

STOLEN AND RECOVERED PROPERTY VALUES

Supplementary reports relating to property stolen and recovered provide information on the estimated value of such property. The investigating officer has the obligation to assess the value of property stolen and recovered in each crime index offense. The officer is guided by the following instructions:

1. Use fair market value for items subject to depreciation.
2. Use wholesale cost of goods stolen from retail establishments.
3. Use victim's evaluation of non-depreciable items.
4. Use cost of replacement to victims for new or almost new items.

There was more than 26 million dollars' worth of property reported stolen in Maine during 1996. This value does not include the value of property damaged due to vandalism, malicious mischief or arson.

During 1996:

- Property stolen totaled \$26,340,143, up 7.6% from the 1995 figure of \$24,478,069.
- There was \$9,803,105 worth of property recovered, up 13.4% from \$8,646,164 in 1995.
- The rate of recovery was 37.2%, compared to 35.3% for 1995.
- The property type with the highest recovery rate was Locally Stolen Motor Vehicles, 75.6%.
- The dollar value of property stolen and recovered less motor vehicles was \$17,440,051 stolen, \$3,077,954 (17.6%) recovered.

Breakdown by Type and Value of Property

Type of Property	Value Stolen	Value Recovered	Percent Recovered
Currency, Notes, etc.	\$2,506,015	\$572,432	22.8%
Jewelry, Precious Metals	\$2,022,215	\$347,546	17.2%
Clothing and Furs	\$557,962	\$144,380	25.9%
Locally Stolen Motor Vehicles	\$8,900,092	\$6,725,151	75.6%
Office Equipment	\$830,833	\$261,693	31.5%
TVs, Radios, VCRs, Cameras	\$2,667,991	\$348,773	13.1%
Firearms	\$263,957	\$64,295	24.4%
Household Goods	\$639,046	\$70,096	11.0%
Consumable Goods	\$243,747	\$44,720	18.3%
Livestock	\$9,432	\$999	10.6%
Miscellaneous	\$7,698,853	\$1,223,020	15.9%
Totals	\$26,340,143	\$9,803,105	37.2%

(Note: The value of property recovered may include items stolen during a previous reporting period.)