

**ARRESTS: POSSESSION & TRAFFICKING OF GANJA
JANUARY 1998 to DECEMBER 2000.
MALES INCREASE, JAMAICAN FEMALES DECREASE**

Data coming out of the Narcotics Division are indicating that total arrests made for the Possession & Trafficking of Ganja with in Jamaica have increased over the last three years. However, arrests of Jamaican females reflected a steady decline over the same period.

The total number of Jamaican males arrested for the Possession & Trafficking of Ganja, decreased by 12% between 1998 and 1999. However, from 1999 to 2000 the total number increased by 36%. The data also indicate that the total number of local females arrested for the Possession & Trafficking of Ganja, declined from 387 in 1998 to 366 in 2000, a decrease of 5%.

In the category of Foreign Nationals arrested for the Possession & Trafficking of Ganja, the data indicate that from 1998 to 2000 the total number of males arrested increased by 39% and the total number of females arrested increased by 44% for the same period.

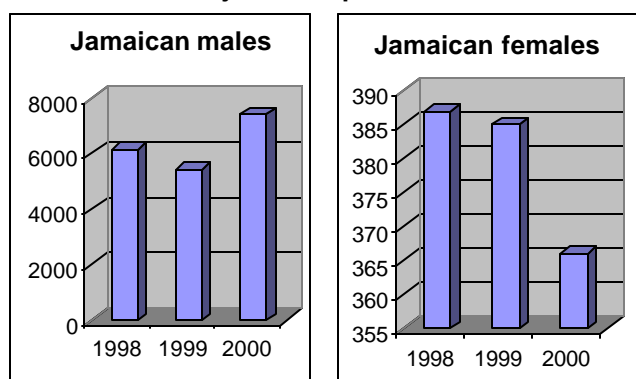
The National Council on Drug Abuse (NCDA) continues its efforts to gather data and monitor all aspects of the substance abuse problem providing information, encouraging rehabilitation and promoting healthy lifestyle options to the Jamaican people.

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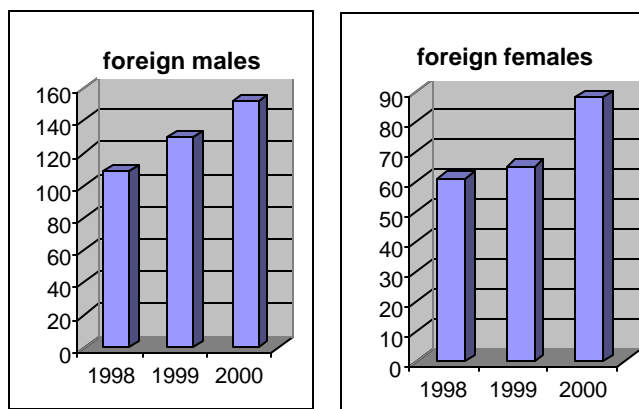
Total arrest made for the Possession & Trafficking of Ganja for the period January 1998 to December 2000

Year	Nationals		Foreigners	
	male	female	male	female
1998	6146	387	109	61
1999	5427	385	130	65
2000	7398	366	152	88

Total Jamaicans arrested locally for the Possession & Trafficking of Ganja for the period 1998 - 2000



Total Foreign Nationals arrested locally for the Possession & Trafficking of Ganja for the period 1998 - 2000



The NCDA acknowledges the cooperation of its allied agencies that consistently provide data presented in infosum.