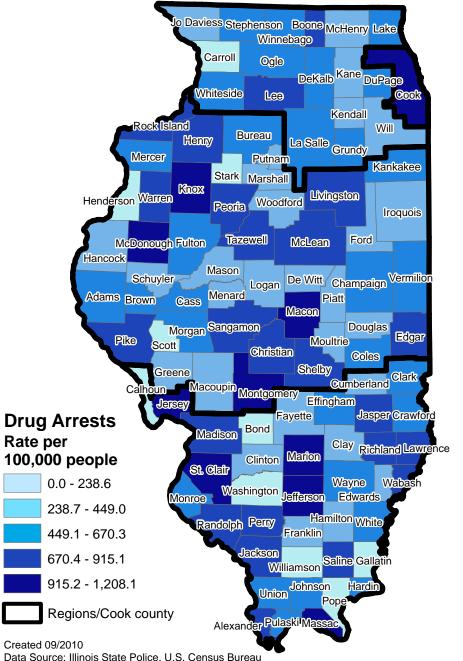
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I-UCR Drug Arrest Rate Per 100,000 People CY2008



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- Drug arrests, as reported to the Illinois Uniform Crime (I-UCR) program, are grouped into four general drug types based on the statute they conform to: cannabis, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, and Hypodermic Syringes/Needles Act violations.
- In 2008, there were 98,914 arrests for drug violations in Illinois, a 10.3 percent decrease from 2007. The map above shows the distribution of reported drug arrests by county, in terms of the rate per 100,000 persons.
- Of the total drug arrests reported in Illinois in 2008, 51.3 percent were for cannabis, 32.8 percent were for controlled substances, 15.3 percent were for paraphernalia, and less than one percent were for hypodermic needle/syringe act violations.
- From 1999 through 2008, the reported drug arrest rate decreased by 14.0 percent (from 896 per 100,000 persons to 770 per 100,000 persons).
- From 1999 to 2008, the arrest rate for cannabis violations increased 13.4 percent and the arrest rate for drug paraphernalia violations increased by less than one percent. In contrast, the reported arrest rate for controlled substances violations decreased by 40.0 percent and the arrest rate for hypodermic needle/syringe violations decreased by 41.1 percent.
- From 1999 through 2008, the reported drug arrest rate increased 36.8 percent in the Southern region, increased 17.2 percent in the Central region, and decreased 10.0 percent in the Northern region outside Cook County. The drug arrest rate in Cook County decreased by 22.8 percent during the time period studied.



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