

## ***ARREST DATA***

In addition to the monthly reports on the number of index crimes reported, law enforcement agencies also submit monthly forms detailing the number of persons arrested. For UCR statistical purposes, “arrests” also include those persons cited or summonsed for criminal acts in lieu of actual physical custody. These forms categorize the arrests by offense classification (both Part I and Part II crimes), and by age, sex and race. The same individual may be arrested several times over a period of time; each separate arrest is counted. A person may be arrested on several charges at one time; only one arrest is counted and is listed under the most serious charge. For UCR purposes, a juvenile is counted as “arrested” when the circumstances are such that if he or she were an adult, an arrest would result; in fact, there may not have been a formal charge.

During 1997:

- 23.1% of all arrests were juveniles, 76.9% were adults.
- Index offenses accounted for 38.0% of juvenile arrests.
- For adults, 12.7% of arrests were for index offenses.
- Almost one third (30.9%) of adult arrests were between the ages of 25–34, inclusive.

The total number of arrests for 1997 was down 0.1%. Part I offenses were down 5.8%, Part II offenses were up 1.3%.

**The report form on juvenile arrests used by the police agencies in Maine includes a section on the disposition of each person. These categories are as follows.**

<b>Disposition</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent Distribution</b>
1. Handled within the department (released to parents, etc.)	2,469	19.4%
2. Referred to juvenile court or juvenile intake	9,414	73.9%
3. Referred to welfare agency (i.e., Dept. of Human Services)	21	0.2%
4. Referred to other police agency	101	0.8%
5. Referred to criminal or adult court	736	5.8%
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>12,741</b>	<b>100.1%</b>

(Percentages may not equal 100% because of rounding.)

Opposite is a summary of total arrests made this year and last. On page 50 begins a section showing arrests made by each reporting agency in the state. County arrest summaries and a statewide total may be found on pages 73–75.

The table on pages 76–77 shows total state arrests classified by age and sex; that on pages 78–79 gives arrest data for the last ten years; and that on page 80 shows a breakdown of arrests by age category.

<i>Total Arrests — Percent Change 1996–1997</i>			
<b>Offenses</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Murder	22	12	-45.5%
Forcible Rape	77	81	5.2%
Robbery	184	179	-2.7%
Aggravated Assault	619	513	-17.1%
Burglary	2,118	1,852	-12.6%
Larceny-Theft	7,182	6,922	-3.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	525	533	1.5%
Arson	145	144	-0.7%
<b>Subtotal for Part I Offenses</b>	<b>10,872</b>	<b>10,236</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>
Manslaughter	3	1	-66.7%
Other Assaults	6,990	6,909	-1.2%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	243	250	2.9%
Fraud	1,369	1,095	-20.0%
Embezzlement	14	13	-7.1%
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Possess	439	379	-13.7%
Vandalism	1,981	1,874	-5.4%
Weapons: Possession, etc.	312	372	19.2%
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	50	99	98.0%
Sex Offenses	318	289	-9.1%
Drug Abuse Violations	4,086	4,196	2.7%
Gambling	3	0	-100.0%
Offenses against Family	213	185	-13.1%
Driving under the Influence	8,050	7,510	-6.7%
Liquor Laws	2,831	2,788	-1.5%
Drunkenness	35	24	-31.4%
Disorderly Conduct	1,963	2,161	10.1%
All Other (except Traffic)	14,831	15,864	7.0%
Curfew and Loitering	100	305	205.0%
Runaways	567	660	16.4%
<b>Subtotal for Part II Offenses</b>	<b>44,398</b>	<b>44,974</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS — ARRESTS</b>	<b>55,270</b>	<b>55,210</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>