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How many 18-year-olds or younger have been arrested for drug possession or drug dealing in the last five years? Please break down by year, age, and police action taken.

TABLE 1

Count of arrests for 'drug possession' or 'drug dealing' offences, where person arrested was 18 years or under:

Age	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
10	1					1
11					2	2
12	1	2	5	2		10
13	4	6	8	7	6	31
14	29	26	22	18	50	145
15	51	77	61	58	71	318
16	113	150	135	129	147	674
17	156	219	197	187	214	973
18	204	264	242	236	240	1,186
Grand Total	559	744	670	637	730	3,340

TABLE 2

Count of outcomes* for 'drug possession' or 'drug dealing offences, where person arrested was 18 years or under:

Outcome	Year					Grand Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Unknown			1			1
Cautioned	148	154	110	70	73	555
Charged	273	364	220	185	173	1,215
Charged Elsewhere	2	7	1			10
For NFA			1	1	3	5
No Further Action	270	469	471	400	320	1,930
Penalty Issued	7	9			1	17
Pending		3	1	5	12	21
Pending Investigation			10	61	276	347
Police Bail	2	6	3	5	17	33
Postal Charge/Requisition	26	54	134	168	84	466
To caution/reprimand/warn					1	1
To charge confirmed		5	4	2		11
To Requisition					2	2
Grand Total	728	1,071	956	897	962	4,614

*Please note, a person can be arrested for more than one offence at a time and because of this, the number of outcomes in the table above (4,614) is greater than the number of persons arrested in Table 1 (3,340)