 | 219 |
| Manufacture | - | - | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | 4 |
| Undetermined | - | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | - | - | 12 |
| Implements | 51 | 343 | 183 | 192 | 71 | 13 | 3 | 856 |
| Total | 123 | 827 | 558 | 662 | 290 | 78 | 14 | 2,552 |
| 1998 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 360 | 1,780 | 1,320 | 1,588 | 631 | 146 | 26 | 5,851 |
| Sell/supply | 26 | 105 | 128 | 201 | 133 | 40 | 4 | 637 |
| Cultivate | 8 | 142 | 181 | 325 | 206 | 78 | 16 | 956 |
| Manufacture | - | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | - | - | 8 |
| Undetermined | - | 10 | 12 | 19 | 8 | 1 | - | 50 |
| Implements | 221 | 1,288 | 774 | 845 | 295 | 49 | 7 | 3,479 |
| Total | 615 | 3,326 | 2,416 | 2,982 | 1,275 | 314 | 53 | 10,981 |

Figure 2: Total number of offences by age group, WA, 1998 - males


## Quarterly offences 1998

Table 4: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 1998 - females

|  | <15 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55+ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 98 Qtr 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 13 | 68 | 73 | 82 | 42 | 12 | 1 | 291 |
| Sell/supply | 2 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 4 | 2 | - | 33 |
| Cultivate | - | 5 | 8 | 21 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 63 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Undetermined | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 5 |
| Implements | 4 | 48 | 40 | 39 | 20 | 7 | - | 158 |
| Total | 19 | 127 | 132 | 154 | 88 | 27 | 4 | 551 |
| 98 Qtr 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 21 | 112 | 82 | 101 | 65 | 11 | 1 | 393 |
| Sell/supply | 2 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 4 | - | 42 |
| Cultivate | - | 5 | 6 | 13 | 16 | 2 | - | 42 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Undetermined | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | 3 |
| Implements | 9 | 71 | 40 | 51 | 26 | 2 | - | 199 |
| Total | 32 | 191 | 139 | 178 | 119 | 19 | 1 | 679 |
| 98 Qtr 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 34 | 95 | 55 | 91 | 43 | 6 | - | 324 |
| Sell/supply | 1 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 1 | - | 48 |
| Cultivate | - | 9 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 3 | - | 31 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Undetermined | 1 | - | 3 | - | 2 | - | - | 6 |
| Implements | 17 | 65 | 34 | 57 | 18 | 4 | - | 195 |
| Total | 53 | 181 | 106 | 169 | 81 | 14 | - | 604 |
| 98 Qtr 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 11 | 55 | 89 | 69 | 32 | 4 | - | 260 |
| Sell/supply | 1 | 6 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 3 | - | 36 |
| Cultivate | 1 | 6 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 1 | - | 44 |
| Manufacture | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Undetermined | - | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | - | - | 9 |
| Implements | 13 | 34 | 40 | 48 | 21 | 1 | - | 157 |
| Total | 26 | 103 | 154 | 145 | 70 | 9 | - | 507 |
| 1998 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 79 | 330 | 299 | 343 | 182 | 33 | 2 | 1,268 |
| Sell/supply | 6 | 25 | 42 | 46 | 30 | 10 | - | 159 |
| Cultivate | 1 | 25 | 28 | 56 | 55 | 12 | 3 | 180 |
| Manufacture | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Undetermined | 1 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 5 | - | - | 23 |
| Implements | 43 | 218 | 154 | 195 | 85 | 14 | - | 709 |
| Total | 130 | 602 | 531 | 646 | 358 | 69 | 5 | 2,341 |

Figure 3: Total number of offences by age group, WA, 1998 - females


## Quarterly offences 1998

Table 5: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 1998 - persons

|  | <15 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55+ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 98 Qtr 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 96 | 454 | 386 | 425 | 199 | 42 | 6 | 1,608 |
| Sell/supply | 7 | 31 | 33 | 43 | 39 | 9 | - | 162 |
| Cultivate | 1 | 45 | 69 | 122 | 92 | 29 | 12 | 370 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 2 |
| Undetermined | - | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | - | - | 8 |
| Implements | 43 | 277 | 227 | 242 | 87 | 16 | 1 | 893 |
| Total | 147 | 810 | 716 | 835 | 420 | 96 | 19 | 3,043 |
| 98 Qtr 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 145 | 618 | 465 | 606 | 260 | 60 | 7 | 2,161 |
| Sell/supply | 11 | 37 | 58 | 92 | 58 | 16 | 3 | 275 |
| Cultivate | 4 | 35 | 53 | 105 | 72 | 23 | 3 | 295 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Undetermined | - | 3 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 1 | - | 20 |
| Implements | 72 | 433 | 239 | 300 | 121 | 13 | 1 | 1,179 |
| Total | 2,332 | 1,126 | 817 | 1,116 | 513 | 113 | 14 | 3,931 |
| 98 Qtr 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 122 | 553 | 380 | 487 | 179 | 37 | 7 | 1,765 |
| Sell/supply | 7 | 39 | 39 | 56 | 36 | 9 | 1 | 187 |
| Cultivate | 2 | 45 | 35 | 65 | 39 | 21 | 1 | 208 |
| Manufacture | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Undetermined | 1 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 6 | - | - | 24 |
| Implements | 85 | 419 | 239 | 258 | 80 | 20 | 2 | 1,103 |
| Total | 217 | 1,062 | 702 | 870 | 340 | 87 | 11 | 3,289 |
| 98 Qtr 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 76 | 485 | 388 | 413 | 175 | 40 | 8 | 1,585 |
| Sell/supply | 7 | 23 | 40 | 56 | 30 | 16 | - | 172 |
| Cultivate | 2 | 42 | 52 | 89 | 58 | 17 | 3 | 263 |
| Manufacture | - | 1 | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | 5 |
| Undetermined | - | 2 | 8 | 6 | 5 | - | - | 21 |
| Implements | 64 | 377 | 223 | 240 | 92 | 14 | 3 | 1,013 |
| Total | 149 | 930 | 712 | 807 | 360 | 87 | 14 | 3,059 |
| 1998 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 439 | 2,110 | 1,619 | 1,931 | 813 | 179 | 28 | 7,119 |
| Sell/supply | 32 | 130 | 170 | 247 | 163 | 50 | 4 | 796 |
| Cultivate | 9 | 167 | 209 | 381 | 261 | 90 | 19 | 1,136 |
| Manufacture | - | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | - | - | 10 |
| Undetermined | 1 | 13 | 20 | 25 | 13 | 1 | - | 73 |
| Implements | 264 | 1,506 | 928 | 1,040 | 380 | 63 | 7 | 4,188 |
| Total | 745 | 3,928 | 2,947 | 3,628 | 1,633 | 383 | 58 | 13,322 |

Figure 4: Total number of offences by age group, WA, 1998 - persons


## Quarterly offences 1999

Table 6: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 1999 - males

|  | <15 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55+ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 99 Qtr 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 77 | 407 | 294 | 410 | 145 | 44 | 9 | 1,386 |
| Sell/supply | 5 | 25 | 26 | 44 | 35 | 10 | 3 | 148 |
| Cultivate | 4 | 35 | 58 | 104 | 64 | 23 | 11 | 299 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Undetermined | - | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | - | 10 |
| Implements | 37 | 283 | 210 | 258 | 89 | 22 | 3 | 902 |
| Total | 123 | 752 | 589 | 821 | 334 | 100 | 26 | 2,745 |
| 99 Qtr 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 94 | 479 | 352 | 454 | 158 | 38 | 9 | 1,584 |
| Sell/supply | 5 | 20 | 33 | 52 | 39 | 13 | 4 | 166 |
| Cultivate | 6 | 28 | 30 | 89 | 35 | 15 | 8 | 211 |
| Manufacture | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Undetermined | - | - | 2 | 7 | - | 3 | - | 12 |
| Implements | 69 | 334 | 200 | 226 | 63 | 14 | 4 | 910 |
| Total | 174 | 862 | 617 | 828 | 295 | 83 | 25 | 2,884 |
| 99 Qtr 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 75 | 468 | 321 | 411 | 176 | 31 | 5 | 1,487 |
| Sell/supply | 8 | 17 | 29 | 46 | 38 | 20 | 1 | 159 |
| Cultivate | 2 | 30 | 30 | 54 | 32 | 12 | 3 | 163 |
| Manufacture | - | - | 1 | 5 | 1 | - | - | 7 |
| Undetermined | - | 4 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | - | 15 |
| Implements | 72 | 344 | 172 | 222 | 80 | 11 | - | 901 |
| Total | 157 | 863 | 554 | 740 | 332 | 77 | 9 | 2,732 |
| 99 Qtr 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 59 | 411 | 318 | 355 | 143 | 34 | 5 | 1,325 |
| Sell/supply | 6 | 9 | 28 | 44 | 24 | 8 | 2 | 121 |
| Cultivate | - | 27 | 59 | 66 | 34 | 12 | 3 | 201 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | 4 |
| Undetermined | - | 2 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 1 | - | 17 |
| Implements | 40 | 292 | 193 | 173 | 72 | 9 | - | 779 |
| Total | 105 | 741 | 601 | 648 | 278 | 64 | 10 | 2,447 |
| 1999 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 305 | 1,765 | 1,285 | 1,630 | 622 | 147 | 28 | 5,782 |
| Sell/supply | 24 | 71 | 116 | 186 | 136 | 51 | 10 | 594 |
| Cultivate | 12 | 120 | 177 | 313 | 165 | 62 | 25 | 874 |
| Manufacture | - | 1 | 1 | 7 | 3 | - | - | 12 |
| Undetermined | - | 8 | 7 | 22 | 9 | 8 | - | 54 |
| Implements | 218 | 1,253 | 775 | 879 | 304 | 56 | 7 | 3,492 |
| Total | 559 | 3,218 | 2,361 | 3,037 | 1,239 | 324 | 70 | 10,808 |

Figure 5: Total number of offences by age group, WA, 1999-males


## Quarterly offences 1999

Table 7: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 1999-females

|  | <15 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55+ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 99 Qtr 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 17 | 89 | 58 | 85 | 48 | 9 | - | 306 |
| Sell/supply | 4 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 10 | 2 | - | 44 |
| Cultivate | - | 7 | 11 | 20 | 20 | 5 | 2 | 65 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Undetermined | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 4 |
| Implements | 6 | 50 | 40 | 57 | 33 | 6 | - | 192 |
| Total | 27 | 154 | 116 | 177 | 112 | 22 | 3 | 611 |
| 99 Qtr 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 22 | 98 | 82 | 92 | 49 | 11 | 1 | 355 |
| Sell/supply | 3 | 4 | 14 | 16 | 13 | 4 | - | 54 |
| Cultivate | - | 4 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 6 | - | 29 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Undetermined | - | 3 | 2 | - | 1 | - | - | 6 |
| Implements | 14 | 45 | 32 | 50 | 25 | 6 | - | 172 |
| Total | 39 | 154 | 134 | 168 | 93 | 27 | 1 | 616 |
| 99 Qtr 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 17 | 91 | 75 | 105 | 43 | 16 | 1 | 348 |
| Sell/supply | 1 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 58 |
| Cultivate | - | 8 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 34 |
| Manufacture | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | - | 3 |
| Undetermined | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Implements | 11 | 65 | 42 | 48 | 18 | 6 | - | 190 |
| Total | 29 | 172 | 134 | 183 | 83 | 29 | 5 | 635 |
| 99 Qtr 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 11 | 74 | 67 | 94 | 39 | 9 | 1 | 295 |
| Sell/supply | 2 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 4 | 22 | - | 51 |
| Cultivate | - | 7 | 6 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 39 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Undetermined | - | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | 5 |
| Implements | 8 | 45 | 37 | 58 | 17 | 4 | 2 | 171 |
| Total | 21 | 131 | 119 | 180 | 68 | 37 | 5 | 561 |
| 1999 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 67 | 352 | 282 | 376 | 179 | 45 | 3 | 1,304 |
| Sell/supply | 10 | 20 | 40 | 61 | 43 | 32 | 1 | 207 |
| Cultivate | - | 26 | 26 | 53 | 39 | 16 | 7 | 167 |
| Manufacture | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | - | 3 |
| Undetermined | - | 7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | - | 1 | 17 |
| Implements | 39 | 205 | 151 | 213 | 93 | 22 | 2 | 725 |
| Total | 116 | 611 | 503 | 708 | 356 | 115 | 14 | 2,423 |

Figure 6: Total number of offences by age group, WA, 1999 - females


## Quarterly offences 1999

Table 8: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 1999 - persons

|  | <15 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55+ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 99 Qtr 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 94 | 496 | 352 | 495 | 193 | 53 | 9 | 1,692 |
| Sell/supply | 9 | 32 | 33 | 58 | 45 | 12 | 3 | 192 |
| Cultivate | 4 | 42 | 69 | 124 | 84 | 28 | 13 | 364 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Undetermined | - | 3 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 14 |
| Implements | 43 | 333 | 250 | 315 | 122 | 28 | 3 | 1,094 |
| Total | 150 | 906 | 705 | 998 | 446 | 122 | 29 | 3,356 |
| 99 Qtr 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 116 | 577 | 434 | 546 | 207 | 49 | 10 | 1,939 |
| Sell/supply | 8 | 24 | 47 | 68 | 52 | 17 | 4 | 220 |
| Cultivate | 6 | 32 | 34 | 99 | 40 | 21 | 8 | 240 |
| Manufacture | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Undetermined | - | 3 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 3 | - | 18 |
| Implements | 83 | 379 | 232 | 276 | 88 | 20 | 4 | 1,082 |
| Total | 213 | 1,016 | 751 | 996 | 388 | 110 | 26 | 3,500 |
| 99 Qtr 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 92 | 559 | 396 | 516 | 219 | 47 | 6 | 1,835 |
| Sell/supply | 9 | 23 | 41 | 64 | 54 | 24 | 2 | 217 |
| Cultivate | 2 | 38 | 35 | 63 | 38 | 15 | 6 | 197 |
| Manufacture | - | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | - | - | 10 |
| Undetermined | - | 5 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | - | 17 |
| Implements | 83 | 409 | 214 | 270 | 98 | 17 | - | 1,091 |
| Total | 186 | 1,035 | 688 | 923 | 415 | 106 | 14 | 3,367 |
| 99 Qtr 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 70 | 485 | 385 | 449 | 182 | 43 | 6 | 1,620 |
| Sell/supply | 8 | 12 | 35 | 57 | 28 | 30 | 2 | 172 |
| Cultivate | - | 34 | 65 | 80 | 42 | 14 | 5 | 240 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | 4 |
| Undetermined | - | 4 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 1 | - | 22 |
| Implements | 48 | 337 | 230 | 231 | 89 | 13 | 2 | 950 |
| Total | 126 | 872 | 720 | 828 | 346 | 101 | 15 | 3,008 |
| 1999 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 372 | 2,117 | 1,567 | 2,006 | 801 | 192 | 31 | 7,086 |
| Sell/supply | 34 | 91 | 156 | 247 | 179 | 83 | 11 | 801 |
| Cultivate | 12 | 146 | 203 | 366 | 204 | 78 | 32 | 1,041 |
| Manufacture | - | 2 | 1 | 9 | 3 | - | - | 15 |
| Undetermined | - | 15 | 11 | 25 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 71 |
| Implements | 257 | 1,458 | 926 | 1,092 | 397 | 78 | 9 | 4,217 |
| Total | 675 | 3,829 | 2,864 | 3,745 | 1,595 | 439 | 84 | 13,231 |

Figure 7: Total number of offences by age group, WA, 1999 - persons


## Quarterly offences 2000

Table 9: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 2000 - males

|  | <15 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55+ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 00 Qtr 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 47 | 403 | 335 | 348 | 165 | 36 | 3 | 1,337 |
| Sell/supply | 2 | 22 | 31 | 43 | 23 | 13 | 2 | 136 |
| Cultivate | 2 | 29 | 33 | 78 | 45 | 16 | 9 | 212 |
| Manufacture | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | - | 6 |
| Undetermined | - | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | - | 14 |
| Implements | 24 | 294 | 178 | 179 | 69 | 15 | 1 | 760 |
| Total | 75 | 749 | 584 | 654 | 306 | 82 | 15 | 2,465 |
| 00 Qtr 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 80 | 568 | 385 | 456 | 161 | 42 | 3 | 1,695 |
| Sell/supply | 7 | 28 | 30 | 48 | 35 | 13 | 2 | 163 |
| Cultivate | - | 27 | 30 | 59 | 46 | 15 | 3 | 180 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | 17 | 1 | - | - | 18 |
| Undetermined | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | - | - | 9 |
| Implements | 59 | 397 | 182 | 219 | 88 | 24 | 1 | 970 |
| Total | 146 | 1,022 | 629 | 801 | 334 | 94 | 9 | 3,035 |
| 00 Qtr 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 63 | 515 | 425 | 481 | 191 | 39 | 3 | 1,717 |
| Sell/supply | 4 | 23 | 29 | 57 | 45 | 8 | 4 | 170 |
| Cultivate | - | 30 | 20 | 62 | 29 | 13 | 5 | 159 |
| Manufacture | - | 4 | 4 | - | 2 | - | - | 10 |
| Undetermined | - | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | - | 12 |
| Implements | 47 | 395 | 244 | 266 | 91 | 18 | 1 | 1,062 |
| Total | 114 | 970 | 724 | 869 | 361 | 79 | 13 | 3,130 |
| 00 Qtr 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 72 | 440 | 375 | 436 | 184 | 39 | 11 | 1,557 |
| Sell/supply | 15 | 16 | 23 | 57 | 29 | 3 | 3 | 146 |
| Cultivate | 7 | 21 | 25 | 52 | 37 | 16 | 7 | 165 |
| Manufacture | - | - | 2 | 4 | 8 | - | - | 14 |
| Undetermined | - | 3 | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | 6 |
| Implements | 52 | 313 | 185 | 211 | 99 | 14 | 5 | 879 |
| Total | 146 | 793 | 610 | 762 | 358 | 72 | 26 | 2,767 |
| 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 262 | 1,926 | 1,520 | 1,721 | 701 | 156 | 20 | 6,306 |
| Sell/supply | 28 | 89 | 113 | 205 | 132 | 37 | 11 | 615 |
| Cultivate | 9 | 107 | 108 | 251 | 157 | 60 | 24 | 716 |
| Manufacture | - | 4 | 8 | 23 | 13 | - | - | 48 |
| Undetermined | - | 9 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 3 | - | 41 |
| Implements | 182 | 1,399 | 789 | 875 | 347 | 71 | 8 | 3,671 |
| Total | 481 | 3,534 | 2,547 | 3,086 | 1,359 | 327 | 63 | 11,397 |

Figure 8: Total number of offences by age group, WA, 2000 - males


## Quarterly offences 2000

Table 10: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 2000 - females

|  | <15 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55+ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 00 Qtr 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 8 | 81 | 72 | 110 | 49 | 6 | 3 | 329 |
| Sell/supply | 1 | 4 | 13 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 39 |
| Cultivate | - | 3 | 5 | 21 | 17 | 3 | - | 49 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Undetermined | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | - | 4 |
| Implements | 9 | 66 | 41 | 57 | 24 | 4 | 2 | 203 |
| Total | 18 | 156 | 131 | 205 | 93 | 15 | 6 | 624 |
| 00 Qtr 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 18 | 92 | 89 | 113 | 39 | 8 | 1 | 360 |
| Sell/supply |  | 12 | 13 | 22 | 7 | 6 | - | 60 |
| Cultivate | - | 3 | 5 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 31 |
| Manufacture | - | 2 | - | 10 | 1 | - | - | 13 |
| Undetermined | - | 1 | 1 | 4 | - | - | - | 6 |
| Implements | 10 | 47 | 37 | 52 | 25 | 1 | - | 172 |
| Total | 28 | 157 | 145 | 214 | 79 | 17 | 2 | 642 |
| 00 Qtr 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 16 | 85 | 110 | 134 | 45 | 5 | 1 | 396 |
| Sell/supply | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 17 | 5 | - | 52 |
| Cultivate | - | 2 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 2 | - | 26 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Undetermined | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 4 |
| Implements | 10 | 72 | 46 | 66 | 26 | 3 | - | 223 |
| Total | 29 | 165 | 169 | 224 | 100 | 15 | 1 | 703 |
| 00 Qtr 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 14 | 79 | 73 | 106 | 48 | 6 | - | 326 |
| Sell/supply | 5 | 9 | 4 | 14 | 8 | 2 | - | 42 |
| Cultivate | - | 5 | 4 | 12 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 34 |
| Manufacture | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Undetermined | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Implements | 8 | 54 | 35 | 49 | 21 | 2 | - | 169 |
| Total | 27 | 147 | 116 | 181 | 86 | 13 | 1 | 571 |
| 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 56 | 337 | 344 | 463 | 181 | 25 | 5 | 1,411 |
| Sell/supply | 9 | 31 | 39 | 63 | 35 | 15 | 1 | 193 |
| Cultivate | - | 13 | 17 | 56 | 42 | 10 | 2 | 140 |
| Manufacture | - | 2 | - | 11 | 2 | - | - | 15 |
| Undetermined | - | 3 | 2 | 7 | 2 | - | - | 14 |
| Implements | 37 | 239 | 159 | 224 | 96 | 10 | 2 | 767 |
| Total | 102 | 625 | 561 | 824 | 358 | 60 | 10 | 2,540 |

Figure 9: Total number of offences by age group, WA, 2000 - females


## Quarterly offences 2000

Table 11: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 2000 - persons

|  | <15 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55+ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 00 Qtr 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 55 | 484 | 407 | 458 | 214 | 42 | 6 | 1,666 |
| Sell/supply | 3 | 26 | 44 | 58 | 26 | 15 | 3 | 175 |
| Cultivate | 2 | 32 | 38 | 99 | 62 | 19 | 9 | 261 |
| Manufacture | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | - | 6 |
| Undetermined | - | 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 2 | - | 18 |
| Implements | 33 | 360 | 219 | 236 | 93 | 19 | 3 | 963 |
| Total | 93 | 905 | 715 | 859 | 399 | 97 | 21 | 3,089 |
| 00 Qtr 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 98 | 660 | 474 | 569 | 200 | 50 | 4 | 2,055 |
| Sell/supply | 7 | 40 | 43 | 70 | 42 | 19 | 2 | 223 |
| Cultivate | - | 30 | 35 | 72 | 53 | 17 | 4 | 211 |
| Manufacture | - | 2 | - | 27 | 2 | - | - | 31 |
| Undetermined | -- | 3 | 3 | 6 | 3 | - | - | 15 |
| Implements | 69 | 444 | 219 | 271 | 113 | 25 | 1 | 1,142 |
| Total | 174 | 1,179 | 774 | 1,015 | 413 | 111 | 11 | 3,677 |
| 00 Qtr 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 79 | 600 | 535 | 615 | 236 | 44 | 4 | 2,113 |
| Sell/supply | 7 | 29 | 38 | 69 | 62 | 13 | 4 | 222 |
| Cultivate | - | 32 | 23 | 72 | 38 | 15 | 5 | 185 |
| Manufacture | - | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | - | - | 12 |
| Undetermined | - | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | - | 16 |
| Implements | 57 | 467 | 290 | 332 | 117 | 21 | 1 | 1,285 |
| Total | 143 | 1,135 | 893 | 1,093 | 461 | 94 | 14 | 3,833 |
| 00 Qtr 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 86 | 519 | 448 | 542 | 232 | 45 | 11 | 1,883 |
| Sell/supply | 20 | 25 | 27 | 71 | 37 | 5 | 3 | 188 |
| Cultivate | 7 | 26 | 29 | 64 | 46 | 19 | 8 | 199 |
| Manufacture | - | - | 2 | 4 | 8 | - | - | 14 |
| Undetermined | - | 3 | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | 6 |
| Implements | 60 | 367 | 220 | 260 | 120 | 16 | 5 | 1,048 |
| Total | 173 | 940 | 726 | 943 | 444 | 85 | 27 | 3,338 |
| 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Possess/use | 318 | 2,263 | 1,864 | 2,184 | 882 | 181 | 25 | 7,717 |
| Sell/supply | 37 | 120 | 152 | 268 | 167 | 52 | 12 | 808 |
| Cultivate | 9 | 120 | 125 | 307 | 199 | 70 | 26 | 856 |
| Manufacture | - | 6 | 8 | 34 | 15 | - | - | 63 |
| Undetermined | - | 12 | 11 | 18 | 11 | 3 | - | 55 |
| Implements | 219 | 1,638 | 948 | 1,099 | 443 | 81 | 10 | 4,438 |
| Total | 583 | 4,159 | 3,108 | 3,910 | 1,717 | 387 | 73 | 13,937 |

Figure 10: Total number of offences by age group, WA, 2000 - persons


