

War on Drugs Statistics



Statistic Verification

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The term "War on Drugs" is commonly applied to the U.S. campaign to prohibit and reduce illegal drug trade. The term was first used by U.S. president Richard Nixon. The Obama administration decided to not use the term "War on Drugs" claiming it was "counter-productive". A poll found that three in four Americans believed the War on Drugs was failing.

U.S. War on Drugs Statistics	Data
Annual U.S. spending on the war on Drugs	\$51 Billion
Number of people arrested annually on nonviolent drug charges	1.53 million
Number of people arrested for a marijuana law violation annually	757,969
Percent of marijuana law violations that were arrested for possession only	87 %
Number of people killed in Mexico's drug war since 2006	70,000
Number of students who have lost federal financial aid eligibility because of a drug conviction	200,000
Number of people in the U.S. that die each year from an accidental drug overdose	31,758
Tax revenue that drug legalization would yield annually	\$46.7 billion

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