

CRIME RATES

The computation of crime rates as they appear in this report is based on 2004 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.

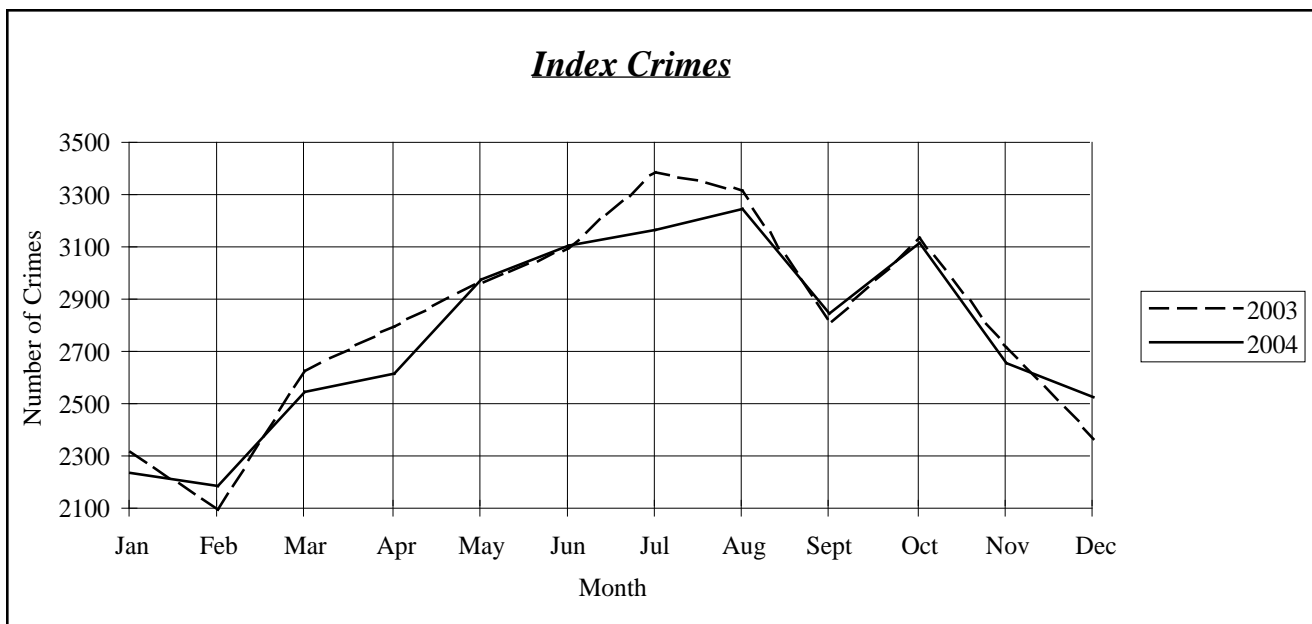
Monthly and annual Uniform Crime Reports currently received from approximately 133 municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies in Maine represent 100 percent of the estimated Maine population.

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 2004 was 25.26 offenses per 1,000 persons. Violent crimes occurred at a rate of 1.02 offenses per 1,000 persons, property crimes at a rate of 24.24.

Offense	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Rate/1,000 Population
Murder	19	.06%	.01
Rape	313	.94%	.24
Robbery	288	.87%	.22
Aggravated Assault	728	2.19%	.55
Burglary	6,344	19.06%	4.82
Larceny-Theft	24,087	72.39%	18.29
M/V Theft	1,305	3.92%	.99
Arson	192	.58%	.15
Totals	33,276	100.00%	25.26
Total Violent Crime	1,348	4.05%	1.02
Total Property Crime	31,928	95.95%	24.24



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	2003	29.04	3,070	4	48	40	35	494	2,301	131	17	26.2%
	2004	28.01	2,998	3	34	35	50	552	2,205	115	4	27.9%
Aroostook	2003	19.59	1,445	1	11	8	31	356	978	57	3	31.1%
	2004	19.83	1,469	2	15	13	15	390	970	62	2	33.9%
Cumberland	2003	30.48	8,273	2	93	129	184	1,530	5,901	374	60	24.5%
	2004	28.84	7,882	3	74	118	209	1,362	5,705	370	41	25.2%
Franklin	2003	25.78	772	1	23	—	20	153	532	40	3	30.2%
	2004	25.71	772	—	12	3	24	140	561	31	1	33.8%
Hancock	2003	23.33	1,232	—	5	4	34	284	857	45	3	32.1%
	2004	22.64	1,206	1	—	4	30	238	875	55	3	31.6%
Kennebec	2003	26.38	3,146	1	32	11	45	622	2,299	123	13	32.4%
	2004	26.45	3,193	1	32	23	46	601	2,362	102	26	34.1%
Knox	2003	24.30	992	—	2	6	20	127	787	47	3	29.5%
	2004	24.34	992	—	8	1	25	128	797	28	5	35.4%
Lincoln	2003	18.61	646	—	3	4	19	143	451	26	—	52.2%
	2004	15.44	541	3	4	2	5	85	414	27	1	47.9%
Oxford	2003	19.75	1,108	—	20	4	39	293	679	70	3	26.5%
	2004	22.33	1,265	1	19	3	32	307	844	54	5	23.5%
Penobscot	2003	31.02	4,569	3	15	29	61	845	3,433	153	30	24.2%
	2004	32.34	4,795	1	20	29	55	933	3,564	140	53	24.4%
Piscataquis	2003	26.91	467	1	2	—	31	139	271	22	1	27.4%
	2004	20.00	351	—	4	1	19	81	225	18	3	33.9%
Sagadahoc	2003	21.63	785	—	5	4	5	156	582	30	3	23.9%
	2004	21.15	778	—	5	3	4	114	623	23	6	22.4%
Somerset	2003	28.48	1,464	2	15	6	33	358	985	62	3	32.0%
	2004	30.75	1,587	1	17	7	32	396	1,063	60	11	30.4%
Waldo	2003	19.05	723	—	10	1	44	166	463	36	3	38.6%
	2004	19.67	759	1	2	3	33	161	531	28	—	34.3%
Washington	2003	20.48	690	—	4	2	42	178	433	31	—	29.4%
	2004	21.70	733	—	8	—	44	171	481	26	3	31.0%
York	2003	21.86	4,311	2	63	41	112	727	3,112	203	51	27.0%
	2004	19.80	3,955	2	59	43	105	685	2,867	166	28	25.9%
TOTALS	2003	25.80	33,693	17	351	289	755	6,571	24,064	1,450	196	27.9%
	2004	25.26	33,276	19	313	288	728	6,344	24,087	1,305	192	28.3%

Total Index Crimes by County, January–December 2004

County	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Androscoggin	211	171	200	231	308	316	254	307	227	283	273	217	2,998
Aroostook	86	78	131	133	154	146	157	148	119	105	118	94	1,469
Cumberland	565	592	605	666	761	677	693	742	655	695	622	609	7,882
Franklin	65	68	61	54	58	81	73	70	52	72	59	59	772
Hancock	72	64	95	113	101	120	127	118	109	111	88	88	1,206
Kennebec	189	187	223	196	225	322	333	352	352	329	260	225	3,193
Knox	76	80	68	74	87	92	97	95	61	95	73	94	992
Lincoln	37	35	49	43	44	48	56	60	47	47	37	38	541
Oxford	68	81	96	103	130	110	123	120	105	143	100	86	1,265
Penobscot	319	305	409	379	409	382	411	410	413	525	441	392	4,795
Piscataquis	14	25	26	37	32	34	34	40	25	28	24	32	351
Sagadahoc	50	48	48	55	64	55	86	75	84	100	40	73	778
Somerset	129	100	117	153	118	155	160	139	124	138	112	142	1,587
Waldo	47	55	51	53	78	117	83	66	63	50	45	51	759
Washington	55	41	50	57	87	64	68	90	51	58	56	56	733
York	259	256	321	274	327	396	413	414	364	346	311	274	3,955
2004 Total	2,242	2,186	2,550	2,621	2,983	3,115	3,168	3,246	2,851	3,125	2,659	2,530	33,276
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
% Change	-3.2%	3.9%	-3.2%	-6.5%	0.4%	0.3%	-6.5%	-2.3%	1.3%	-0.6%	-2.2%	6.6%	-1.2%

TOTAL INDEX CRIMES BY COUNTY