

ARREST DATA

In addition to the monthly reports on the number of index crimes reported, law enforcement agencies also submit monthly forms detailing the number of persons arrested. For UCR statistical purposes, “arrests” also include those persons cited or summoned for criminal acts in lieu of actual physical custody. These forms categorize the arrests by offense classification (both Part I and Part II crimes), and by age, sex and race. The same individual may be arrested several times over a period of time; each separate arrest is counted. A person may be arrested on several charges at one time; only one arrest is counted and is listed under the most serious charge. For UCR purposes, a juvenile is counted as “arrested” when the circumstances are such that if he or she were an adult, an arrest would result; in fact, there may not have been a formal charge.

During 2020:

- 5.2% of all arrests were juveniles, 94.8% were adults.
- Index offenses accounted for 25.2% of juvenile arrests.
- For adults, 14.5% of arrests were for index offenses.
- Over one third (33.8%) of adult arrests were between the ages of 25–34, inclusive.

The total number of arrests for 2020 was down 16.9%. Part I offenses were down 14.6%, Part II offenses were down 17.3%.

The report form on juvenile arrests used by the police agencies in Maine includes a section on the disposition of each person. These categories are as follows.

Disposition	Number	Percent Distribution
1. Handled within the department (released to parents, etc.)	26	1.5%
2. Referred to juvenile court or juvenile intake	450	26.6%
3. Referred to welfare agency (i.e., Dept. of Health and Human Services)	2	0.1%
4. Referred to other police agency	—	—
5. Referred to criminal or adult court	5	0.3%
Disposition not specified	1,206	71.4%
Total Dispositions	1,689	100.0%

(Percentages may not equal 100% because of rounding.)

On the next page is a summary of total arrests made this year and last. Then begins a section showing arrests made by each reporting agency in the state. County arrest summaries may be found on pages 65–67. Arrest reports from the Maine State Fire Marshal’s Office, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Maine State Police are given as statewide totals on page 68. Those three agencies are followed by a total of all state arrests for 2020.

The table on page 69 shows a breakdown of arrests by age category; that on pages 70–71 shows total state arrests classified by age and sex; tables on pages 72–76 show arrests by race; pages 77–79 give some detail on drug and liquor arrests; and the table on pages 80–81 gives arrest data for the last ten years.

Total Arrests — Percent Change 2019–2020			
Offenses	2019	2020	% Chg
Murder	10	12	20.0%
Rape	64	63	-1.6%
Robbery	93	110	18.3%
Aggravated Assault	523	519	-0.8%
Burglary	498	457	-8.2%
Larceny-Theft	4,274	3,395	-20.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	198	257	29.8%
Arson	44	59	34.1%
Subtotal for Part I Offenses	5,704	4,872	-14.6%
Manslaughter	1	3	200.0%
Other Assaults	4,789	4,455	-7.0%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	146	118	-19.2%
Fraud	402	316	-21.4%
Embezzlement	41	20	-51.2%
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Possess	99	105	6.1%
Vandalism	972	958	-1.4%
Weapons: Possession, etc.	137	130	-5.1%
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	51	37	-27.5%
Sex Offenses	171	115	-32.7%
Drug Abuse Violations	3,614	3,181	-12.0%
Gambling	3	1	-66.7%
Offenses against Family and Children	142	81	-43.0%
Driving under the Influence	5,451	4,118	-24.5%
Liquor Laws	1,576	915	-41.9%
Drunkennness	10	5	-50.0%
Disorderly Conduct	1,223	863	-29.4%
All Other (except Traffic)	14,332	12,000	-16.3%
Human Trafficking	—	1	100.0%
Curfew and Loitering	3	10	233.3%
Runaways	26	—	-100.0%
Subtotal for Part II Offenses	33,189	27,432	-17.3%
GRAND TOTALS	38,893	32,304	-16.9%

		Androscoggin County					
Offense Category	Sex	Androsc. SO		Auburn PD		Lewiston PD	
		Juv.	Adult	Juv.	Adult	Juv.	Adult
Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter	F						
	M						2
Manslaughter by Negligence	F						
	M						
Rape	F						
	M					1	2
Robbery	F						3
	M		1	1	1	6	5
Aggravated Assault	F		1		1		4
	M		7	1	9	3	32
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	F				1		1
	M		3	5	5	7	13
Larceny-Theft (except Auto Theft)	F	1	4	7	96	3	37
	M	3	13	10	100	12	53
Motor Vehicle Theft	F				1		2
	M		2		2		6
Other Assaults	F	1	10	13	28	10	50
	M	2	25	12	75	11	102
Arson	F					1	1
	M					3	
Forgery & Counterfeiting	F						
	M		1		2		4
Fraud	F				7		1
	M				4		9
Embezzlement	F				1		5
	M				1		
Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing	F				2		3
	M		1		4		4
Vandalism	F		1	2	8	4	5
	M	1	6	13	10	3	23
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.	F						
	M				1		3
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	F						1
	M						7
Sex Offenses	F					1	1
	M		1	1	3	4	4
Drug Abuse Violations	F		5		19	1	23
	M		8	2	31		50
Gambling	F						
	M						
Offenses Against Family & Children	F				2		1
	M				1		
Driving Under the Influence	F		15		19		15
	M		33		34		42
Liquor Laws	F	1		1	2	1	4
	M	1	4	3	14	4	26
Drunkennness	F						
	M						
Disorderly Conduct	F		2		3	2	22
	M		7	1	13	1	35
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	F	1	28	2	82	3	161
	M	1	80	10	238	14	497
Human Trafficking	F				1		
	M						
Curfew & Loitering	F					5	
	M					4	
Runaways	F						
	M						
Total	F	4	66	25	273	34	339
	M	8	192	59	548	75	919
Grand Total		12	258	84	821	109	1,258