



## MURDER AND NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER

Murder and non-negligent manslaughter are described by UCR as the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another — or a death that results from the commission of another criminal act.

*Murder* — “1. A person is guilty of murder if: A. He intentionally or knowingly causes the death of another human being; B. He engages in conduct which manifests a depraved indifference to the value of human life ...; or C. ... causes another human being to commit suicide by the use of force, duress or deception.” M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 201

*Felony Murder* — “1. A person is guilty of felony murder if acting alone or with one or more other persons in the commission or attempt to commit immediate flight after committing or attempting to commit ... [another felony offense], he or another participant in fact causes the death of another human being ...” M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 202

*Manslaughter* — “1. A person is guilty of manslaughter if he: B. ... causes the death of another human being ... while under the influence of extreme anger or extreme fear ...” M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 203

Not included in the count for this offense classification are deaths caused by negligence, suicide, or accident. Although manslaughter by negligence is recorded on the “offenses known to police” form along with murder, it is not considered an index offense and is not discussed in this report. Attempts to murder or assaults to murder are scored as aggravated assaults and not murder.

### Crime Clock



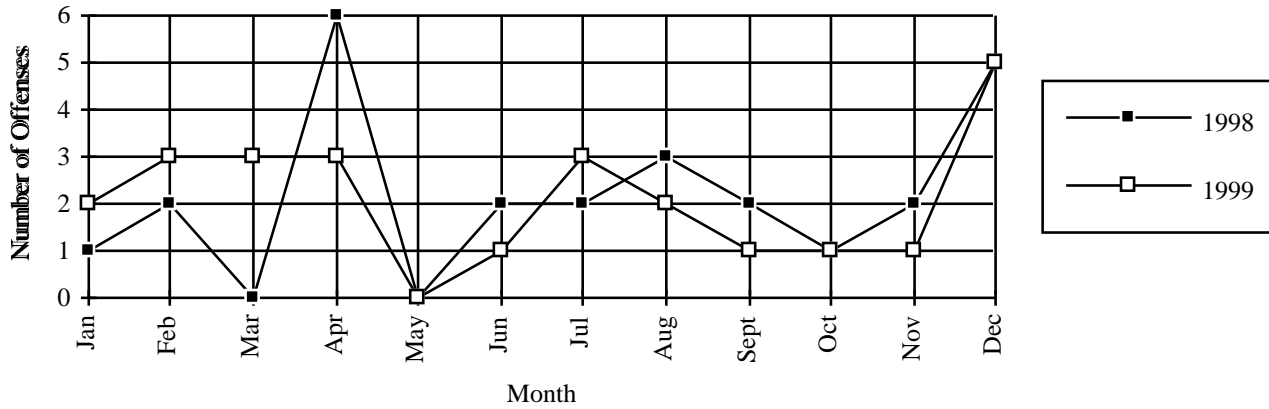
### Trend

Year	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1995-1999
Number reported	20	25	19	26	25	
% change from previous year	-28.6%	25.0%	-24.0%	36.8%	-3.8%	% change 25.0%
Rate per 1,000	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	
% change from previous year	—	—	—	—	—	% change —

### Characteristics — 1999

<b>Victim-Offender Relationship</b>		<b>Months of Highest Occurrence</b>	
Non-Stranger to Non-Stranger .....	88.0%	December .....	20.0%
Stranger to Stranger .....	4.0%	Feb., Mar., Apr., July.....	12.0%
Unknown .....	8.0%	January, August .....	8.0%
<b>Type of Weapon Used</b>		<b>Value of Property Stolen during Offense</b>	
Firearm .....	60.0%	Total .....	\$0.00
Knife/Cutting Instrument.....	20.0%	Per Incident Average.....	\$0.00
Other Dangerous Weapon.....	8.0%	<b>Clearance Rate</b>	
Hands, Fists, Feet .....	24.0%	24 Offenses Cleared.....	96.0%
Other/Undetermined .....	0.0%	Arrests/Crime Ratio.....	0.72

***Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter — Comparative  
Data 1998-1999***



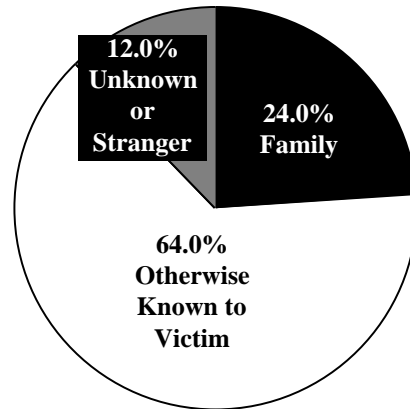
***Profile of Persons Arrested — 18 Arrests***

Age	Sex
17 and under.....5.6%	Male.....94.4%
18-24.....11.1%	Female.....5.6%
25-29.....22.2%	
30-34.....5.6%	
35-39.....38.9%	
40 and over.....16.7%	

4 offenders committed suicide

***Murder Distribution by Relationship (Victim to Offender)***

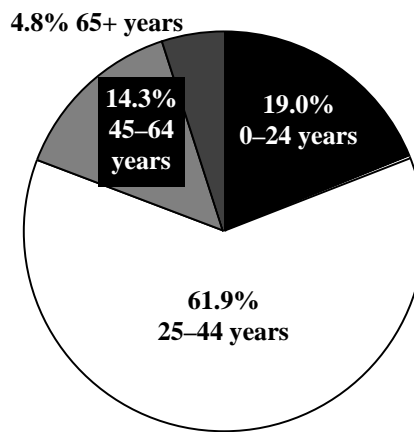
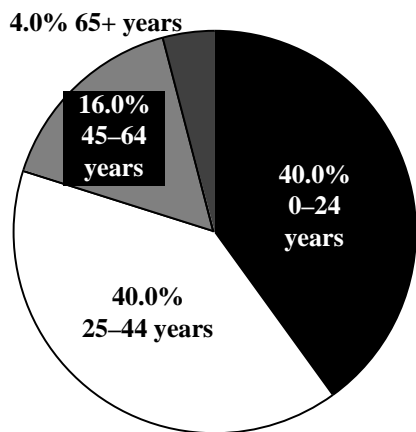
Relationship*	Number	% of Total
Husband	1	4.0%
Wife	2	8.0%
Mother	1	4.0%
Son	1	4.0%
Stepdaughter	1	4.0%
<b>Total Family</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>24.0%</b>
Girlfriend/Boyfriend	4	16.0%
Acquaintance	12	48.0%
Stranger	1	4.0%
Unknown	2	8.0%
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>76.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



\*Number of relationships may not agree with number of victims due to instances of multiple offenders or multiple victims.

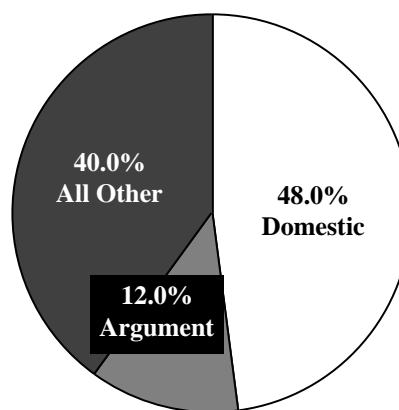
### *Murder Distribution by Age and Sex*

Age of Victims	Male	Female	Total	Age of Offenders	Male	Female	Total
0–14 years	2	1	3	0–14 years	—	—	—
15–24 years	3	4	7	15–24 years	4	—	4
25–34 years	2	—	2	25–34 years	5	1	6
35–44 years	3	5	8	35–44 years	7	—	7
45–54 years	1	1	2	45–54 years	1	—	1
55–64 years	1	1	2	55–64 years	1	1	2
65+ years	—	1	1	65+ years	1	—	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>



### *Murder Distribution by Circumstances*

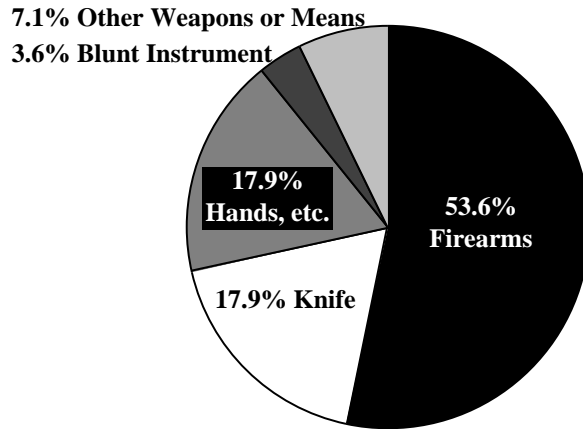
Circumstance*	Number	% of Total
Domestic Conflict	12	48.0%
Argument	3	12.0%
Child Abuse/Neglect	3	12.0%
Other	5	20.0%
Unknown	2	8.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



*\*Due to the unlimited set of possible circumstances surrounding homicides, it is difficult to provide a clear-cut or precise statistical category. In the intent of uniformity, the number of circumstance categories has been kept to a minimum. Caution is suggested in drawing generalizations from the data without more deliberate analysis. This table makes no attempt to analyze the motives of offenders, but rather to display general circumstances surrounding the events.*

### *Murder Distribution by Weapon*

Weapon	Number	% of Total
Firearm	4	14.3%
Shotgun	2	7.1%
Handgun	9	32.1%
Knife, Cutting Instrument	5	17.9%
Hands, Fists, Feet	5	17.9%
Blunt Instrument	1	3.6%
Strangled	1	3.6%
Other/Unknown	1	3.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



### **FORCIBLE RAPE**

Forcible rape is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.

*“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 category is broken down into two categories: Rape by Force, and Attempted Forcible Rape. Carnal abuse without force (statutory rape) and other sex offenses are not included.

Forcible rape differs from other violent crimes in that the victim, in many cases, is reluctant to report the offense to police. The investigation by police, medical examination, court procedure, embarrassment and fear of any accompanying stigma have a deterrent effect on the victim’s willingness to make the offense known to police.

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.

#### Crime Clock



### *Trend*

Year	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1995-1999
Number reported	268	266	254	229	273	
% change from previous year	-14.9	-0.7%	-4.5%	-9.8%	19.2%	
						% change
						1.9%
Rate per 1,000	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.22	
% change from previous year	-15.4%	—	-4.5%	-9.5%	15.8%	
						% change
						—

### Characteristics — 1999

#### Type of Offense

Rape by Force .....	89.7%
Attempts to Rape.....	10.3%

#### Months of Highest Occurrence

July .....	13.2%
June, November .....	9.5%
August .....	8.8%

#### Value of Property Stolen during Offense

Total.....	\$2,200.00
Per Incident Average .....	\$8.06

#### Clearance Rate

126 Offenses Cleared.....	46.2%
Arrests/Crime Ratio.....	0.38

### Profile of Persons Arrested 105 Arrests

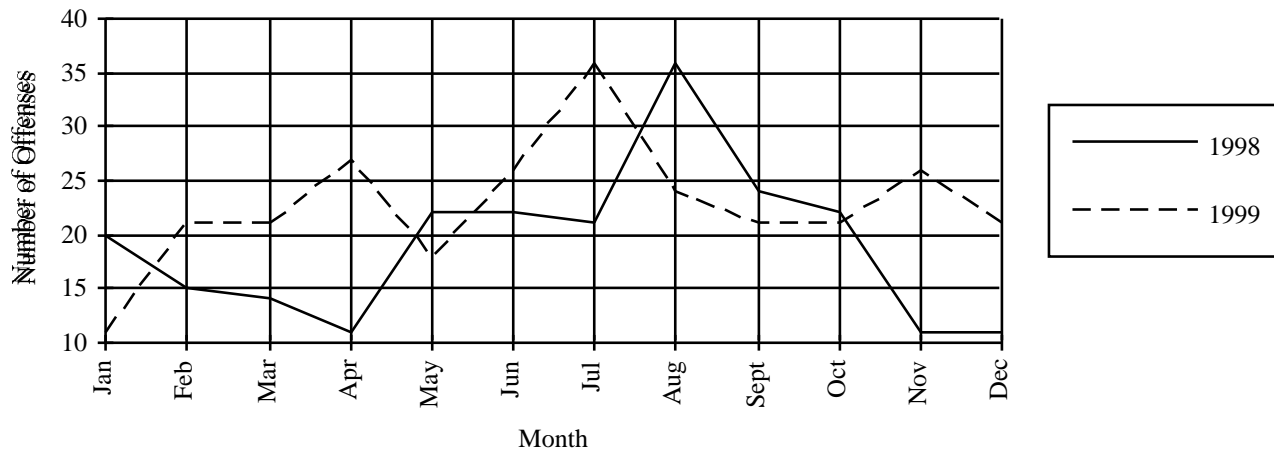
#### Age

17 and under.....	12.4%
18–24.....	36.2%
25–29.....	9.5%
30–34.....	9.5%
35–39.....	15.2%
40 and over.....	17.1%

#### Sex

Male.....	100.0%
Female.....	0.0%

### Rapes — Comparative Data 1998–1999



### Rape by Type of Offense, 1998–1999

	1998	1999	% change
Forcible Rape	208	245	17.8%
Attempted Rape	21	28	33.3%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>19.2%</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 intentional -

ly 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



<i>Trend</i>						
Year	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1995-1999
Number reported	331	288	258	263	196	
% change from previous year	19.5%	-13.0%	-10.4%	1.9%	-25.5%	
						% change -40.8%
Rate per 1,000	0.27	0.23	0.21	0.21	0.16	
% change from previous year	22.7%	-14.8%	-8.7%	—	-23.8%	
						% change -40.7%

### Characteristics — 1999

Type of Weapon Used	Months of Highest Occurrence
Hands, Fists, Feet.....62.2%	July .....12.2%
Firearm.....16.3%	February .....11.7%
Knife/Cutting Instrument.....10.2%	May .....10.2%
Other Dangerous Weapon.....11.2%	
<b>Place of Occurrence</b>	<b>Value of Property Stolen during Offense</b>
Street, Alley.....32.1%	Total.....\$104,633.00
Business Establishment.....27.6%	Per Incident Average.....\$533.84
Miscellaneous.....25.0%	<b>Clearance Rate</b>
Residence .....13.3%	108 Offenses Cleared.....55.1%
Banks.....2.0%	Arrests/Crime Ratio.....0.65

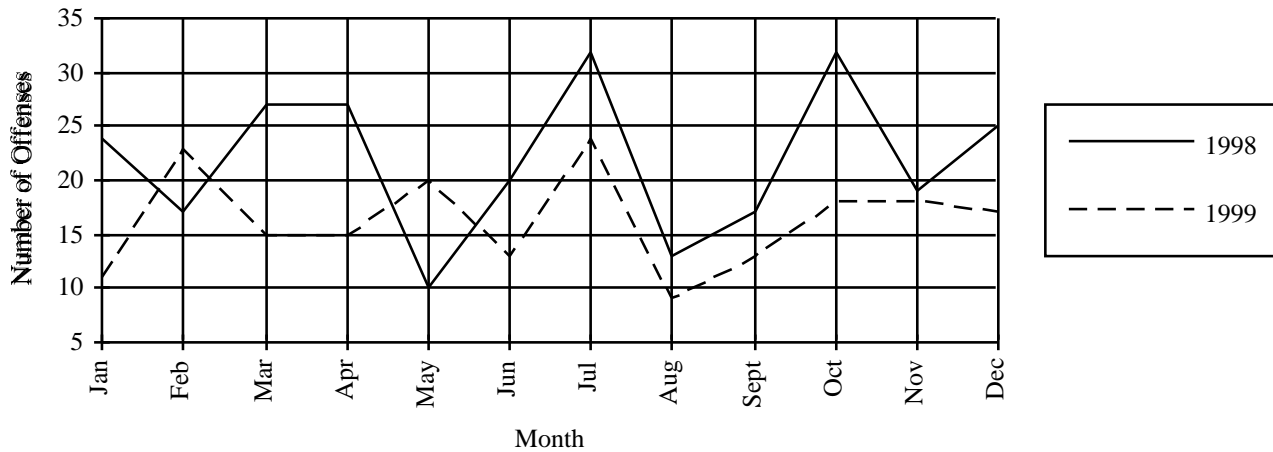
**Profile of Persons Arrested  
127 Arrests**

Age	
17 and under.....	32.3%
18–24.....	40.9%
25–29.....	10.2%
30–34.....	4.7%
35–39.....	5.5%
40 and over.....	6.3%
Sex	
Male.....	91.3%
Female.....	8.7%

**Robbery by Weapon Type, 1998–1999**

	1998	1999	% change
Firearm	37	32	-13.5%
Knife	36	20	-44.4%
Other Weapon	26	22	-15.4%
Strong Arm	164	122	-25.6%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>-25.5%</b>

**Robberies — Comparative Data 1998–1999**



**Robbery by Classification, 1998–1999**

Classification	Number of Offenses			Value Stolen		
	1998	1999	% change	1998	1999	% change
Highway	85	63	-25.9%	\$12,638.00	\$23,307.00	84.4%
Commercial House	26	33	26.9%	\$12,424.00	\$5,928.00	-52.3%
Gas/Service Station	4	3	-25.0%	\$3,977.00	\$1,457.00	-63.4%
Convenience Store	41	18	-56.1%	\$9,743.00	\$7,662.00	-21.4%
Residence	55	26	-52.7%	\$36,457.00	\$40,297.00	10.5%
Bank/Lending Inst.	5	4	-20.0%	\$20,634.00	\$7,619.00	-63.1%
Miscellaneous	47	49	4.3%	\$8,030.00	\$18,363.00	128.7%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>-25.5%</b>	<b>\$103,903.00</b>	<b>\$104,633.00</b>	<b>0.7%</b>

***Robbery Type by County***

County	Highway	Commercial House	Gas Station	Convenience Store	Residence	Bank	Misc.	Total
<b>Androscoggin</b>								
1999	12	3	—	3	4	—	5	27
1998	15	1	1	4	10	1	9	41
<b>Aroostook</b>								
1999	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
1998	1	—	—	3	2	—	1	7
<b>Cumberland</b>								
1999	26	17	1	6	9	2	22	83
1998	30	11	3	17	22	3	20	106
<b>Franklin</b>								
1999	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2
1998	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
<b>Hancock</b>								
1999	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	3
1998	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2
<b>Kennebec</b>								
1999	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	6
1998	4	2	—	3	1	—	4	14
<b>Knox</b>								
1999	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	3
1998	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	5
<b>Lincoln</b>								
1999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
1998	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
<b>Oxford</b>								
1999	2	—	—	2	—	—	1	5
1998	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	4
<b>Penobscot</b>								
1999	8	4	1	4	8	—	5	30
1998	14	3	—	7	6	1	3	34
<b>Piscataquis</b>								
1999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
1998	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
<b>Sagadahoc</b>								
1999	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	3
1998	1	1	—	—	2	—	3	7
<b>Somerset</b>								
1999	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	3
1998	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2
<b>Waldo</b>								
1999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
1998	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2
<b>Washington</b>								
1999	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	4
1998	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2
<b>York</b>								
1999	12	3	—	2	3	1	5	26
1998	16	3	—	1	9	—	5	34





## 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:* "1. 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:* "1. 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:* "1. 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 1999 there were 10,539 simple assaults reported (+2.3% from 1998), with a clearance rate of 78.4%. These simple assaults are included in the report of domestic assaults, and assaults on law enforcement officers.

### Crime Clock

1 Aggravated  
Assault every  
11 hours,  
6 minutes

<i>Trend</i>						
Year	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1995-1999
Number reported	1,021	970	961	1,052	789	
% change from previous year	4.4%	-5.0%	-0.9%	9.5%	-25.0%	% change -22.7%
Rate per 1,000	0.83	0.79	0.78	0.85	0.64	
% change from previous year	5.1%	-4.8%	-1.3%	9.0%	-24.7%	% change -22.9%

### Characteristics — 1999

#### Type of Weapon Used

Hands, Fists, Feet.....	53.9%
Other Dangerous Weapons .....	25.7%
Knife/Cutting Instrument.....	16.3%
Firearms.....	4.1%

#### Months of Highest Occurrence

June, July .....	10.6%
May .....	10.5%
April .....	8.4%

#### Clearance Rate

599 Offenses Cleared.....	75.9%
Arrests/Crime Ratio.....	0.66

### Profile of Persons Arrested 523 Arrests

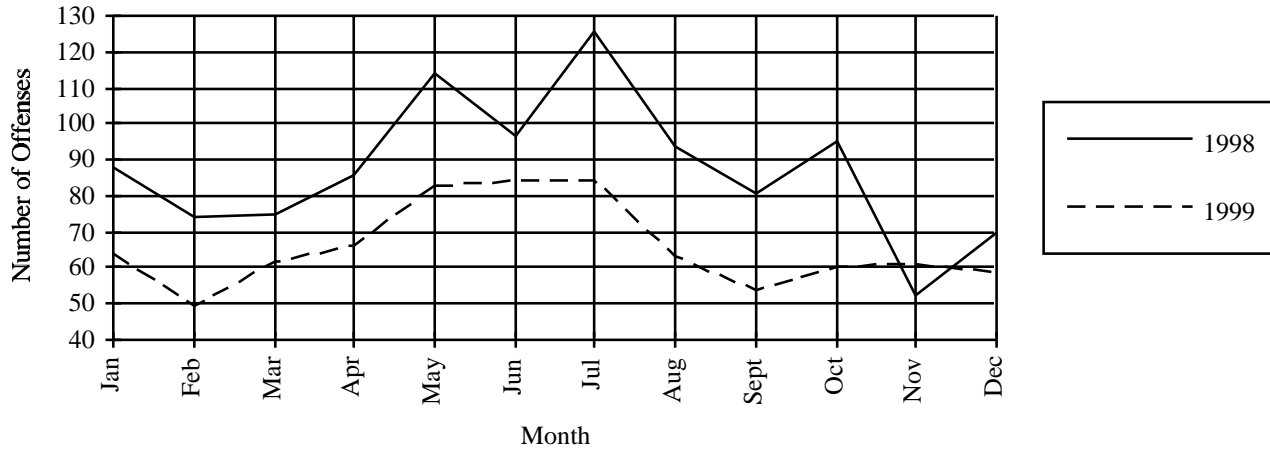
#### Age

17 and under.....	19.7%
18-24.....	30.6%
25-29.....	12.4%
30-34.....	10.3%
35-39.....	10.9%
40 and over.....	16.1%

#### Sex

Male.....	80.9%
Female.....	19.1%

### *Aggravated Assaults — Comparative Data 1998–1999*



### *Aggravated Assault by Weapon Type, 1998–1999*

	Firearm	Knife	Other Weapon	Strong Arm	Totals
<b>1998</b>	35	122	274	621	<b>1,052</b>
<b>1999</b>	32	129	203	425	<b>789</b>
<b>% change</b>	-8.6%	5.7%	-25.9%	-31.6%	<b>-25.0%</b>

## **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 1999, 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 1999:

- Of a grand total of 11,328 reported assaults, 3,986 or 35.2% were identified as occurring between household

or family members.

- Domestic assaults increased 3.4% (131 offenses) from the 1998 figure of 3,855.
- Law enforcement agencies cleared 3,714 domestic assaults for a clearance rate of 93.2%.
- Of the 3,986 domestic assaults, 98.0% involved personal weapons (hands, fists, feet).

### **Crime Clock**



***Domestic Violence Assaults  
Comparison Data 1998–1999***

Situations/Relationships	1998 Number of Offenses	1998 % of Total	1999 Number of Offenses	1999 % of Total
<b>Male Assault on Female</b>				
Firearm	10	.3	4	.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	14	.4	11	.3
Other Dangerous Weapon	33	.9	16	.4
Hands, Aggravated Injury	51	1.3	48	1.2
Hands, Not Aggravated	2,230	57.8	2,257	56.6
<b>Total Male Assault on Female</b>	<b>2,338</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>58.6</b>
<b>Female Assault on Male</b>				
Firearm	1	<.1	—	—
Knife, Cutting Instrument	8	.2	9	.2
Other Dangerous Weapon	15	.4	6	.2
Hands, Aggravated Injury	11	.3	7	.2
Hands, Not Aggravated	406	10.5	483	12.1
<b>Total Female Assault on Male</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>12.7</b>
<b>Parent Assault on Child</b>				
Firearm	2	<.1	—	—
Knife, Cutting Instrument	1	<.1	1	<.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	1	<.1	2	<.1
Hands, Aggravated Injury	9	.2	6	.2
Hands, Not Aggravated	217	5.6	252	6.3
<b>Total Parent Assault on Child</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b>Child Assault on Parent</b>				
Firearm	—	—	1	<.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	1	<.1	2	<.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	4	.1	4	.1
Hands, Aggravated Injury	5	.1	6	.2
Hands, Not Aggravated	203	5.3	211	5.3
<b>Total Child Assault on Parent</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>All Other Domestic Assaults</b>				
Firearm	1	<.1	3	<.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	4	.1	3	<.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	16	.4	10	.3
Hands, Aggravated Injury	94	2.4	29	.7
Hands, Not Aggravated	518	13.4	615	15.4
<b>Total All Other Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>16.6</b>
<b>Grand Total All Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,986</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Domestic Assaults/Type of Weapon</b>				
Firearm	14	.4	8	.2
Knife, Cutting Instrument	28	.7	26	.7
Other Dangerous Weapon	69	1.8	38	1.0
Hands, Aggravated Injury	170	4.4	96	2.4
Hands, Not Aggravated	3,574	92.7	3,818	95.8
<b>Total Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,986</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total All Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>3,986</b>	<b>35.2</b>
<b>Total All Reported Assaults</b>	<b>11,351</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,328</b>	<b>100.0</b>

***Breakdown of Reported Domestic Assaults by County, 1998–1999***

<b>County</b>	<b>1998 Number of Offenses</b>	<b>1998 Percent of Total</b>	<b>1999 Number of Offenses</b>	<b>1999 Percent of Total</b>	<b>Percent Change Offenses</b>
Androscoggin	340	8.8%	424	10.6%	24.7%
Aroostook	225	5.8%	246	6.2%	9.3%
Cumberland	895	23.2%	899	22.6%	0.4%
Franklin	92	2.4%	108	2.7%	17.4%
Hancock	119	3.1%	105	2.6%	-11.8%
Kennebec	181	4.7%	289	7.3%	59.7%
Knox	116	3.0%	122	3.1%	5.2%
Lincoln	48	1.2%	48	1.2%	—
Oxford	132	3.4%	115	2.9%	-12.9%
Penobscot	443	11.5%	436	10.9%	-1.6%
Piscataquis	41	1.1%	36	0.9%	-12.2%
Sagadahoc	129	3.3%	166	4.2%	28.7%
Somerset	207	5.4%	233	5.8%	12.6%
Waldo	80	2.1%	73	1.8%	-8.8%
Washington	81	2.1%	110	2.8%	35.8%
York	726	18.8%	576	14.5%	-20.7%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,986</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>