

CRIME RATES

The computation of crime rates as they appear in this report is based on 2003 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.

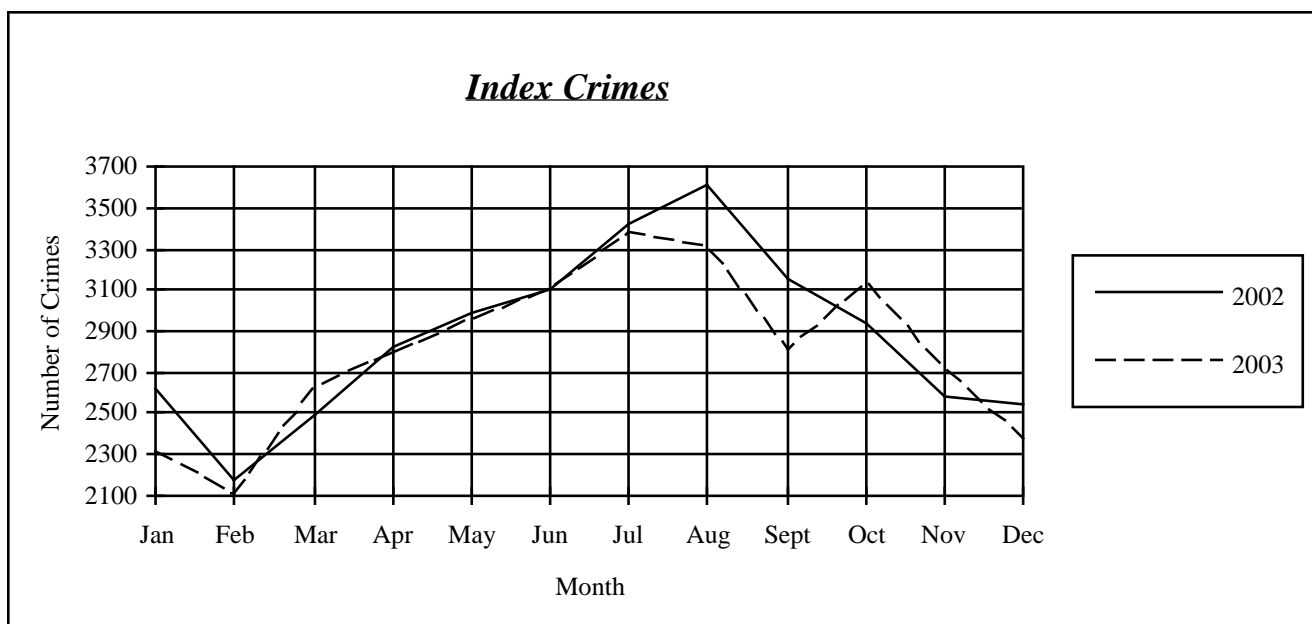
Monthly and annual Uniform Crime Reports currently received from approximately 135 municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies in Maine represent 100 percent of the estimated Maine population.

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 2003 was 25.80 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 24.72.

Offense	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Rate/1,000 Population
Murder	17	.05%	.01
Rape	351	1.04%	.27
Robbery	289	.86%	.22
Aggravated Assault	755	2.24%	.58
Burglary	6,571	19.50%	5.03
Larceny-Theft	24,064	71.42%	18.43
M/V Theft	1,450	4.30%	1.11
Arson	196	.58%	.15
Totals	33,693	100.00%	25.80
Total Violent Crime	1,412	4.19%	1.08
Total Property Crime	32,281	95.81%	24.72



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	2002	33.87	3,569	2	49	38	48	670	2,601	140	21	27.6%
	2003	29.04	3,070	4	48	40	35	494	2,301	131	17	26.2%
Aroostook	2002	19.95	1,498	—	27	5	32	398	952	79	5	31.0%
	2003	19.59	1,445	1	11	8	31	356	978	57	3	31.1%
Cumberland	2002	31.67	8,541	4	104	94	175	1,556	6,218	337	53	26.2%
	2003	30.48	8,273	2	93	129	184	1,530	5,901	374	60	24.5%
Franklin	2002	30.35	908	—	6	1	14	163	680	44	—	29.8%
	2003	25.78	772	1	23	—	20	153	532	40	3	30.2%
Hancock	2002	21.62	1,137	—	9	4	31	232	802	57	2	37.9%
	2003	23.33	1,232	—	5	4	34	284	857	45	3	32.1%
Kennebec	2002	26.74	3,180	—	42	35	62	565	2,345	116	15	31.6%
	2003	26.38	3,146	1	32	11	45	622	2,299	123	13	32.4%
Knox	2002	25.85	1,040	—	3	6	9	176	810	35	1	29.3%
	2003	24.30	992	—	2	6	20	127	787	47	3	29.5%
Lincoln	2002	16.64	568	—	9	3	6	134	384	32	—	52.8%
	2003	18.61	646	—	3	4	19	143	451	26	—	52.2%
Oxford	2002	23.89	1,328	1	25	5	34	441	750	71	1	23.4%
	2003	19.75	1,108	—	20	4	39	293	679	70	3	26.5%
Penobscot	2002	28.22	4,152	—	28	26	57	719	3,136	150	36	23.4%
	2003	31.02	4,569	3	15	29	61	845	3,433	153	30	24.2%
Piscataquis	2002	29.94	524	1	4	—	32	166	297	20	4	19.3%
	2003	26.91	467	1	2	—	31	139	271	22	1	27.4%
Sagadahoc	2002	23.49	840	1	13	5	14	139	618	47	3	21.0%
	2003	21.63	785	—	5	4	5	156	582	30	3	23.9%
Somerset	2002	26.36	1,362	1	11	5	37	350	904	47	7	33.6%
	2003	28.48	1,464	2	15	6	33	358	985	62	3	32.0%
Waldo	2002	18.43	679	1	5	3	24	145	467	34	—	25.8%
	2003	19.05	723	—	10	1	44	166	463	36	3	38.6%
Washington	2002	19.96	688	—	8	—	36	182	433	29	—	18.3%
	2003	20.48	690	—	4	2	42	178	433	31	—	29.4%
York	2002	23.31	4,420	3	48	39	117	908	3,099	180	26	27.7%
	2003	21.86	4,311	2	63	41	112	727	3,112	203	51	27.0%
TOTALS	2002	26.60	34,434	14	391	269	728	6,944	24,496	1,418	174	27.7%
	2003	25.80	33,693	17	351	289	755	6,571	24,064	1,450	196	27.9%

Total Index Crimes by County, January–December 2003

County	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Androscoggin	236	176	274	257	282	304	288	294	251	298	230	180	3,070
Aroostook	86	85	93	121	139	144	141	144	133	137	118	104	1,445
Cumberland	587	573	750	764	724	685	777	769	649	755	715	525	8,273
Franklin	68	67	72	77	73	57	60	60	71	52	60	55	772
Hancock	75	53	61	89	95	165	144	145	96	129	81	99	1,232
Kennebec	223	208	262	245	290	338	305	271	256	307	225	216	3,146
Knox	68	42	81	104	108	82	83	93	87	88	91	65	992
Lincoln	36	58	33	43	61	59	87	62	60	60	50	37	646
Oxford	133	78	82	87	105	82	129	93	71	79	88	81	1,108
Penobscot	312	280	302	363	414	397	410	426	393	459	441	372	4,569
Piscataquis	31	27	40	41	50	44	44	38	40	43	39	30	467
Sagadahoc	32	37	47	70	65	74	121	89	77	73	55	45	785
Somerset	105	107	95	93	104	99	164	183	138	152	127	97	1,464
Waldo	45	45	59	64	50	66	83	81	75	55	46	54	723
Washington	26	43	31	53	43	73	48	77	56	72	56	112	690
York	253	225	353	331	367	436	503	498	361	385	298	301	4,311
2003 Total	2,316	2,104	2,635	2,802	2,970	3,105	3,387	3,323	2,814	3,144	2,720	2,373	33,693
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
% Change	-11.4%	-3.0%	5.6%	-0.6%	-0.5%	0.1%	-1.3%	-8.0%	-10.8%	7.0%	5.6%	-6.6%	-2.2%

TOTAL INDEX CRIMES BY COUNTY