

## 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 summonsed 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 1998:

- 20.4% of all arrests were juveniles, 79.6% were adults.
- Index offenses accounted for 36.3% of juvenile arrests.
- For adults, 11.6% of arrests were for index offenses.
- Over one quarter (29.2%) of adult arrests were between the ages of 25–34, inclusive.

The total number of arrests for 1998 was up 3.9%. Part I offenses were down 6.8%, Part II offenses were up 6.3%.

**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.**

<b>Disposition</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent Distribution</b>
1. Handled within the department (released to parents, etc.)	1,779	15.2%
2. Referred to juvenile court or juvenile intake	9,274	79.1%
3. Referred to welfare agency (i.e., Dept. of Human Services)	20	0.2%
4. Referred to other police agency	62	0.5%
5. Referred to criminal or adult court	590	5.0%
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>11,725</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

Opposite is a summary of total arrests made this year and last. On page 50 begins a section showing arrests made by each reporting agency in the state. County arrest summaries and a statewide total may be found on pages 73–75.

The table on pages 76–77 shows total state arrests classified by age and sex; that on pages 78–79 gives arrest data for the last ten years; and that on page 80 shows a breakdown of arrests by age category.

**Total Arrests — Percent Change 1997–1998**

<b>Offenses</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Murder	12	19	58.3%
Forcible Rape	81	72	-11.1%
Robbery	179	146	-18.4%
Aggravated Assault	513	651	26.9%
Burglary	1,852	1,682	-9.2%
Larceny-Theft	6,922	6,436	-7.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	533	462	-13.3%
Arson	144	76	-47.2%
<b>Subtotal for Part I Offenses</b>	<b>10,236</b>	<b>9,544</b>	<b>-6.8%</b>
Manslaughter	1	4	300.0%
Other Assaults	6,909	6,901	-0.1%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	250	316	26.4%
Fraud	1,095	1,170	6.8%
Embezzlement	13	5	-61.5%
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Possess	379	427	12.7%
Vandalism	1,874	1,878	0.2%
Weapons: Possession, etc.	372	359	-3.5%
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	99	95	-4.0%
Sex Offenses	289	290	0.3%
Drug Abuse Violations	4,196	4,639	10.6%
Gambling	0	1	100.0%
Offenses against Family	185	290	56.8%
Driving under the Influence	7,510	8,007	6.6%
Liquor Laws	2,788	3,164	13.5%
Drunkenness	24	33	37.5%
Disorderly Conduct	2,161	2,172	0.5%
All Other (except Traffic)	15,864	17,401	9.7%
Curfew and Loitering	305	212	-30.5%
Runaways	660	466	-29.4%
<b>Subtotal for Part II Offenses</b>	<b>44,974</b>	<b>47,830</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS — ARRESTS</b>	<b>55,210</b>	<b>57,374</b>	<b>3.9%</b>