

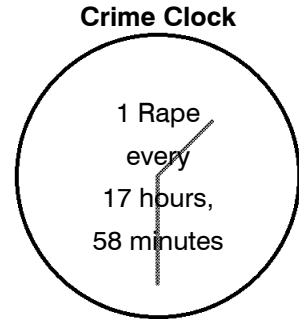
**RAPE**

**New definition:** Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

*“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 definition includes either gender of victim or offender. Sexual penetration means the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another or by a sex-related object. This definition also includes instances in which the victim is incapable of giving consent because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity (including due to the influence of drugs or alcohol) or because of age. Physical resistance is not required on the part of the victim to demonstrate lack of consent.

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>						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2016–2020
Number reported	383	448	447	514	489	
% change from previous year	2.7%	17.0%	−0.2%	15.0%	−4.9	% change 27.7%
Rate per 1,000	0.29	0.34	0.33	0.38	0.36	
% change from previous year	2.5%	16.6%	−0.4%	14.5%	−5.3%	% change 25.9%

<i>Characteristics — 2020</i>	
<b>Type of Offense</b>	
Rape .....	97.1%
Attempts to Rape .....	2.9%
<b>Value of Property Stolen during Offense</b>	
Total .....	\$4,760.00
Per Incident Average .....	\$9.73
<b>Clearance Rate</b>	
186 Offenses Cleared .....	38.0%
Arrests/Crime Ratio .....	0.13

<i>Profile of Persons Arrested</i>	
<i>63 Arrests</i>	
<b>Age</b>	
17 and under .....	11.1%
18–24 .....	28.6%
25–29 .....	19.0%
30–34 .....	9.5%
35–39 .....	15.9%
40 and over .....	15.9%
<b>Sex</b>	
Male .....	96.8%
Female .....	3.2%

**Historical rape definition:** The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.

The FBI UCR program changed the definition of rape and removed the term “forcible” in 2011. However, to understand the trend in sex offenses during the transition period, rape offenses should be reported according to the new and the historical definition.

<i>Rape by Type of Offense, 2019–2020</i>			
	2019	2020	% change
Rape	495	475	−4.0%
Attempted Rape	19	14	−26.3%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>−4.9%</b>

## 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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2016–2020
Number reported	266	247	227	193	171	
% change from previous year	-14.5%	-7.1%	-8.1%	-15.0%	-11.4	% change -35.7%
Rate per 1,000	0.20	0.18	0.17	0.14	0.13	
% change from previous year	-14.6%	-7.5%	-8.3%	-15.3%	-11.8	% change -36.6%

### Characteristics — 2020

<b>Type of Weapon Used</b>		Bank .....	1.2%
Firearm .....	25.7%	Miscellaneous .....	11.7%
Knife/Cutting Instrument .....	13.5%	<b>Value of Property Stolen during Offense</b>	
Other Dangerous Weapon .....	18.1%	Total .....	\$152,709.00
Hands, Fists, Feet .....	42.7%	Per Incident Average .....	\$893.04
<b>Place of Occurrence</b>		<b>Clearance Rate</b>	
Street, Alley .....	15.8%	107 Offenses Cleared .....	62.6%
Business Establishment .....	44.4%	Arrest/Crime Ratio.....	0.64
Residence .....	26.9%		

### Profile of Persons Arrested 110 Arrests

<b>Age</b>	
17 and under .....	11.8%
18–24 .....	16.4%
25–29 .....	21.8%
30–34 .....	16.4%
35–39 .....	13.6%
40 and over .....	20.0%
<b>Sex</b>	
Male .....	85.5%
Female .....	14.5%

### Robbery by Weapon Type, 2019–2020

	2019	2020	% change
Firearm	41	44	7.3%
Knife	23	23	—
Other Weapon	28	31	10.7%
Strong Arm	101	73	-27.7%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>

**Robbery by Classification, 2019–2020**

	Number of Offenses			Value Stolen		
	2019	2020	% change	2019	2020	% change
Highway	35	27	-22.9%	\$5,150	\$13,488	161.9%
Commercial House	44	52	18.2%	\$14,244	\$43,453	205.1%
Gas/Service Station	6	5	-16.7%	\$3,194	\$1,367	-57.2%
Convenience Store	23	19	-17.4%	\$5,388	\$3,122	-42.1%
Residence	56	46	-17.9%	\$52,746	\$49,632	-5.9%
Bank/Lending Inst.	8	2	-75.0%	\$13,230	\$15,741	19.0%
Miscellaneous	21	20	-4.8%	\$26,747	\$25,906	-3.1%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>	<b>\$120,699</b>	<b>\$152,709</b>	<b>26.5%</b>

**Robbery Type by County**

County or Agency		Highway	Commercial House	Gas Station	Convenience Store	Residence	Bank	Misc.	Total
Androscoggin	2020	5	7	—	1	8	—	2	23
	2019	4	5	—	4	10	2	2	27
Aroostook	2020	1	—	—	1	7	—	1	10
	2019	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	3
Cumberland	2020	10	22	2	7	9	1	7	58
	2019	14	21	4	3	9	2	10	63
Franklin	2020	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
	2019	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Hancock	2020	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
	2019	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Kennebec	2020	3	3	1	3	10	—	6	26
	2019	1	4	2	4	7	1	—	19
Knox	2020	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	2019	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Lincoln	2020	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2
	2019	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Oxford	2020	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	2019	—	5	—	1	1	2	—	9
Penobscot	2020	3	9	—	—	1	1	2	16
	2019	4	3	—	3	6	—	4	20
Piscataquis	2020	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
	2019	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Sagadahoc	2020	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
	2019	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Somerset	2020	2	3	—	1	—	—	—	6
	2019	2	—	—	2	2	—	1	7
Waldo	2020	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
	2019	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Washington	2020	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
	2019	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
York	2020	3	4	2	4	7	—	2	22
	2019	9	6	—	2	11	—	4	32
Fire Marshal	2020	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
	2019	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
MDEA	2020	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
	2019	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
State Police	2020	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2
	2019	—	—	—	2	6	1	—	9

## 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:* "I. 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:* "I. 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:* "I. 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 2020 there were 11,281 simple assaults reported (+12.1% from 2019), with a clearance rate of 62.0%. These simple assaults are included in the report of domestic assaults, and assaults on law enforcement officers.



<b>Trend</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2016–2020</b>
Number reported	1,002	875	801	815	790	
% change from previous year	9.4%	-12.7%	-8.5%	1.7%	-3.1%	
						% change -21.2%
Rate per 1,000	0.75	0.65	0.60	0.61	0.59	
% change from previous year	9.2%	-13.0%	-8.6%	1.3%	-3.5%	
						% change -22.2%

<b>Characteristics — 2020</b>	
<b>Type of Weapon Used</b>	
Firearm .....	9.6%
Knife/Cutting Instrument .....	16.2%
Other Dangerous Weapon .....	38.1%
Hands, Fists, Feet .....	36.1%
<b>Clearance Rate</b>	
633 Offenses Cleared .....	80.1%
Arrests/Crime Ratio.....	0.66

<b>Profile of Persons Arrested 519 Arrests</b>	
<b>Age</b>	
17 and under .....	3.5%
18–24 .....	16.4%
25–29 .....	15.2%
30–34 .....	20.8%
35–39 .....	18.1%
40 and over .....	26.0%
<b>Sex</b>	
Male .....	85.5%
Female .....	14.5%

***Aggravated Assault by Weapon Type, 2019–2020***

	Firearm	Knife	Other Weapon	Strong Arm	Totals
2019	73	148	257	337	815
2020	76	128	301	285	790
% change	4.1%	-13.5%	17.1%	-15.4%	-3.1%

***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 2020:

- Of a grand total of 12,071 reported assaults, 3,468 or 28.7% were identified as occurring between household or family members.
- Domestic assaults decreased 6.0% (221 offenses) from the 2019 figure of 3,689.
- Law enforcement agencies cleared 3,125 domestic assaults for a clearance rate of 90.1%.
- Of the 3,468 domestic assaults, 95.9% involved personal weapons (hands, fists, feet).

**Crime Clock**



***Breakdown of Reported Domestic Assaults by County, 2019–2020***

County	2019 Number of Offenses	2019 Percent of Total	2020 Number of Offenses	2020 Percent of Total	Percent Change Offenses
Androscoggin	399	10.8%	382	11.0%	-4.3%
Aroostook	167	4.5%	131	3.8%	-21.6%
Cumberland	607	16.5%	551	15.9%	-9.2%
Franklin	109	3.0%	122	3.5%	11.9%
Hancock	73	2.0%	76	2.2%	4.1%
Kennebec	428	11.6%	378	10.9%	-11.7%
Knox	70	1.9%	78	2.2%	11.4%
Lincoln	80	2.2%	73	2.1%	-8.8%
Oxford	124	3.4%	144	4.2%	16.1%
Penobscot	321	8.7%	314	9.1%	-2.2%
Piscataquis	45	1.2%	32	0.9%	-28.9%
Sagadahoc	65	1.8%	67	1.9%	3.1%
Somerset	242	6.6%	212	6.1%	-12.4%
Waldo	40	1.1%	52	1.5%	30.0%
Washington	56	1.5%	74	2.1%	32.1%
York	558	15.1%	511	14.7%	-8.4%
Fire Marshal	—	—	—	—	—
MDEA	—	—	—	—	—
State Police	305	8.3%	271	7.8%	-11.1%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,689</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,468</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>

***Domestic Violence Assaults  
Comparison Data 2019–2020***

<b>Situation/Relationships</b>	<b>2019 Number of Offenses</b>	<b>2019 % of Total</b>	<b>2020 Number of Offenses</b>	<b>2020 % of Total</b>
<b>Male Assault on Female</b>				
Firearm	8	0.2	6	0.2
Knife, Cutting Instrument	13	0.4	10	0.3
Other Dangerous Weapon	49	1.3	61	1.8
Hands, Aggravated Injury	184	5.0	192	5.5
Hands, Not Aggravated	1,779	48.2	1,708	49.3
<b>Total Male Assault on Female</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>1,977</b>	<b>57.0</b>
<b>Female Assault on Male</b>				
Firearm	3	< 0.1	1	< 0.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	10	0.3	15	0.4
Other Dangerous Weapon	16	0.4	14	0.4
Hands, Aggravated Injury	15	0.4	16	0.5
Hands, Not Aggravated	629	17.1	593	17.1
<b>Total Female Assault on Male</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>18.4</b>
<b>Parent Assault on Child</b>				
Firearm	2	< 0.1	1	< 0.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	2	< 0.1	—	—
Other Dangerous Weapon	3	< 0.1	7	0.2
Hands, Aggravated Injury	19	0.5	15	0.4
Hands, Not Aggravated	304	8.2	222	6.4
<b>Total Parent Assault on Child</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>Child Assault on Parent</b>				
Firearm	—	—	4	0.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	5	0.1	2	< 0.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	5	0.1	2	< 0.1
Hands, Aggravated Injury	9	0.2	9	0.3
Hands, Not Aggravated	292	7.9	273	7.9
<b>Total Child Assault on Parent</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>All Other Domestic Assaults</b>				
Firearm	3	< 0.1	2	< 0.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	8	0.2	7	0.2
Other Dangerous Weapon	12	0.3	10	0.3
Hands, Aggravated Injury	12	0.3	12	0.3
Hands, Not Aggravated	307	8.3	286	8.2
<b>Total All Other Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>9.1</b>
<b>Grand Total All Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>3,689</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,468</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Domestic Assaults/Type of Weapon</b>				
Firearm	16	0.4	14	0.4
Knife, Cutting Instrument	38	1.0	34	1.0
Other Dangerous Weapon	85	2.3	94	2.7
Hands, Aggravated Injury	239	6.5	244	7.0
Hands, Not Aggravated	3,311	89.8	3,082	88.9
<b>Total Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>3,689</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,468</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total All Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>3,689</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>3,468</b>	<b>28.7</b>
<b>Total All Reported Assaults</b>	<b>10,879</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,071</b>	<b>100.0</b>