



Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services

Ohio Multi-Jurisdictional
Law Enforcement Task Force
2009 Data

Background

In 2009, there were 27 Multi-jurisdictional Law Enforcement Task Forces in the State of Ohio funded through the JAG/Byrne grant program. As a requirement of the grant, these task forces submitted performance data to OCJS corresponding to two reporting periods: January 1, 2009-June 30, 2009, and July 1, 2009-December 31, 2009. The task forces achieved 100 percent performance data reporting.

Investigations and Arrests

New cases initiated

Ohio's 27 task forces initiated a total of 8,200 cases in 2009.

- 6,922 non-pharmaceutical drug cases initiated
- 1,278 pharmaceutical drug cases initiated

Arrests and investigations

The task forces made a total of 4,849 arrests in 2009.

- 3,893 non-pharmaceutical drug arrests
- 475 pharmaceutical drug arrests
- 481 non-drug arrests

Of the 3,893 non-pharmaceutical drug arrests, 50 percent were for drug trafficking, and 37 percent were for drug possession.

The following table specifies the number of arrestees by type of drug and type of crime. *Note that unlike the data provided above on arrests, the hierarchy rule WAS NOT used in the following table (i.e., the table includes all drugs for which the defendant was arrested); thus, the number of arrests in the table is higher than that reported above.*

Number of Arrestees by Drug Crime and Drug Type					
Drug Type	Cultivation	Manufacturing	Assembly	Trafficking	Possession
Cocaine	2			345	202
Crack	8	1		596	258
Heroin	6			438	249
Marijuana	103	9	1	562	517
LSD				12	2
Ecstasy				56	24
Methamphetamine		62	124	25	84
Psilocybin Mushrooms	2			6	13
Other drugs				148	130

Non-pharmaceutical drug crime arrestees

Task forces provided the following data on arrestees for which they had demographic information.

- 66 percent of arrestees were Caucasian, and 30 percent were African-American
- 76 percent of arrestees were male
- 348 arrestees were under age 18 at time of arrest

Demographics of Non-Pharmaceutical Drug Crime Arrestees			
Race/Ethnicity	Gender		Under age 18
	Male	Female	
African-American	35%	15%	30%
Hispanic	4%	2%	<1%
Caucasian	61%	82%	70%
Other race/ethnicity	<1%	<1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Criminal histories of arrestees reveal prior arrests for drug crimes, property crimes, and violent crimes.

- 1,751 arrestees had a prior drug offense arrest
- 639 arrestees had a prior property offense arrest
- 714 arrestees had a prior violent offense arrest

Arrests by felony level

Ohio's task forces made 4,445 felony-level arrests in 2009.

- 63 percent of non-pharmaceutical drug offense arrests were Felony 4 and 5, compared to 75 percent of pharmaceutical drug offense arrests
- The percentage of Felony 1 pharmaceutical drug offense arrests was low compared to Felony 1 non-pharmaceutical drug offenses arrests, but the percentage of Felony 4 pharmaceutical arrests was higher than non-pharmaceutical Felony 4 arrests.

Arrests by Felony Level		
Felony Level	Non-Pharmaceutical Arrests	Pharmaceutical Arrests
Felony 1	9%	1%
Felony 2	8%	5%
Felony 3	19%	19%
Felony 4	25%	41%
Felony 5	38%	34%

Pharmaceutical investigations

Task forces actively investigated 1,166 persons for a multitude of illegal activities, including the following:

Pharmaceutical Investigations	
Illegal Activity	Number of Persons Investigated
Forged/altered prescriptions	217
Doctor shopping	405
Excessive prescribing	29
Theft of prescription drugs from health facilities	48
Sale of prescription drugs	393
Other prescription drug scam offenses	74

Drugs Seized and Diverted, Weapons Confiscated

Non-pharmaceutical drugs removed

During 2009, Ohio's drug task forces removed significant quantities of non-pharmaceutical drugs, including cocaine, crack, heroin, and marijuana.

- Cocaine: 244,104 grams
- Crack: 7,186 grams
- Heroin: 16,107 grams; 375 bundles; 2,874 dosage units
- Marijuana: 25,931 pounds (processed); 10,990 plants
- LSD: 2,819 dosage units
- Ecstasy: 216,098 dosage units; 71 grams
- Methamphetamine: 3,362 grams
- Psilocybin mushrooms: 1,335 mushrooms; 1,943 grams

Pharmaceutical drugs seized and diverted

Task forces seized 19,872 dosage units of pharmaceutical drugs and diverted 115,776 dosage units. The category "Percocet/Percodan/Tylox/Oxycontin" constituted the largest number of seized and diverted pharmaceutical drugs.

The following table identifies the most frequently sought-after pharmaceutical drugs.

Pharmaceutical Drugs Seized and Diverted		
Type of Drug	Dosage Units Seized	Dosage Units Diverted
Adderall	523	4,968
Adipex/Fastin/Ionamin	4,620	4,252
Amphetamines	57	540
Ativan	29	100
Darvocet	490	8,074
Demerol	11	0
Dilaudid	59	227
Duragesic patches/Atiq	156	674
Methadone	1,161	3,940
Morphine	444	1,995
Percocet/Percodan/Tylox/Oxycontin	8,620	45,418
Ritalin	156	0
Soma	108	1,847
Talwin	19	0
Ultram/Ultracet	60	18,203
Valium	398	270
Vicodin/Lortab/Lorcet	2,952	25,268
Xanax	9	0

Weapons confiscated

Firearms were the most common weapon confiscated by the task forces, making up 95 percent of all weapons confiscated.

- 51 percent of firearms confiscated were rifles/shotguns, and 49 percent of were handguns.
- Two fully automatic weapons were confiscated

Other Task Force Activities

Gang cases

Two task forces reported having a specialized gang unit. These two task forces provided intensive trainings on gangs to 24 officers.

Five task forces reported initiating 13 gang-related cases, making 100 arrests and having 46 successful prosecutions in 2009.

Four task forces subscribed to a gang-related intelligence system during one or both reporting periods in 2009.