

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 2008:

- 12.0% of all arrests were juveniles, 88.0% were adults.
- Index offenses accounted for 31.4% of juvenile arrests.
- For adults, 13.9% of arrests were for index offenses.
- Over one quarter (26.4%) of adult arrests were between the ages of 25–34, inclusive.

The total number of arrests for 2008 was down 1.3%. Part I offenses were up 6.2%, Part II offenses were down 2.6%.

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.)	530	7.7%
2. Referred to juvenile court or juvenile intake	5,991	87.6%
3. Referred to welfare agency (i.e., Dept. of Health & Human Services)	14	0.2%
4. Referred to other police agency	30	0.4%
5. Referred to criminal or adult court	277	4.0%
Total Dispositions	6,842	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 2007–2008</i>			
Offenses	2007	2008	% Change
Murder	21	21	—
Forcible Rape	71	75	5.6%
Robbery	172	176	2.3%
Aggravated Assault	648	656	1.2%
Burglary	1,306	1,339	2.5%
Larceny-Theft	6,018	6,465	7.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	286	329	15.0%
Arson	70	63	–10.0%
Subtotal for Part I Offenses	8,592	9,124	6.2%
Manslaughter	—	—	—
Other Assaults	6,974	6,680	–4.2%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	352	306	–13.1%
Fraud	861	878	2.0%
Embezzlement	56	48	–14.3%
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Possess	194	186	–4.1%
Vandalism	1,522	1,476	–3.0%
Weapons: Possession, etc.	417	356	–14.6%
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	45	28	–37.8%
Sex Offenses	258	276	7.0%
Drug Abuse Violations	5,717	5,769	0.9%
Gambling	2	4	100.0%
Offenses against Family	140	93	–33.6%
Driving under the Influence	8,080	7,275	–10.0%
Liquor Laws	4,464	4,765	6.7%
Drunkenness	65	43	–33.8%
Disorderly Conduct	1,883	1,886	0.2%
All Other (except Traffic)	17,840	17,498	–1.9%
Curfew and Loitering	57	64	12.3%
Runaways	104	102	–1.9%
Subtotal for Part II Offenses	49,031	47,733	–2.6%
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