

DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

The Hon. Member for Douglas East, Ms Faragher, to ask The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs:

In each of the last eight years how many people aged a) under 16, b) 17 or 18, and c) over 18 but under 30 have been i) arrested, ii) charged and iii) convicted in connection with a drug-related offence; and of those convicted how many have been given a) a probation order, b) a suspended sentence and c) a custodial sentence.

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The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs (Mrs Poole-Wilson):

As the Isle of Man Constabulary moved to a new IT system in 2019, data is not consistently held for the years 2017–2019. The format of this data is different and would require considerable manual work to provide the requested information. Unfortunately, due to resource constraints, the Constabulary does not currently have analyst capacity to undertake such the searches to provide information to the entirety of the range requested.

Age group	Arrest year ¹				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
16 and under	41	30	15	18	25
17 to 18	32	22	23	27	32
19 to 29	127	104	84	74	101
Total	200	156	122	119	158

Case data:²

Number of people charged for drug related offences:

Calendar year	16 and under	17 to 18 years old	19 to 29 years old
2020	16	22	144
2021	16	19	150
2022	14	26	161
2023	15	28	169
2024	5	23	177

¹ Where an individual is arrested for more than one reason, only the main arrest reason is counted in order to avoid double counting. In some instances, the drugs related arrest reason may be secondary and the main arrest reason may be an offence other than drugs

² Those charged may have alternative disposals after their first court appearance other than prosecution, this is determined by the Prosecutor.

Number of people who received a **conviction** for drug related offences:

Calendar year	16 and under	17 to 18 years old	19 to 29 years old
2020	11	15	111
2021	14	9	109
2022	9	24	133
2023	11	25	148
2024	5	18	116

Number of people who have received a **probation order** for a drug related offence:

Calendar year	16 and under	17 to 18 years old	19 to 29 years old
2020	1	2	3
2021	3	2	3
2022	3	1	8
2023	0	4	3
2024	2	2	4

Number of people who have received a **suspended sentence** for a drug related offence:

Calendar year	16 and under	17 to 18 years old	19 to 29 years old
2020	1	0	2
2021	0	1	1
2022	1	1	3
2023	0	2	2
2024	0	1	6

Number of people who have received a **custodial sentence** for a drug related offence:

Calendar year	16 and under	17 to 18 years old	19 to 29 years old
2020	2	0	26
2021	5	2	36
2022	1	2	25
2023	3	5	36
2024	1	7	38

Following conviction, as well as the outcomes in the above tables other outcomes may have been implemented, for example, combination order, community service order, exclusion order or fine.