

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

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### **Patrol's statistical recap shows areas where most illegal weapon arrests take place**

COLUMBUS – Richland and Ross counties had the most illegal weapon arrests over the last 20 months according to new statistics released by the Patrol today. Troopers made 447 illegal weapon arrests statewide from January 2008 through August 2009.

According to the *Ohio State Highway Patrol Illegal Weapon Arrests* statistical recap from the Patrol's Statistical Analysis Unit, during this 20-month period troopers made 24 illegal weapon arrests in each Richland and Ross counties, followed by Scioto County with 18 arrests. Rounding the top five are Mahoning and Stark counties with 17. Counties in the Patrol's Jackson District (southeast Ohio) accounted for 85 arrests, followed by the Patrol's Massillon District (northeast Ohio) with 59 of the illegal weapon arrests.

Of the total 447 illegal weapon arrests throughout the state of Ohio, more than half (233) of all the arrests involved felonies, 173 involved impaired motorists and 120 involved drug arrests.

To view a copy of the entire statistical recap, visit  
[http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/CrimeBulletin\\_Issue14.pdf](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/CrimeBulletin_Issue14.pdf)

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