

CRIME RATES

The computation of crime rates as they appear in this report is based on 2001 population estimates received from the Uniform Crime Reporting division of the FBI, using provisional estimates of the Bureau of Census. Rural populations are arrived at by deleting the population figures for each direct reporting municipal department from their respective county totals.

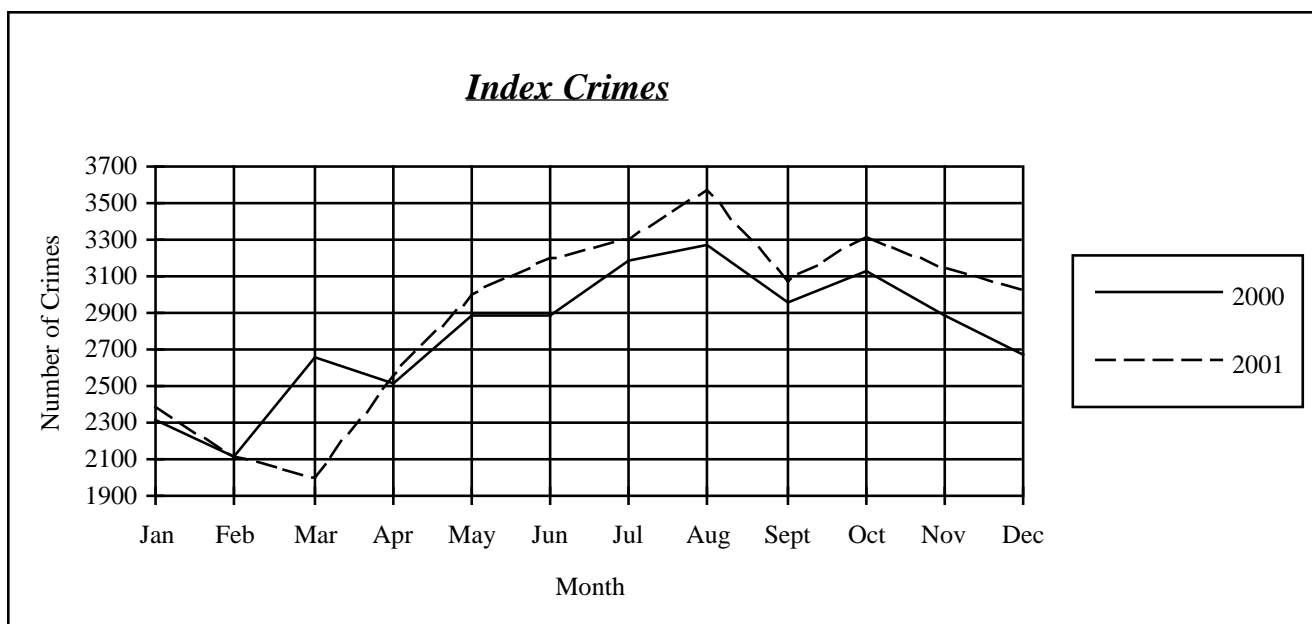
Monthly and annual Uniform Crime Reports currently received from approximately 150 municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies in Maine represent 100 percent of the estimated Maine population.

The crime rate involves the number of Index Crimes

per unit of population, usually per 100,000 persons. Because Maine has such a low population total, a rate per 1,000 persons has been used to reflect a more realistic volume. No attempt has been made to incorporate either transient population or other factors which contribute to the ratio and type of crime in a given area. Any effort to make comparisons of crime rates between one area and another should recognize these population changes and varying environmental factors.

The crime index rate for Maine for the year 2001 was 26.96 offenses per 1,000 persons. Violent crimes occurred at a rate of 1.11 offenses per 1,000 persons, property crimes at a rate of 25.86.

Offense	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Rate/1,000 Population
Murder	19	.05%	.01
Rape	322	.93%	.25
Robbery	263	.76%	.20
Aggravated Assault	819	2.36%	.64
Burglary	6,878	19.82%	5.35
Larceny-Theft	24,515	70.66%	19.05
M/V Theft	1,667	4.80%	1.30
Arson	212	.61%	.16
Totals	34,695	100.00%	26.96
Total Violent Crime	1,423	4.10%	1.11
Total Property Crime	33,272	95.90%	25.86



Crime by County

County		Annual Crime Rate per 1,000	Total Index Crimes	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated			Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Percent Clearance
							Assault	Burglary	Larceny			
Androscoggin	2000	35.79	3,690	—	43	44	92	819	2,527	137	28	27.0%
	2001	36.51	3,824	3	51	42	75	751	2,675	208	19	31.7%
Aroostook	2000	20.61	1,590	1	18	5	40	353	1,100	68	5	38.9%
	2001	19.35	1,444	1	18	4	27	378	923	87	6	29.7%
Cumberland	2000	30.23	7,888	2	99	88	169	1,371	5,892	229	38	28.2%
	2001	30.02	8,047	3	89	103	177	1,382	5,924	313	56	27.4%
Franklin	2000	31.81	932	1	5	—	9	243	634	36	4	27.9%
	2001	30.57	909	—	8	1	29	183	649	39	—	28.4%
Hancock	2000	23.78	1,202	1	4	5	37	233	877	45	—	33.8%
	2001	22.50	1,176	4	4	5	55	197	852	57	2	36.2%
Kennebec	2000	23.72	2,781	1	28	20	50	490	2,061	111	20	32.8%
	2001	26.24	3,101	2	35	16	35	606	2,243	138	26	31.7%
Knox	2000	19.07	741	1	13	2	10	115	559	38	3	31.8%
	2001	23.91	956	—	1	3	15	156	732	48	1	26.3%
Lincoln	2000	15.41	501	—	3	—	18	114	344	21	1	33.7%
	2001	16.62	564	—	9	1	23	138	371	20	2	49.3%
Oxford	2000	21.89	1,209	—	11	1	31	410	677	73	6	26.6%
	2001	23.76	1,313	—	20	3	63	386	759	78	4	24.8%
Penobscot	2000	29.02	4,264	4	29	30	90	740	3,170	167	34	27.3%
	2001	32.18	4,707	5	38	28	69	775	3,561	205	26	24.9%
Piscataquis	2000	26.15	481	—	5	1	27	152	272	21	3	22.2%
	2001	32.14	559	—	5	2	33	119	358	35	7	22.5%
Sagadahoc	2000	23.90	882	—	7	4	9	179	640	39	4	24.9%
	2001	22.09	785	—	4	3	10	130	577	55	6	21.5%
Somerset	2000	28.74	1,539	1	6	2	37	324	1,077	90	2	29.7%
	2001	30.94	1,589	—	7	4	37	423	1,017	99	2	33.5%
Waldo	2000	8.48	319	1	1	—	14	71	218	13	1	34.8%
	2001	15.38	563	—	4	4	28	132	364	30	1	40.0%
Washington	2000	22.57	812	1	3	3	58	240	474	29	4	24.0%
	2001	22.39	767	1	4	3	27	221	487	24	—	23.7%
York	2000	25.67	4,639	—	43	41	121	905	3,286	200	43	25.8%
	2001	23.30	4,391	—	25	41	116	901	3,023	231	54	27.1%
TOTALS	2000	26.25	33,470	14	318	246	812	6,759	23,808	1,317	196	28.7%
	2001	26.96	34,695	19	322	263	819	6,878	24,515	1,667	212	28.7%

Total Index Crimes by County, January–December 2001

County	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Androscoggin	320	243	250	336	350	337	326	392	339	316	338	277	3,824
Aroostook	112	89	81	91	128	136	169	149	101	146	115	127	1,444
Cumberland	527	549	511	598	756	676	742	816	695	769	707	701	8,047
Franklin	90	74	64	70	83	103	73	74	60	67	71	80	909
Hancock	63	66	61	71	119	91	147	122	101	132	93	110	1,176
Kennebec	208	158	131	250	225	306	289	312	249	315	315	343	3,101
Knox	60	59	41	50	79	73	93	90	102	114	107	88	956
Lincoln	39	43	35	35	55	49	54	47	43	54	52	58	564
Oxford	97	69	71	87	119	149	125	154	116	96	108	122	1,313
Penobscot	309	284	278	378	396	426	419	429	511	505	424	348	4,707
Piscataquis	31	30	25	64	41	59	46	57	49	59	65	33	559
Sagadahoc	47	39	39	59	88	73	92	84	69	78	60	57	785
Somerset	135	89	89	89	120	175	159	179	144	146	137	127	1,589
Waldo	34	21	20	52	49	54	66	47	54	51	59	56	563
Washington	42	42	44	45	58	75	68	94	59	58	61	121	767
York	268	263	254	280	333	416	435	526	386	417	437	376	4,391
2001 Total	2,382	2,118	1,994	2,555	2,999	3,198	3,303	3,572	3,078	3,323	3,149	3,024	34,695
2000 Total	2,312	2,105	2,660	2,512	2,882	2,885	3,182	3,272	2,961	3,133	2,894	2,672	33,470
% Change	3.0%	0.6%	-25.0%	1.7%	4.1%	10.8%	3.8%	9.2%	4.0%	6.1%	8.8%	13.2%	3.7%

TOTAL INDEX CRIMES BY COUNTY