CRIME RATES

The computation of crime rates as they appear in this report is based on 2020 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 130 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. Be-cause 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 2020 was 12.85 offenses per 1,000 persons. Violent crimes occurred at a rate of 1.09 offenses per 1,000 persons, property crimes at a rate of 11.76.

2020 Crime Rates

Offense	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Rate/1000 Population
Murder	22	.13%	.02
Rape	489	2.82%	.36
Robbery	171	.99%	.13
Aggravated Assault	790	4.55%	.59
Burglary	2,019	11.64%	1.50
Larceny-Theft	12,820	73.90%	9.50
M/V Theft	857	4.94%	.63
Arson	179	1.03%	.13
Totals	**17,347**	**100.00%**	**12.85**
Total Violent Crime	1,472	8.49%	1.09
Total Property Crime	15,875	91.51%	11.76

Crime by County

County	Year	Annual Crime Rate per 1,000	Total Index Crimes	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Percent Clearance
Androscoggin	2019	15.31	1,654	1	65	27	96	220	1,175	65	5	35.2%
	2020	15.34	1,667	4	61	23	105	174	1,207	76	17	37.9%
Aroostook	2019	11.74	784	1	10	3	52	120	551	45	2	53.6%
	2020	12.18	813	—	11	10	53	133	558	46	2	53.5%
Cumberland	2019	15.05	4,455	4	81	63	182	415	3,545	154	11	31.7%
	2020	11.36	3,378	1	87	58	156	289	2,609	156	22	30.3%
Franklin	2019	7.73	231	—	12	—	16	29	166	8	—	34.2%
	2020	8.60	260	—	11	—	10	34	192	13	—	25.8%
Hancock	2019	7.36	405	—	7	—	9	43	319	25	2	66.2%
	2020	8.13	449	—	16	3	16	44	353	16	1	55.2%
Kennebec	2019	13.21	1,618	3	61	19	64	185	1,244	39	3	47.3%
	2020	13.73	1,685	3	52	26	81	197	1,256	64	6	47.8%
Knox	2019	9.32	372	—	1	—	9	35	296	29	2	33.9%
	2020	10.20	407	—	4	1	9	45	324	21	3	20.4%
Lincoln	2019	8.39	289	—	24	1	9	42	203	10	—	35.6%
	2020	9.03	314	—	21	2	17	34	220	19	1	27.1%
Oxford	2019	15.14	875	2	38	9	16	163	619	26	2	41.6%
	2020	13.79	802	—	29	1	31	85	614	42	—	30.5%
Penobscot	2019	16.14	2,441	1	7	20	39	221	2,072	74	7	60.7%
	2020	16.06	2,447	6	12	16	55	260	1,968	129	1	46.3%
Piscataquis	2019	8.35	140	—	2	—	5	20	105	8	—	50.7%
	2020	10.09	169	1	2	1	10	27	121	7	—	38.5%
Sagadahoc	2019	9.30	333	1	4	1	14	46	254	12	1	30.3%
	2020	7.22	260	—	1	—	13	29	200	17	—	26.2%
Somerset	2019	13.98	707	—	30	7	34	111	478	39	8	34.2%
	2020	13.76	694	—	31	6	33	92	498	31	3	28.0%
Waldo	2019	3.83	153	—	—	1	13	46	86	7	—	28.8%
	2020	4.43	177	—	4	—	6	35	121	11	—	23.2%
Washington	2019	7.67	241	—	6	1	34	49	144	7	—	40.2%
	2020	9.26	290	—	9	—	37	60	174	10	—	38.6%
York	2019	12.75	2,653	1	90	32	149	376	1,911	82	12	27.8%
	2020	11.79	2,470	—	75	22	105	269	1,857	128	14	23.1%
Fire Marshal	2019	—	97	—	—	—	3	4	—	1	89	41.2%
	2020	—	111	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	107	40.5%
MDEA	2019	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	2020	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	100.0%
State Police	2019	—	1,016	8	76	9	71	215	543	93	1	36.8%
	2020	—	953	7	63	2	52	209	547	71	2	41.8%
TOTALS	2019	13.74	18,464	22	514	193	815	2,340	13,711	724	145	39.6%
	2020	12.85	17,347	22	489	171	790	2,019	12,820	857	179	36.0%