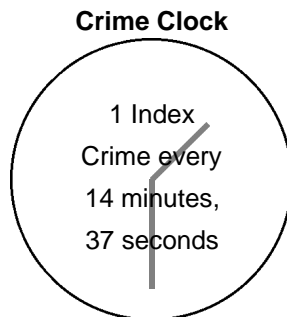

CRIME IN MAINE 1999 — HIGHLIGHTS



During 1999 the crime clock average in Maine reflected the following:

VIOLENT CRIMES: 1 every 6 hours, 50 minutes 1 Murder every 14 days, 14 hours, 24 minutes
 1 Rape every 32 hours, 5 minutes
 1 Robbery every 44 hours, 42 minutes
 1 Aggravated Assault every 11 hours, 6 minutes

PROPERTY CRIMES: 1 every 15 minutes, 10 seconds 1 Burglary every 68 minutes, 57 seconds
 1 Larceny every 20 minutes, 43 seconds
 1 Motor Vehicle Theft every 6 hours, 1 minute
 1 Arson every 44 hours, 15 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 1999 was 29.10 per 1,000. The comparable rate for 1998 was 30.81. The 1999 state population is estimated at 1,235,000 persons.

INDEX OFFENSES There were 35,941 Index Offenses reported by police during 1999 — a decrease of 2,112 offenses (5.6%) from the 38,053 similar offenses reported in 1998.

VIOLENT CRIMES Murder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault make up the Violent Crimes category. Violent crimes as a group decreased by 287 offenses from 1998 for an 18.3% decrease. During 1999 violent crimes totaled 1,283, compared to a 1998 total of 1,570. Violent crimes accounted for 3.6% of all reported index crimes (4.1% in 1998) and represent a crime rate of 1.04 per 1,000 population.

PROPERTY CRIMES Property Crimes, consisting of Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson, fell in 1999 by 1,825 offenses (5.0%) from 1998. There were 34,658 offenses reported in 1999 with 36,483 being shown for 1998. Property crimes account for 96.4% of all index crimes with a crime rate of 28.06 offenses per 1,000 population.

MURDER There were 25 murders committed in Maine during 1999 — down by 1 (3.8%) from the 26 murders reported in 1998. Law enforcement cleared 24 murders this year. Maine's 10-year average is 24 homicides annually.

RAPE	Forcible Rapes increased by 44 reported offenses during 1999. There were 229 offenses reported to police in 1998, compared to 273 in 1999. Of the total, 245 were actual rapes, while 28 were classified as attempts to commit forcible rape.
ROBBERY	Robberies decreased by 25.5% (67 offenses) during 1999, from 263 in 1998 to 196 in 1999.
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	Law enforcement reported 789 Aggravated Assaults during 1999, a decrease of 25.0% from the 1998 figure of 1,052. Simple assaults (a non-index crime) increased by 2.3% during 1999 with 10,539 offenses reported.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	All offenses of assault between family or household members are reported as Domestic Assault and account for 35.2% of all assaults. During 1999 police reported 3,986 offenses, an increase of 131 (3.4%) from the 3,855 offenses reported in 1998.
BURGLARY	The number of Burglaries during 1999 fell by 8.2% compared with those in 1998. There was a decrease of 678 from the 1998 total of 8,300. The 7,622 burglaries reported statewide resulted in property loss totaling \$5,894,134. Burglaries represent 21.2% of all reported index offenses.
LARCENY-THEFT	The crime of Larceny decreased during 1999 by 4.1% from the 26,464 larceny offenses reported in 1998. Police reported 25,381 larceny crimes during 1999. Shoplifting decreased 5.4% and thefts from motor vehicles decreased 4.3% for 37.2% of all larceny crimes reported.
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	Motor Vehicle Theft registered a decrease of 60 offenses during 1999, from 1,517 in 1998 to 1,457. A high of 2,764 motor vehicles were reported stolen during 1978.
ARSON	The crime of Arson was added to the list of reportable index crimes in 1980. During 1999 there were 198 arsons reported, down 4 (2.0%) from the 202 arsons reported for 1998. Estimated property loss caused by arson totaled nearly \$1.2 million during 1999 — down 47.2%.
HATE CRIME	Beginning in 1992, Hate Crime was added as a new reporting requirement. During 1999, police reported 22 incidents involving 24 victims and resulting in a total of 25 offenses.
STOLEN/RECOVERED PROPERTY	During 1999 law enforcement agencies recorded \$24,635,862 worth of property stolen during the commission of index crimes — an increase of 3.6% from the \$23,785,312 stolen during 1998. Police were able to recover 35.1% (\$8,658,459) of stolen property during 1999.

CLEARANCE RATE	Law enforcement agencies cleared 29.1% of all index crimes in 1999 — compared to 28.1% in 1998.
ARRESTS	The total number of persons arrested, summoned or cited by police, including juveniles and adults, was 56,247 — a decrease of 2.0% from the 57,374 persons recorded in 1998. Drug arrests decreased 3.1% with 3,819 adults and 675 juveniles charged with drug offenses.
OFFICER ASSAULTS	There were 175 assaults on law enforcement officers in 1999, a 29.1% decrease from the 1998 figure of 247.
POLICE EMPLOYMENT DATA	Statewide there were 2,163 full-time sworn law enforcement officers representing a ratio of 1.73 officers per 1,000 population. Nationally the average rate per 1,000 is 2.5.
TRENDS	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.