

Characteristics — 2017

Victim-Offender Relationship

Non-Stranger to Non-Stranger.....	66.7%
Stranger to Stranger.....	4.2%
Unknown.....	29.2%

Type of Weapon Used

Firearm.....	47.6%
Knife/Cutting Instrument.....	14.3%
Other Dangerous Weapon.....	9.5%
Hands, Fists, Feet.....	19.0%
Other/Undetermined.....	9.5%

Months of Highest Occurrence

July.....	23.8%
February.....	19.0%
December.....	14.3%

Value of Property Stolen during Offense

Total.....	\$0.00
Per Incident Average.....	\$0.00

Clearance Rate

15 Offenses Cleared.....	71.4%
Arrests/Crime Ratio.....	0.62

**Profile of Persons Arrested
13 Arrests**

Age

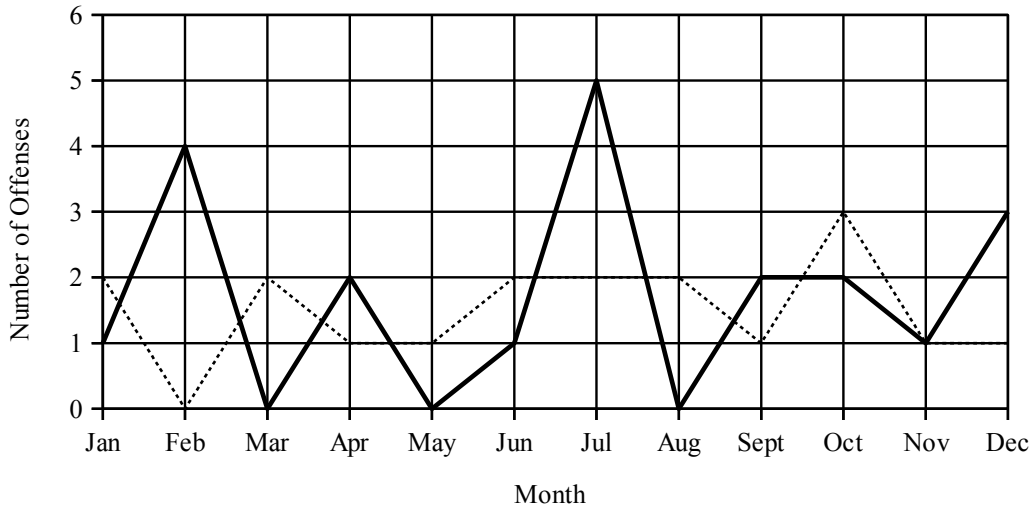
17 and under.....	—
18–24.....	15.4%
25–29.....	15.4%
30–34.....	7.7%
35–39.....	15.4%
40 and over.....	46.2%

1 offender committed suicide

Sex

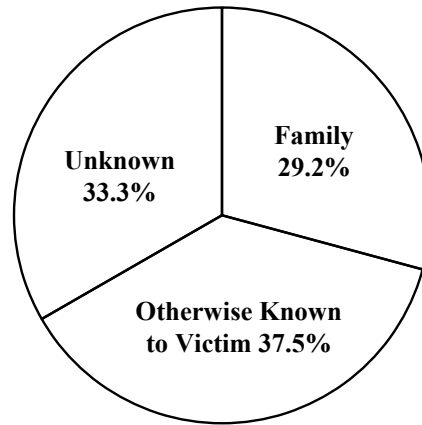
Male.....	69.2%
Female.....	30.8%

Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter — Comparative Data 2016–2017



Murder Distribution by Relationship (Victim to Offender)

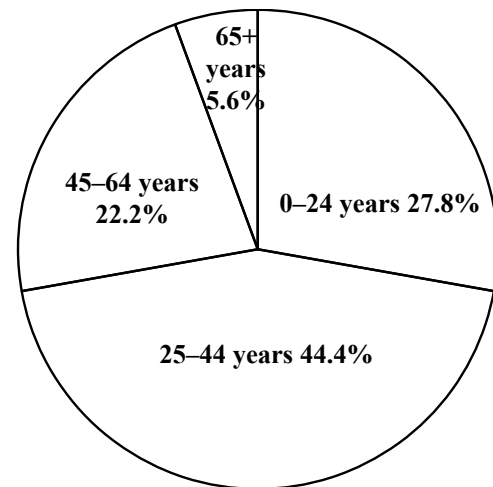
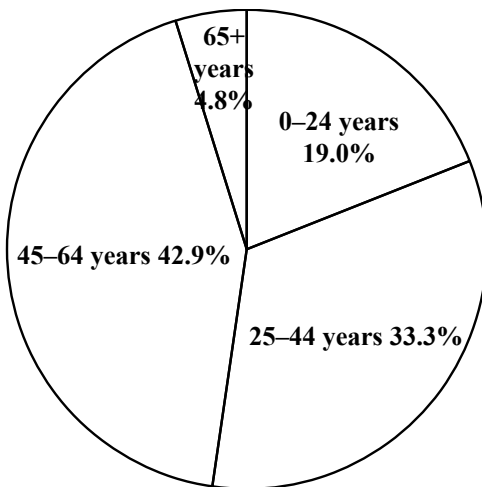
Relationship*	Number	% of Total
Ex-Husband	1	4.2%
Wife	2	8.3%
Son	3	12.5%
Father	1	4.2%
Total Family	6	29.2%
Girlfriend/Boyfriend	2	8.3%
Child in Care	1	4.2%
Acquaintance	6	25.0%
Stranger	1	4.2%
Unknown	7	29.2%
Total Other	18	70.8%
TOTAL	24	100.0%



*Number of relationships may not agree with number of victims due to instances of multiple offenders or multiple victims.

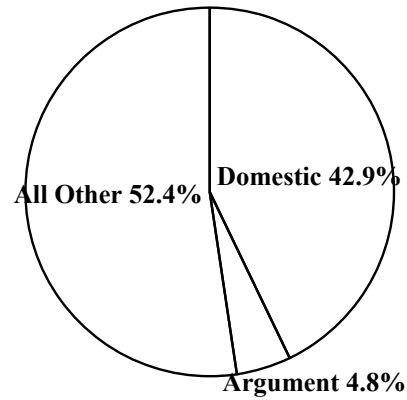
Murder Distribution by Age and Sex

Age of Victims	Male	Female	Total	Age of Offenders	Male	Female	Total
0-14 years	2	2	4	0-14 years	—	—	—
15-24 years	—	—	—	15-24 years	2	3	5
25-34 years	1	—	1	25-34 years	1	1	2
35-44 years	6	—	6	35-44 years	5	1	6
45-54 years	3	2	5	45-54 years	2	1	3
55-64 years	2	2	4	55-64 years	1	—	1
65+ years	1	—	1	65+ years	1	—	1
Total	15	6	21	Total	12	6	18



Murder Distribution by Circumstances

Circumstance**	Number	% of Total
Felony Total*	—	—
Domestic Conflict	9	42.9%
Argument	1	4.8%
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	4.8%
Other	5	23.8%
Unknown	5	23.8%
Other than Felony Total	21	100.0%
TOTAL	21	100.0%

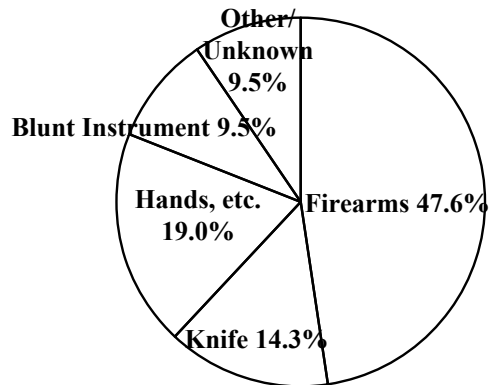


*Felony murder is defined as a killing which occurs in conjunction with the commission of another crime such as a robbery, arson, sexual assault or other felonious activities.

**Due to the unlimited set of possible circumstances surrounding homicides, it is difficult to provide a clear-cut or precise statistical category. In the intent of uniformity, the number of circumstance categories has been kept to a minimum. Caution is suggested in drawing generalizations from the data without more deliberate analysis. This table makes no attempt to analyze the motives of offenders, but rather to display general circumstances surrounding the events.

Murder Distribution by Weapon

Weapon	Number	% of Total
Firearm	10	47.6%
Knife, Cutting Instrument	3	14.3%
Hands, Fists, Feet	4	19.0%
Blunt Instrument	2	9.5%
Other/Unknown	2	9.5%
Total	21	100.0%



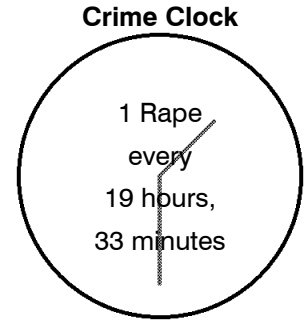
RAPE

New definition: Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

“A person is guilty of gross sexual assault if that person engages in a sexual act (direct genital contact) with another person and the person submits as a result of compulsion.”
M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 253

This definition includes either gender of victim or offender. Sexual penetration means the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another or by a sex-related object. This definition also includes instances in which the victim is incapable of giving consent because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity (including due to the influence of drugs or alcohol) or because of age. Physical resistance is not required on the part of the victim to demonstrate lack of consent.

Maine has experienced increased availability in services such as rape crisis centers providing 24-hour hot lines and counselors, witness/victim assistants in district attorneys’ offices, improved medical practices and increased sensitivity by law enforcement personnel. The increased number of offenses identified in this report may be, in part, influenced by the increasing confidence of victims in the criminal justice system.



<i>Trend</i>						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013–2017
Number reported	359	356	373	383	448	
% change from previous year	-2.4%	-0.8%	4.8%	2.7%	17.0%	% change 24.8%
Rate per 1,000	0.28	0.27	0.28	0.29	0.34	
% change from previous year	-3.5%	-4.4%	3.9%	2.5%	16.6%	% change 19.8%

<i>Characteristics — 2017</i>	
Type of Offense	
Rape.....	98.0%
Attempts to Rape.....	2.0%
Months of Highest Occurrence	
May.....	11.2%
October.....	10.9%
June.....	10.5%
Value of Property Stolen during Offense	
Total.....	\$1.00
Per Incident Average.....	\$0.00
Clearance Rate	
165 Offenses Cleared.....	36.8%
Arrests/Crime Ratio.....	0.17

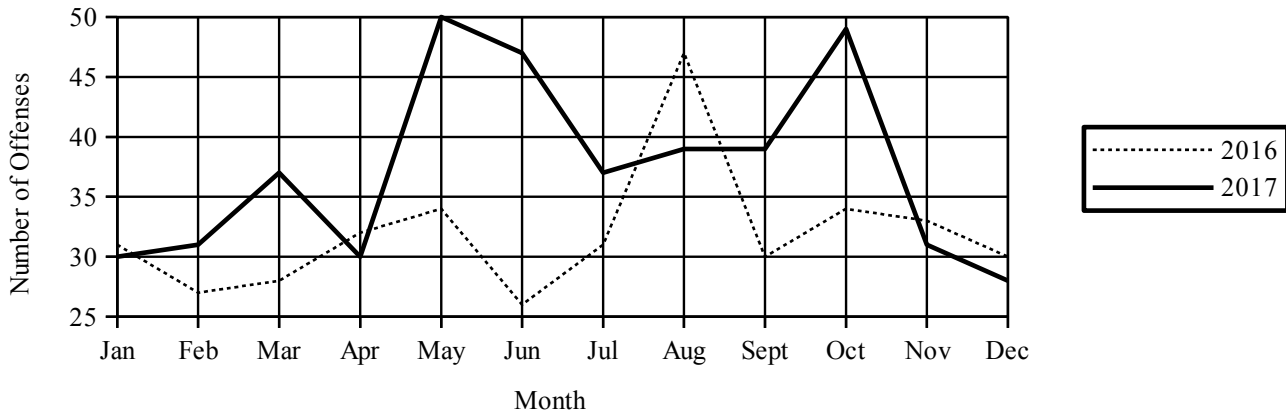
<i>Profile of Persons Arrested</i>	
74 Arrests	
Age	
17 and under.....	21.6%
18–24.....	23.0%
25–29.....	4.1%
30–34.....	14.9%
35–39.....	5.4%
40 and over.....	31.1%
Sex	
Male.....	97.3%
Female.....	2.7%

Historical rape definition: The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.

The FBI UCR program changed the definition of rape and removed the term “forcible” in 2011. However, to understand the trend in sex offenses during the transition period, rape offenses should be reported according to the new and the historical definition.

<i>Rape by Type of Offense, 2016–2017</i>			
	2016	2017	% change
Rape	370	439	18.6%
Attempted Rape	13	9	-30.8%
Totals	383	448	17.0%

Rapes — Comparative Data 2016-2017

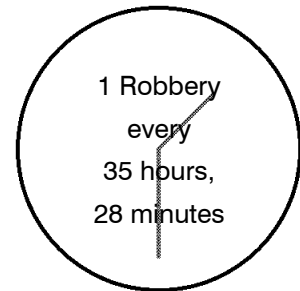


ROBBERY

Robbery is defined by UCR as “the felonious and forcible taking of the property of another against his will by violence or by putting him in fear.” All attempts to rob are included in the UCR report.

“1. A person is guilty of robbery if he commits or attempts to commit theft and at the time of his actions: A. He recklessly inflicts bodily injury on another; B. He threatens to use force against any person present with the intent (1) to prevent or overcome resistance to the taking of the property, ...; or (2) to compel the person in control of the property to give it up ...; C. He uses physical force on another with the intent enumerated in paragraph B, subparagraphs (1) and (2); D. He intentionally inflicts or attempts to inflict bodily injury on another; or E. He or an accomplice to his knowledge is armed with a dangerous weapon ...” M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 65, 1

Crime Clock



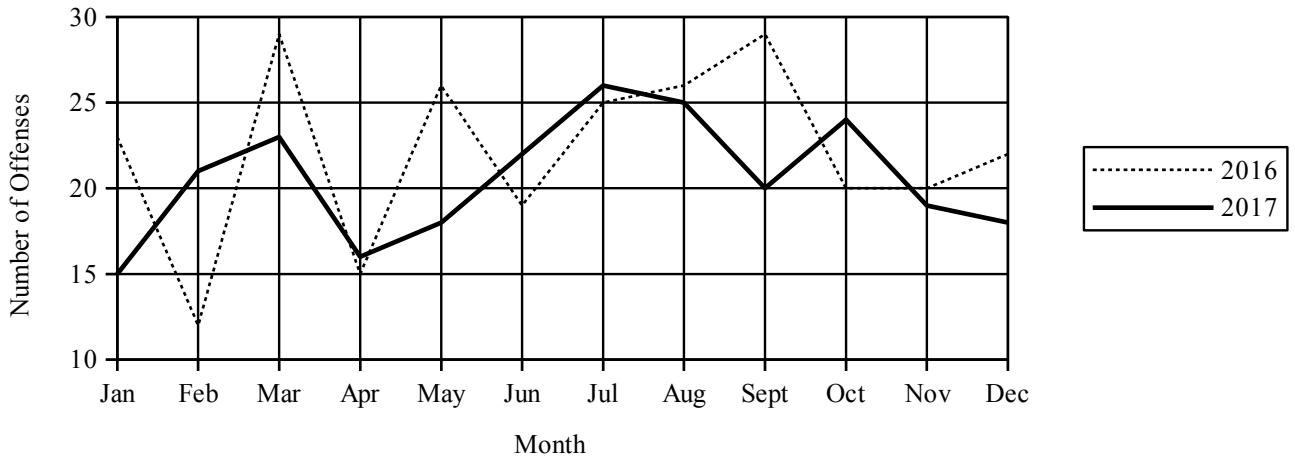
Trend

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013–2017
Number reported	335	304	311	266	247	
% change from previous year	-20.4%	-9.3%	2.3%	-14.5%	-7.1%	% change -26.3%
Rate per 1,000	0.25	0.23	0.23	0.20	0.18	
% change from previous year	-21.2%	-8.6%	1.7%	-14.6%	-7.5%	% change -26.0%

Characteristics — 2017

Type of Weapon Used	Months of Highest Occurrence
Firearm.....22.7%	July.....10.5%
Knife/Cutting Instrument.....12.1%	August.....10.1%
Other Dangerous Weapon.....12.1%	October.....9.7%
Hands, Fists, Feet.....53.0%	
	Value of Property Stolen during Offense
	Total.....\$297,744.00
	Per Incident Average.....\$1,205.44
	Clearance Rate
	128 Offenses Cleared.....51.8%
	Arrest/Crime Ratio.....0.50

Robberies — Comparative Data 2016-2017



***Profile of Persons Arrested
124 Arrests***

Age	
17 and under.....	9.7%
18-24.....	30.6%
25-29.....	21.8%
30-34.....	12.9%
35-39.....	12.1%
40 and over.....	12.9%
Sex	
Male.....	81.5%
Female.....	18.5%

Robbery by Weapon Type, 2016-2017

	2016	2017	% change
Firearm	59	56	-5.1%
Knife	40	30	-25.0%
Other Weapon	34	30	-11.8%
Strong Arm	133	131	-1.5%
Totals	266	247	-7.1%

Robbery by Classification, 2016-2017

	Number of Offenses			Value Stolen		
	2016	2017	% change	2016	2017	% change
Highway	67	59	-11.9%	\$9,422	\$25,196	167.4%
Commercial House	46	39	-15.2%	\$58,320	\$106,882	83.3%
Gas/Service Station	7	9	28.6%	\$2,840	\$2,435	-14.3%
Convenience Store	23	29	26.1%	\$5,134	\$3,731	-27.3%
Residence	82	49	-40.2%	\$71,161	\$101,149	42.1%
Bank/Lending Inst.	5	12	140.0%	\$6,936	\$22,021	217.5%
Miscellaneous	36	50	38.9%	\$16,900	\$36,330	115.0%
Totals	266	247	-7.1%	\$170,713	\$297,744	74.4%

<i>Robbery Type by County</i>								
County or Agency	Highway	Commercial House	Gas Station	Convenience Store	Residence	Bank	Misc.	Total
Androscoggin								
2017	4	6	1	13	13	1	6	44
2016	6	7	—	—	11	—	6	30
Aroostook								
2017	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	5
2016	2	—	—	1	2	—	1	6
Cumberland								
2017	37	12	2	4	10	6	15	86
2016	33	18	2	6	19	1	15	94
Franklin								
2017	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
2016	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Hancock								
2017	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
2016	1	1	1	—	2	—	1	6
Kennebec								
2017	5	1	1	6	4	—	5	22
2016	4	6	1	6	10	1	1	29
Knox								
2017	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
2016	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Lincoln								
2017	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	3
2016	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Oxford								
2017	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	4
2016	3	—	1	1	1	1	—	7
Penobscot								
2017	6	5	1	1	4	1	3	21
2016	11	8	1	3	12	1	5	41
Piscataquis								
2017	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
2016	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Sagadahoc								
2017	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
2016	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Somerset								
2017	1	2	2	—	1	—	—	6
2016	2	—	1	3	3	—	1	10
Waldo								
2017	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
2016	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Washington								
2017	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	4
2016	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	4
York								
2017	6	6	—	3	9	1	11	36
2016	5	6	—	2	14	—	6	33
Fire Marshal								
2017	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
2016	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
MDEA								
2017	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
2016	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
State Police								
2017	—	6	—	—	3	—	1	10
2016	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

An aggravated assault is an attempt or offer, with unlawful force or violence, to do physical injury to another. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or other means likely to produce death or serious bodily injury. Attempts are included since it is not necessary that an injury result when a gun, knife, or other weapon is used which could and probably would result in serious personal injury if the crime is successfully completed. Assaults with personal weapons (hands, fists, feet) are scored as aggravated if there is personal injury requiring more than simple first aid to treat.

Aggravated Assault: "I. A person is guilty of aggravated assault if he ... causes: A. Serious bodily injury to another; or, B. Bodily injury to another with use of a dangerous weapon; or, C. Bodily injury to another under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life." M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 208

Assault while Hunting: "I. A person is guilty of assault while hunting if ... he, with criminal negligence, causes bodily injury to another with the use of a dangerous weapon." M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 208-A

Assault on an Officer: "I. A person is guilty of assault on an officer if: A. ... causes bodily injury to a law enforcement officer while the officer is in the performance of his official duties; or, B. While in custody in a penal institution or other facility pursuant to an arrest or ... court order, he commits an assault on a member of the staff of the institution ..." M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 752-A

Not included in this class are simple (non-aggravated) assaults. Simple assaults are non-index offenses, although a record is kept of these assaults on an "offenses known to police" form. During 2017 there were 9,527 simple assaults reported (+2.2% from 2016), with a clearance rate of 71.0%. These simple assaults are included in the report of domestic assaults, and assaults on law enforcement officers.



<i>Trend</i>						
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013–2017
Number reported	943	900	916	1,002	875	
% change from previous year	17.4%	-4.6%	1.8%	9.4%	-12.7%	% change -7.2%
Rate per 1,000	0.71	0.68	0.69	0.75	0.65	
% change from previous year	18.3%	-4.7%	1.3%	9.2%	-13.0%	% change -7.7%

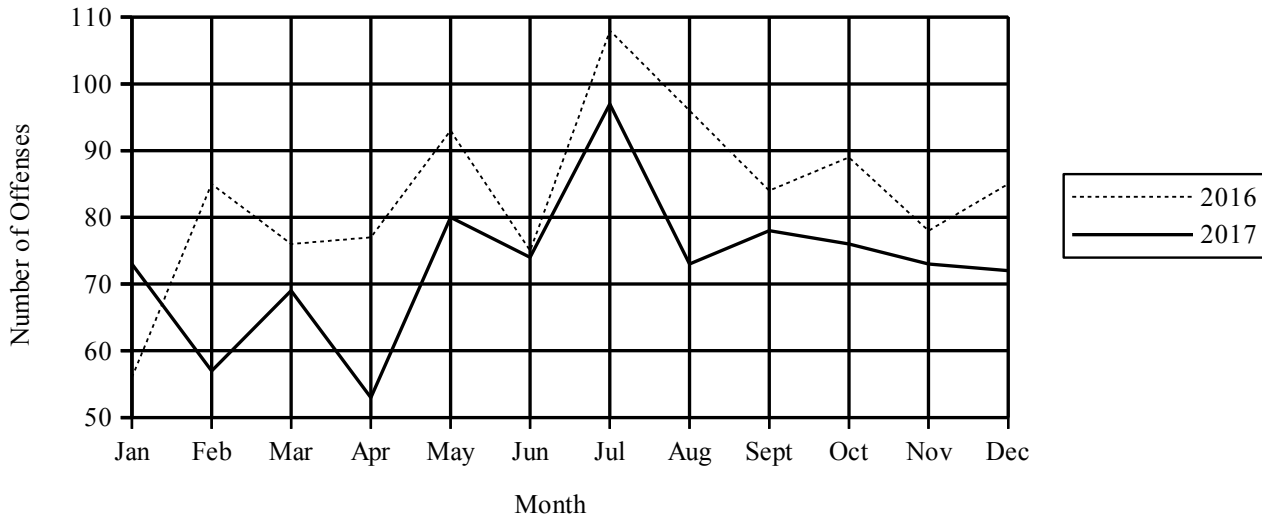
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Type of Weapon Used	
Firearm.....	9.0%
Knife/Cutting Instrument.....	16.1%
Other Dangerous Weapon.....	28.6%
Hands, Fists, Feet.....	46.3%
Months of Highest Occurrence	
July.....	11.1%
May.....	9.1%
September.....	8.9%
Clearance Rate	
711 Offenses Cleared.....	81.3%
Arrests/Crime Ratio.....	0.64

<i>Profile of Persons Arrested 560 Arrests</i>	
Age	
17 and under.....	5.5%
18–24.....	17.7%
25–29.....	18.4%
30–34.....	18.4%
35–39.....	14.3%
40 and over.....	25.7%
Sex	
Male.....	87.0%
Female.....	13.0%

Aggravated Assault by Weapon Type, 2016–2017

	Firearm	Knife	Other Weapon	Strong Arm	Totals
2016	74	160	229	539	1,002
2017	79	141	250	405	875
% change	6.8%	-11.9%	9.2%	-24.9%	-12.7%

Aggravated Assault — Comparative Data 2016–2017



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Due to problems of abuse and domestic violence between family or household members, the 109th Maine Legislature enacted a law entitled “An Act Concerning Abuse between Household and Family Members.” The law, Chapter 578 of the Public Laws of 1979, mandates the reporting of domestic violence data by law enforcement agencies and the collection of such data (Title 19, § 770 [1]) by the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit, State Bureau of Identification, Department of Public Safety.

During 2017:

- Of a grand total of 10,402 reported assaults, 4,178 or 40.2% were identified as occurring between household or family members.
- Domestic assaults decreased 10.6% (497 offenses) from the 2016 figure of 4,675.
- Law enforcement agencies cleared 3,783 domestic assaults for a clearance rate of 90.5%.
- Of the 4,178 domestic assaults, 96.7% involved personal weapons (hands, fists, feet).

Crime Clock



***Domestic Violence Assaults
Comparison Data 2016–2017***

Situation/Relationships	2016 Number of Offenses	2016 % of Total	2017 Number of Offenses	2017 % of Total
Male Assault on Female				
Firearm	15	0.3	6	0.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	14	0.3	16	0.4
Other Dangerous Weapon	63	1.3	37	0.9
Hands, Aggravated Injury	223	4.8	227	5.4
Hands, Not Aggravated	2,203	47.1	1,978	47.3
Total Male Assault on Female	2,518	53.9	2,264	54.2
Female Assault on Male				
Firearm	1	< 0.1	2	< 0.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	14	0.3	9	0.2
Other Dangerous Weapon	26	0.6	18	0.4
Hands, Aggravated Injury	17	0.4	10	0.2
Hands, Not Aggravated	718	15.4	669	16.0
Total Female Assault on Male	776	16.6	708	16.9
Parent Assault on Child				
Firearm	—	—	—	—
Knife, Cutting Instrument	2	< 0.1	3	< 0.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	10	0.2	4	< 0.1
Hands, Aggravated Injury	58	1.2	29	0.7
Hands, Not Aggravated	371	7.9	332	7.9
Total Parent Assault on Child	441	9.4	368	8.8
Child Assault on Parent				
Firearm	—	—	—	—
Knife, Cutting Instrument	5	0.1	8	0.2
Other Dangerous Weapon	5	0.1	10	0.2
Hands, Aggravated Injury	21	0.4	16	0.4
Hands, Not Aggravated	394	8.4	345	8.3
Total Child Assault on Parent	425	9.1	379	9.1
All Other Domestic Assaults				
Firearm	1	< 0.1	3	< 0.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	11	0.2	10	0.2
Other Dangerous Weapon	14	0.3	13	0.3
Hands, Aggravated Injury	41	0.9	25	0.6
Hands, Not Aggravated	448	9.6	408	9.8
Total Male Assault on Female	515	11.0	459	11.0
Grand Total All Domestic Assaults	4,675	100.0	4,178	100.0
Domestic Assaults/Type of Weapon				
Firearm	17	0.4	11	0.3
Knife, Cutting Instrument	46	1.0	46	1.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	118	2.5	82	2.0
Hands, Aggravated Injury	360	7.7	307	7.3
Hands, Not Aggravated	4,134	88.4	3,732	89.3
Total Domestic Assaults	4,675	100.0	4,178	100.0
Total All Domestic Assaults	4,675	45.3	4,178	40.2
Total All Reported Assaults	10,322	100.0	10,402	100.0