

Organized Crime



Due to Prohibition the demand for illegal alcohol skyrocketed. Organized crime mobs became increasingly powerful and gained political control in cities. Many cities had multiple mobs fighting for control, leading to violence and gang wars. Perhaps the most gruesome gang shooting was the Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago killing seven men.

Many Mobs held so much political control they would never be arrested. Mobsters would pay off the police force, and have gunman of their own to protect them. The mobs ring leaders would be making millions of dollars per day by selling illegal alcohol.

Many gangs would not stop at selling alcohol. Mobs would eventually progress into more illegal activities such as gambling. Mobs would run underground gambling rings. Along with gambling they would participate in other activities such as prostitution and racketeering.

Perhaps the most notorious gangster was Chicago's Al Capone. Capone had over one-thousand gunman under his control. Capone was also very skilled at avoiding jail but was eventually arrested for tax evasion. Capone had over half of Chicago's police force on his payroll which ultimately lead to his years of escaping the police.