

2025 ANNUAL DRUG REPORT



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**Statewide Drug
Enforcement Unit (SDEU)**

Captain's Message

Introduction

I am privileged to present the Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU) Annual Report for 2025 on behalf of the Alaska Department of Public Safety. This year, we have remained steadfast in our mission to ensure public safety, uphold the rule of law, foster community trust, and disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations (DTOs). Throughout the past year, we successfully seized over 518,404 grams of illegal drugs, a testament to the dedication and hard work of our team.

Achievements and Performance

One of the most notable accomplishments this year was through the Alaska High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program initiative. We continue to partner with local, state, and federal agencies to combat drug trafficking organizations in Alaska. SDEU and partner agencies also participated in multiple coordinated surge operations throughout the state, resulting in seizures through various modalities across the state.

Year Ahead

As we look forward to 2026, our commitment remains unwavering: to interdict and seize illegal alcohol and substances that are unlawfully distributed throughout Alaska. In the coming year, we will:

- Continue working with local, state, and federal agencies to disrupt and dismantle DTOs
- Hold offenders accountable for crimes committed
- Train our investigators on the latest trends in drug trafficking and DTO operations
- Strengthen partnerships with rural communities to intercept illegal drugs before they reach our communities

Conclusion

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our brave officers and dedicated professional staff, whose hard work and courage are at the heart of our successes. I also want to thank our community partners, stakeholders, and residents for their unwavering support and collaboration. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact and uphold the principles of justice and public service.

Sincerely,

Captain Daron Cooper
Commander, SDEU



The Overall View of the Narcotic Drug and Illicit Alcohol Problem in Alaska

International DTOs continue to traffic dangerous drugs in Alaska due to the economics associated with drug prices and the high demand for narcotics seen throughout the state.

Unorganized individuals continue to import illegal alcoholic beverages into one of the 96 local option communities in Alaska that either ban the sale of alcohol, sale by specific type of license only, sale by municipality operated license only, ban the sale and importation, or ban the sale, importation, and/or possession of alcohol.¹

Methamphetamine, fentanyl, and cocaine pose the greatest drug threats to Alaska. The high rate of return for drug and alcohol traffickers greatly incentivizes supply into and throughout the state. Alaska is not known to produce illegal drugs; illegal drugs are predominantly imported and then distributed throughout the state. Illegal alcohol, however, is purchased in the hub cities or other legal locations and then distributed to local option communities.

Law enforcement dedicates significant resources in the Municipality of Anchorage to seize and interdict drugs, as it serves as the primary entry point for people and goods into Alaska before distribution throughout the state.

Most Common Drugs by Region

- Methamphetamine: Anchorage, Bethel, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Mat-Su, Nome, and Southern Southeast
- Cocaine: Anchorage, Bethel, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Kenai, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Nome, and Southern Southeast
- Fentanyl: Anchorage, Bethel, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Mat-Su, and Southern Southeast
- Heroin: Anchorage, Dillingham, Mat-Su, and Southern Southeast

Number of Arrests Made

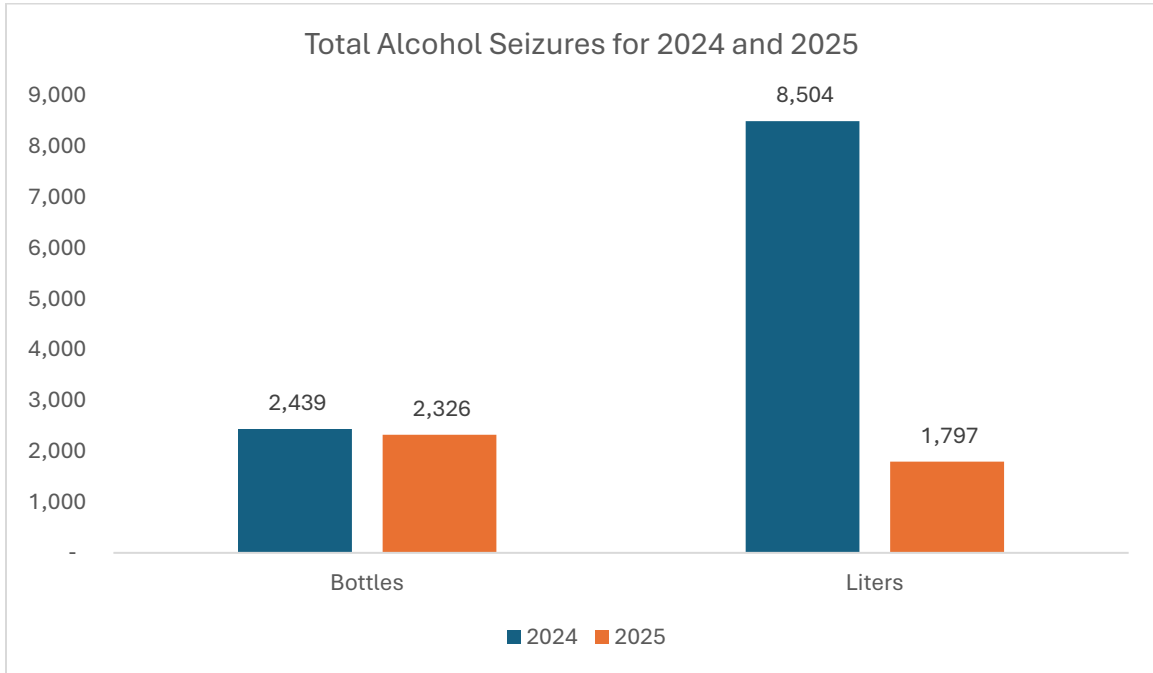
Seizure amounts determine if a charge will be tried in either state or federal court. The cases that meet federal thresholds are forwarded to the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution. Defendants convicted in federal court typically receive longer sentences than when prosecuted in state court. The number of cases that are tried in federal court are not tracked; thus, the total number of charges, incidents, and individuals arrested by SDEU are not fully represented in this report.

- 175 unique drug and alcohol arrests²

¹ Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office. *DCRA Data Portal*. Accessed January 12, 2026.

² Data provided by Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN) as of January 6, 2026. Arrest data is not solely SDEU data, as APSIN is not able to break the data up by units within the Department of Public Safety (DPS). This data represents all alcohol and drug-related arrests for all units within DPS. Arrest data is based on information submitted to the repository, either by the arresting agency directly entering the data into APSIN or when an arrest fingerprint card is received by the criminal records staff. A unique arrest represents an Arrest Tracking Number (ATN); thus, one ATN represents an arrest for one person, but the ATN may have any number of charges listed on it.

Yearly Seizure Totals of Narcotic Drugs and Alcoholic Beverages³



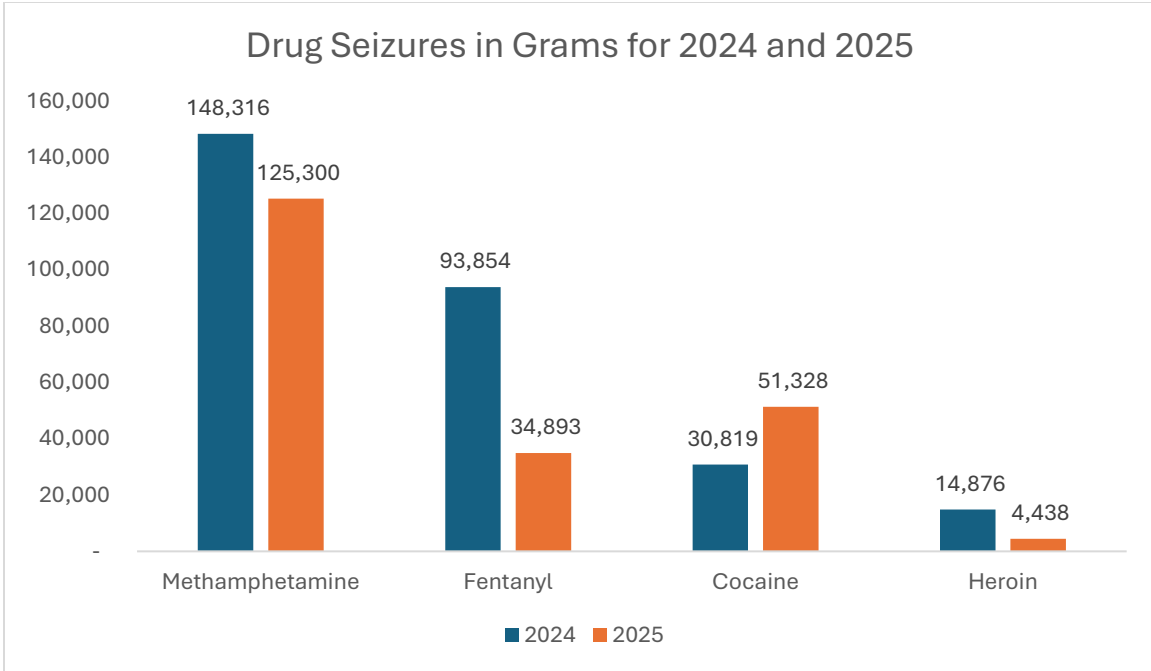
Alcohol Seizures in 2025

Alcohol Type	Bottles	Liters
Distilled Spirits	2,090	1,684
Malted Beverage	205	90
Wine	31	23
Total	2,326	1,797

SDEU reported over 1,700 liters of alcohol were seized in 2025, a 79 percent decrease when compared to 2024. These seizures are the result of illegal alcoholic beverages imported into local option communities where the sale, importation, and/or possession of alcohol has been prohibited.

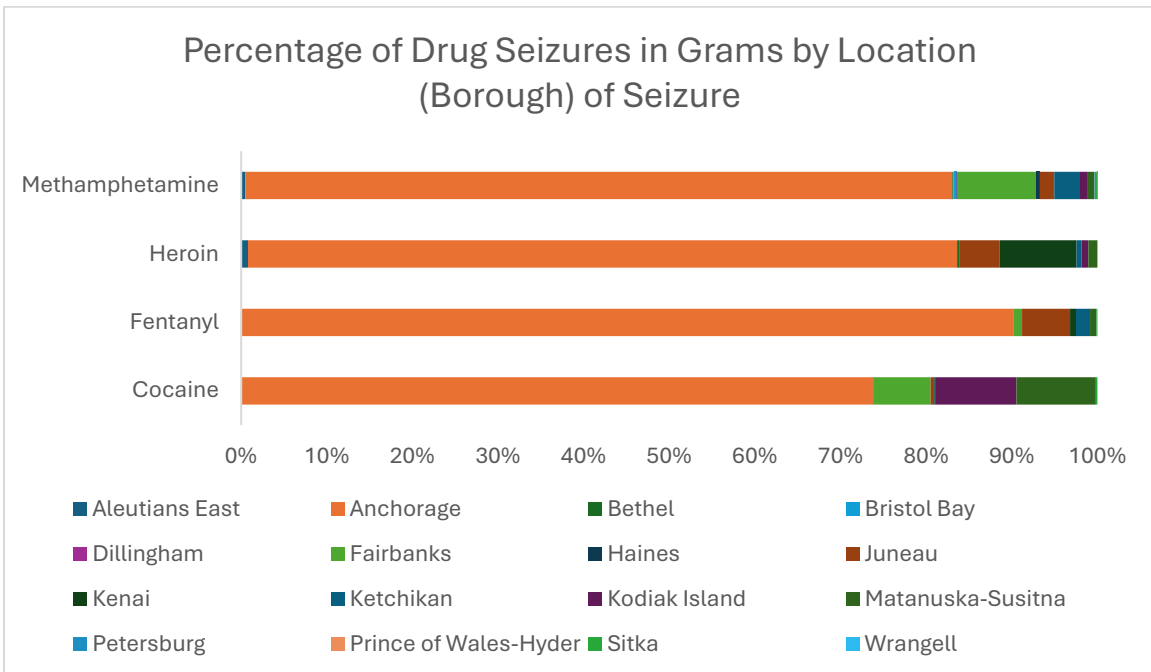
³ Source: Alaska High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) monthly reports

Drug Type	2024 grams	2025 grams	Percent Change
Acetyl fentanyl		1,130	N/A
Alprazolam	1,405	2,286	63%
Amphetamine	95	187	97%
Benzodiazepine	5	944	17,479%
Buprenorphine	278	363	30%
Carisoprodol		2,268	N/A
Clonazepam	2	1,437	95,667%
Cocaine	30,819	51,328	67%
Codeine	0.5	61	12,004%
Crack	303	555	83%
Dimethyltryptamine		28	N/A
Fentanyl	93,854	34,893	-63%
Gabapentin		971	N/A
GHB		256	N/A
Heroin	14,876	4,438	-70%
Hydrocodone	310	432	39%
Ketamine	125	193	54%
Khat		4,110	N/A
Lorazepam		1,498	N/A
LSD	2	12	468%
Marijuana	144,877	126,854	-12%
Marijuana BC Bud	1,167		-100%
Marijuana Edibles	64,128	4,986	-92%
MDMA	73	1,246	1,608%
Methadone	396	51	-87%
Methamphetamine	148,316	125,300	-16%
Modafinil		77	N/A
Morphine	68	85	25%
Oxycodone	66	111	69%
PCP		2	N/A
Promethazine Hydrochloride		2,584	N/A
Psilocybin	5,419	23,060	326%
Steroid		1,997	N/A
Testosterone	270	491	82%
THC		63,487	N/A
THC Liquid	62,745	20,340	-68%
THC Resin	1,584	29,986	1,793%
Tramadol	1,353	1,186	-12%
Viagra		15	N/A
Zolpidem		7,633	N/A
Grand Total	572,537	516,878	-10%



In 2025, 82 percent of all cocaine, fentanyl, heroin, and methamphetamine seizures were in the Municipality of Anchorage (including the Anchorage Airport complex), followed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough with 7 percent, and the Kodiak Island and the Matanuska-Susitna Boroughs both at 2.8 percent. The Municipality of Anchorage accounted for:

- 74 percent of all cocaine seizures
- 90 percent of all fentanyl seizures
- 83 percent of all heroin seizures
- 83 percent of all methamphetamine seizures



Drug and Alcohol Prices⁴

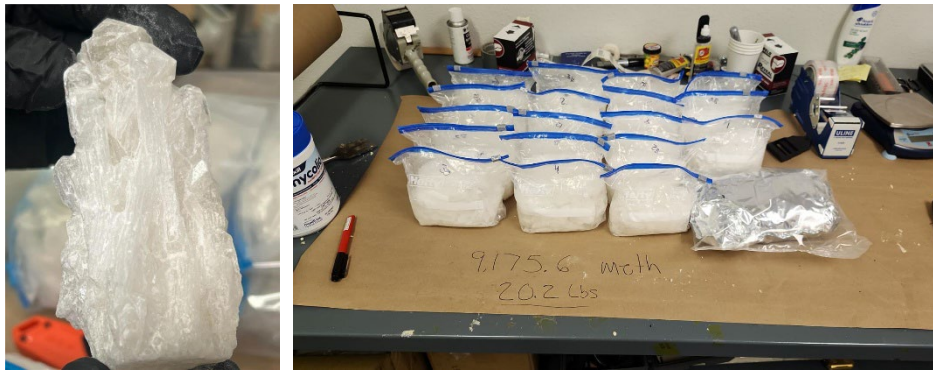
The disparity between prices in the contiguous United States and Alaska presents an incentive for DTOs to import and distribute drugs into and throughout the state. Moreover, there is a strong correlation between distance from a regional hub and price – the farther a drug or alcohol is trafficked from a regional hub, the greater the retail price.

Starting in 2024, drug seizures were recorded in grams. While some drugs are sold in pill form, the seizure weight is recorded in grams.

Fentanyl is typically found in two forms: powder or counterfeit pill. Fentanyl powder is usually purer than fentanyl pills due to binders added to fentanyl pills. Fentanyl pills often appear like M-30 oxycodone pills. Price increases with purity, so fentanyl powder will typically cost more than fentanyl pills.

Heroin is observed in three different distinct forms. All three forms usually have a vinegar-like smell.

- “Black tar heroin” is dark in color and sticky with a tar-like consistency.
- “China white heroin” is an off-white powdery substance.
- “Gunpowder or Mexican brown heroin” is a light to dark brown powdery or chalky substance.



⁴ Source: Alaska HIDTA monthly reports

Drug prices for the most sold drug types by location, most common quantity and unit, and most common cost/street value

Drug Type	Location	Quantity/Unit	Cost/Street Value
Cocaine	Anchorage	Gram	\$100-\$150
	Anchorage	Bulk	\$1,200 (28 g) \$1,500 (35 g)
	Bethel	1/10 Gram	\$150
	Dillingham	1/10 Gram	\$150
	Fairbanks	Ounce	\$1,400-\$2,000
	Fairbanks	Gram	\$100
	Juneau	Gram	\$50-\$120
	Juneau	3.5 grams	\$200-\$400
	Kenai Peninsula	Gram	\$150
	Kodiak	Gram	\$100
	Kotzebue	1/10 Gram	\$150
	Nome	1/10 Gram	\$150
	Southern Southeast	3.5 Ounce	\$350
	Southern Southeast	Gram	\$150-\$200
Fentanyl pill	Anchorage	Blue M-30	\$4-\$10
	Anchorage	Bulk	\$3,000 (4,000) \$1.30/pill
	Bethel	Blue M-30	\$80-\$120
	Juneau	Blue M-30	\$20-\$40
	Kotzebue	Blue M-30	\$80-\$120
	Nome	Blue M-30	\$80-\$120
	Southern Southeast	Blue M-30	\$30-\$40
Fentanyl powder	Anchorage	Gram	\$100-\$350
	Anchorage	Bulk	\$2,000 (30 g) \$4,000 (45 g)
	Dillingham	1/10 Gram	\$120
	Fairbanks	1/10 Gram	\$60-\$80
	Juneau	Gram	\$350-\$500
	Kenai Peninsula	1/2 Gram	\$200
	Kenai Peninsula	1/4 Gram	\$100
	Kodiak	Gram	\$600
	Mat-Su	Gram	\$300
	Southern Southeast	1/10 Gram	\$100
	Southern Southeast	Gram	\$300-\$700

Drug Type	Location	Quantity/Unit	Cost/Street Value
Heroin	Anchorage	Gram	\$70
	Anchorage	Bulk	\$2,600 (55 g)
	Togiak/Twin Hills	Gram	\$400
	Mat-Su	6.25 Gram	\$500
	Southern Southeast	1/10 Gram	\$50-\$60
Marijuana	Togiak/Twin Hills	Gram	\$50
Marijuana Bud	Bethel	Gram	\$25
	Dillingham	Gram	\$50
	Kotzebue	Gram	\$40
	Nome	Gram	\$24
Methamphetamine	Anchorage	Gram	\$20-\$60
	Anchorage	Pound	\$1,800-\$3,450
	Bethel	1/10 Gram	\$100-\$200
	Dillingham	1/10 Gram	\$100-\$200
	Fairbanks	Ounce	\$350
	Juneau	Gram	\$50-\$120
	Juneau	3.5 grams	\$200-\$400
	Kenai Peninsula	1/2 Gram	\$75
	Kenai Peninsula	Gram	\$100
	Kodiak	Gram	\$200
	Kotzebue	1/10 Gram	\$100-\$200
	Mat-Su	Ounce	\$400
	Nome	1/10 Gram	\$100-\$200
Southern Southeast	3.5 grams	\$200	
Togiak/Twin Hills	1/10 Gram	\$200	
Oxycodone	Nome	Pill	\$80-\$120
Suboxone	Nome	Strip	\$100
THC Concentrate	Nome	Gram	50

Conversion: 1 ounce = 28.35 grams

1/10 gram is called a "point"

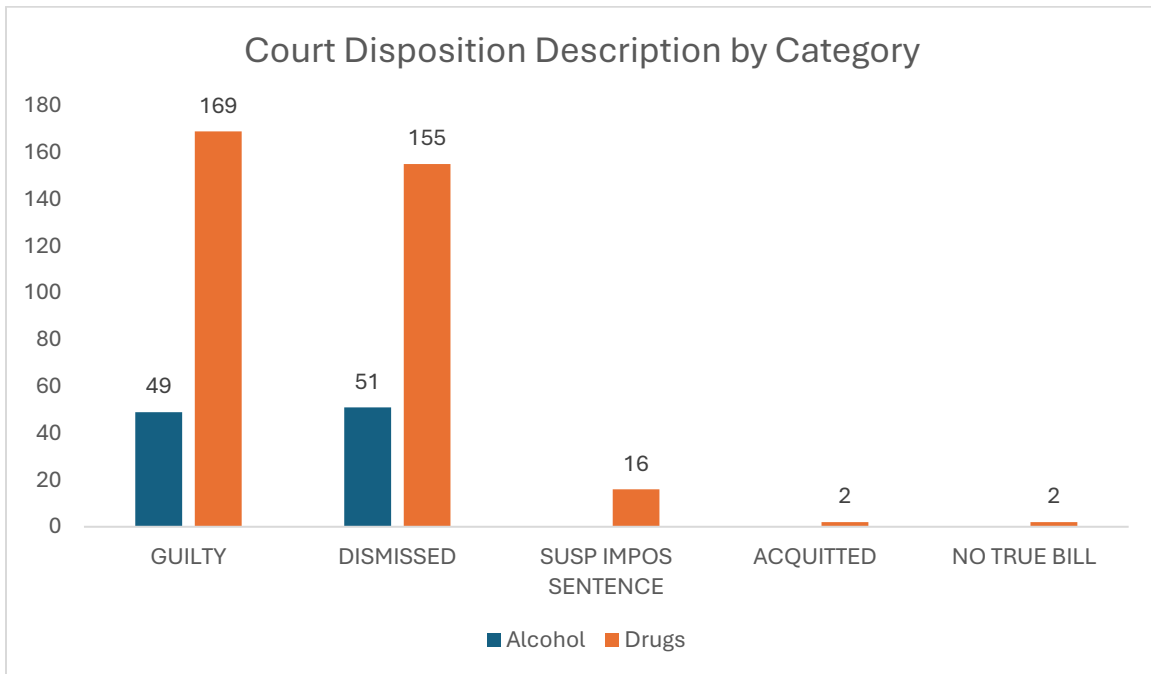
3.5 ounces = 8-ball

1 Suboxone strip = 16 doses

Sentences Received by Narcotic Drug and Alcohol Offenders⁵

The following charts depict the total number of sentences for alcohol and drug-related offenses in 2025. A charge may be initially presented in state court and later adopted in federal court; these dispositions would be shown as a dismissal. The following charts only represent state court sentences and dispositions.

Court Disposition	Alcohol	Drugs	Total
Acquitted		2	2
Dismissed	51	155	206
Guilty	49	169	218
No True Bill		2	2
Suspended Imposition of Sentence		16	16
Total	100	344	444

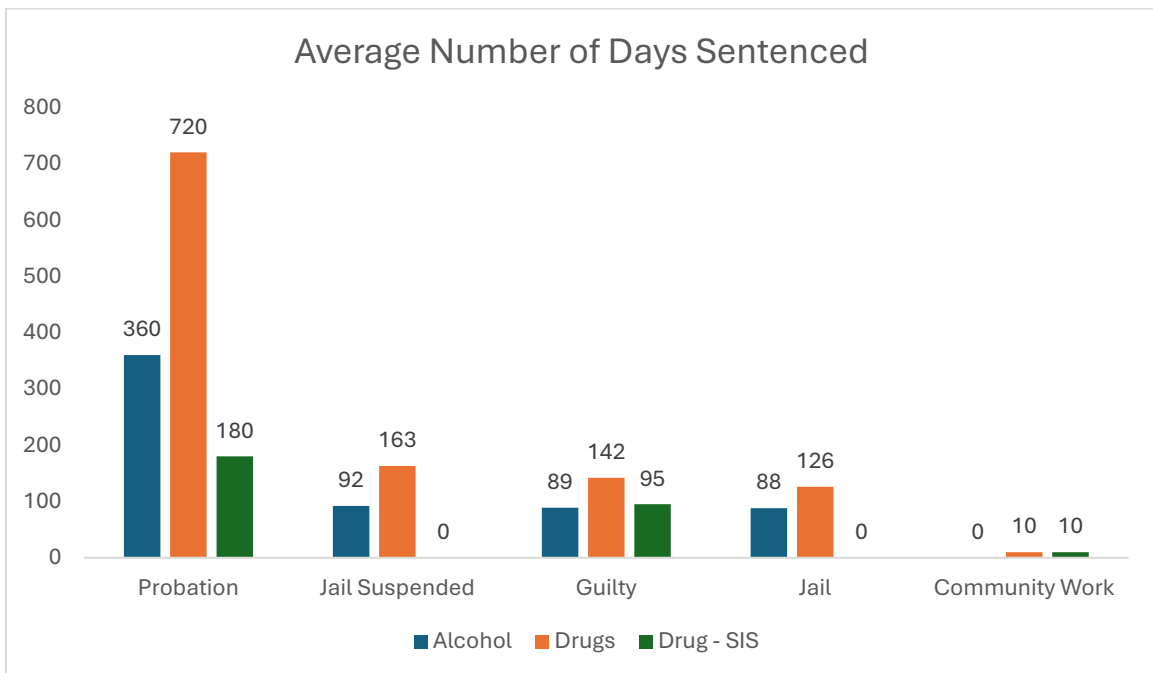


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Average Number of Days and Years Sentenced and Average Fine Amounts for Alcohol and Drug Convictions in 2025

Alcohol Convictions	Average # of Days	Average # of Years	Average Amount
Guilty	89	1	\$3,452.38
Jail	88		
Jail Suspended	92		
Probation		1	
Fine			\$3,275.00
Fine Suspended			\$7,000.00

Drug Convictions	Average # of Days	Average # of Years	Average Amount
Drugs	140	3	\$1,581.00
Guilty	142	3	\$2,151.43
Jail	126	3	
Jail Suspended	163	2	
Community Service	10		
Probation		2	
Fine			\$2,552.00
Fine Suspended			\$2,000.00
Restitution			\$300.00
Suspended Imposition of Sentence (SIS)	95	2	\$250.00
Community Work	10		
Jail			
Probation	180	2	
Fine			\$200.00



Count of Offense Description Convictions by Alcohol and Drug Categories in 2025

Category, Offense Description	Acquitted	Dismissed	Guilty	No True Bill	SIS	Total
Alcohol		51	49			100
Alcoholic Bev Transport by Common Carrier		6	14			20
Import Alcohol-Dry Area-Large Amt		1	10			11
Import Alcohol-Dry Area-Small Amt		9	18			27
No Alcohol License - orders, dry area		1				1
No Alcohol License - orders, wet area		1				1
Purchase Alcohol in Dry Area		1				1
Sell Alcohol w/o License - dry area		32	7			39
Drugs	2	155	169	2	16	344
Controlled Subs 1- deliver II/IIIA to minor		1				1
MICS ⁶ 2-Manufacture/Deliver Meth		4	3			7
MICS2- manufacture/deliver IA		34	17	2		53
MICS2- possess meth precursor chemicals			1			1
MICS3- manufacture /deliver any IIA or IIIA		28	48		4	80
MICS3-delivr IVA, VA, VIA u19 def 3y older		2				2
MICS3-poss IA or IIA near rec/youth center		1				1
MICS3-possess IA or IIA near school		4				4
MICS4- possess any amount IA		11				11
MICS4- provide facility to distribute		1				1
MICS4- manufacture /deliver/ possess 1+oz VIA		1				1
MICS4- manufacture /deliver/ possess IVA or VA		6	6			12
MICS4-prev convict MICS5 preceding 10yr		9	5			14
MICS5- manufacture /deliver/ possess <1oz VIA		4	12			16
MICS5- possess 1oz or more VIA			2			2
MICS5- possess any amt IA, IIA, IIA, IVA, VA	2	36	51		9	98
MICS6- possess<1oz VIA		4				4
Misconduct Controlled Substance 3			3			3
Misconduct Controlled Substance 4		4	5			9
Misconduct Controlled Substance 5		5	12			17
Misconduct w/ Weapons 2 - re drug crime			4			4
Violate Condition of Release for Misdemeanor					3	3
Total	2	206	218	2	16	444

⁶ Misconduct of Controlled Substance

Appendix A

AS 18.65.085 Narcotic Drugs and Alcohol Enforcement

(a) There is established in the Department of Public Safety, Division of Alaska State Troopers, a narcotic drugs and alcohol enforcement unit for the purpose of investigating and combating the illicit sale and distribution of narcotic drugs and alcoholic beverages in the state. Enforcement of the alcoholic beverage control laws shall focus primarily on the investigation, apprehension, and conviction of persons who violate AS 04.11.010 by selling, importing, or possessing alcoholic beverages in violation of a local option adopted by a municipality or established village under AS 04.11.491.

(b) The commissioner of public safety shall prepare a report concerning the activities of the narcotic drugs and alcohol enforcement unit. The commissioner shall notify the legislature on the first day of each regular session that the report is available. The report must include, but is not limited to, the number of arrests made, the kind, amount, and value of narcotic drugs and alcoholic beverages seized, the sentences received by narcotic drug and alcohol offenders, and an overall view of the narcotic drug and illicit alcohol problem in the state.

(c) The Department of Public Safety may establish and administer a reward program, and provide grants to municipalities, established villages, and, at the request of a municipality or established village, to a nonprofit association that administers a village public safety officer program, for reward programs leading to the apprehension and conviction of persons who violate AS 04.11.010 by selling, importing, or possessing alcoholic beverages in violation of a local option adopted by a municipality or established village under AS 04.11.491.

Appendix B

SDEU Teams

Fairbanks Areawide Narcotics Team (FANT) focuses on drug interdictions and investigations in the Interior Region, which extends up to Utqiagvik and east to Canada. FANT is comprised of Alaska State Troopers (AST), Fairbanks Police Department, Fairbanks Airport Police Department, North Slope Borough Police Department, North Pole Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), and DEA. FANT works closely with the United States Marshals Service (USMS); Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE); and local, state, and military agencies within the region.

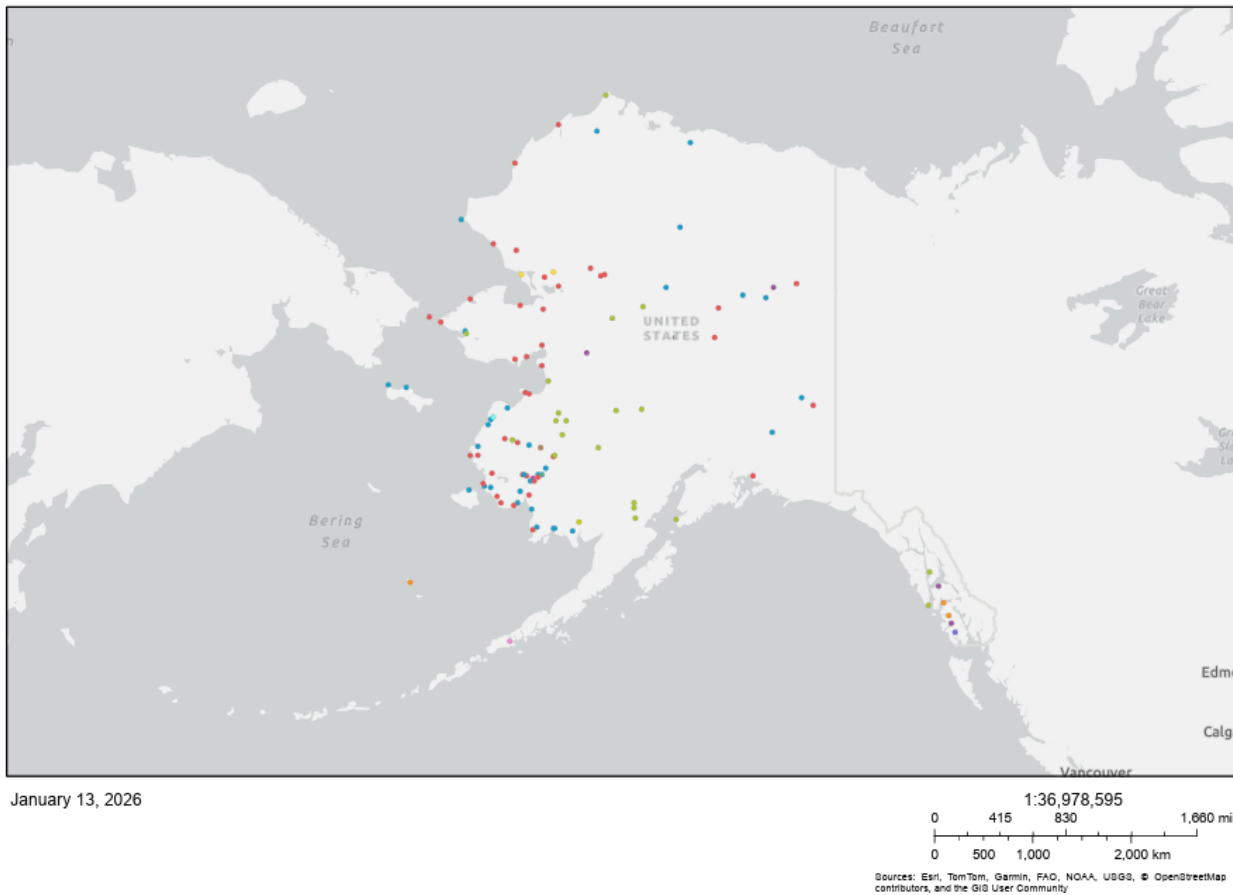
Southcentral Areawide Narcotics Team (SCAN) focuses on drug interdictions and investigations throughout the Southcentral Region, to include the Mat-Su Valley, Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula, and Kodiak Island. SCAN is comprised of AST, Kenai Police Department, Anchorage Police Department, North Slope Borough Police Department, Sand Point Police Department, Anchorage Airport Police and Fire Department, and works closely with the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), Department of Homeland Security Investigations, United States Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS), DEA, Internal Revenue Service, and BATFE. SCAN also provides investigative support to Valdez and Cordova police departments.

Southeast Alaska Cities Against Drugs (SEACAD) focuses on drug interdictions and investigations in Southeast Alaska. SEACAD is comprised of AST, Juneau Policed Department, Petersburg Police Department, Ketchikan Police Department, DEA, FBI, USPIS, and CGIS. SEACAD also provides investigative support to the Wrangell, Craig, Klawock, Yakutat, Hoonah, Sitka, Haines, and Skagway police departments. SEACAD is comprised of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and works closely with law enforcement agencies in the lower 48 and Canada.

Western Alaska Alcohol and Narcotics Team (WAANT) focuses predominately on alcohol enforcement in Western Alaska, as well as drug interdictions and investigations. WAANT is comprised of AST and the Bethel Police Department and works closely with the USPIS and other federal partners.

Appendix C

Alaska Local Alcohol Option Restrictions⁷



Local Alcohol Option Restrictions	Total
Ban sale and importation of alcohol	41
Ban sale, importation, and possession of alcohol	31
Sale of alcohol is banned	20
Sale by municipality operated license only: package store only	4
Total	96

⁷ Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office. *DCRA Data Portal*. <https://dced.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=938423a38ebb48dbbd393ca8fc402251> Accessed January 13, 2026.