

CRIME RATES

The computation of crime rates as they appear in this report is based on 1999 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 150 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

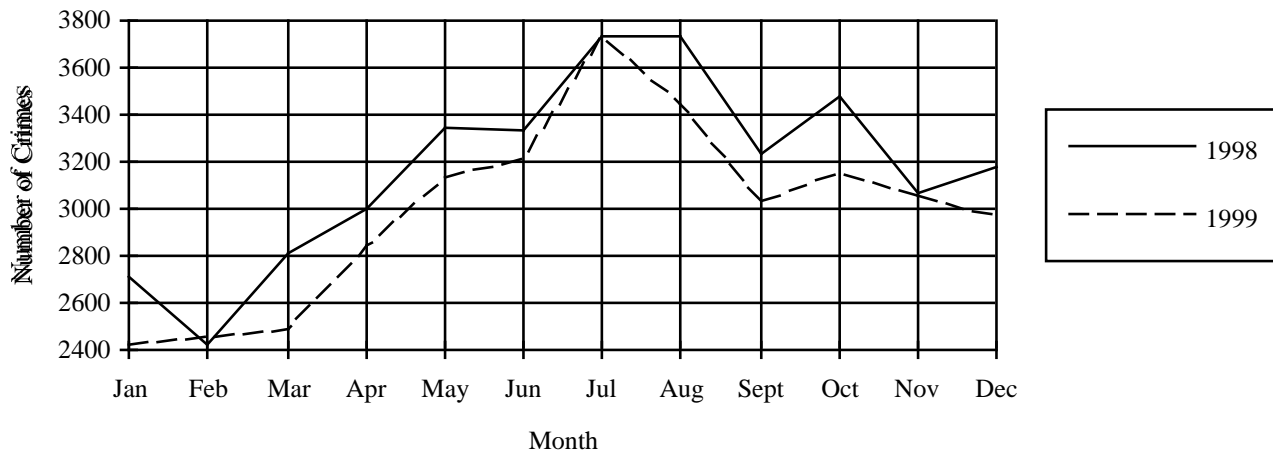
per unit of population, usually per 100,000 persons. Because Maine has such a low population total, a rate per 1,000 persons has been used to reflect a more realistic volume. No attempt has been made to incorporate either transient population or other factors which contribute to the ratio and type of 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 1999 was 29.10 offenses per 1,000 persons. Violent crimes occurred at a rate of 1.04 offenses per 1,000 persons, property crimes at a rate of 28.06.

1999 Crime Rates

Offense	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Rate/1,000 Population
Murder	25	.07%	.02
Rape	273	.76%	.22
Robbery	196	.55%	.16
Aggravated Assault	789	2.20%	.64
Burglary	7,622	21.21%	6.17
Larceny-Theft	25,381	70.62%	20.55
M/V Theft	1,457	4.05%	1.18
Arson	198	.55%	.16
Totals	35,941	100.00%	29.10
Total Violent Crime	1,283	3.57%	1.04
Total Property Crime	34,658	96.43%	28.06

Index Crimes



Crime by County

County	Year	Annual Crime Rate per 1,000	Total Index Crimes	Aggravated							Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Percent Clearance
				Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Arson			
Androscoggin	1998	38.60	4,086	—	19	41	94	1,114	2,692	122	4	23.7%	
	1999	35.11	3,717	2	49	27	92	910	2,515	111	11	30.2%	
Aroostook	1998	19.18	1,677	3	14	7	42	338	1,188	72	13	36.1%	
	1999	19.01	1,662	—	7	1	44	372	1,131	105	2	37.9%	
Cumberland	1998	38.85	9,503	7	72	106	273	1,936	6,726	316	67	27.5%	
	1999	33.70	8,243	4	51	83	173	1,403	6,194	242	93	28.4%	
Franklin	1998	37.02	1,080	1	6	1	6	219	807	38	2	25.1%	
	1999	33.35	973	3	4	2	9	191	723	39	2	24.2%	
Hancock	1998	27.49	1,298	1	2	2	49	276	922	43	3	34.2%	
	1999	28.66	1,353	1	7	3	30	321	930	59	2	37.8%	
Kennebec	1998	27.84	3,245	3	19	14	68	687	2,297	116	41	32.3%	
	1999	30.38	3,541	—	31	6	94	748	2,500	146	16	33.2%	
Knox	1998	21.25	776	—	9	5	17	95	605	40	5	32.2%	
	1999	22.26	813	2	11	3	13	153	587	37	7	29.9%	
Lincoln	1998	16.87	515	1	1	1	12	92	376	32	—	54.8%	
	1999	18.70	571	—	7	—	11	112	404	34	3	45.9%	
Oxford	1998	28.39	1,502	1	4	4	22	499	892	74	6	21.6%	
	1999	24.16	1,278	—	5	5	21	420	768	54	5	23.0%	
Penobscot	1998	32.85	4,843	—	26	34	92	884	3,550	231	26	27.5%	
	1999	26.94	3,972	4	21	30	84	655	2,983	172	23	28.9%	
Piscataquis	1998	26.18	491	—	6	1	47	119	291	23	4	28.7%	
	1999	19.67	369	1	1	—	32	111	207	12	5	32.0%	
Sagadahoc	1998	26.30	887	—	5	7	5	155	671	43	1	21.4%	
	1999	31.34	1,057	—	9	3	15	224	747	59	—	22.7%	
Somerset	1998	34.04	1,704	1	14	2	132	427	1,050	77	1	29.2%	
	1999	35.64	1,784	2	9	3	47	391	1,230	100	2	24.5%	
Waldo	1998	14.58	484	—	—	2	11	84	369	16	2	47.5%	
	1999	14.82	492	1	4	—	14	97	353	22	1	40.9%	
Washington	1998	22.98	816	3	3	2	40	229	501	38	—	21.9%	
	1999	24.53	871	—	10	4	19	289	516	29	4	25.8%	
York	1998	31.09	5,146	5	29	34	142	1,146	3,527	236	27	25.7%	
	1999	31.69	5,245	5	47	26	91	1,225	3,593	236	22	24.7%	
TOTALS	1998	30.81	38,053	26	229	263	1,052	8,300	26,464	1,517	202	28.1%	
	1999	29.10	35,941	25	273	196	789	7,622	25,381	1,457	198	29.1%	

Total Index Crimes by County, January–December 1999

County	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Androscoggin	344	303	265	277	335	323	314	334	273	339	327	283	3,717
Aroostook	115	126	109	130	148	151	187	150	136	145	137	128	1,662
Cumberland	533	543	635	695	656	708	924	776	674	673	691	735	8,243
Franklin	89	85	82	96	84	77	90	95	60	71	71	73	973
Hancock	83	63	94	87	121	114	163	145	130	152	115	86	1,353
Kennebec	235	277	236	273	333	344	379	301	323	294	293	253	3,541
Knox	62	75	59	65	86	61	77	83	71	63	59	52	813
Lincoln	47	31	26	40	47	60	77	52	56	43	45	47	571
Oxford	86	78	84	94	109	91	117	142	101	131	116	129	1,278
Penobscot	247	265	250	372	349	337	371	357	372	414	310	328	3,972
Piscataquis	14	17	31	32	20	23	37	51	29	47	33	35	369
Sagadahoc	57	74	91	74	87	109	101	117	87	68	81	111	1,057
Somerset	88	90	88	115	185	239	171	170	158	170	159	151	1,784
Waldo	26	32	41	41	31	45	61	54	42	43	41	35	492
Washington	48	46	52	74	100	80	79	73	74	68	76	101	871
York	346	351	347	379	439	451	584	547	444	441	498	418	5,245
1999 Total	2,420	2,456	2,490	2,844	3,130	3,213	3,732	3,447	3,030	3,162	3,052	2,965	35,941
1998 Total	2,710	2,414	2,806	3,002	3,350	3,340	3,742	3,733	3,232	3,481	3,069	3,174	38,053
% Change	-10.7%	1.7%	-11.3%	-5.3%	-6.6%	-3.8%	-0.3%	-7.7%	-6.3%	-9.2%	-0.6%	-6.6%	-5.6%