

**Characteristics — 2015**

**Victim-Offender Relationship**

Non-Stranger to Non-Stranger .....	80.6%
Stranger to Stranger .....	9.7%
Unknown .....	9.7%

**Months of Highest Occurrence**

November .....	21.7%
July .....	17.4%
May .....	13.0%

**Type of Weapon Used**

Firearm .....	60.9%
Knife/Cutting Instrument .....	13.0%
Other Dangerous Weapon .....	4.3%
Hands, Fists, Feet .....	17.4%
Other/Undetermined .....	4.3%

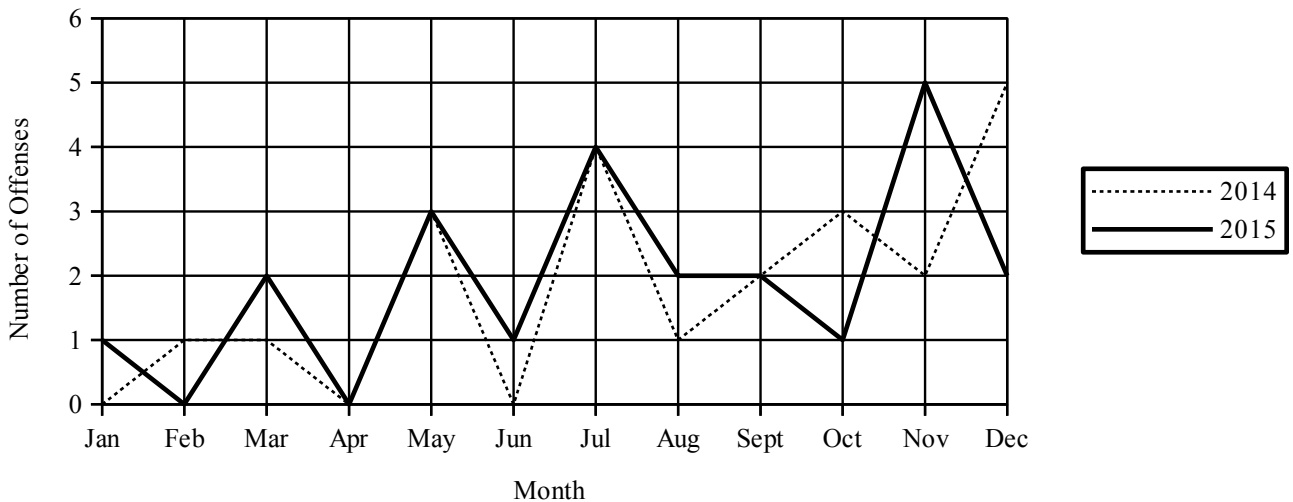
**Value of Property Stolen during Offense**

Total .....	\$100,000.00
Per Incident Average .....	\$4,347.83

**Clearance Rate**

22 Offenses Cleared .....	95.7%
Arrests/Crime Ratio .....	0.96

***Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter — Comparative Data 2014–2015***



***Profile of Persons Arrested — 22 Arrests***

**Age**

17 and under .....	9.1%
18–24 .....	22.7%
25–29 .....	18.2%
30–34 .....	18.2%
35–39 .....	27.3%
40 and over .....	4.5%

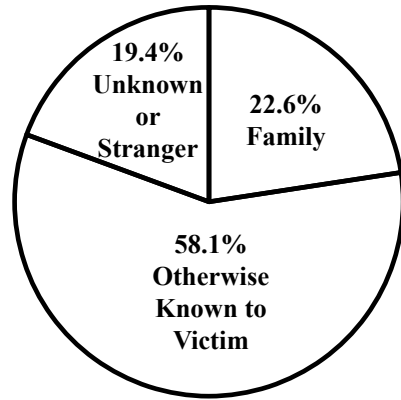
**Sex**

Male .....	95.5%
Female .....	4.5%

4 offenders committed suicide

**Murder Distribution by Relationship (Victim to Offender)**

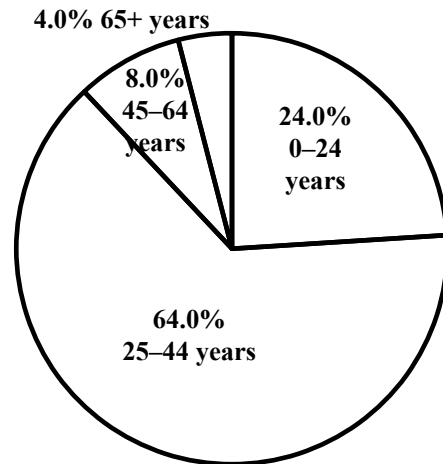
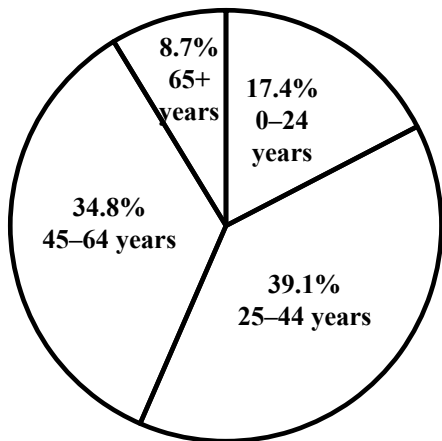
Relationship*	Number	% of Total
Wife	2	6.5%
Son	3	9.7%
Father	2	6.5%
<b>Total Family</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22.6%</b>
Girlfriend/Boyfriend	2	6.5%
Friend	1	3.2%
Acquaintance	15	48.4%
Stranger	3	9.7%
Unknown	3	9.7%
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>77.4%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



\*Number of relationships may not agree with number of victims due to instances of multiple offenders or multiple victims.

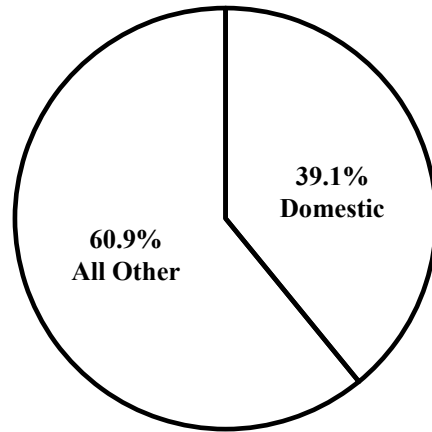
**Murder Distribution by Age and Sex**

Age of Victims	Male	Female	Total	Age of Offenders	Male	Female	Total
0-14 years	2	—	2	0-14 years	—	—	—
15-24 years	2	—	2	15-24 years	6	—	6
25-34 years	2	3	5	25-34 years	7	2	9
35-44 years	3	1	4	35-44 years	7	—	7
45-54 years	2	1	3	45-54 years	2	—	2
55-64 years	4	1	5	55-64 years	—	—	—
65+ years	1	1	2	65+ years	1	—	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>



**Murder Distribution by Circumstances**

Circumstance**	Number	% of Total
<b>Felony Total*</b>	—	—
Domestic Conflict	9	39.1%
Drug Related	3	13.0%
Other	9	39.1%
Unknown	2	8.7%
<b>Other than Felony Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

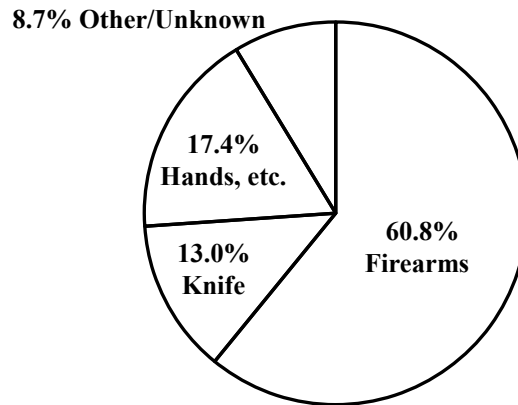


\*Felony murder is defined as a killing which occurs in conjunction with the commission of another crime such as a robbery, arson, sexual assault or other felonious activities.

\*\*Due to the unlimited set of possible circumstances surrounding homicides, it is difficult to provide a clear-cut or precise statistical category. In the intent of uniformity, the number of circumstance categories has been kept to a minimum. Caution is suggested in drawing generalizations from the data without more deliberate analysis. This table makes no attempt to analyze the motives of offenders, but rather to display general circumstances surrounding the events.

**Murder Distribution by Weapon**

Weapon	Number	% of Total
Firearm	14	60.8%
Knife, Cutting Instrument	3	13.0%
Hands, Fists, Feet	4	17.4%
Other/Unknown	2	8.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## FORCIBLE RAPE

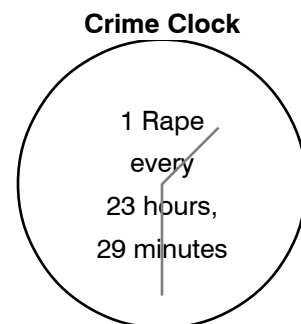
Forcible rape is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.

*“A person is guilty of gross sexual assault if that person engages in a sexual act (direct genital contact) with another person and the person submits as a result of compulsion.”*  
*M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 253*

This category is broken down into two categories: Rape by Force, and Attempted Forcible Rape. Carnal abuse without force (statutory rape) and other sex offenses are not included.

Forcible rape differs from other violent crimes in that the victim, in many cases, is reluctant to report the offense to police. The investigation by police, medical examination, court procedure, embarrassment and fear of any accompanying stigma have a deterrent effect on the victim’s willingness to make the offense known to police.

Maine has experienced increased availability in services such as rape crisis centers providing 24-hour hot lines and counselors, witness/victim assistants in district attorneys’ offices, improved medical practices and increased sensitivity by law enforcement personnel. The increased number of offenses identified in this report may be, in part, influenced by the increasing confidence of victims in the criminal justice system.



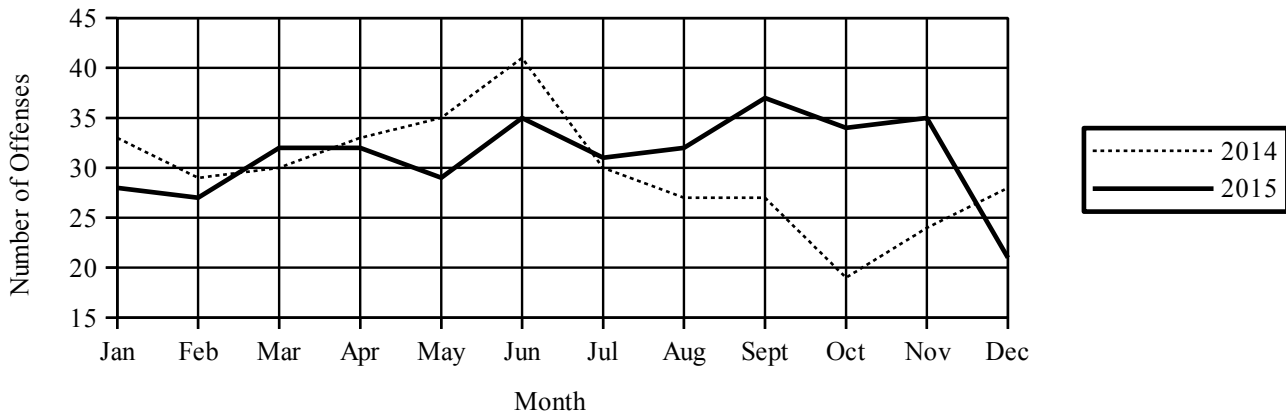
<i>Trend</i>						
Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2011–2015
Number reported	391	368	359	356	373	
% change from previous year	0.5%	-5.9%	-2.4%	-0.8%	4.8%	
						% change -4.6%
Rate per 1,000	0.29	0.28	0.27	0.27	0.28	
% change from previous year	—	-3.4%	-3.5%	-4.4%	3.9%	
						% change -3.2%

<i>Characteristics — 2015</i>	
<b>Type of Offense</b>	
Rape by Force .....	97.9%
Attempts to Rape .....	2.1%
<b>Months of Highest Occurrence</b>	
September .....	9.9%
June, November .....	9.4%
October .....	9.1%
<b>Value of Property Stolen during Offense</b>	
Total .....	\$188.00
Per Incident Average .....	\$0.50
<b>Clearance Rate</b>	
157 Offenses Cleared .....	42.1%
Arrests/Crime Ratio .....	0.16

<i>Profile of Persons Arrested</i>	
<b>59 Arrests</b>	
<b>Age</b>	
17 and under .....	15.3%
18–24 .....	20.3%
25–29 .....	13.6%
30–34 .....	6.8%
35–39 .....	18.6%
40 and over .....	25.4%
<b>Sex</b>	
Male .....	98.3%
Female .....	1.7%

<i>Rape by Type of Offense, 2014–2015</i>			
	2014	2015	% change
Forcible Rape	340	365	7.4%
Attempted Rape	16	8	-50.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>4.8%</b>

***Rapes — Comparative Data 2014–2015***

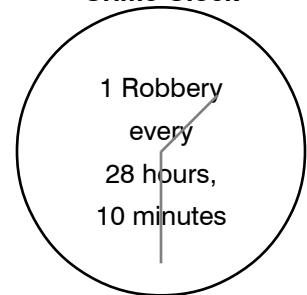


***ROBBERY***

Robbery is defined by UCR as “the felonious and forcible taking of the property of another against his will by violence or by putting him in fear.” All attempts to rob are included in the UCR report.

“1. A person is guilty of robbery if he commits or attempts to commit theft and at the time of his actions: A. He recklessly inflicts bodily injury on another; B. He threatens to use force against any person present with the intent (1) to prevent or overcome resistance to the taking of the property, ...; or (2) to compel the person in control of the property to give it up ...; C. He uses physical force on another with the intent enumerated in paragraph B, subparagraphs (1) and (2); D. He intentionally inflicts or attempts to inflict bodily injury on another; or E. He or an accomplice to his knowledge is armed with a dangerous weapon ...” M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 65, 1

**Crime Clock**



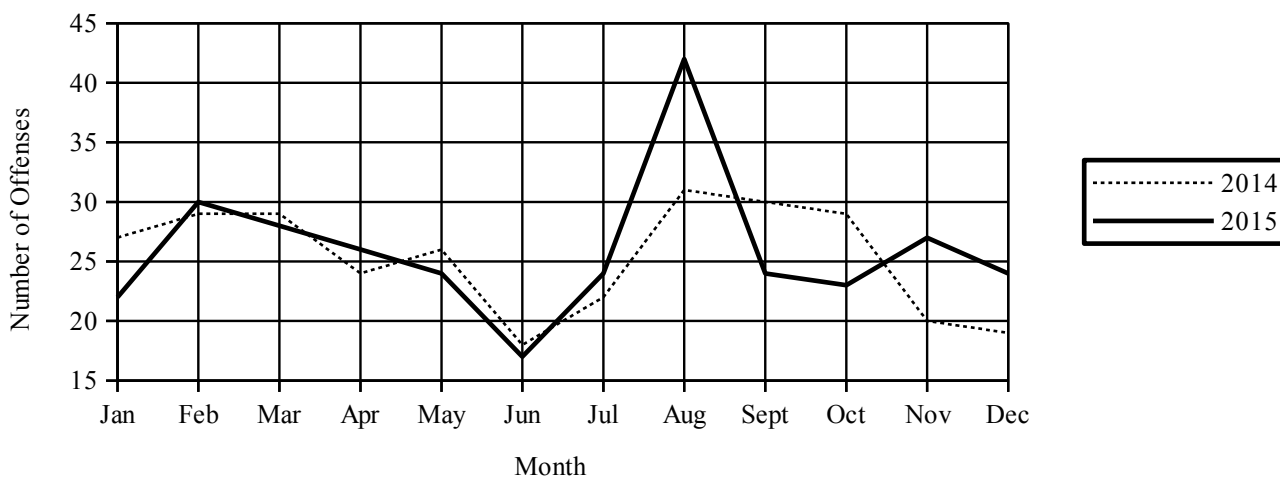
***Trend***

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2011–2015
Number reported	370	421	335	304	311	
% change from previous year	-11.1%	13.8%	-20.4%	-9.3%	2.3%	
						% change -15.9%
Rate per 1,000	0.28	0.32	0.25	0.23	0.23	
% change from previous year	-9.7%	14.3%	-21.2%	-8.6%	1.7%	
						% change -16.4%

***Characteristics — 2015***

<b>Type of Weapon Used</b>		<b>Months of Highest Occurrence</b>	
Firearm .....	27.3%	August .....	13.5%
Knife/Cutting Instrument .....	14.1%	February .....	9.6%
Other Dangerous Weapon .....	11.3%	March .....	9.0%
Hands, Fists, Feet .....	47.3%	<b>Value of Property Stolen during Offense</b>	
<b>Place of Occurrence</b>		Total .....	\$300,613.00
Street, Alley .....	24.3%	Per Incident Average .....	\$972.86
Business Establishment .....	29.1%	<b>Clearance Rate</b>	
Residence .....	23.3%	147 Offenses Cleared .....	47.3%
Bank .....	5.8%	Arrest/Crime Ratio .....	0.59
Miscellaneous .....	17.5%		

***Robberies — Comparative Data 2014–2015***



***Profile of Persons Arrested  
182 Arrests***

Age	
17 and under	3.8%
18–24	30.2%
25–29	30.2%
30–34	14.8%
35–39	8.8%
40 and over	12.1%
Sex	
Male	85.7%
Female	14.3%

***Robbery by Weapon Type, 2014–2015***

	2014	2015	% change
Firearm	51	85	66.7%
Knife	43	44	2.3%
Other Weapon	49	35	-28.6%
Strong Arm	161	147	-8.7%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>2.3%</b>

***Robbery by Classification, 2014–2015***

Classification	Number of Offenses			Value Stolen		
	2014	2015	% change	2014	2015	% change
Highway	73	75	2.7%	\$24,061	\$28,213	17.3%
Commercial House	55	39	-29.1%	\$34,647	\$38,970	12.5%
Gas/Service Station	2	8	300.0%	\$500	\$989	97.8%
Convenience Store	37	43	16.2%	\$6,459	\$8,192	26.8%
Residence	86	72	-16.3%	\$93,471	\$107,865	15.4%
Bank/Lending Inst.	22	18	-18.2%	\$73,075	\$96,033	31.4%
Miscellaneous	29	54	86.2%	\$21,025	\$20,351	-3.2%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>\$253,238</b>	<b>\$300,613</b>	<b>18.7%</b>

<i>Robbery Type by County</i>									
County		Highway	Commercial House	Gas State	Convenience Store	Residence	Bank	Misc.	Total
<b>Androscoggin</b>									
	2015	4	4	—	8	9	2	4	31
	2014	7	3	—	8	16	6	1	41
<b>Aroostook</b>									
	2015	1	4	—	2	2	—	2	11
	2014	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	4
<b>Cumberland</b>									
	2015	42	16	1	12	19	13	26	129
	2014	26	25	1	9	21	—	11	93
<b>Franklin</b>									
	2015	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	2014	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
<b>Hancock</b>									
	2015	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2
	2014	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	3
<b>Kennebec</b>									
	2015	5	8	4	4	7	3	2	33
	2014	11	9	1	6	12	4	2	45
<b>Knox</b>									
	2015	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
	2014	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	4
<b>Lincoln</b>									
	2015	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
	2014	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	3
<b>Oxford</b>									
	2015	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	5
	2014	1	—	—	—	—	3	1	5
<b>Penobscot</b>									
	2015	12	4	1	1	7	—	2	27
	2014	14	6	—	1	7	4	3	35
<b>Piscataquis</b>									
	2015	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
	2014	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
<b>Sagadahoc</b>									
	2015	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	2014	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
<b>Somerset</b>									
	2015	1	—	—	3	1	—	—	5
	2014	3	2	—	2	7	2	2	18
<b>Waldo</b>									
	2015	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
	2014	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	4
<b>Washington</b>									
	2015	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	5
	2014	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
<b>York</b>									
	2015	7	2	2	12	16	—	16	55
	2014	9	6	—	8	14	1	6	44

## AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

An aggravated assault is an attempt or offer, with unlawful force or violence, to do physical injury to another. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or other means likely to produce death or serious bodily injury. Attempts are included since it is not necessary that an injury result when a gun, knife, or other weapon is used which could and probably would result in serious personal injury if the crime is successfully completed. Assaults with personal weapons (hands, fists, feet) are scored as aggravated if there is personal injury requiring more than simple first aid to treat.

*Aggravated Assault:* "1. A person is guilty of aggravated assault if he ... causes: A. Serious bodily injury to another; or, B. Bodily injury to another with use of a dangerous weapon; or, C. Bodily injury to another under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life." M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 208

*Assault while Hunting:* "1. A person is guilty of assault while hunting if ... he, with criminal negligence, causes bodily injury to another with the use of a dangerous weapon." M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 208-A

*Assault on an Officer:* "1. A person is guilty of assault on an officer if: A. ... causes bodily injury to a law enforcement officer while the officer is in the performance of his official duties; or, B. While in custody in a penal institution or other facility pursuant to an arrest or ... court order, he commits an assault on a member of the staff of the institution ..." M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 752-A

Not included in this class are simple (non-aggravated) assaults. Simple assaults are non-index offenses, although a record is kept of these assaults on an "offenses known to police" form. During 2015 there were 9,722 simple assaults reported (-3.2% from 2014), with a clearance rate of 73.1%. These simple assaults are included in the report of domestic assaults, and assaults on law enforcement officers.



<i>Trend</i>						
Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2011-2015
Number reported	843	803	943	900	916	
% change from previous year	10.9%	-4.7%	17.4%	-4.6%	1.8%	% change 8.7%
Rate per 1,000	0.63	0.60	0.71	0.68	0.69	
% change from previous year	10.5%	-4.8%	18.3%	-4.7%	1.3%	% change 9.4%

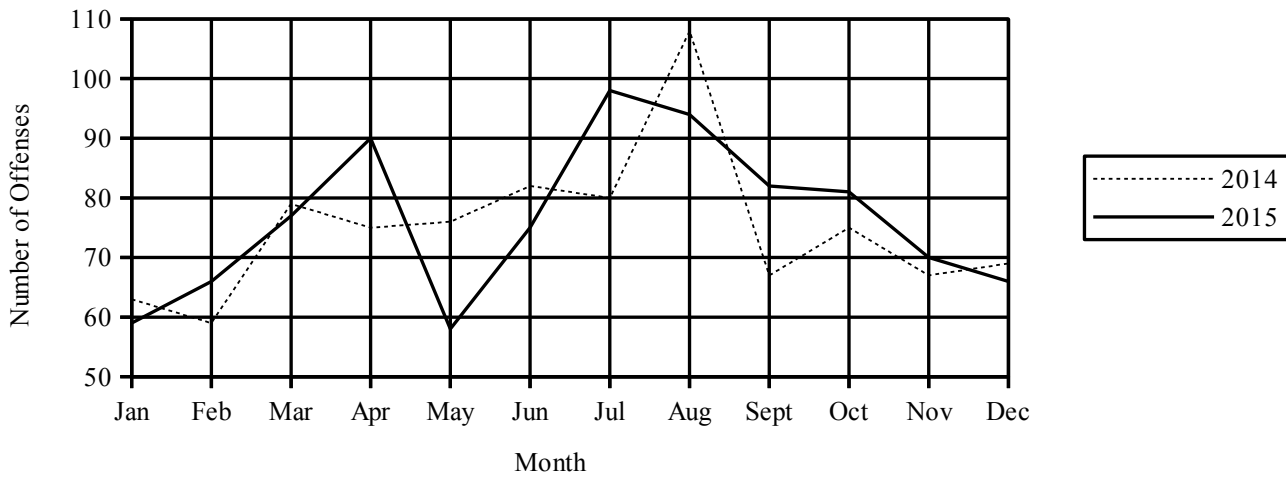
<i>Characteristics — 2015</i>	
<b>Type of Weapon Used</b>	
Firearm .....	5.9%
Knife/Cutting Instrument .....	13.3%
Other Dangerous Weapon .....	22.5%
Hands, Fists, Feet .....	58.3%
<b>Months of Highest Occurrence</b>	
July .....	10.7%
August .....	10.3%
April .....	9.8%
<b>Clearance Rate</b>	
718 Offenses Cleared .....	78.4%
Arrests/Crime Ratio .....	0.59

<i>Profile of Persons Arrested</i>	
<b>538 Arrests</b>	
<b>Age</b>	
17 and under .....	6.9%
18-24 .....	17.3%
25-29 .....	16.5%
30-34 .....	15.6%
35-39 .....	10.4%
40 and over .....	33.3%
<b>Sex</b>	
Male .....	87.9%
Female .....	12.1%

<i>Aggravated Assault by Weapon Type, 2014-2015</i>					
	Firearm	Knife	Other Weapon	Strong Arm	Totals
<b>2014</b>	58	143	210	489	900
<b>2015</b>	54	122	206	534	916
<b>% change</b>	-6.9%	-14.7%	-1.9%	9.2%	1.8%



***Aggravated Assault — Comparative Data 2014–2015***



***DOMESTIC VIOLENCE***

Due to problems of abuse and domestic violence between family or household members, the 109th Maine Legislature enacted a law entitled “An Act Concerning Abuse between Household and Family Members.” The law, Chapter 578 of the Public Laws of 1979, mandates the reporting of domestic violence data by law enforcement agencies and the collection of such data (Title 19, § 770 [1]) by the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit, State Bureau of Identification, Department of Public Safety.

During 2015:

- Of a grand total of 10,638 reported assaults, 4,907 or 46.1% were identified as occurring between household

or family members.

- Domestic assaults decreased 3.2% (160 offenses) from the 2014 figure of 5,067.
- Law enforcement agencies cleared 4,095 domestic assaults for a clearance rate of 83.5%.
- Of the 4,907 domestic assaults, 97.1% involved personal weapons (hands, fists, feet).

**Crime Clock**



***Breakdown of Reported Domestic Assaults by County, 2014–2015***

County	2014 Number of Offenses	2014 Percent of Total	2015 Number of Offenses	2015 Percent of Total	Percent Change of Offenses
Androscoggin	619	12.2%	589	12.0%	-4.8%
Aroostook	177	3.5%	196	4.0%	10.7%
Cumberland	802	15.8%	761	15.5%	-5.1%
Franklin	162	3.2%	138	2.8%	-14.8%
Hancock	98	1.9%	98	2.0%	—
Kennebec	630	12.4%	633	12.9%	0.5%
Knox	92	1.8%	118	2.4%	28.3%
Lincoln	126	2.5%	129	2.6%	2.4%
Oxford	181	3.6%	214	4.4%	18.2%
Penobscot	419	8.3%	449	9.2%	7.2%
Piscataquis	42	0.8%	34	0.7%	-19.0%
Sagadahoc	67	1.3%	48	1.0%	-28.4%
Somerset	390	7.7%	377	7.7%	-3.3%
Waldo	110	2.2%	84	1.7%	-23.6%
Washington	115	2.3%	121	2.5%	5.2%
York	1,037	20.5%	918	18.7%	-11.5%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,067</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>

<i>Domestic Violence Assaults Comparison Data 2014–2015</i>				
<b>Situation/Relationships</b>	<b>2014 Number of Offenses</b>	<b>2014 % of Total</b>	<b>2015 Number of Offenses</b>	<b>2015 % of Total</b>
<b>Male Assault on Female</b>				
Firearm	11	0.2	9	0.2
Knife, Cutting Instrument	22	0.4	17	0.3
Other Dangerous Weapon	37	0.7	46	0.9
Hands, Aggravated Injury	169	3.3	223	4.5
Hands, Not Aggravated	2,415	47.7	2,305	47.0
<b>Total Male Assault on Female</b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Female Assault on Male</b>				
Firearm	1	< 0.1	1	< 0.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	14	0.3	14	0.3
Other Dangerous Weapon	21	0.4	16	0.3
Hands, Aggravated Injury	11	0.2	12	0.2
Hands, Not Aggravated	801	15.8	784	16.0
<b>Total Female Assault on Male</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>16.9</b>
<b>Parent Assault on Child</b>				
Firearm	4	< 0.1	1	< 0.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	3	< 0.1	—	—
Other Dangerous Weapon	12	0.2	12	0.2
Hands, Aggravated Injury	64	1.3	62	1.3
Hands, Not Aggravated	500	9.9	429	8.7
<b>Total Parent Assault on Child</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>10.3</b>
<b>Child Assault on Parent</b>				
Firearm	1	< 0.1	—	—
Knife, Cutting Instrument	8	0.2	5	0.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	8	0.2	4	< 0.1
Hands, Aggravated Injury	16	0.3	12	0.2
Hands, Not Aggravated	444	8.8	404	8.2
<b>Total Child Assault on Parent</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>8.7</b>
<b>All Other Domestic Assaults</b>				
Firearm	2	< 0.1	—	—
Knife, Cutting Instrument	4	< 0.1	7	0.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	9	0.2	11	0.2
Hands, Aggravated Injury	52	1.0	75	1.5
Hands, Not Aggravated	438	8.6	458	9.3
<b>Total Male Assault on Female</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>11.2</b>
<b>Grand Total All Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>5,067</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Domestic Assaults/Type of Weapon</b>				
Firearm	19	0.4	11	0.2
Knife, Cutting Instrument	51	1.0	43	0.9
Other Dangerous Weapon	87	1.7	89	1.8
Hands, Aggravated Injury	312	6.2	384	7.8
Hands, Not Aggravated	4,598	90.7	4,380	89.3
<b>Total Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>5,067</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total All Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>5,067</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>46.1</b>
<b>Total All Reported Assaults</b>	<b>10,944</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,638</b>	<b>100.0</b>