

CRIME IN MAINE 2012 — HIGHLIGHTS



During 2012 the crime clock average in Maine reflected the following:

VIOLENT CRIMES: 1 every 5 hours, 26 minutes1 Murder every 15 days, 6 hours
 1 Rape every 23 hours, 52 minutes
 1 Robbery every 20 hours, 52 minutes
 1 Aggravated Assault every 10 hours, 56 minutes

PROPERTY CRIMES: 1 every 15 minutes, 45 seconds1 Burglary every 70 minutes, 57 seconds
 1 Larceny every 21 minutes, 14 seconds
 1 Motor Vehicle Theft every 8 hours, 52 minutes
 1 Arson every 38 hours, 52 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 2012 was 26.39 per 1,000. The comparable rate for 2011 was 26.81. The 2012 state population is estimated at 1,329,192 persons.

INDEX OFFENSESThere were 35,073 Index Offenses reported by police during 2012 — a decrease of 542 offenses (1.5%) from the 35,615 similar offenses reported in 2011.

VIOLENT CRIMESMurder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault make up the Violent Crimes category. Violent crimes as a group decreased by 13 offenses from 2011 for a 0.8% decrease. During 2011 violent crimes totaled 1,616, compared to a 2011 total of 1,629. Violent crimes accounted for 4.6% of all reported index crimes (4.6% in 2011) and represent a crime rate of 1.22 per 1,000 population.

PROPERTY CRIMESProperty Crimes, consisting of Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson, fell in 2012 by 529 offenses (1.6%) from 2011. There were 33,457 offenses reported in 2012 with 33,986 being shown for 2011. Property crimes account for 95.4% of all index crimes with a crime rate of 25.17 offenses per 1,000 population.

MURDERThere were 24 murders committed in Maine during 2012 — 4.0% lower than the 25 murders reported in 2011. Law enforcement cleared 29 murders this year. Maine’s 10-year average is 23 homicides annually.

RAPE	Forcible Rapes decreased by 23 reported offenses during 2012. There were 391 offenses reported to police in 2011, compared to 368 in 2012. Of the total, 357 were actual rapes, while 11 were classified as attempts to commit forcible rape.
ROBBERY	Robberies increased by 13.8% (51 offenses) during 2012, from 370 in 2011 to 421 in 2012.
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	Law enforcement reported 803 Aggravated Assaults during 2012, a decrease of 4.7% from the 2011 figure of 843. Simple assaults (a non-index crime) decreased by 0.2% during 2012 with 11,796 offenses reported.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	All offenses of assault between family or household members are reported as Domestic Assault and account for 47.4% of all assaults. During 2012 police reported 5,593 offenses, an increase of 233 (4.3%) from the 5,360 offenses reported in 2011.
BURGLARY	The number of Burglaries during 2012 fell by 5.1% compared with those in 2011. There was a decrease of 397 from the 2011 total of 7,826. The 7,429 burglaries reported statewide resulted in property loss totaling \$9,482,205. Burglaries represent 21.2% of all reported index offenses.
LARCENY-THEFT	The crime of Larceny decreased during 2012 by 0.1% from the 24,826 larceny offenses reported in 2011. Police reported 24,812 larceny crimes during 2012. Shoplifting increased 13.9% and thefts from motor vehicles increased 0.6% for 34.9% of all larceny crimes reported.
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	Motor Vehicle Theft registered a decrease of 84 offenses during 2012, from 1,074 in 2011 to 990. 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 2012 there were 226 arsons reported, down 34 (13.1%) from the 260 arsons reported for 2011. Estimated property loss caused by arson totaled nearly \$4.0 million during 2012 — down 33.8%.
HATE CRIME	Beginning in 1992, Hate Crime was added as a new reporting requirement. During 2012, police reported 56 incidents involving 72 victims and resulting in a total of 62 offenses. This figure represented a 13.9% decrease from the 2011 total of 72 offenses (58 incidents involving 73 victims).
STOLEN/RECOVERED PROPERTY	During 2012 law enforcement agencies recorded \$28,001,214 worth of property stolen during the commission of index crimes — a decrease of 1.0% from the \$28,271,156 stolen during 2011. Police were able to recover 25.6% (\$7,164,405) of stolen property during 2012.

CLEARANCE RATE	Law enforcement agencies cleared 31.0% of all index crimes in 2012 — higher than the 30.3% rate in 2011.
ARRESTS	The total number of persons arrested, summoned or cited by police, including juveniles and adults, was 51,150 — a decrease of 1.2% from the 51,756 persons recorded in 2011. Drug arrests decreased 1.8% with 5,010 adults and 517 juveniles charged with drug offenses.
OFFICER ASSAULTS	There were 173 assaults on law enforcement officers in 2012, a decrease from the 2011 figure of 200.
POLICE EMPLOYMENT DATA	Statewide there were 2,262 full-time sworn law enforcement officers representing a ratio of 1.70 officers per 1,000 population. Nationally (in 2011) the average rate per 1,000 was 2.2.
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.