

CRIME IN MAINE 1995 — HIGHLIGHTS



During 1995 the crime clock average in Maine reflected the following:

VIOLENT CRIMES: 1 every 5 hours, 20 minutes1 Murder every 18 days, 6 hours
 1 Rape every 32 hours, 41 minutes
 1 Robbery every 26 hours, 28 minutes
 1 Aggravated Assault every 8 hours, 35 minutes

PROPERTY CRIMES: 1 every 13 minutes, 14 seconds1 Burglary every 57 minutes, 1 second
 1 Larceny every 18 minutes, 26 seconds
 1 Motor Vehicle Theft every 5 hours, 6 minutes
 1 Arson every 34 hours, 54 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 1995 was 33.47 per 1,000. The comparable rate for 1994 was 32.95. The 1995 state population is estimated at 1,235,000 persons.

INDEX OFFENSESThere were 41,334 Index Offenses reported by police during 1995 — an increase of 646 offenses (1.6%) from the 40,688 similar offenses reported in 1994.

VIOLENT CRIMESMurder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault make up the Violent Crimes category. Violent crimes as a group increased by 43 offenses from 1994 for a 2.7% increase. During 1995 violent crimes totaled 1,641, compared to a 1994 total of 1,598. Violent crimes accounted for 4.0% of all reported index crimes (3.9% in 1994) and represent a crime rate of 1.33 per 1,000 population.

PROPERTY CRIMESProperty Crimes, consisting of Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson, rose in 1995 by 603 offenses (1.5%) from 1994. There were 39,693 offenses reported in 1995 with 39,090 being shown for 1994. Property crimes account for 96.0% of all index crimes with a crime rate of 32.14 offenses per 1,000 population.

MURDERThere were 21 murders committed in Maine during 1995 (including one that was later reclassified as justifiable homicide in self-defense) — down by 7 (-25.0%) from the 28 murders reported in 1994. Law enforcement

cleared 22 murders this year. Maine's 10-year average is 27 homicides annually.

- RAPE** Forcible Rapes decreased by 47 reported offenses during 1995. There were 315 offenses reported to police in 1994, compared to 268 in 1995. Of the total, 242 were actual rapes, while 26 were classified as attempts to commit forcible rape.
- ROBBERY** Robberies increased by 19.5% (54 offenses) during 1995, from 277 in 1994 to 331 in 1995.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** Law enforcement reported 1,021 Aggravated Assaults during 1995, an increase of 4.4% from the 1994 figure of 978. Simple assaults (a non-index crime) decreased by 7.0% during 1995 with 10,378 offenses reported.
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** All offenses of assault between family or household members are reported as Domestic Assault and account for 38.7% of all assaults. During 1995 police reported 4,412 offenses, an increase of 296 (+7.2%) from the 4,116 offenses reported in 1994.
- BURGLARY** The number of Burglaries during 1995 rose by 3.4% compared with those in 1994. There was an increase of 303 from the 1994 total of 8,915. The 9,218 burglaries reported statewide resulted in property loss totaling \$6,836,135. Burglaries represent 22.3% of all reported index offenses.
- LARCENY-THEFT** The crime of Larceny increased during 1995 by 1.3% from the 28,138 larceny offenses reported in 1994. Police reported 28,504 larceny crimes during 1995. Shoplifting and thefts from motor vehicles increased 1.2% and 5.5% respectively for 36.8% of all larceny crimes reported.
- MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** Motor Vehicle Theft registered a decrease of 36 offenses during 1995, from 1,756 in 1994 to 1,720. 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 1995 there were 251 arsons reported, down 30 (-10.7%) from the 281 arsons reported for 1994. Estimated property loss caused by arson totaled over \$2.7 million during 1995 — down 14.6%.
- HATE CRIME** Beginning in 1992, Hate Crime was added as a new reporting requirement. During 1995, police reported 76 incidents involving 97 victims and resulting in a total of 97 offenses.
- STOLEN/RECOVERED PROPERTY** During 1995 law enforcement agencies recorded \$24,478,069 worth of property stolen during the commission of index crimes — a decrease of 0.3% from the \$24,563,905 stolen during 1994. Police were able to recover 35.3% (\$8,646,164) of stolen property during 1995.

CLEARANCE RATE	Law enforcement agencies cleared 27.9% of all index crimes in 1995 — compared to 28.6% in 1994.
ARRESTS	The total number of persons arrested, summoned or cited by police, including juveniles and adults, was 51,084 — an increase of 6.2% from the 48,124 persons recorded in 1994. Drug arrests increased 12.6% with 2,855 adults and 563 juveniles charged with drug offenses.
OFFICER ASSAULTS	There were 288 assaults on law enforcement officers in 1995, a 21.5% decrease from the 1994 figure of 367.
POLICE EMPLOYMENT DATA	Statewide there were 2,048 full-time sworn law enforcement officers representing a ratio of 1.66 officers per 1,000 population. Nationally the average rate per 1,000 is .
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.