

CRIME IN MAINE 2013 — HIGHLIGHTS



During 2013 the crime clock average in Maine reflected the following:

VIOLENT CRIMES: 1 every 5 hours, 16 minutes1 Murder every 15 days, 5 hours
 1 Rape every 24 hours, 24 minutes
 1 Robbery every 26 hours, 9 minutes
 1 Aggravated Assault every 9 hours, 17 minutes

PROPERTY CRIMES: 1 every 16 minutes, 21 seconds1 Burglary every 81 minutes, 27 seconds
 1 Larceny every 22 minutes, 51 seconds
 1 Motor Vehicle Theft every 9 hours, 43 minutes
 1 Arson every 62 hours, 34 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 2013 was 24.21 per 1,000. The comparable rate for 2012 was 26.39. The 2013 state population is estimated at 1,328,302 persons.

INDEX OFFENSESThere were 32,162 Index Offenses reported by police during 2013 — a decrease of 2,911 offenses (8.3%) from the 35,073 similar offenses reported in 2012.

VIOLENT CRIMESMurder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault make up the Violent Crimes category. Violent crimes as a group increased by 45 offenses from 2012 for a 2.8% increase. During 2013 violent crimes totaled 1,661, compared to a 2012 total of 1,616. Violent crimes accounted for 5.2% of all reported index crimes (4.6% in 2012) and represent a crime rate of 1.25 per 1,000 population.

PROPERTY CRIMESProperty Crimes, consisting of Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson, fell in 2013 by 2,956 offenses (8.8%) from 2012. There were 30,501 offenses reported in 2013 with 33,457 being shown for 2012. Property crimes account for 94.8% of all index crimes with a crime rate of 22.96 offenses per 1,000 population.

MURDERThere were 24 murders committed in Maine during 2013 — the same number as the 24 murders reported in 2012. Law enforcement cleared 24 murders this year. Maine’s 10-year average is 23 homicides annually.

RAPE	Forcible Rapes decreased by 9 reported offenses during 2013. There were 368 offenses reported to police in 2012, compared to 359 in 2013. Of the total, 354 were actual rapes, while 5 were classified as attempts to commit forcible rape.
ROBBERY	Robberies decreased by 20.4% (86 offenses) during 2013, from 421 in 2012 to 335 in 2013.
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	Law enforcement reported 943 Aggravated Assaults during 2013, an increase of 17.4% from the 2012 figure of 803. Simple assaults (a non-index crime) decreased by 9.0% during 2013 with 10,739 offenses reported.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	All offenses of assault between family or household members are reported as Domestic Assault and account for 47.0% of all assaults. During 2013 police reported 5,487 offenses, a decrease of 106 (1.9%) from the 5,593 offenses reported in 2012.
BURGLARY	The number of Burglaries during 2013 fell by 13.1% compared with those in 2012. There was a decrease of 976 from the 2012 total of 7,429. The 6,453 burglaries reported statewide resulted in property loss totaling \$13,761,306. Burglaries represent 20.1% of all reported index offenses.
LARCENY-THEFT	The crime of Larceny decreased during 2013 by 7.3% from the 24,812 larceny offenses reported in 2012. Police reported 23,006 larceny crimes during 2013. Shoplifting decreased 0.3% and thefts from motor vehicles decreased 5.7% for 36.4% of all larceny crimes reported.
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	Motor Vehicle Theft registered a decrease of 88 offenses during 2013, from 990 in 2012 to 902. 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 2013 there were 140 arsons reported, down 86 (38.1%) from the 226 arsons reported for 2012. Estimated property loss caused by arson totaled over \$3.1 million during 2013 — down 22.0%.
HATE CRIME	Beginning in 1992, Hate Crime was added as a new reporting requirement. During 2013, police reported 27 incidents involving 29 victims and resulting in a total of 30 offenses. This figure represented a 51.6% decrease from the 2012 total of 62 offenses (56 incidents involving 72 victims).
STOLEN/RECOVERED PROPERTY	During 2012 law enforcement agencies recorded \$31,165,246 worth of property stolen during the commission of index crimes — an increase of 11.3% from the \$28,001,214 stolen during 2012. Police were able to recover 19.7% (\$6,131,631) of stolen property during 2013.

CLEARANCE RATE	Law enforcement agencies cleared 32.2% of all index crimes in 2013 — higher than the 31.0% rate in 2012.
ARRESTS	The total number of persons arrested, summoned or cited by police, including juveniles and adults, was 49,610 — a decrease of 3.0% from the 51,150 persons recorded in 2012. Drug arrests increased 1.3% with 5,098 adults and 501 juveniles charged with drug offenses.
OFFICER ASSAULTS	There were 187 assaults on law enforcement officers in 2013, an increase from the 2012 figure of 173.
POLICE EMPLOYMENT DATA	Statewide there were 2,275 full-time sworn law enforcement officers representing a ratio of 1.71 officers per 1,000 population. Nationally (in 2012) 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.