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Statistics Drug Seizures and Arrest in

VENEZUELA

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In complying with the Organic Law Against the Illicit Trafficking and Consumption of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs, the National Anti-Drug Office (ONA) presents the following statistics relating to drug seizures and arrests made in the national territory. This report was made with the support of various security agencies of the State that take action against the illicit trafficking of drugs, corroborating Venezuela's contribution to the global problem of drugs, with the goal of reducing the traffic of narcotics and psychotropics and yet again displaying Venezuela's will to eliminate illicit drugs to the international community.



Table #1



Seizures by type of drug within the national territory

Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008

Drug	Quantity (Kgs)	Percentage
Cocaine	18,988.313	61.87%
Marijuana	11,579.410	37.73%
Heroin	35.273	0.11%
Basuco*	47.796	0.16%
Crack	39.532	0,13%
Total	30,690.324	100%

Source: National Armed Force & Police Agencies

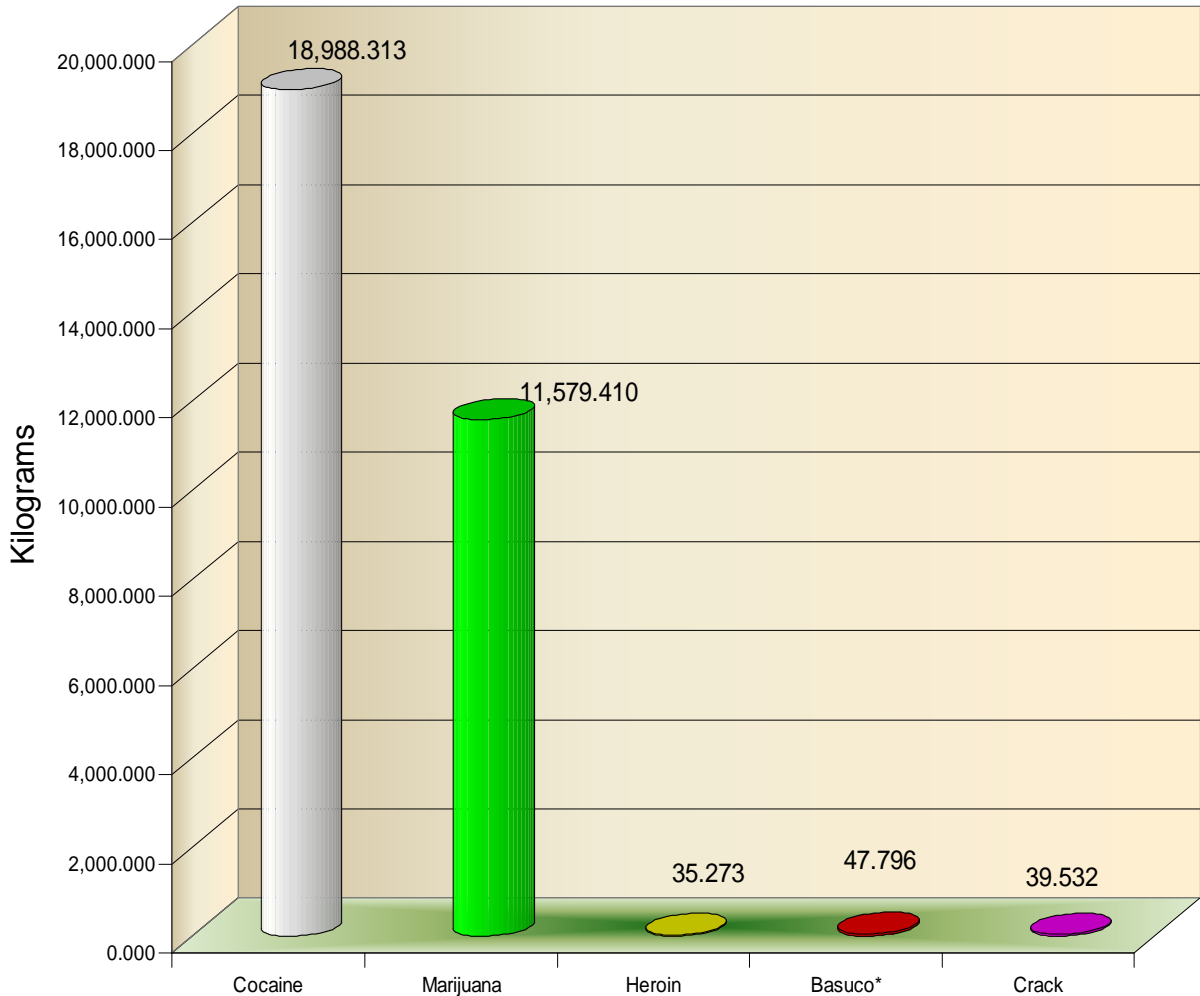
* Basuco is a drug made out of a mixture of coca paste and other substances



Figure #1

Seizures by type of drug within
the national territory

Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008



Source: National Armed Force & Police Agencies



Table #2



Drug seizures sorted by drug and by state
 Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008

State/Drug # of Seizures Cocaine etc.

STATE \ DRUG	# Seizure	Cocaine	Marijuana	Heroin	Basuco	Crack	Total (Kgs.)	(%)
CARABOBO	246	5,122.769	126,819	-	0.006	2,878	5,252.472	17.11%
TACHIRA	412	280.352	4,696.657	-	0.859	0.121	4,977.989	16.22%
ANZOATEGUI	118	1,361.553	1,843.981	-	-	3,474	3,209.008	10.46%
FALCON	106	1,330.893	1,362.933	-	0.028	0.282	2,694.136	8.78%
VARGAS	216	1,933.998	0.351	33,286	-	1,735	1,969.364	6.42%
AMAZONAS	1	1,161.000	-	-	-	-	1,161.000	3.78%
NUEVA ESPARTA	198	63,576	1,014.385	0.423	-	1,305	1,079.689	3.52%
MIRANDA	518	819,066	194,601	0.146	-	11,627	1,025.441	3.34%
ZULIA	39	828,872	43,642	-	40,809	0.043	913,366	2.98%
BARINAS	47	4,705	856,087	-	5,231	0.680	866,703	2.82%
LARA	145	726,410	119,614	0.286	0.401	0.938	847,649	2.76%
CAPITAL DISTRICT	610	706,004	117,385	0.131	0.236	4,759	828,514	2.70%



Table #2 continued

Drug seizures sorted by drug and by state
 Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008



State/Drug # of Seizures Cocaine etc.

STATE \ DRUG	# Seizure	COCAINE	MARIJUANA	HEROIN	BASUCO	CRACK	TOTAL (Kgs.)	(%)
MONAGAS	52	745.633	4.368	-	-	1.986	751.987	2.45%
ARAGUA	155	2.129	558.051	-	-	2.535	562.715	1.83%
MERIDA	104	397.933	32.873	1.001	0.035	-	431.842	1.41%
SUCRE	5	-	341.275	-	-	-	341.275	1.11%
GUARICO	60	3.909	164.659	-	0.075	0.080	168.723	0.55%
TRUJILLO	42	29.872	85.196	-	0.040	0.055	115.163	0.38%
APURE	4	108.325	0.030	-	-	-	108.355	0.35%
PORTUGUESA	16	39.520	10.648	-	-	2.954	53.122	0.17%
BOLIVAR	138	30.131	5.402	-	0.076	3.775	39.384	0.13%
YARACUY	38	1.136	0.212	-	-	0.105	1.453	0.00%
COJEDES	15	0.156	0.189	-	-	0.194	0.539	0.00%
DELTA AMACURO	6	0.002	0.051	-	-	0.007	0.060	0.00%
INTERNATIONAL WATERS	2	3,290.375	-	-	-	-	3,290.375	10.72%
TOTALS	3,293	18,988.313	11,581.409	35.273	47.796	39.533	30,692.324	100.00%
		61.87%	37.73%	0.11%	0.16%	0.13%	100.00%	



Table #3



Drug seizures sorted by region
 Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008

Central Region

STATES	QUANTITY OF DRUGS (Kgs)					TOTAL
	COCAINE	MARIJUANA	HEROIN	BASUCO	CRACK	
CARABOBO	5,122.769	128.819	-	0.006	2.878	5,254.472
VARGAS	1,933.992	0.351	33.286	-	1.735	1,969.364
CAPITAL DISTRICT	706.004	117.385	0.131	0.236	4.759	828.515
MIRANDA	819.066	194.601	0.146	-	11.627	1,025.440
ARAGUA	2.129	558.051	-	-	2.535	562.715
YARACUAY	1.136	0.212	-	-	0.105	1.453
TOTAL	8,585.096	999.419	33.563	0.242	23.639	9,641.959

Central-West Region

STATES	QUANTITY OF DRUGS (kgs)					TOTAL
	COCAINE	MARIJUANA	HEROIN	BASUCO	CRACK	
ZULIA	828.872	43.642	-	40.809	0.043	913.366
FALCON	1,330.893	1,362.933	-	0.028	0.282	2,694.136
LARA	726.410	119.614	0.286	0.401	0.938	847.649
TOTAL	2,886.175	1,526.189	0.286	41.238	1.263	4,455.151

Source: National Armed Force and Police Agencies



Table #3 continued

Drug seizures sorted by region

Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008



Andean Region

STATES	Quantity of Drugs (kgs)						TOTAL
	COCAINE	MARIJUANA	HEROIN	BASUCO	CRACK	SEUDOEFEDRINA	
TACHIRA	280.352	4,696.657	-	0.859	0.121	34.700	5,012.689
MERIDA	397.933	32.873	1.001	0.035	-	-	431.842
TRUJILLO	29.872	85,196.000	-	0.040	0.055	-	115.163
TOTAL	708.157	89,925.530	1.001	0.934	0.176	34.700	5,559.694

Llanos Region

STATES	Quantity of Drugs (kgs)						TOTAL
	COCAINE	MARIJUANA	HEROIN	BASUCO	CRACK		
BARINAS	4.705	856.087	-	5.231	0.680		866.703
PORTUGUESA	39.520	10.648	-	-	2.954		53.122
COJEDES	0.156	0.189	-	-	0.194		0.539
GUARICO	3.909	164.659	-	0.075	0.080		168.723
APURE	108.325	0.030	-	-	-		108.355
TOTAL	156.615	1,031.613	-	5.306	3.908		1,197.442

Source: National Armed Force and Police Agencies



Table #3 continued

Drug seizures sorted by region

Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008



North-Eastern Region

STATES	Quantity of Drugs (kgs)					
	COCAINE	MARIJUANA	HEROIN	BASUCO	CRACK	TOTAL
ANZOATEGUI	1,361.553	1,843.981	-	-	3.474	3,209.008
MONAGAS	745.633	4.368	-	-	1.986	751.987
SUCRE	-	341.275	-	-	-	341.275
NUEVA ESPARTA	63.576	1,014.385	0.423	-	1.305	1,079.689
DELTA AMACURO	0.002	0.051	-	-	0.007	0.060
TOTAL	2,170.764	3,204.060	0.423	-	6.771	5,382.019

Southern Region

STATES	Quantity of Drugs (kgs)					
	COCAINE	MARIJUANA	HEROIN	BASUCO	CRACK	TOTAL
BOLIVAR	30.131	5.402	-	0.076	3.775	39.384
AMAZONAS	1,161.000	-	-	-	-	1,161.000
TOTAL	1,191.131	5.402	-	0.076	3.775	1,200.384

Source: National Armed Force and Police Agencies



Table #4

Drug seizures sorted by organization
 Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008



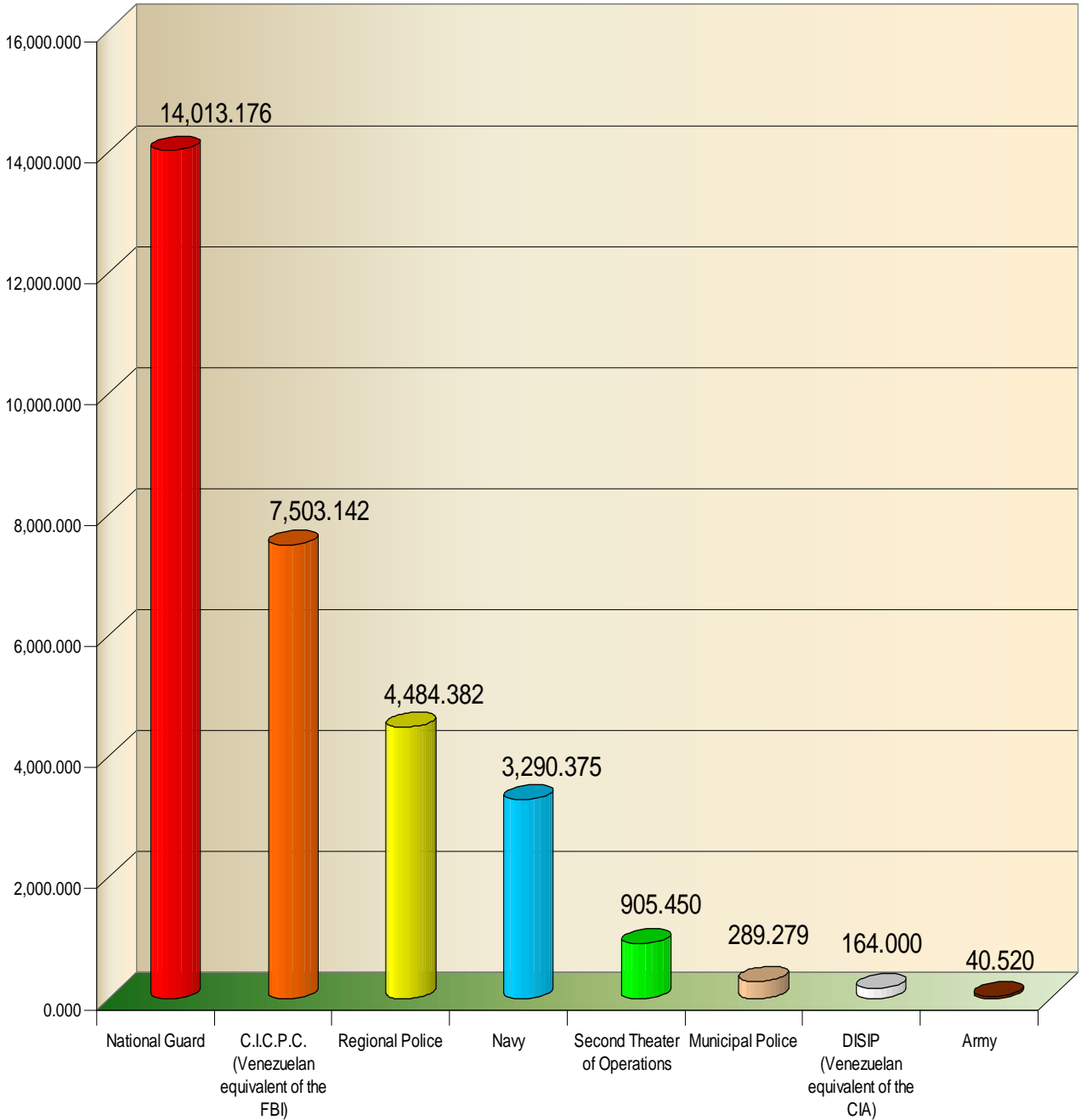
Organization	# Seizures	# Arrests	Quantity	Percentage
National Guard	642	446	14,013.176	45.66%
Cuerpo de Investigaciones Científicas, Penales y Criminalísticas C.I.C.P.C. (Venezuelan equivalent of the FBI)	86	104	7,503.142	24.45%
Regional Police	2,539	3,390	4,484.382	14.61%
Navy	2	14	3,290.375	10.72%
Second Theater of Operations	2	5	905.450	2.95%
Municipal Police	20	23	289.279	0.94%
DISIP (Venezuelan equivalent of the CIA)	1	0	164.000	0.53%
Army	1	4	40.520	0.13%
Total	3,293	3,986	30,690.324	100.00%

Source: National Armed Force and Police Agencies



Figure #2

Drug seizures sorted by organization
Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008



Source: National Armed Force and Police Agencies



Table #5

Regional Police drug seizures sorted by state
 Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008



Drug State	# SEIZURES	COCAINE	MARIJUANA	HEROIN	BASUCO	CRACK	TOTAL (Kgs.)	(%)
TACHIRA	355	1.816	3,276.858	-	0.747	0.121	3,279.542	73.13%
ANZOATEGUI	108	663.435	29.266	-	-	3.397	696.098	15.52%
MIRANDA	492	124.581	58.785	0.146	-	11.561	195.073	4.35%
CAPITAL DISTRICT	377	10.022	100.302	0.131	0.236	4.193	114.884	2.56%
FALCON	97	58.841	1.929	-	0.028	0.282	61.080	1.36%
CARABOBO	163	1.882	43.785	-	0.001	2.811	48.479	1.08%
MERIDA	93	6.683	15.493	1.001	0.025	-	23.202	0.52%
NUEVA ESPARTA	182	0.752	14.201	0.423	-	1.300	16.676	0.37%
ARAGUA	151	1.971	8.005	-	-	2.535	12.511	0.28%
BOLIVAR	125	2.721	5.366	-	0.076	3.743	11.906	0.27%
LARA	134	3.533	3.571	0.286	0.401	0.938	8.729	0.19%
GUARICO	58	3.909	0.479	-	0.065	0.080	4.533	0.10%



Table #5 continued

Regional Police drug seizures sorted by state
 Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008



States \ Drugs	# SEIZURES	COCAINE	MARIJUANA	HEROIN	BASUCO	CRACK	TOTAL (Kgs.)	(%)
BARINAS	37	0.821	2.568	-	0.052	-	3.441	0.08%
MONAGAS	44	0.383	0.947	-	-	1.977	3.307	0.07%
VARGAS	42	0.218	0.281	-	-	1.735	2.234	0.05%
YARACUAY	38	1.136	0.212	-	-	0.105	1.453	0.03%
TRUJULLI	22	0.212	0.407	-	0.015	-	0.634	0.01%
COJEDES	14	0.156	0.185	-	-	0.194	0.535	0.01%
DELTA AMACURO	6	0.002	0.051	-	-	0.007	0.060	0.00%
PORTUGUESA	1	0.005	-	-	-	-	0.005	0.00%
AMAZONAS	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
APURE	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
SUCRE	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
ZULIA	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
TOTALES	2539	883.079	3,562.692	1.987	1.646	34.978	4,484.382	100.00%
		19.69%	79.45%	0.04%	0.04%	0.78%	100.00%	

Source: Police Agencies

Table #6



Drug seizures sorted by nationality and sex
 Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008



Sex	Nationality		Total	(%)
	Venezuelans	Foreigners		
Male	3,277	200	3,477	87.23%
Female	481	28	509	12.77%
Total	3,758	228	3,986	100.00%
(%)	94.28%	5.72%	100.00%	



Figure #3

Drug seizures sorted by nationality and sex
Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008

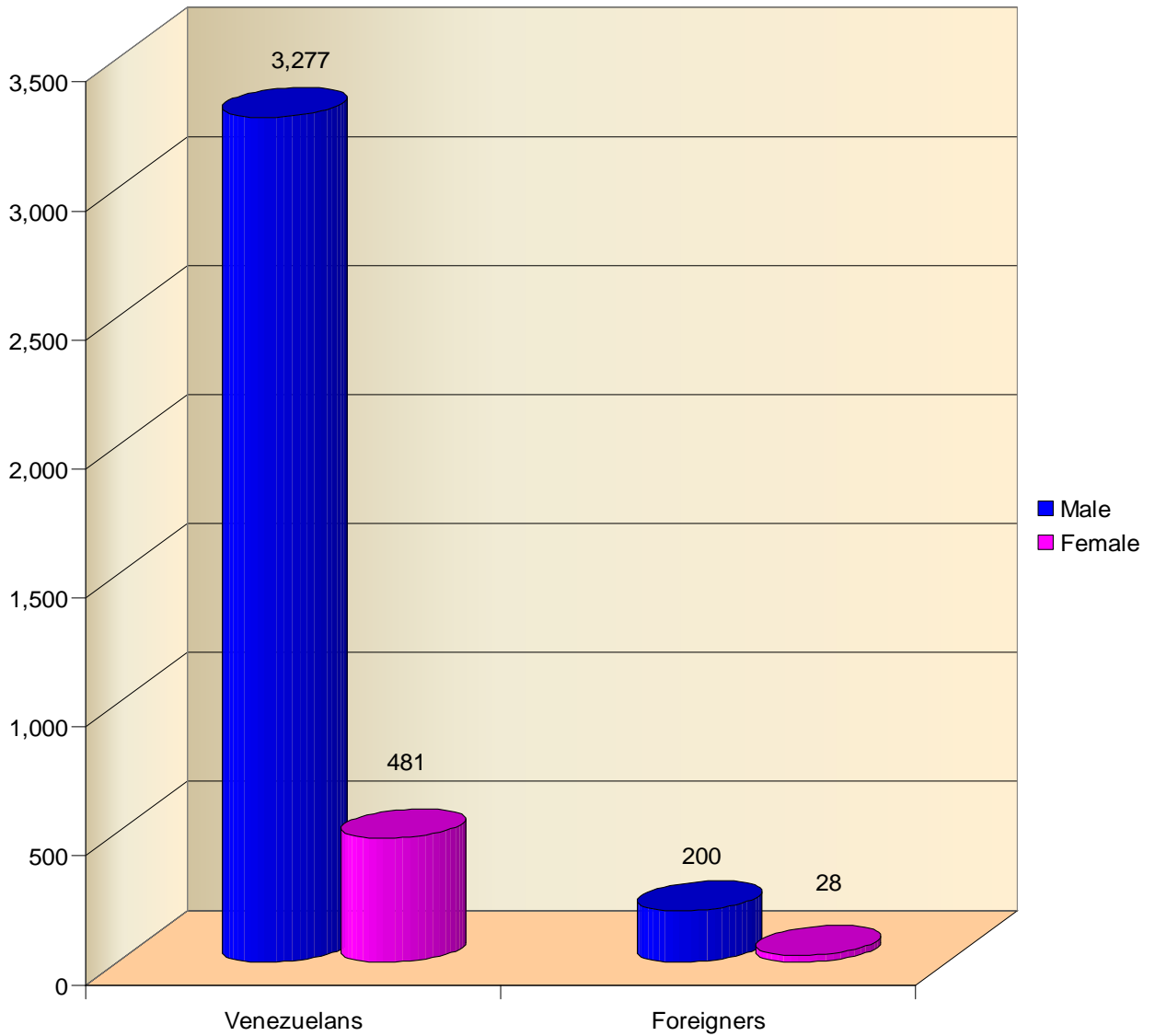




Table #7

Regional Police drug arrests sorted by sex,
nationality and state

Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008



State	Venezuelans		Foreigners		Total Arrested	(%)
	Male	Females	Male	Female		
MIRANDA	581	128	10	4	723	21.33%
CAPITAL DISTRICT	395	16	7	-	418	12.33%
TACHIRA	330	13	53	2	398	11.74%
NUEVA ESPARTA	240	20	3	-	263	7.76%
CARABOBO	212	15	-	-	227	6.70%
BOLIVAR	161	41	4	3	209	6.17%
ARAGUA	185	9	-	1	195	5.75%
LARA	158	27	2	-	187	5.52%
FALCON	131	27	-	-	158	4.66%
ANZOATEGUI	125	28	-	-	153	4.51%
MERIDA	91	12	1	-	104	3.07%
VARGAS	60	22	-	-	82	2.42%
GUARICO	61	4	-	-	65	1.92%



Table #7 continued

Regional Police drug arrests sorted by sex, nationality and state

Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008



State	Venezuelans		Foreigners		Total Arrested	(%)
	Male	Females	Male	Female		
MONAGAS	48	12	-	-	60	1.77%
BARINAS	34	7	6	2	49	1.45%
YARACUY	45	-	-	-	45	1.33%
TRUJILLO	20	2	1	-	23	0.68%
COJEDES	17	1	1	-	19	0.56%
DELTA AMACURO	6	5	-	-	11	0.32%
PORTUGUESA	1	-	-	-	1	0.03%
AMAZONAS	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
APURE	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
SUCRE	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
ZULIA	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
TOTALS	2,901	389	88	12	3,390	100.00%

Source: Police Agencies



Table #8

Drug arrests of foreigners sorted by nationality

Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008



NATIONALITY	# OF ARREST	PERCENTAGE
COLOMBIAN	134	58.77%
SPANISH	13	5.70%
BRAZILIAN	7	3.07%
ITALIAN	7	3.07%
LITHUANIAN	7	3.07%
PORTUGUESE	7	3.07%
GUYANESE	6	2.63%
DOMINACAN	5	2.19%
MEXICAN	5	2.19%
AMERICAN	3	1.32%
LEBANESE	3	1.32%
NIGERIAN	3	1.32%
BULGARIAN	2	0.88%
COSTA RICAN	2	0.88%
FRENCH	2	0.88%
DUTCH	2	0.88%
MALAYSIAN	2	0.88%
ROMANIAN	2	0.88%



Table #8 continued



Drug arrests of foreigners
sorted by nationality

Period: January 1, 2008 to August 4, 2008

NATIONALITY	# OF ARREST	PERCENTAGE
GERMAN	1	0.44%
BRITISH	1	0.44%
CHINESE	1	0.44%
ESTONIAN	1	0.44%
GHANAIAN	1	0.44%
HUNGARIAN	1	0.44%
IRANIAN	1	0.44%
IRAQI	1	0.44%
JORDANIAN	1	0.44%
MACEDONIAN	1	0.44%
PERUVIAN	1	0.44%
POLISH	1	0.44%
RUSSIAN	1	0.44%
SERBIAN	1	0.44%
SOUTH AFRICAN	1	0.44%
SWISS	1	0.44%
TOTAL	228	100.00%

Source: National Armed Force & Police Agencies
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