

CRIME RATES

The computation of crime rates as they appear in this report is based on 2000 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.

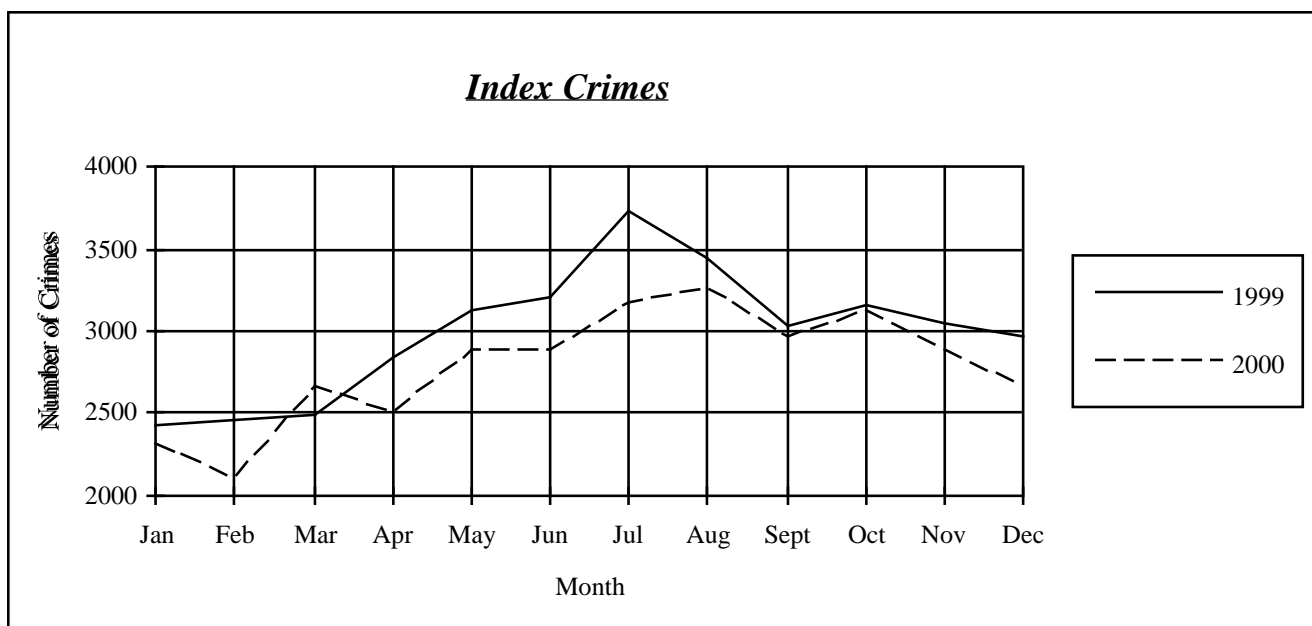
Monthly and annual Uniform Crime Reports currently received from approximately 150 municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies in Maine represent 100 percent of the estimated Maine population.

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 2000 was 26.25 offenses per 1,000 persons. Violent crimes occurred at a rate of 1.09 offenses per 1,000 persons, property crimes at a rate of 25.16.

Offense	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Rate/1,000 Population
Murder	14	.04%	.01
Rape	318	.95%	.25
Robbery	246	.73%	.19
Aggravated Assault	812	2.43%	.64
Burglary	6,759	20.19%	5.30
Larceny-Theft	23,808	71.13%	18.67
M/V Theft	1,317	3.93%	1.03
Arson	196	.59%	.15
Totals	33,470	100.00%	26.25
Total Violent Crime	1,390	4.15%	1.09
Total Property Crime	32,080	95.85%	25.16



Crime by County

County		Annual Crime Rate per 1,000	Total Index Crimes	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated			Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Percent Clearance
							Assault	Burglary	Larceny			
Androscoggin	1999	35.11	3,717	2	49	27	92	910	2,515	111	11	30.2%
	2000	35.79	3,690	—	43	44	92	819	2,527	137	28	27.0%
Aroostook	1999	19.01	1,662	—	7	1	44	372	1,131	105	2	37.9%
	2000	20.61	1,590	1	18	5	40	353	1,100	68	5	38.9%
Cumberland	1999	33.70	8,243	4	51	83	173	1,403	6,194	242	93	28.4%
	2000	30.23	7,888	2	99	88	169	1,371	5,892	229	38	28.2%
Franklin	1999	33.35	973	3	4	2	9	191	723	39	2	24.2%
	2000	31.81	932	1	5	—	9	243	634	36	4	27.9%
Hancock	1999	28.66	1,353	1	7	3	30	321	930	59	2	37.8%
	2000	23.78	1,202	1	4	5	37	233	877	45	—	33.8%
Kennebec	1999	30.38	3,541	—	31	6	94	748	2,500	146	16	33.2%
	2000	23.72	2,781	1	28	20	50	490	2,061	111	20	32.8%
Knox	1999	22.26	813	2	11	3	13	153	587	37	7	29.9%
	2000	19.07	741	1	13	2	10	115	559	38	3	31.8%
Lincoln	1999	18.70	571	—	7	—	11	112	404	34	3	45.9%
	2000	15.41	501	—	3	—	18	114	344	21	1	33.7%
Oxford	1999	24.16	1,278	—	5	5	21	420	768	54	5	23.0%
	2000	21.89	1,209	—	11	1	31	410	677	73	6	26.6%
Penobscot	1999	26.94	3,972	4	21	30	84	655	2,983	172	23	28.9%
	2000	29.02	4,264	4	29	30	90	740	3,170	167	34	27.3%
Piscataquis	1999	19.67	369	1	1	—	32	111	207	12	5	32.0%
	2000	26.15	481	—	5	1	27	152	272	21	3	22.2%
Sagadahoc	1999	31.34	1,057	—	9	3	15	224	747	59	—	22.7%
	2000	23.90	882	—	7	4	9	179	640	39	4	24.9%
Somerset	1999	35.64	1,784	2	9	3	47	391	1,230	100	2	24.5%
	2000	28.74	1,539	1	6	2	37	324	1,077	90	2	29.7%
Waldo	1999	14.82	492	1	4	—	14	97	353	22	1	40.9%
	2000	8.48	319	1	1	—	14	71	218	13	1	34.8%
Washington	1999	24.53	871	—	10	4	19	289	516	29	4	25.8%
	2000	22.57	812	1	3	3	58	240	474	29	4	24.0%
York	1999	31.69	5,245	5	47	26	91	1,225	3,593	236	22	24.7%
	2000	25.67	4,639	—	43	41	121	905	3,286	200	43	25.8%
TOTALS	1999	29.10	35,941	25	273	196	789	7,622	25,381	1,457	198	29.1%
	2000	26.25	33,470	14	318	246	812	6,759	23,808	1,317	196	28.7%

Total Index Crimes by County, January–December 2000

County	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Androscoggin	254	270	318	276	368	327	372	361	316	332	268	228	3,690
Aroostook	127	72	143	148	144	132	128	146	158	166	120	106	1,590
Cumberland	487	519	661	628	697	687	724	781	661	662	727	654	7,888
Franklin	90	98	84	70	79	80	70	68	62	79	74	78	932
Hancock	97	50	57	99	107	117	130	119	111	113	96	106	1,202
Kennebec	227	184	234	191	204	203	243	290	247	309	263	186	2,781
Knox	66	43	34	42	54	68	73	101	79	56	59	66	741
Lincoln	25	26	46	32	51	44	47	39	63	41	52	35	501
Oxford	72	54	98	79	106	105	133	133	117	102	126	84	1,209
Penobscot	231	243	331	278	353	342	376	407	422	406	424	451	4,264
Piscataquis	28	24	34	39	48	42	46	46	43	65	31	35	481
Sagadahoc	77	76	85	86	66	65	78	59	77	82	86	45	882
Somerset	116	92	91	88	127	148	159	150	113	183	113	159	1,539
Waldo	24	23	36	17	26	27	36	30	36	26	19	19	319
Washington	58	34	65	70	57	70	57	70	73	82	76	100	812
York	333	297	343	369	395	428	510	472	383	429	360	320	4,639
2000 Total	2,312	2,105	2,660	2,512	2,882	2,885	3,182	3,272	2,961	3,133	2,894	2,672	33,470
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
% Change	-4.5%	-14.3%	6.8%	-11.7%	-7.9%	-10.2%	-14.7%	-5.1%	-2.3%	-0.9%	-5.2%	-9.9%	-6.9%

TOTAL INDEX CRIMES BY COUNTY