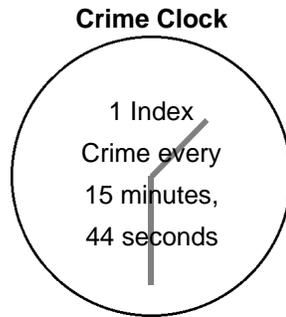


**CRIME IN MAINE 2009 — HIGHLIGHTS**



During 2009 the crime clock average in Maine reflected the following:

**VIOLENT CRIMES: 1 every 5 hours, 41 minutes** .....1 Murder every 14 days, 55 minutes  
 1 Rape every 23 hours, 25 minutes  
 1 Robbery every 22 hours, 1 minute  
 1 Aggravated Assault every 11 hours, 48 minutes

**PROPERTY CRIMES: 1 every 16 minutes, 29 seconds** .....1 Burglary every 78 minutes, 19 seconds  
 1 Larceny every 21 minutes, 59 seconds  
 1 Motor Vehicle Theft every 8 hours, 36 minutes  
 1 Arson every 36 hours, 3 minutes

**CRIME RATE** .....The Crime Rate is based on the occurrence of an Index Offense per 1,000 residents of the state. Local and county rates are based on their individual populations. The State Crime Rate for 2009 was 25.34 per 1,000. The comparable rate for 2008 was 25.83. The 2009 state population is estimated at 1,318,301 persons.

**INDEX OFFENSES** .....There were 33,412 Index Offenses reported by police during 2009 — a decrease of 596 offenses (1.8%) from the 34,008 similar offenses reported in 2008.

**VIOLENT CRIMES** .....Murder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault make up the Violent Crimes category. Violent crimes as a group decreased by 9 offenses from 2008 for a 0.6% decrease. During 2009 violent crimes totaled 1,540, compared to a 2008 total of 1,549. Violent crimes accounted for 4.6% of all reported index crimes (4.6% in 2008) and represent a crime rate of 1.17 per 1,000 population.

**PROPERTY CRIMES** .....Property Crimes, consisting of Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson, fell in 2009 by 587 offenses (1.8%) from 2008. There were 31,872 offenses reported in 2009 with 32,459 being shown for 2008. Property crimes account for 95.4% of all index crimes with a crime rate of 24.18 offenses per 1,000 population.

**MURDER** .....There were 26 murders committed in Maine during 2009 — 16.1% lower than the 31 murders reported in 2008. Law enforcement cleared 24 murders this year. Maine’s 10-year average is 20 homicides annually.

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| <b>RAPE</b> .....                      | Forcible Rapes increased by 1 reported offense during 2009. There were 373 offenses reported to police in 2008, compared to 374 in 2009. Of the total, 363 were actual rapes, while 11 were classified as attempts to commit forcible rape.  |
| <b>ROBBERY</b> .....                   | Robberies increased by 19.9% (66 offenses) during 2009, from 332 in 2008 to 398 in 2009.   |
| <b>AGGRAVATED ASSAULT</b> .....        | Law enforcement reported 742 Aggravated Assaults during 2009, a decrease of 8.7% from the 2008 figure of 813. Simple assaults (a non-index crime) decreased by 5.8% during 2009 with 10,897 offenses reported.   |
| <b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b> .....         | All offenses of assault between family or household members are reported as Domestic Assault and account for 45.4% of all assaults. During 2009 police reported 5,287 offenses, a decrease of 24 (0.5%) from the 5,311 offenses reported in 2008.  |
| <b>BURGLARY</b> .....                  | The number of Burglaries during 2009 rose by 3.0% compared with those in 2008. There was an increase of 195 from the 2008 total of 6,516. The 6,711 burglaries reported statewide resulted in property loss totaling \$7,627,641. Burglaries represent 20.1% of all reported index offenses.     |
| <b>LARCENY-THEFT</b> .....             | The crime of Larceny decreased during 2009 by 2.8% from the 24,582 larceny offenses reported in 2008. Police reported 23,900 larceny crimes during 2009. Shoplifting increased 4.7% and thefts from motor vehicles increased 8.8% for 33.7% of all larceny crimes reported.                      |
| <b>MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT</b> .....       | Motor Vehicle Theft registered a decrease of 155 offenses during 2009, from 1,173 in 2008 to 1,018. A high of 2,764 motor vehicles were reported stolen during 1978.   |
| <b>ARSON</b> .....                     | The crime of Arson was added to the list of reportable index crimes in 1980. During 2009 there were 243 arsons reported, up 55 (29.3%) from the 188 arsons reported for 2008. Estimated property loss caused by arson totaled nearly \$9.5 million during 2009 — up 205.0%.                      |
| <b>HATE CRIME</b> .....                | Beginning in 1992, Hate Crime was added as a new reporting requirement. During 2009, police reported 49 incidents involving 54 victims and resulting in a total of 57 offenses. This figure represented a 12.3% decrease from the 2008 total of 65 offenses (64 incidents involving 71 victims). |
| <b>STOLEN/RECOVERED PROPERTY</b> ..... | During 2009 law enforcement agencies recorded \$24,667,032 worth of property stolen during the commission of index crimes — a decrease of 11.6% from the \$27,898,529 stolen during 2008. Police were able to recover 24.0% (\$5,925,408) of stolen property during 2009.                        |

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| <b>CLEARANCE RATE</b> .....         | Law enforcement agencies cleared 30.8% of all index crimes in 2009 — higher than the 29.6% rate in 2008.  |
| <b>ARRESTS</b> .....                | The total number of persons arrested, summoned or cited by police, including juveniles and adults, was 56,266 — a decrease of 1.0% from the 56,857 persons recorded in 2008. Drug arrests increased 1.9% with 5,262 adults and 617 juveniles charged with drug offenses.  |
| <b>OFFICER ASSAULTS</b> .....       | There were 214 assaults on law enforcement officers in 2009, a decrease from the 2008 figure of 251.  |
| <b>POLICE EMPLOYMENT DATA</b> ..... | Statewide there were 2,269 full-time sworn law enforcement officers representing a ratio of 1.72 officers per 1,000 population. Nationally (in 2008) the average rate per 1,000 was 2.5.  |
| <b>TRENDS</b> .....                 | The chart on the following pages shows the 10-year trend data for the index crimes recorded by Uniform Crime Reporting. Shown are the number of offenses, the crime rate per 1,000 residents of Maine, the percent cleared in Maine, the national crime rate per 1,000, and the percent change in the number of reported offenses in Maine. |