

CRIME RATES

The computation of crime rates as they appear in this report is based on 2002 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.

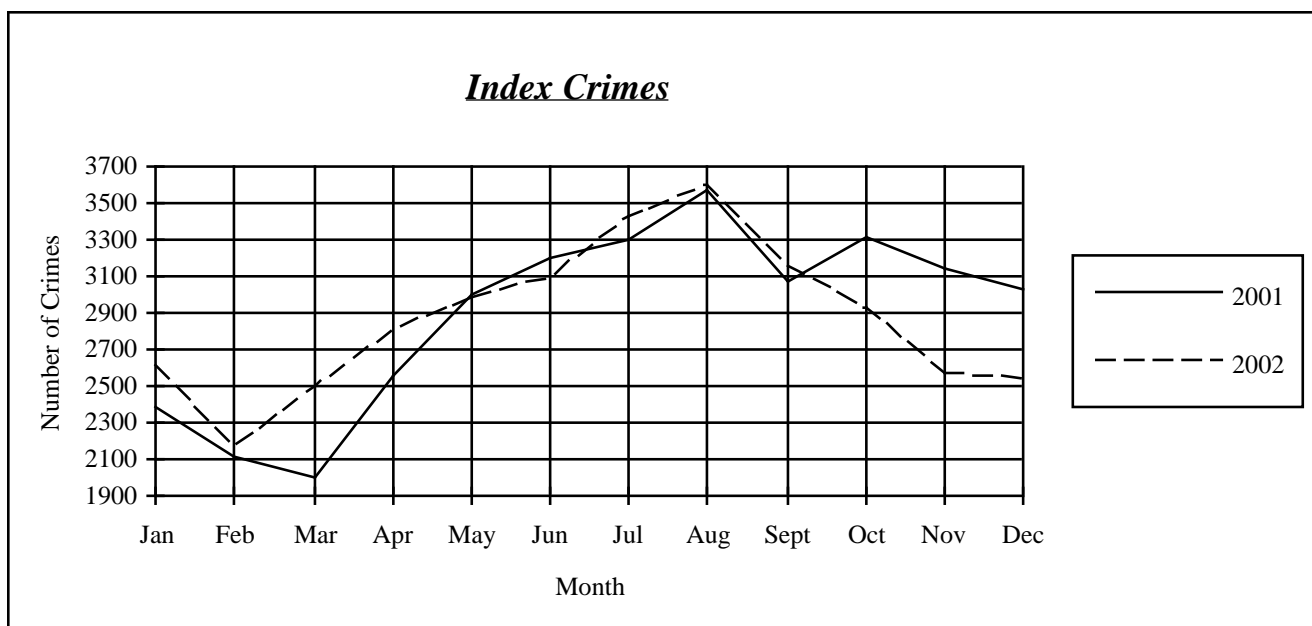
Monthly and annual Uniform Crime Reports currently received from approximately 134 municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies in Maine represent 100 percent of the estimated Maine population.

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 2002 was 26.60 offenses per 1,000 persons. Violent crimes occurred at a rate of 1.08 offenses per 1,000 persons, property crimes at a rate of 25.52.

Offense	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Rate/1,000 Population
Murder	14	.04%	.01
Rape	391	1.14%	.30
Robbery	269	.78%	.21
Aggravated Assault	728	2.11%	.56
Burglary	6,944	20.17%	5.36
Larceny-Theft	24,496	71.14%	18.92
M/V Theft	1,418	4.12%	1.10
Arson	174	.51%	.13
Totals	34,434	100.00%	26.60
Total Violent Crime	1,402	4.07%	1.08
Total Property Crime	33,032	95.93%	25.52



Crime by County

County		Annual Crime Rate per 1,000	Total Index Crimes	Aggravated						Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Percent Clearance
				Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny			
Androscoggin	2001	36.51	3,824	3	51	42	75	751	2,675	208	19	31.7%
	2002	33.87	3,569	2	49	38	48	670	2,601	140	21	27.6%
Aroostook	2001	19.35	1,444	1	18	4	27	378	923	87	6	29.7%
	2002	19.95	1,498	—	27	5	32	398	952	79	5	31.0%
Cumberland	2001	30.02	8,047	3	89	103	177	1,382	5,924	313	56	27.4%
	2002	31.67	8,541	4	104	94	175	1,556	6,218	337	53	26.2%
Franklin	2001	30.57	909	—	8	1	29	183	649	39	—	28.4%
	2002	30.35	908	—	6	1	14	163	680	44	—	29.8%
Hancock	2001	22.50	1,176	4	4	5	55	197	852	57	2	36.2%
	2002	21.62	1,137	—	9	4	31	232	802	57	2	37.9%
Kennebec	2001	26.24	3,101	2	35	16	35	606	2,243	138	26	31.7%
	2002	26.74	3,180	—	42	35	62	565	2,345	116	15	31.6%
Knox	2001	23.91	956	—	1	3	15	156	732	48	1	26.3%
	2002	25.85	1,040	—	3	6	9	176	810	35	1	29.3%
Lincoln	2001	16.62	564	—	9	1	23	138	371	20	2	49.3%
	2002	16.64	568	—	9	3	6	134	384	32	—	52.8%
Oxford	2001	23.76	1,313	—	20	3	63	386	759	78	4	24.8%
	2002	23.89	1,328	1	25	5	34	441	750	71	1	23.4%
Penobscot	2001	32.18	4,707	5	38	28	69	775	3,561	205	26	24.9%
	2002	28.22	4,152	—	28	26	57	719	3,136	150	36	23.4%
Piscataquis	2001	32.14	559	—	5	2	33	119	358	35	7	22.5%
	2002	29.94	524	1	4	—	32	166	297	20	4	19.3%
Sagadahoc	2001	22.09	785	—	4	3	10	130	577	55	6	21.5%
	2002	23.49	840	1	13	5	14	139	618	47	3	21.0%
Somerset	2001	30.94	1,589	—	7	4	37	423	1,017	99	2	33.5%
	2002	26.36	1,362	1	11	5	37	350	904	47	7	33.6%
Waldo	2001	15.38	563	—	4	4	28	132	364	30	1	40.0%
	2002	18.43	679	1	5	3	24	145	467	34	—	25.8%
Washington	2001	22.39	767	1	4	3	27	221	487	24	—	23.7%
	2002	19.96	688	—	8	—	36	182	433	29	—	18.3%
York	2001	23.30	4,391	—	25	41	116	901	3,023	231	54	27.1%
	2002	23.31	4,420	3	48	39	117	908	3,099	180	26	27.7%
TOTALS	2001	26.96	34,695	19	322	263	819	6,878	24,515	1,667	212	28.7%
	2002	26.60	34,434	14	391	269	728	6,944	24,496	1,418	174	27.7%

Total Index Crimes by County, January–December 2002

County	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Androscoggin	268	217	273	358	333	308	328	372	335	246	247	284	3,569
Aroostook	89	75	98	113	132	154	192	151	121	144	108	121	1,498
Cumberland	702	548	585	672	711	730	812	932	808	774	642	625	8,541
Franklin	87	97	67	60	64	72	86	87	67	76	71	74	908
Hancock	80	67	87	99	111	99	109	134	87	95	78	91	1,137
Kennebec	256	201	245	267	234	284	330	318	261	261	272	251	3,180
Knox	76	68	94	88	98	77	115	115	72	82	77	78	1,040
Lincoln	33	29	32	63	48	49	60	61	64	48	42	39	568
Oxford	108	90	72	98	113	117	135	119	153	134	108	81	1,328
Penobscot	275	251	325	354	377	329	391	443	415	367	322	303	4,152
Piscataquis	16	62	28	21	30	65	63	45	38	62	45	49	524
Sagadahoc	63	43	47	68	78	100	90	91	91	64	57	48	840
Somerset	90	81	91	95	132	148	126	137	122	122	110	108	1,362
Waldo	41	39	74	60	53	67	71	68	75	55	47	29	679
Washington	42	37	45	94	58	68	72	55	51	53	55	58	688
York	389	265	333	308	413	435	450	483	393	354	295	302	4,420
2002 Total	2,615	2,170	2,496	2,818	2,985	3,102	3,430	3,611	3,153	2,937	2,576	2,541	34,434
2001 Total	2,382	2,118	1,994	2,555	2,999	3,198	3,303	3,572	3,078	3,323	3,149	3,024	34,695
% Change	9.8%	2.5%	25.2%	10.3%	-0.5%	-3.0%	3.8%	1.1%	2.4%	-11.6%	-18.2%	-16.0%	-0.8%

TOTAL INDEX CRIMES BY COUNTY