

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 25 million dollars' worth of property reported stolen in Maine during 1997. This value does not include the value of property damaged due to vandalism, malicious mischief or arson.

During 1997:

- Property stolen totaled \$25,476,219, down 3.3% from the 1996 figure of \$26,340,143.
- There was \$9,869,862 worth of property recovered, up 0.7% from \$9,803,105 in 1996.
- The rate of recovery was 38.7%, compared to 37.2% for 1996.
- The property type with the highest recovery rate was Locally Stolen Motor Vehicles, 81.5%.
- The dollar value of property stolen and recovered less motor vehicles was \$17,201,542 stolen, \$3,125,429 (18.2%) recovered.

Breakdown by Type and Value of Property

Type of Property	Value Stolen	Value Recovered	Percent Recovered
Currency, Notes, etc.	\$3,786,058	\$897,375	23.7%
Jewelry, Precious Metals	\$2,268,215	\$434,480	19.2%
Clothing and Furs	\$558,196	\$126,649	22.7%
Locally Stolen Motor Vehicles	\$8,274,677	\$6,744,433	81.5%
Office Equipment	\$723,511	\$113,928	15.7%
TVs, Radios, VCRs, Cameras	\$2,086,614	\$267,041	12.8%
Firearms	\$209,892	\$52,088	24.8%
Household Goods	\$522,330	\$52,927	10.1%
Consumable Goods	\$230,544	\$53,335	23.1%
Livestock	\$8,806	\$620	7.0%
Miscellaneous	\$6,807,376	\$1,126,986	16.6%
Totals	\$25,476,219	\$9,869,862	38.7%

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