

CRIME RATES

The computation of crime rates as they appear in this report is based on 2017 population estimates received from the Uniform Crime Reporting division of the FBI, using provisional estimates of the Bureau of Census. Rural populations are arrived at by deleting the population figures for each direct reporting municipal department from their respective county totals.

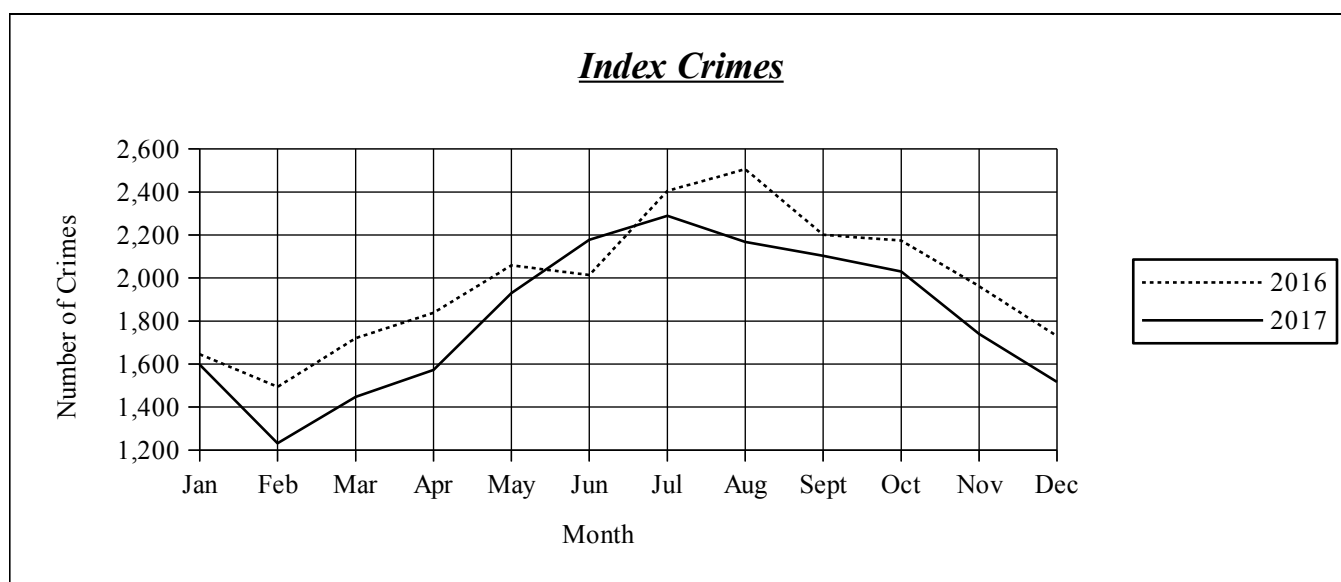
Monthly and annual Uniform Crime Reports currently received from approximately 132 municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies in Maine represent 100 percent of the estimated Maine population.

The crime rate involves the number of Index Crimes per unit of population, usually per 100,000 persons. Be-

cause Maine has such a low population total, a rate per 1,000 persons has been used to reflect a more realistic volume. No attempt has been made to incorporate either transient population or other factors which contribute to the ratio and type of crime in a given area. Any effort to make comparisons of crime rates between one area and another should recognize these population changes and varying environmental factors.

The crime index rate for Maine for the year 2017 was 16.32 offenses per 1,000 persons. Violent crimes occurred at a rate of 1.19 offenses per 1,000 persons, property crimes at a rate of 15.13.

Offense	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Rate/1000 Population
Murder	21	.10%	.02
Rape	448	2.05%	.34
Robbery	247	1.13%	.18
Aggravated Assault	875	4.01%	.65
Burglary	3,316	15.21%	2.48
Larceny-Theft	15,968	73.24%	11.95
M/V Theft	792	3.63%	.59
Arson	136	.62%	.10
Totals	21,803	100.00%	16.32
Total Violent Crime	1,591	7.30%	1.19
Total Property Crime	20,212	92.70%	15.13



Crime by County

County	Annual Crime Rate per 1,000	Total Index Crimes	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Percent Clearance
Androscoggin	2016 18.56	1,991	—	29	30	95	308	1,437	80	12	35.7%
	2017 19.12	2,056	—	52	44	74	304	1,504	73	5	36.4%
Aroostook	2016 13.76	937	2	26	6	59	150	644	42	8	44.6%
	2017 10.23	691	1	20	5	63	103	473	24	2	51.4%
Cumberland	2016 19.33	5,645	6	67	94	228	806	4,233	186	25	35.6%
	2017 17.36	5,116	2	100	86	195	629	3,898	190	16	32.9%
Franklin	2016 12.28	367	2	11	2	21	81	223	21	6	33.5%
	2017 12.58	377	1	17	1	23	35	278	22	—	31.8%
Hancock	2016 14.66	803	—	7	6	17	170	572	22	9	42.3%
	2017 10.64	581	1	1	1	14	82	469	13	—	60.1%
Kennebec	2016 20.18	2,416	2	45	29	121	391	1,717	85	26	40.5%
	2017 16.35	1,973	—	40	22	81	264	1,510	56	—	38.6%
Knox	2016 12.67	506	—	1	1	27	71	383	17	6	36.6%
	2017 12.14	484	—	2	2	23	50	391	16	—	36.4%
Lincoln	2016 13.79	468	—	17	2	29	88	307	22	3	33.3%
	2017 10.97	376	1	16	3	15	64	264	13	—	31.9%
Oxford	2016 21.31	1,218	1	26	7	22	242	875	31	14	36.8%
	2017 18.07	1,035	—	28	4	25	166	766	46	—	34.3%
Penobscot	2016 20.53	3,134	—	43	41	62	584	2,296	84	24	31.7%
	2017 16.56	2,516	2	29	21	48	386	1,950	77	3	39.7%
Piscataquis	2016 11.94	201	—	3	—	16	23	145	8	6	30.3%
	2017 10.55	177	—	2	—	3	27	135	10	—	24.3%
Sagadahoc	2016 12.37	435	—	3	—	13	69	332	7	11	30.6%
	2017 13.37	473	1	6	1	13	89	342	21	—	35.9%
Somerset	2016 21.19	1,080	3	21	10	46	179	777	37	7	32.8%
	2017 17.70	900	—	18	6	28	174	630	44	—	32.7%
Waldo	2016 11.38	447	—	5	1	19	101	291	19	11	21.9%
	2017 8.04	318	—	4	1	11	79	205	18	—	36.8%
Washington	2016 13.87	436	—	7	4	27	91	289	13	5	39.9%
	2017 8.85	277	—	5	4	10	71	177	10	—	30.7%
York	2016 18.12	3,664	2	72	33	200	637	2,583	101	36	28.9%
	2017 14.63	2,982	1	72	36	158	406	2,213	89	7	29.8%
Fire Marshal	2016 —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	2017 —	106	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	102	48.1%
MDEA	2016 —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	2017 —	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	50.0%
State Police	2016 —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	2017 —	1,363	11	36	10	91	385	759	70	1	41.5%
TOTALS	2016 17.84	23,748	18	383	266	1,002	3,991	17,104	775	209	34.7%
	2017 16.32	21,803	21	448	247	875	3,316	15,968	792	136	36.1%

<i>Total Index Crimes by County, January–December 2017</i>													
County	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Androscoggin	140	100	120	145	173	199	226	220	190	213	190	140	2,056
Aroostook	50	37	52	60	56	35	48	60	86	71	67	69	691
Cumberland	384	300	389	338	436	494	535	539	492	497	369	343	5,116
Franklin	32	31	32	30	21	23	58	33	38	36	20	23	377
Hancock	60	46	35	26	32	48	49	74	61	51	49	50	581
Kennebec	121	107	136	152	205	206	217	164	189	152	197	127	1,973
Knox	35	27	28	33	42	46	55	44	43	40	66	25	484
Lincoln	22	14	26	30	40	47	47	42	33	27	26	22	376
Oxford	60	50	59	74	100	107	96	124	116	101	71	77	1,035
Penobscot	187	148	168	223	233	307	263	222	246	210	162	147	2,516
Piscataquis	12	3	11	7	25	23	17	18	15	21	12	13	177
Sagadahoc	33	26	26	34	37	62	49	43	38	53	44	28	473
Somerset	72	45	54	79	110	96	86	86	68	84	73	47	900
Waldo	24	34	14	17	24	28	34	17	47	39	23	17	318
Washington	16	12	16	29	29	15	29	22	26	25	23	35	277
York	275	178	201	208	246	264	322	304	258	280	206	240	2,982
Fire Marshal	4	4	10	7	8	11	14	12	15	8	10	5	108
MDEA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
State Police	70	69	70	80	113	167	144	144	143	122	132	107	1,361
2017 Total	1,597	1,231	1,447	1,572	1,930	2,178	2,289	2,168	2,104	2,030	1,740	1,517	21,803
2016 Total	1,646	1,494	1,720	1,838	2,059	2,014	2,405	2,506	2,201	2,174	1,962	1,729	23,748
% Change	-3.0%	-17.6%	-15.9%	-14.5%	-6.3%	8.1%	-4.8%	-13.5%	-4.4%	-6.6%	-11.3%	-12.3%	-8.2%