

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 2009:

- 12.1% of all arrests were juveniles, 87.9% were adults.
- Index offenses accounted for 28.5% of juvenile arrests.
- For adults, 14.1% of arrests were for index offenses.
- Over one quarter (26.8%) of adult arrests were between the ages of 25–34, inclusive.

The total number of arrests for 2009 was down 1.0%. Part I offenses were down 2.2%, Part II offenses were down 0.8%.

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.)	615	9.1%
2. Referred to juvenile court or juvenile intake	5,934	87.4%
3. Referred to welfare agency (i.e., Dept. of Health & Human Services)	15	0.2%
4. Referred to other police agency	9	0.1%
5. Referred to criminal or adult court	215	3.2%
Total Dispositions	6,788	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 2008–2009</i>			
Offenses	2008	2009	% Change
Murder	21	21	—
Forcible Rape	75	77	2.7%
Robbery	176	184	4.5%
Aggravated Assault	656	612	-6.7%
Burglary	1,339	1,318	-1.6%
Larceny-Theft	6,465	6,386	-1.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	329	249	-24.3%
Arson	63	77	22.2%
Subtotal for Part I Offenses	9,124	8,924	-2.2%
Manslaughter	—	—	—
Other Assaults	6,680	6,643	-0.6%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	306	267	-12.7%
Fraud	878	873	-0.6%
Embezzlement	48	35	-27.1%
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Possess	186	192	3.2%
Vandalism	1,476	1,564	6.0%
Weapons: Possession, etc.	356	411	15.4%
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	28	29	3.6%
Sex Offenses	276	235	-14.9%
Drug Abuse Violations	5,769	5,879	1.9%
Gambling	4	2	-50.0%
Offenses against Family	93	104	11.8%
Driving under the Influence	7,275	6,863	-5.7%
Liquor Laws	4,765	5,518	15.8%
Drunkenness	43	40	-7.0%
Disorderly Conduct	1,886	1,885	-0.1%
All Other (except Traffic)	17,498	16,611	-5.1%
Curfew and Loitering	64	90	40.6%
Runaways	102	101	-1.0%
Subtotal for Part II Offenses	47,733	47,342	-0.8%
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