

CRIME IN MAINE 2007 — HIGHLIGHTS



During 2007 the crime clock average in Maine reflected the following:

VIOLENT CRIMES: 1 every 5 hours, 38 minutes 1 Murder every 17 days, 9 hours, 9 minutes
 1 Rape every 22 hours, 17 minutes
 1 Robbery every 25 hours, 6 minutes
 1 Aggravated Assault every 11 hours, 3 minutes

PROPERTY CRIMES: 1 every 16 minutes, 18 seconds 1 Burglary every 78 minutes, 43 seconds
 1 Larceny every 21 minutes, 51 seconds
 1 Motor Vehicle Theft every 6 hours, 57 minutes
 1 Arson every 36 hours, 3 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 2007 was 25.66 per 1,000. The comparable rate for 2006 was 26.70. The 2007 state population is estimated at 1,317,207 persons.

INDEX OFFENSES There were 33,796 Index Offenses reported by police during 2007 — a decrease of 1,198 offenses (3.4%) from the 34,994 similar offenses reported in 2006.

VIOLENT CRIMES Murder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault make up the Violent Crimes category. Violent crimes as a group increased by 32 offenses from 2006 for a 2.1% increase. During 2007 violent crimes totaled 1,556, compared to a 2006 total of 1,524. Violent crimes accounted for 4.6% of all reported index crimes (4.4% in 2006) and represent a crime rate of 1.18 per 1,000 population.

PROPERTY CRIMES Property Crimes, consisting of Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson, fell in 2007 by 1,230 offenses (3.7%) from 2006. There were 32,240 offenses reported in 2007 with 33,470 being shown for 2006. Property crimes account for 95.4% of all index crimes with a crime rate of 24.48 offenses per 1,000 population.

MURDER There were 21 murders committed in Maine during 2007 — the same number as the 21 murders reported in 2006. Law enforcement cleared 20 murders this year. Maine's 10-year average is 20 homicides annually.

RAPE	Forcible Rapes increased by 53 reported offenses during 2007. There were 340 offenses reported to police in 2006, compared to 393 in 2007. Of the total, 382 were actual rapes, while 11 were classified as attempts to commit forcible rape.
ROBBERY	Robberies decreased by 8.9% (34 offenses) during 2007, from 383 in 2006 to 349 in 2007.
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	Law enforcement reported 793 Aggravated Assaults during 2007, an increase of 1.7% from the 2006 figure of 780. Simple assaults (a non-index crime) increased by 3.3% during 2007 with 11,264 offenses reported.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	All offenses of assault between family or household members are reported as Domestic Assault and account for 47.9% of all assaults. During 2007 police reported 5,771 offenses, an increase of 217 (3.9%) from the 5,554 offenses reported in 2006.
BURGLARY	The number of Burglaries during 2007 fell by 1.5% compared with those in 2006. There was a decrease of 99 from the 2006 total of 6,776. The 6,677 burglaries reported statewide resulted in property loss totaling \$6,746,386. Burglaries represent 19.8% of all reported index offenses.
LARCENY-THEFT	The crime of Larceny decreased during 2007 by 4.4% from the 25,161 larceny offenses reported in 2006. Police reported 24,060 larceny crimes during 2007. Shoplifting increased 8.1% and thefts from motor vehicles decreased 20.8% for 30.0% of all larceny crimes reported.
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	Motor Vehicle Theft registered a decrease of 80 offenses during 2007, from 1,340 in 2006 to 1,260. A high of 2,764 motor vehicles were reported stolen during 1978.
ARSON	The crime of Arson was added to the list of reportable index crimes in 1980. During 2007 there were 243 arsons reported, up 50 (25.9%) from the 193 arsons reported for 2006. Estimated property loss caused by arson totaled over \$3.8 million during 2007 — down 13.2%.
HATE CRIME	Beginning in 1992, Hate Crime was added as a new reporting requirement. During 2007, police reported 72 incidents involving 81 victims and resulting in a total of 82 offenses.
STOLEN/RECOVERED PROPERTY	During 2007 law enforcement agencies recorded \$27,453,736 worth of property stolen during the commission of index crimes — an increase of 2.8% from the \$26,703,771 stolen during 2006. Police were able to recover 24.1% (\$6,611,177) of stolen property during 2007.

CLEARANCE RATE	Law enforcement agencies cleared 29.4% of all index crimes in 2007 — higher than the 26.7% rate in 2006.
ARRESTS	The total number of persons arrested, summoned or cited by police, including juveniles and adults, was 57,623 — an increase of 0.4% from the 57,421 persons recorded in 2006. Drug arrests decreased 1.3% with 5,146 adults and 571 juveniles charged with drug offenses.
OFFICER ASSAULTS	There were 297 assaults on law enforcement officers in 2007, an increase from the 2006 figure of 292.
POLICE EMPLOYMENT DATA	Statewide there were 2,281 full-time sworn law enforcement officers representing a ratio of 1.73 officers per 1,000 population. Nationally (in 2006) 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.