CRIME BULLETIN

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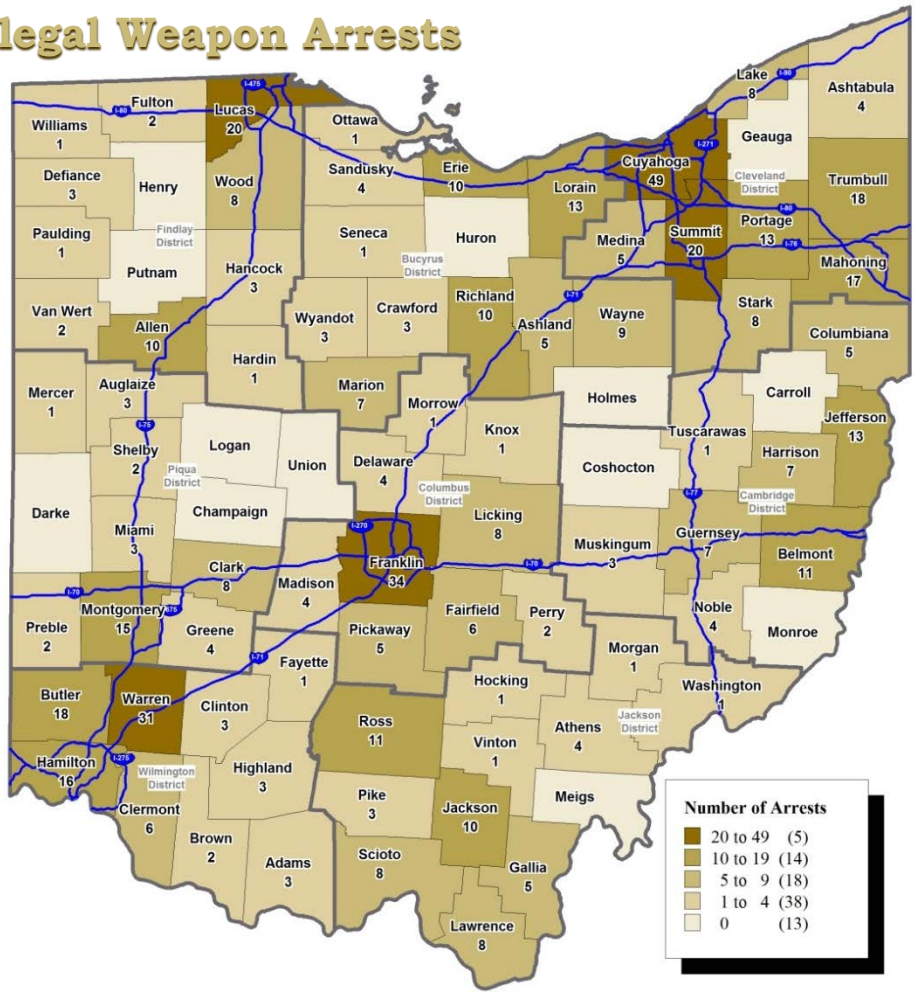
Illegal Weapon Arrests



Map and Table:
2013 Illegal Weapon Arrests

OSHP District	Number of Arrests
Findlay	51
Bucyrus	66
Cleveland	142
Piqua	38
Columbus	65
Cambridge	52
Wilmington	83
Jackson	53
Total	550

OSHP Illegal Weapon Arrests**

- **In 2013, OSHP troopers made 550* arrests for possession of illegal weapons. This represents a 39% increase over 2012 levels. Illegal weapon arrests have risen each year of the last 5 years climbing 75% over this period.**
- **OSHP illegal weapon arrests occurred in 75 of Ohio's 88 counties in 2013. Illegal weapon arrests happened most frequently in Cuyahoga (49), Franklin (34), Warren (31), Lucas (20) and Summit (20) counties. These 5 counties accounted for 28% of all OSHP illegal weapon arrests.**
- **In 36% of OSHP illegal weapon arrests in 2013, the offender was also charged with OVI, a potential felony offense. Drug charges were brought against 31% of persons found to have had illegal weapons.**

Notable Cases

- **In February 2013, a traffic stop led to the recovery of a 9mm handgun that had been stolen from a Cleveland police SWAT officer's home. The driver faces federal prosecution.**
- **At an OVI checkpoint in May 2013, troopers diverted a vehicle after smelling alcohol and marijuana coming from the driver. A probable cause search of the driver and vehicle revealed a loaded handgun under the driver's seat, heroin, pills, marijuana and an electronic scale.**

*Data provisional as of 1/17/2014. **Illegal weapon arrests include all violations of ORC 2923.12 through 2923.22