

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 2001:

- 17.4% of all arrests were juveniles, 82.6% were adults.
- Index offenses accounted for 30.2% of juvenile arrests.
- For adults, 11.2% of arrests were for index offenses.
- Over one quarter (25.5%) of adult arrests were between the ages of 25–34, inclusive.

The total number of arrests for 2001 was up 1.3%. Part I offenses were up 2.6%, Part II offenses were up 1.0%.

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.)	841	8.5%
2. Referred to juvenile court or juvenile intake	8,323	83.6%
3. Referred to welfare agency (i.e., Dept. of Human Services)	23	0.2%
4. Referred to other police agency	14	0.1%
5. Referred to criminal or adult court	750	7.5%
Total Dispositions	9,951	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.

<i>Total Arrests — Percent Change 2000–2001</i>			
Offenses	2000	2001	% Change
Murder	9	12	33.3%
Forcible Rape	106	115	8.5%
Robbery	148	192	29.7%
Aggravated Assault	632	531	-16.0%
Burglary	1,328	1,332	0.3%
Larceny-Theft	5,390	5,589	3.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	372	415	11.6%
Arson	64	75	17.2%
Subtotal for Part I Offenses	8,049	8,261	2.6%
Manslaughter	2	4	100.0%
Other Assaults	6,887	7,415	7.7%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	343	299	-12.8%
Fraud	1,160	1,165	0.4%
Embezzlement	11	20	81.8%
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Possess	303	335	10.6%
Vandalism	1,721	1,807	5.0%
Weapons: Possession, etc.	264	373	41.3%
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	22	70	218.2%
Sex Offenses	286	326	14.0%
Drug Abuse Violations	5,090	5,000	-1.8%
Gambling	3	2	-33.3%
Offenses against Family	480	441	-8.1%
Driving under the Influence	7,452	6,845	-8.1%
Liquor Laws	3,089	3,477	12.6%
Drunkenness	26	31	19.2%
Disorderly Conduct	2,051	1,898	-7.5%
All Other (except Traffic)	18,490	18,762	1.5%
Curfew and Loitering	272	193	-29.0%
Runaways	330	317	-3.9%
Subtotal for Part II Offenses	48,282	48,780	1.0%
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