
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 1999:

- 19.2% of all arrests were juveniles, 80.8% were adults.
- Index offenses accounted for 34.3% of juvenile arrests.
- For adults, 11.8% of arrests were for index offenses.
- Over one quarter (27.3%) of adult arrests were between the ages of 25–34, inclusive.

The total number of arrests for 1999 was down 2.0%. Part I offenses were down 4.9%, Part II offenses were down 1.4%.

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.)	1,255	11.6%
2. Referred to juvenile court or juvenile intake	9,025	83.7%
3. Referred to welfare agency (i.e., Dept. of Human Services)	15	0.1%
4. Referred to other police agency	20	0.2%
5. Referred to criminal or adult court	464	4.3%
Total Dispositions	10,779	99.9%

(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 1998–1999

Offenses	1998	1999	% Change
Murder	19	18	-5.3%
Forcible Rape	72	105	45.8%
Robbery	146	127	-13.0%
Aggravated Assault	651	523	-19.7%
Burglary	1,682	1,562	-7.1%
Larceny-Theft	6,436	6,174	-4.1%
Motor Vehicle Theft	462	477	3.2%
Arson	76	87	14.5%
Subtotal for Part I Offenses	9,544	9,073	-4.9%
Manslaughter	4	—	-100.0%
Other Assaults	6,901	6,932	0.4%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	316	325	2.8%
Fraud	1,170	1,037	-11.4%
Embezzlement	5	10	100.0%
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Possess	427	377	-11.7%
Vandalism	1,878	1,805	-3.9%
Weapons: Possession, etc.	359	281	-21.7%
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	95	55	-42.1%
Sex Offenses	290	277	-4.5%
Drug Abuse Violations	4,639	4,494	-3.1%
Gambling	1	2	100.0%
Offenses against Family	290	409	41.0%
Driving under the Influence	8,007	7,293	-8.9%
Liquor Laws	3,164	3,194	0.9%
Drunkenness	33	28	-15.2%
Disorderly Conduct	2,172	2,119	-2.4%
All Other (except Traffic)	17,401	17,873	2.7%
Curfew and Loitering	212	246	16.0%
Runaways	466	417	-10.5%
Subtotal for Part II Offenses	47,830	47,174	-1.4%
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