

## ***ARREST DATA***

In addition to the monthly reports on the number of index crimes reported, law enforcement agencies also submit monthly forms detailing the number of persons arrested. For UCR statistical purposes, “arrests” also include those persons cited or summonsed for criminal acts in lieu of actual physical custody. These forms categorize the arrests by offense classification (both Part I and Part II crimes), and by age, sex and race. The same individual may be arrested several times over a period of time; each separate arrest is counted. A person may be arrested on several charges at one time; only one arrest is counted and is listed under the most serious charge. For UCR purposes, a juvenile is counted as “arrested” when the circumstances are such that if he or she were an adult, an arrest would result; in fact, there may not have been a formal charge.

During 1996:

- 23.3% of all arrests were juveniles, 76.7% were adults.
- Index offenses accounted for 39.6% of juvenile arrests.
- For adults, 13.6% of arrests were for index offenses.
- Almost one third (31.3%) of adult arrests were between the ages of 25–34, inclusive.

The total number of arrests for 1996 was up 8.2%. Part I offenses were up 4.4%, Part II offenses were up 9.2%.

**The report form on juvenile arrests used by the police agencies in Maine includes a section on the disposition of each person. These categories are as follows.**

<b>Disposition</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent Distribution</b>
1. Handled within the department (released to parents, etc.)	2,709	21.1%
2. Referred to juvenile court or juvenile intake	9,591	74.6%
3. Referred to welfare agency (i.e., Dept. of Human Services)	20	0.2%
4. Referred to other police agency	103	0.8%
5. Referred to criminal or adult court	433	3.4%
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>12,856</b>	<b>100.1%</b>

(Percentages may not equal 100% because of rounding.)

Opposite is a summary of total arrests made this year and last. On page 50 begins a section showing arrests made by each reporting agency in the state. County arrest summaries and a statewide total may be found on pages 73–75.

The table on pages 76–77 shows total state arrests classified by age and sex; that on pages 78–79 gives arrest data for the last ten years; and that on page 80 shows a breakdown of arrests by age category.

<i>Total Arrests — Percent Change 1995–1996</i>			
<b>Offenses</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Murder	20	22	10.0%
Forcible Rape	89	77	-13.5%
Robbery	213	184	-13.6%
Aggravated Assault	536	619	15.5%
Burglary	1,887	2,118	12.2%
Larceny-Theft	7,037	7,182	2.1%
Motor Vehicle Theft	500	525	5.0%
Arson	134	145	8.2%
<b>Subtotal for Part I Offenses</b>	<b>10,416</b>	<b>10,872</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
Manslaughter	7	3	-57.1%
Other Assaults	6,737	6,990	3.8%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	253	243	-4.0%
Fraud	1,137	1,369	20.4%
Embezzlement	13	14	7.7%
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Possess	430	439	2.1%
Vandalism	2,016	1,981	-1.7%
Weapons: Possession, etc.	315	312	-1.0%
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	76	50	-34.2%
Sex Offenses	354	318	-10.2%
Drug Abuse Violations	3,418	4,086	19.5%
Gambling	0	3	100.0%
Offenses against Family	274	213	-22.3%
Driving under the Influence	7,170	8,050	12.3%
Liquor Laws	2,463	2,831	14.9%
Drunkenness	32	35	9.4%
Disorderly Conduct	1,672	1,963	17.4%
All Other (except Traffic)	13,685	14,831	8.4%
Curfew and Loitering	92	100	8.7%
Runaways	524	567	8.2%
<b>Subtotal for Part II Offenses</b>	<b>40,668</b>	<b>44,398</b>	<b>9.2%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS — ARRESTS</b>	<b>51,084</b>	<b>55,270</b>	<b>8.2%</b>