

CRIME IN MAINE 2011 — HIGHLIGHTS



During 2011 the crime clock average in Maine reflected the following:

VIOLENT CRIMES: 1 every 5 hours, 23 minutes1 Murder every 14 days, 14 minutes
 1 Rape every 22 hours, 24 minutes
 1 Robbery every 23 hours, 41 minutes
 1 Aggravated Assault every 10 hours, 23 minutes

PROPERTY CRIMES: 1 every 15 minutes, 28 seconds1 Burglary every 67 minutes, 10 seconds
 1 Larceny every 21 minutes, 10 seconds
 1 Motor Vehicle Theft every 8 hours, 9 minutes
 1 Arson every 33 hours, 42 minutes

CRIME RATEThe 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 2011 was 26.81 per 1,000. The comparable rate for 2010 was 26.09. The 2011 state population is estimated at 1,328,188 persons.

INDEX OFFENSESThere were 35,615 Index Offenses reported by police during 2011 — an increase of 963 offenses (2.8%) from the 34,652 similar offenses reported in 2010.

VIOLENT CRIMESMurder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault make up the Violent Crimes category. Violent crimes as a group increased by 40 offenses from 2010 for a 2.5% increase. During 2011 violent crimes totaled 1,629, compared to a 2010 total of 1,589. Violent crimes accounted for 4.6% of all reported index crimes (4.6% in 2010) and represent a crime rate of 1.23 per 1,000 population.

PROPERTY CRIMESProperty Crimes, consisting of Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson, rose in 2011 by 923 offenses (2.8%) from 2010. There were 33,986 offenses reported in 2011 with 33,063 being shown for 2010. Property crimes account for 95.4% of all index crimes with a crime rate of 25.59 offenses per 1,000 population.

MURDERThere were 25 murders committed in Maine during 2011 — 4.2% higher than the 24 murders reported in 2010. Law enforcement cleared 23 murders this year. Maine’s 10-year average is 22 homicides annually.

RAPE	Forcible Rapes increased by 2 reported offenses during 2011. There were 389 offenses reported to police in 2010, compared to 391 in 2011. Of the total, 376 were actual rapes, while 15 were classified as attempts to commit forcible rape.
ROBBERY	Robberies decreased by 11.1% (46 offenses) during 2011, from 416 in 2010 to 370 in 2011.
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	Law enforcement reported 843 Aggravated Assaults during 2011, an increase of 10.9% from the 2010 figure of 760. Simple assaults (a non-index crime) increased by 11.7% during 2011 with 11,814 offenses reported.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	All offenses of assault between family or household members are reported as Domestic Assault and account for 40.9% of all assaults. During 2011 police reported 5,360 offenses, an increase of 243 (4.7%) from the 5,117 offenses reported in 2010.
BURGLARY	The number of Burglaries during 2011 rose by 6.6% compared with those in 2010. There was an increase of 483 from the 2010 total of 7,343. The 7,826 burglaries reported statewide resulted in property loss totaling \$10,058,536. Burglaries represent 22.0% of all reported index offenses.
LARCENY-THEFT	The crime of Larceny increased during 2011 by 1.4% from the 24,490 larceny offenses reported in 2010. Police reported 24,826 larceny crimes during 2011. Shoplifting increased 10.2% and thefts from motor vehicles decreased 3.3% for 32.8% of all larceny crimes reported.
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	Motor Vehicle Theft registered an increase of 89 offenses during 2011, from 985 in 2010 to 1,074. 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 2011 there were 260 arsons reported, up 15 (6.1%) from the 245 arsons reported for 2010. Estimated property loss caused by arson totaled over \$6.0 million during 2011 — up 27.8%.
HATE CRIME	Beginning in 1992, Hate Crime was added as a new reporting requirement. During 2011, police reported 58 incidents involving 73 victims and resulting in a total of 72 offenses. This figure represented a 4.3% increase from the 2010 total of 69 offenses (66 incidents involving 79 victims).
STOLEN/RECOVERED PROPERTY	During 2011 law enforcement agencies recorded \$29,700,815 worth of property stolen during the commission of index crimes — an increase of 18.9% from the \$24,973,032 stolen during 2010. Police were able to recover 20.9% (\$6,196,632) of stolen property during 2011.

CLEARANCE RATE	Law enforcement agencies cleared 30.3% of all index crimes in 2011 — higher than the 29.2% rate in 2010.
ARRESTS	The total number of persons arrested, summoned or cited by police, including juveniles and adults, was 51,756 — a decrease of 4.7% from the 54,312 persons recorded in 2010. Drug arrests decreased 4.8% with 5,115 adults and 513 juveniles charged with drug offenses.
OFFICER ASSAULTS	There were 200 assaults on law enforcement officers in 2011, an increase from the 2010 figure of 192.
POLICE EMPLOYMENT DATA	Statewide there were 2,269 full-time sworn law enforcement officers representing a ratio of 1.71 officers per 1,000 population. Nationally (in 2010) the average rate per 1,000 was 2.3.
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.