

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 2004:

- 15.4% of all arrests were juveniles, 84.6% were adults.
- Index offenses accounted for 30.4% of juvenile arrests.
- For adults, 11.9% of arrests were for index offenses.
- Over one quarter (25.3%) of adult arrests were between the ages of 25–34, inclusive.

The total number of arrests for 2004 was down 0.3%. Part I offenses were down 0.2%, Part II offenses were down 0.3%.

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.)	1,263	14.8%
2. Referred to juvenile court or juvenile intake	6,808	79.7%
3. Referred to welfare agency (i.e., Dept. of Human Services)	17	0.2%
4. Referred to other police agency	44	0.5%
5. Referred to criminal or adult court	407	4.8%
Total Dispositions	8,539	100.0%

(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 2003–2004</i>			
Offenses	2003	2004	% Change
Murder	13	21	61.5%
Forcible Rape	90	105	16.7%
Robbery	130	168	29.2%
Aggravated Assault	597	580	-2.8%
Burglary	1,264	1,273	0.7%
Larceny-Theft	5,656	5,630	-0.5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	370	352	-4.9%
Arson	71	47	-33.8%
Subtotal for Part I Offenses	8,191	8,176	-0.2%
Manslaughter	—	4	100.0%
Other Assaults	7,287	6,861	-5.8%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	335	346	3.3%
Fraud	1,069	1,048	-2.0%
Embezzlement	34	26	-23.5%
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Possess	308	293	-4.9%
Vandalism	1,665	1,629	-2.2%
Weapons: Possession, etc.	255	320	25.5%
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	12	29	141.7%
Sex Offenses	256	304	18.8%
Drug Abuse Violations	5,099	5,625	10.3%
Gambling	—	—	—
Offenses against Family	345	334	-3.2%
Driving under the Influence	7,357	7,274	-1.1%
Liquor Laws	3,557	3,566	0.3%
Drunkenness	79	38	-51.9%
Disorderly Conduct	1,572	1,808	15.0%
All Other (except Traffic)	17,992	17,646	-1.9%
Curfew and Loitering	106	69	-34.9%
Runaways	195	158	-19.0%
Subtotal for Part II Offenses	47,523	47,378	-0.3%
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