

**CRIME IN MAINE 2006 — HIGHLIGHTS**



During 2006 the crime clock average in Maine reflected the following:

**VIOLENT CRIMES: 1 every 5 hours, 45 minutes** .....1 Murder every 17 days, 9 hours, 9 minutes  
 1 Rape every 25 hours, 46 minutes  
 1 Robbery every 22 hours, 52 minutes  
 1 Aggravated Assault every 11 hours, 14 minutes

**PROPERTY CRIMES: 1 every 15 minutes, 42 seconds** .....1 Burglary every 77 minutes, 34 seconds  
 1 Larceny every 20 minutes, 53 seconds  
 1 Motor Vehicle Theft every 6 hours, 32 minutes  
 1 Arson every 45 hours, 23 minutes

**CRIME RATE** .....The Crime Rate is based on the occurrence of an Index Offense per 1,000 residents of the state. Local and county rates are based on their individual populations. The State Crime Rate for 2006 was 26.70 per 1,000. The comparable rate for 2005 was 25.36. The 2006 state population is estimated at 1,321,574 persons.

**INDEX OFFENSES** .....There were 34,994 Index Offenses reported by police during 2006 — an increase of 1,553 offenses (4.6%) from the 33,441 similar offenses reported in 2005.

**VIOLENT CRIMES** .....Murder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault make up the Violent Crimes category. Violent crimes as a group increased by 34 offenses from 2005 for a 2.3% increase. During 2006 violent crimes totaled 1,524, compared to a 2005 total of 1,490. Violent crimes accounted for 4.4% of all reported index crimes (4.5% in 2005) and represent a crime rate of 1.15 per 1,000 population.

**PROPERTY CRIMES** .....Property Crimes, consisting of Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson, rose in 2006 by 1,519 offenses (4.8%) from 2005. There were 33,470 offenses reported in 2006 with 31,951 being shown for 2005. Property crimes account for 95.6% of all index crimes with a crime rate of 25.38 offenses per 1,000 population.

**MURDER** .....There were 21 murders committed in Maine during 2006 — up by 2 (10.5%) from the 19 murders reported in 2005. Law enforcement cleared 21 murders this year. Maine’s 10-year average is 19 homicides annually.

<b>RAPE</b> .....	Forcible Rapes increased by 18 reported offenses during 2006. There were 322 offenses reported to police in 2005, compared to 340 in 2006. Of the total, 326 were actual rapes, while 14 were classified as attempts to commit forcible rape.
<b>ROBBERY</b> .....	Robberies increased by 18.6% (60 offenses) during 2006, from 323 in 2005 to 383 in 2006.
<b>AGGRAVATED ASSAULT</b> .....	Law enforcement reported 780 Aggravated Assaults during 2006, a decrease of 5.6% from the 2005 figure of 826. Simple assaults (a non-index crime) decreased by 1.1% during 2006 with 10,901 offenses reported.
<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b> .....	All offenses of assault between family or household members are reported as Domestic Assault and account for 47.5% of all assaults. During 2006 police reported 5,554 offenses, an increase of 95 (1.7%) from the 5,459 offenses reported in 2005.
<b>BURGLARY</b> .....	The number of Burglaries during 2006 rose by 7.9% compared with those in 2005. There was an increase of 499 from the 2005 total of 6,277. The 6,776 burglaries reported statewide resulted in property loss totaling \$7,065,251. Burglaries represent 19.4% of all reported index offenses.
<b>LARCENY-THEFT</b> .....	The crime of Larceny increased during 2006 by 4.2% from the 24,153 larceny offenses reported in 2005. Police reported 25,161 larceny crimes during 2006. Shoplifting decreased 14.2% and thefts from motor vehicles increased 11.9% for 32.1% of all larceny crimes reported.
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT</b> .....	Motor Vehicle Theft registered a decrease of 4 offenses during 2006, from 1,344 in 2005 to 1,340. A high of 2,764 motor vehicles were reported stolen during 1978.
<b>ARSON</b> .....	The crime of Arson was added to the list of reportable index crimes in 1980. During 2006 there were 193 arsons reported, up 16 (9.0%) from the 177 arsons reported for 2005. Estimated property loss caused by arson totaled over \$4.4 million during 2006 — up 36.5%.
<b>HATE CRIME</b> .....	Beginning in 1992, Hate Crime was added as a new reporting requirement. During 2006, police reported 59 incidents involving 65 victims and resulting in a total of 61 offenses.
<b>STOLEN/RECOVERED PROPERTY</b> .....	During 2006 law enforcement agencies recorded \$26,703,771 worth of property stolen during the commission of index crimes — a decrease of 5.8% from the \$28,333,806 stolen during 2005. Police were able to recover 26.3% (\$7,022,786) of stolen property during 2006.

**CLEARANCE RATE** .....Law enforcement agencies cleared 26.7% of all index crimes in 2006 — lower than the 28.1% rate in 2005.

**ARRESTS** .....The total number of persons arrested, summoned or cited by police, including juveniles and adults, was 57,421 — an increase of 5.4% from the 54,500 persons recorded in 2005. Drug arrests increased 10.3% with 5,161 adults and 634 juveniles charged with drug offenses.

**OFFICER ASSAULTS** .....There were 292 assaults on law enforcement officers in 2006, an increase from the 2005 figure of 286.

**POLICE EMPLOYMENT DATA** .....Statewide there were 2,233 full-time sworn law enforcement officers representing a ratio of 1.69 officers per 1,000 population. Nationally (in 2005) the average rate per 1,000 was 2.4.

**TRENDS** .....The chart on the following pages shows the 10-year trend data for the index crimes recorded by Uniform Crime Reporting. Shown are the number of offenses, the crime rate per 1,000 residents of Maine, the percent cleared in Maine, the national crime rate per 1,000, and the percent change in the number of reported offenses in Maine.