

**CRIME IN MAINE 2018 — HIGHLIGHTS**



During 2018 the crime clock average in Maine reflected the following:

**VIOLENT CRIMES: 1 every 5 hours, 51 minutes**.....1 Murder every 15 days, 20 hours, 52 minutes  
1 Rape every 19 hours, 36 minutes  
1 Robbery every 38 hours, 35 minutes  
1 Aggravated Assault every 10 hours, 56 minute

**PROPERTY CRIMES: 1 every 28 minutes, 46 seconds**.....1 Burglary every 3 hours, 14 minutes, 10 seconds  
1 Larceny every 35 minutes, 47 seconds  
1 Motor Vehicle Theft every 11 hours, 17 minutes  
1 Arson every 3 days, 12 hours, 14 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 2018 was 14.77 per 1,000. The comparable rate for 2017 was 16.32. The 2018 state population is estimated at 1,338,404 persons.

**INDEX OFFENSES**.....There were 19,773 Index Offenses reported by police during 2018 — a decrease of 2,030 offenses (9.3%) from the 21,803 similar offenses reported in 2017.

**VIOLENT CRIMES**.....Murder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault make up the Violent Crimes category. Violent crimes as a group decreased by 93 offenses from 2017 for a 5.8% decrease. During 2018 violent crimes totaled 1,498, compared to a 2017 total of 1,591. Violent crimes accounted for 7.6% of all reported index crimes (7.3% in 2017) and represent a crime rate of 1.12 per 1,000 population.

**PROPERTY CRIMES**.....Property Crimes, consisting of Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson, fell in 2018 by 1,937 offenses (9.6%) from 2017. There were 18,275 offenses reported in 2018 with 20,212 being shown for 2017. Property crimes account for 92.4% of all index crimes with a crime rate of 13.65 per 1,000 population.

**MURDER**.....There were 23 murders committed in Maine during 2018 — an increase of 2 (9.5%) from the 21 murders reported in 2017. Law enforcement cleared 22 murders this year. Maine’s 10-year average is 23 homicides annually.

<b>RAPE</b> .....	Rapes decreased by 1 reported offense during 2018. There were 448 offenses reported to police in 2017, compared to 447 in 2018. Of the total, 438 were actual rapes, while 9 were classified as attempts to commit rape.
<b>ROBBERY</b> .....	Robberies decreased by 8.1% (20 offenses) during 2018, from 247 in 2017 to 227 in 2018.
<b>AGGRAVATED ASSAULT</b> .....	Law enforcement reported 801 Aggravated Assaults during 2018, a decrease of 8.5% from the 2017 figure of 875. Simple assaults (a non-index crime) increased by 4.7% during 2018 with 9,972 offenses reported.
<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b> .....	All offenses of assault between family or household members are reported as Domestic Assault and account for 34.3% of all assaults. During 2018 police reported 3,699 offenses, a decrease of 479 (11.5%) from the 4,178 offenses reported in 2017.
<b>BURGLARY</b> .....	The number of Burglaries during 2018 fell by 18.4% compared with those in 2017. There was a decrease of 609 from the 2017 total of 3,316. The 2,707 burglaries reported statewide resulted in property loss totaling \$3,082,907. Burglaries represent 13.7% of all reported index offenses.
<b>LARCENY-THEFT</b> .....	The crime of Larceny decreased during 2018 by 8.0% from the 15,968 larceny offenses reported in 2017. Police reported 14,688 larceny crimes during 2018. Shoplifting decreased 4.0% and thefts from motor vehicles decreased 7.9% for 35.8% of all larceny crimes reported.
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT</b> .....	Motor Vehicle Theft registered a decrease of 16 offenses during 2018, from 792 in 2017 to 776. 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 2018 there were 104 arsons reported, down 32 (23.5%) from the 136 arsons reported for 2017. Estimated property loss caused by arson totaled over \$2.1 million during 2018 — down 58.9%.
<b>HATE CRIME</b> .....	Beginning in 1992, Hate Crime was added as a new reporting requirement. During 2018, police reported 20 incidents involving 22 victims and resulting in a total of 20 offenses. This figure represented a 60.6% decrease from the 2017 total of 33 offenses (33 incidents involving 43 victims).

<b>STOLEN/RECOVERED PROPERTY</b> .....	During 2018 law enforcement agencies recorded \$17,487,762 worth of property stolen during the commission of index crimes — an increase of 0.6% from the \$17,384,220 stolen during 2017. Police were able to recover 26.8% (\$4,689,296) of stolen property during 2018.
<b>CLEARANCE RATE</b> .....	Law enforcement agencies cleared 38.2% of all index crimes in 2018 — higher than the 36.1% rate in 2017.
<b>ARRESTS</b> .....	The total number of persons arrested, summoned or cited by police, including juveniles and adults, was 40,661 — an increase of 1.0% from the 40,392 persons recorded in 2017. Drug arrests increased 8.4% with 3,370 adults and 302 juveniles charged with drug offenses.
<b>OFFICER ASSAULTS</b> .....	There were 188 assaults on law enforcement officers in 2018, an increase from the 2017 figure of 170.
<b>POLICE EMPLOYMENT DATA</b> .....	Statewide there were 2,346 full-time sworn law enforcement officers representing a ratio of 1.75 officers per 1,000 population. Nationally (in 2017) the average rate per 1,000 was 2.2.
<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.