



## 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

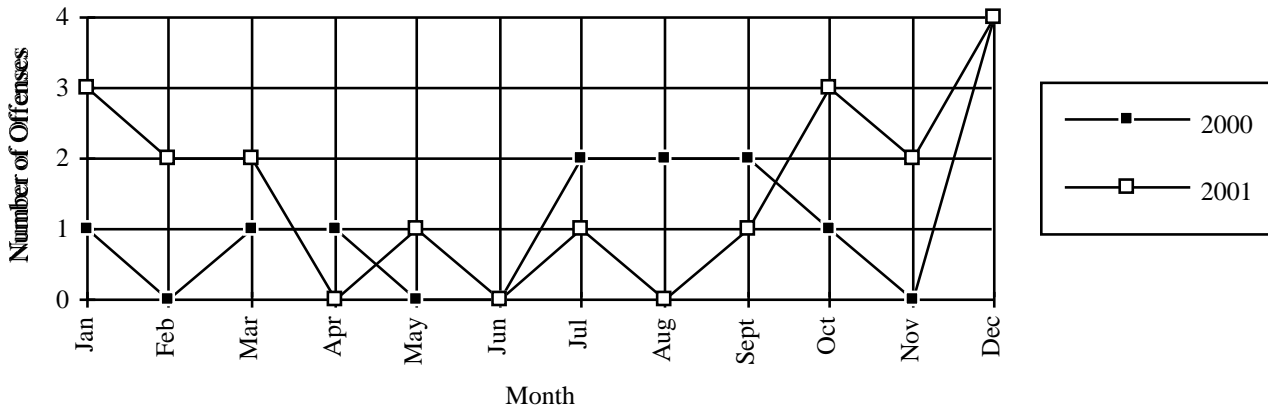


Year	Trend					1997–2001
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
Number reported	19	26	25	14	19	
% change from previous year	-24.0%	36.8%	-3.8%	-44.0%	35.7%	% change —
Rate per 1,000	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	
% change from previous year	—	—	—	-50.0%	—	% change -50.0%

### Characteristics — 2001

Victim–Offender Relationship	Months of Highest Occurrence
Non-Stranger to Non-Stranger .....73.7%	December .....21.1%
Stranger to Stranger .....21.1%	January, October .....15.8%
Unknown .....5.3%	Feb., March, Nov. ....10.5%
Type of Weapon Used	Value of Property Stolen during Offense
Firearm .....42.1%	Total .....\$0.00
Knife/Cutting Instrument.....15.8%	Per Incident Average.....\$0.00
Other Dangerous Weapon.....21.1%	Clearance Rate
Hands, Fists, Feet .....21.1%	17 Offenses Cleared.....89.5%
Other/Undetermined .....0.0%	Arrests/Crime Ratio.....0.63

***Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter — Comparative  
Data 2000–2001***

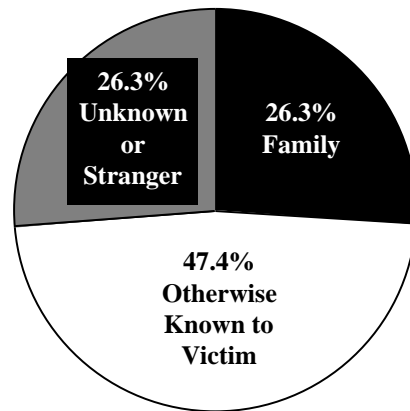


***Profile of Persons Arrested — 12 Arrests***

Age	Sex
17 and under.....0.0%	Male.....75.0%
18–24.....33.3%	Female.....25.0%
25–29.....16.7%	
30–34.....16.7%	
35–39.....8.3%	
40 and over.....25.0%	
5 offenders committed suicide	

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

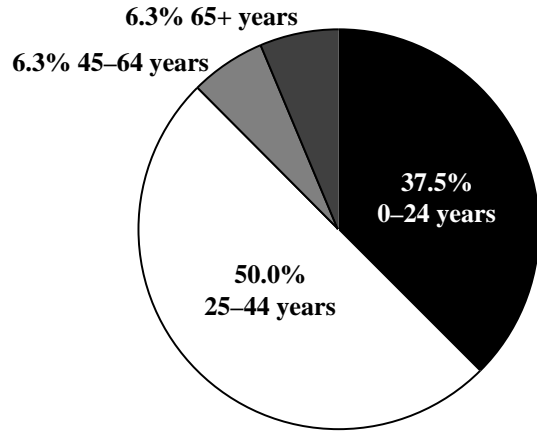
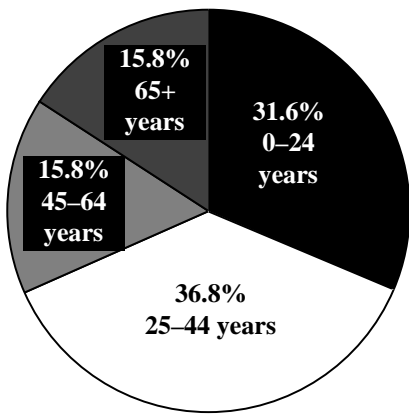
Relationship*	Number	% of Total
Wife	3	15.8%
Father	1	5.3%
Foster Child	1	5.3%
<b>Total Family</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26.3%</b>
Girlfriend/Boyfriend	4	21.1%
Acquaintance	5	26.3%
Stranger	4	21.1%
Unknown	1	5.3%
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>73.7%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



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

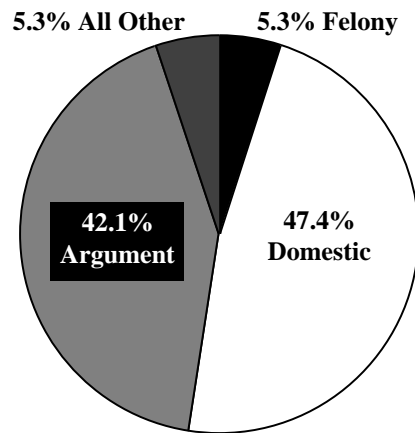
**Murder Distribution by Age and Sex**

Age of Victims	Male	Female	Total	Age of Offenders	Male	Female	Total
0-14 years	—	1	1	0-14 years	—	—	—
15-24 years	1	4	5	15-24 years	5	1	6
25-34 years	1	3	4	25-34 years	3	1	4
35-44 years	3	—	3	35-44 years	3	1	4
45-54 years	1	—	1	45-54 years	1	—	1
55-64 years	1	1	2	55-64 years	—	—	—
65+ years	2	1	3	65+ years	1	—	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>



**Murder Distribution by Circumstances**

Circumstance**	Number	% of Total
Arson	1	5.3%
<b>Felony Total*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
Domestic Conflict	9	47.4%
Argument	8	42.1%
Unknown	1	5.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

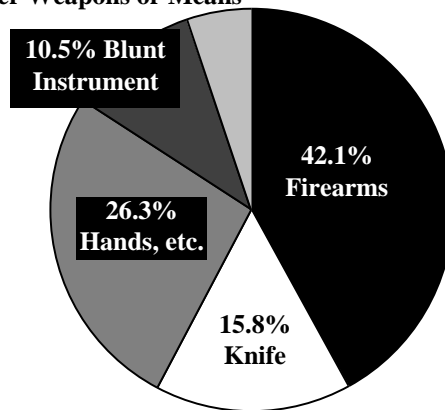


\*Felony murder is defined as a killing which occurs in conjunction with the commission of another crime such as a robbery, arson, sexual assault or other felonious activities.

\*\*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	5.3% Other Weapons or Means
Rifle	1	5.3%	
Shotgun	2	10.5%	
Handgun	5	26.3%	
Knife, Cutting Instrument	3	15.8%	
Hands, Fists, Feet	5	26.3%	
Blunt Instrument	2	10.5%	
Fire/Smoke Inhalation	1	5.3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</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	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	1997–2001
Number reported	254	229	273	318	322	
% change from previous year	-4.5%	-9.8%	19.2%	16.5%	1.3%	
						% change 26.8%
Rate per 1,000	0.21	0.19	0.22	0.25	0.25	
% change from previous year	-4.5%	-9.5%	15.8%	13.6%	—	
						% change 19.0%

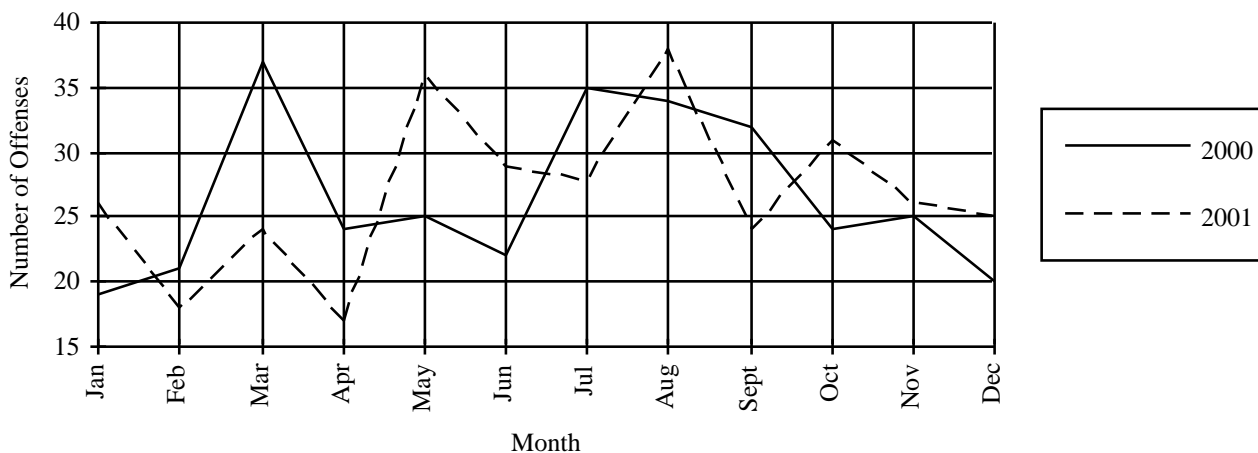
**Characteristics — 2001**

<b>Type of Offense</b>	
Rape by Force .....	91.0%
Attempts to Rape.....	9.0%
<b>Months of Highest Occurrence</b>	
August .....	11.8%
May .....	11.2%
October.....	9.6%
<b>Value of Property Stolen during Offense</b>	
Total.....	\$30.00
Per Incident Average .....	\$0.09
<b>Clearance Rate</b>	
156 Offenses Cleared.....	48.4%
Arrests/Crime Ratio.....	0.36

**Profile of Persons Arrested  
115 Arrests**

<b>Age</b>	
17 and under.....	15.7%
18–24.....	27.8%
25–29.....	15.7%
30–34.....	11.3%
35–39.....	13.0%
40 and over.....	16.5%
<b>Sex</b>	
Male.....	100.0%
Female.....	0.0%

**Rapes — Comparative Data 2000–2001**



**Rape by Type of Offense, 2000–2001**

	2000	2001	% change
Forcible Rape	291	293	0.7%
Attempted Rape	27	29	7.4%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>1.3%</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	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	1997–2001
Number reported	258	263	196	246	263	
% change from previous year	-10.4%	1.9%	-25.5%	25.5%	6.9%	% change 1.9%
Rate per 1,000	0.21	0.21	0.16	0.19	0.20	
% change from previous year	-8.7%	—	-23.8%	18.8%	5.3%	% change -4.8%

### Characteristics — 2001

Type of Weapon Used	Months of Highest Occurrence
Hands, Fists, Feet.....55.1%	July .....11.4%
Firearm.....18.6%	September .....10.6%
Knife/Cutting Instrument.....14.4%	January, November .....9.5%
Other Dangerous Weapon.....11.8%	
	<b>Value of Property Stolen during Offense</b>
<b>Place of Occurrence</b>	Total.....\$421,048.00
Business Establishment.....34.6%	Per Incident Average.....\$1,600.94
Street, Alley.....30.0%	
Residence .....16.7%	<b>Clearance Rate</b>
Miscellaneous.....16.0%	148 Offenses Cleared.....56.3%
Banks.....2.7%	Arrests/Crime Ratio.....0.73

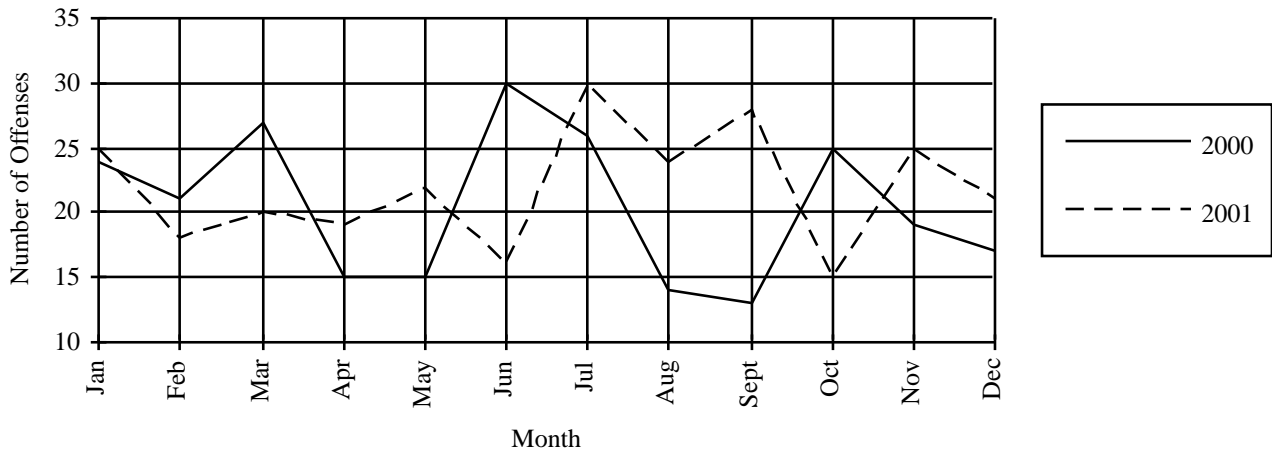
**Profile of Persons Arrested  
192 Arrests**

Age	
17 and under.....	16.1%
18–24.....	55.2%
25–29.....	13.5%
30–34.....	3.6%
35–39.....	3.6%
40 and over.....	7.8%
Sex	
Male.....	85.9%
Female.....	14.1%

**Robbery by Weapon Type, 2000–2001**

	2000	2001	% change
Firearm	46	49	6.5%
Knife	32	38	18.8%
Other Weapon	25	31	24.0%
Strong Arm	143	145	1.4%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>6.9%</b>

**Robberies — Comparative Data 2000–2001**



**Robbery by Classification, 2000–2001**

Classification	Number of Offenses			2000	Value Stolen 2001	% change
	2000	2001	% change			
Highway	69	79	14.5%	\$13,761.00	\$37,167.00	170.0%
Commercial House	28	49	75.0%	\$45,884.00	\$36,052.00	-21.4%
Gas/Service Station	3	3	—	\$2,204.00	\$30.00	-98.6%
Convenience Store	19	39	105.3%	\$19,589.00	\$10,419.00	-46.8%
Residence	63	44	-30.2%	\$21,834.00	\$47,047.00	115.5%
Bank/Lending Inst.	5	7	40.0%	\$12,284.00	\$34,673.00	182.3%
Miscellaneous	59	42	-28.8%	\$77,514.00	\$255,660.00	229.8%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>\$193,070.00</b>	<b>\$421,048.00</b>	<b>118.1%</b>

<i>Robbery Type by County</i>									
County		Highway	Commercial House	Gas Station	Convenience Store	Residence	Bank	Misc.	Total
<b>Androscoggin</b>									
	2001	23	2	1	6	6	—	4	42
	2000	13	5	2	1	15	—	8	44
<b>Aroostook</b>									
	2001	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	4
	2000	—	1	—	—	1	—	3	5
<b>Cumberland</b>									
	2001	27	29	—	16	18	2	11	103
	2000	26	11	—	5	25	4	17	88
<b>Franklin</b>									
	2001	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
	2000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
<b>Hancock</b>									
	2001	2	1	—	1	1	—	—	5
	2000	1	1	—	—	2	—	1	5
<b>Kennebec</b>									
	2001	5	5	—	1	—	2	3	16
	2000	8	2	—	2	3	1	4	20
<b>Knox</b>									
	2001	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	3
	2000	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2
<b>Lincoln</b>									
	2001	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	2000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
<b>Oxford</b>									
	2001	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	3
	2000	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
<b>Penobscot</b>									
	2001	8	5	—	6	7	—	2	28
	2000	8	3	1	1	13	—	4	30
<b>Piscataquis</b>									
	2001	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2
	2000	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
<b>Sagadahoc</b>									
	2001	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	3
	2000	—	1	—	1	2	—	—	4
<b>Somerset</b>									
	2001	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	4
	2000	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2
<b>Waldo</b>									
	2001	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	4
	2000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
<b>Washington</b>									
	2001	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	3
	2000	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	3
<b>York</b>									
	2001	10	1	—	2	7	2	19	41
	2000	12	3	—	5	2	—	19	41





## 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 2001 there were 11,125 simple assaults reported (+4.2% from 2000), with a clearance rate of 78.1%. These simple assaults are included in the report of domestic assaults, and assaults on law enforcement officers.

### Crime Clock

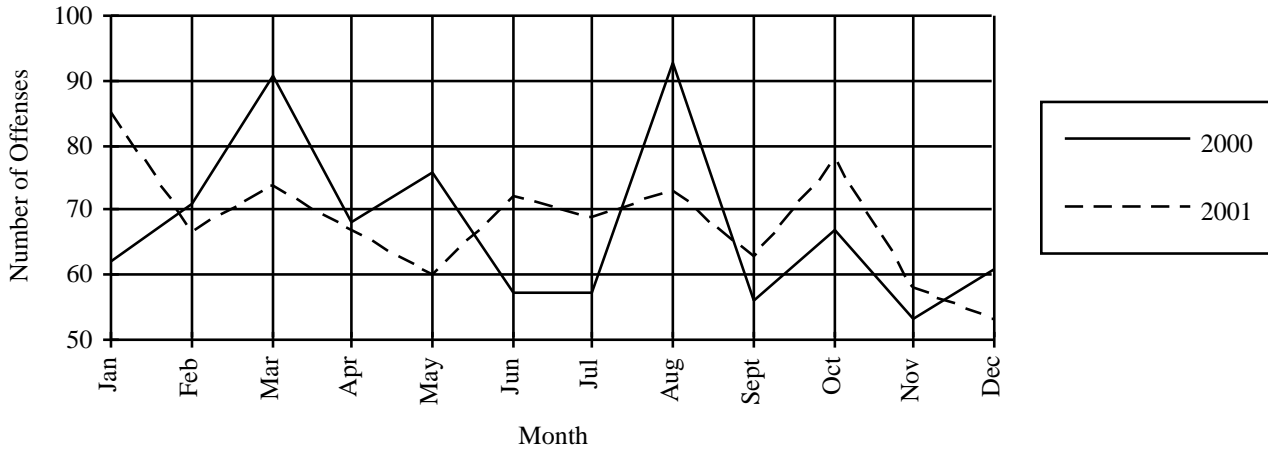


<i>Trend</i>						
Year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	1997-2001
Number reported	961	1,052	789	812	819	
% change from previous year	-0.9%	9.5%	-25.0%	2.9%	0.9%	% change -14.8%
Rate per 1,000	0.78	0.85	0.64	0.64	0.64	
% change from previous year	-1.3%	9.0%	-24.7%	—	—	% change -17.9%

<i>Characteristics — 2001</i>	
<b>Type of Weapon Used</b>	
Hands, Fists, Feet.....	59.0%
Other Dangerous Weapons .....	27.8%
Knife/Cutting Instrument.....	10.6%
Firearms.....	2.6%
<b>Months of Highest Occurrence</b>	
January .....	10.4%
October.....	9.5%
March .....	9.0%
<b>Clearance Rate</b>	
610 Offenses Cleared.....	74.5%
Arrests/Crime Ratio.....	0.65

<i>Profile of Persons Arrested 531 Arrests</i>	
<b>Age</b>	
17 and under.....	19.4%
18-24.....	36.7%
25-29.....	9.8%
30-34.....	11.7%
35-39.....	8.5%
40 and over.....	13.9%
<b>Sex</b>	
Male.....	82.7%
Female.....	17.3%

**Aggravated Assaults — Comparative Data 2000–2001**



**Aggravated Assault by Weapon Type, 2000–2001**

	Firearm	Knife	Other Weapon	Strong Arm	Totals
<b>2000</b>	29	100	216	467	<b>812</b>
<b>2001</b>	21	87	228	483	<b>819</b>
<b>% change</b>	-27.6%	-13.0%	5.6%	3.4%	<b>0.9%</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 1979, 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 2001:

- Of a grand total of 11,944 reported assaults, 4,922 or 41.2% were identified as occurring between household

or family members.

- Domestic assaults increased 9.7% (436 offenses) from the 2000 figure of 4,486.
- Law enforcement agencies cleared 4,501 domestic assaults for a clearance rate of 91.4%.
- Of the 4,922 domestic assaults, 98.2% involved personal weapons (hands, fists, feet).



<i>Domestic Violence Assaults Comparison Data 2000–2001</i>				
<b>Situations/Relationships</b>	<b>2000 Number of Offenses</b>	<b>2000 % of Total</b>	<b>2001 Number of Offenses</b>	<b>2001 % of Total</b>
<b>Male Assault on Female</b>				
Firearm	5	.1	6	.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	7	.2	4	<.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	34	.8	27	.5
Hands, Aggravated Injury	81	1.8	47	1.0
Hands, Not Aggravated	2,529	56.4	2,845	57.8
<b>Total Male Assault on Female</b>	<b>2,656</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>2,929</b>	<b>59.5</b>
<b>Female Assault on Male</b>				
Firearm	1	<.1	1	<.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	9	.2	7	.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	14	.3	14	.3
Hands, Aggravated Injury	6	.1	9	.2
Hands, Not Aggravated	505	11.3	625	12.7
<b>Total Female Assault on Male</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>13.3</b>
<b>Parent Assault on Child</b>				
Firearm	—	—	—	—
Knife, Cutting Instrument	2	<.1	2	<.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	4	<.1	8	.2
Hands, Aggravated Injury	6	.1	4	<.1
Hands, Not Aggravated	329	7.3	334	6.8
<b>Total Parent Assault on Child</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>Child Assault on Parent</b>				
Firearm	2	<.1	—	—
Knife, Cutting Instrument	1	<.1	3	<.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	10	.2	5	.1
Hands, Aggravated Injury	7	.2	9	.2
Hands, Not Aggravated	290	6.5	342	6.9
<b>Total Child Assault on Parent</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>7.3</b>
<b>All Other Domestic Assaults</b>				
Firearm	2	<.1	2	<.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	10	.2	2	<.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	16	.4	9	.2
Hands, Aggravated Injury	24	.5	19	.4
Hands, Not Aggravated	592	13.2	598	12.1
<b>Total All Other Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>Grand Total All Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>4,486</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,922</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Domestic Assaults/Type of Weapon</b>				
Firearm	10	.2	9	.2
Knife, Cutting Instrument	29	.6	18	.4
Other Dangerous Weapon	78	1.7	63	1.3
Hands, Aggravated Injury	124	2.8	88	1.8
Hands, Not Aggravated	4,245	94.6	4,744	96.4
<b>Total Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>4,486</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,922</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total All Domestic Assaults</b>	<b>4,486</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>4,922</b>	<b>41.2</b>
<b>Total All Reported Assaults</b>	<b>11,485</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,944</b>	<b>100.0</b>

***Breakdown of Reported Domestic Assaults by County, 2000–2001***

<b>County</b>	<b>2000 Number of Offenses</b>	<b>2000 Percent of Total</b>	<b>2001 Number of Offenses</b>	<b>2001 Percent of Total</b>	<b>Percent Change Offenses</b>
Androscoggin	543	12.1%	640	13.0%	17.9%
Aroostook	268	6.0%	263	5.3%	–1.9%
Cumberland	984	21.9%	1,039	21.1%	5.6%
Franklin	113	2.5%	103	2.1%	–8.8%
Hancock	109	2.4%	134	2.7%	22.9%
Kennebec	465	10.4%	507	10.3%	9.0%
Knox	102	2.3%	106	2.2%	3.9%
Lincoln	45	1.0%	55	1.1%	22.2%
Oxford	195	4.3%	191	3.9%	–2.1%
Penobscot	432	9.6%	443	9.0%	2.5%
Piscataquis	43	1.0%	55	1.1%	27.9%
Sagadahoc	143	3.2%	174	3.5%	21.7%
Somerset	208	4.6%	215	4.4%	3.4%
Waldo	62	1.4%	107	2.2%	72.6%
Washington	102	2.3%	94	1.9%	–7.8%
York	672	15.0%	796	16.2%	18.5%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,486</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,922</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>