

# Drug Policy Alliance

## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

**<https://drugpolicy.org/resource/75-million-year-cost-new-york-citys-marijuana-possession-arrests>**

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Marijuana possession was decriminalized in New York in 1977. Yet since the 1990s, the New York Police Department's "marijuana arrest crusade" has led to the arrest of nearly 550,000 people for small amounts of marijuana.

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Get tips for covering the war on drugs and download DPA staff photos, logos, marijuana stock photos and b-roll video.

Our new strategic plan takes bold steps to dismantle this war on drugs and our communities. Join us in seeing this vision through.

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The logo for the Drug Policy Alliance, featuring the text "We are the Drug Policy Alliance." in white and yellow on a red background.

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