

MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER SUMMARY, 1997

Date and Location of Incident	Victim		Assailant		Weapon Used	Relationship of Victim to Offender	Circumstances
	Age	Sex	Age	Sex			
01/24/97 Bangor	46	M			Handgun		Victim shot at home.
02/28/97 Lewiston	38	M	34 31	M M	Hands/feet	Acquaintance	Victim robbed and beaten to death.
03/15/97 Bangor*	19	M	18	M	Shotgun	Acquaintance	Victim assaulted offender at offender's residence. Offender shot victim.
03/17/97 Presque Isle	16	M	16	M	Knife	Acquaintance	Victim and offender fighting. Victim stabbed to death outside high school.
04/18/97 Westbrook	33	M	33	M	Hands	Acquaintance	Victim and offender argued. Victim beaten to death outside bar.
04/28/97 Lewiston	34	M	27 24	M M	Club	Acquaintance	Victim was beaten to death in a motel room during a robbery.
05/11/97 Scarborough	59	F	22 20	M F	Hands	Stranger	Victim beaten to death during a robbery, after leaving work at a supermarket.
05/12/97 Detroit*	21	M	17	M	Hands/feet	Acquaintance	Victim and offender drinking throughout day. Victim sustained injuries due to the fighting and died.
06/24/97 Portland	24 23 23	M M M	26	M	Handgun	Acquaintance Acquaintance Acquaintance	Victims shot outside of offender's home, during an ongoing argument.
06/30/97 Saco	Newborn	F	38	F	Strangulation	Daughter	Mother strangled newborn daughter.
07/15/97 Lebanon	58	F	67	M	Handgun	Wife	Husband shot wife, then shot himself (murder/suicide).
08/13/97 Portland	12	M	17	M	Handgun	Acquaintance	Youths pointing guns at one another. Offender shot and killed victim.
08/15/97 Kennebunkport	18	M	24	M	Handgun	Acquaintance	Victim and offender argued. Offender shot victim.
08/15/97 Masardis	55 57	M M			Firearm		Victims found in shallow grave. Both were shot to death, probably in 1994.
09/04/97 Cornish*	23	M	19	M	Knife	Acquaintance	Victim assaulted estranged wife. Victim was then stabbed by estranged wife's boyfriend.
10/16/97 North Berwick	79	M					Victim found deceased in his residence.
12/15/97 Winter Harbor	Infant	F	25	M	Shaken	Girlfriend's daughter	Offender shook victim in an attempt to quiet the infant.
12/18/97 Farmingdale	4	F	34	F	Beaten/hands	Daughter	Victim beaten to death by child's mother.
12/29/97 Fairfield	20	F	27	M	Knife	Ex-girlfriend	Former boyfriend stabbed victim to death.

*Originally reported as a homicide, later determined to be a justifiable homicide.



MURDER AND NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER

Murder and non-negligent manslaughter are described by UCR as the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another — or a death that results from the commission of another criminal act.

Murder — “1. A person is guilty of murder if: A. He intentionally or knowingly causes the death of another human being; B. He engages in conduct which manifests a depraved indifference to the value of human life ...; or C. ... causes another human being to commit suicide by the use of force, duress or deception.” M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 201

Felony Murder — “1. A person is guilty of felony murder if acting alone or with one or more other persons in the commission or attempt to commit immediate flight after committing or attempting to commit ... [another felony offense], he or another participant in fact causes the death of another human being ...” M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 202

Manslaughter — “1. A person is guilty of manslaughter if he: B. ... causes the death of another human being ... while under the influence of extreme anger or extreme fear ...” M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 203

Not included in the count for this offense classification are deaths caused by negligence, suicide, or accident. Although manslaughter by negligence is recorded on the “offenses known to police” form along with murder, it is not considered an index offense and is not discussed in this report. Attempts to murder or assaults to murder are scored as aggravated assaults and not murder.

Crime Clock



Year	Trend					1993-1997
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Number reported	16	28	20	25	19	
% change from previous year	-36.0%	75.0%	-28.6%	25.0%	-24.0%	% change 18.8%
Rate per 1,000	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	
% change from previous year	-50.0%	100.0%	—	—	—	% change 100.0%

Characteristics — 1997

Victim-Offender Relationship

Non-Stranger to Non-Stranger73.7%
 Stranger to Stranger5.3%
 Unknown21.1%

Type of Weapon Used

Firearm47.4%
 Knife/Cutting Instrument.....10.5%
 Other Dangerous Weapon.....5.3%
 Hands, Fists, Feet26.3%
 Other/Undetermined10.5%

Months of Highest Occurrence

June, August21.1%
 December15.8%

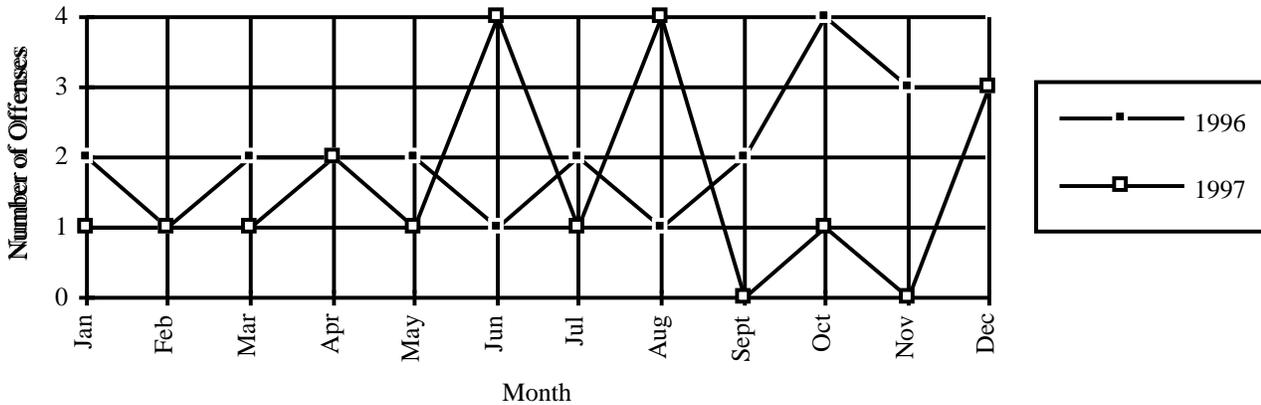
Value of Property Stolen during Offense

Total\$6,050.00
 Per Incident Average.....\$318.42

Clearance Rate

15 Offenses Cleared.....78.9%
 Arrests/Crime Ratio.....0.63

Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter — Comparative Data 1996-1997

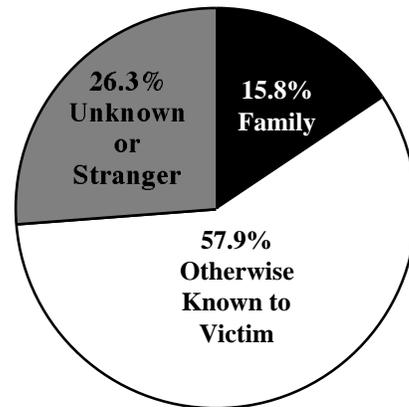


Profile of Persons Arrested — 12 Arrests

Age	Sex
17 and under.....16.7%	Male.....100.0%
18-24.....25.0%	Female.....0.0%
25-29.....25.0%	
30-34.....8.3%	
35-39.....16.7%	
40 and over.....8.3%	
1 offender committed suicide	

Murder Distribution by Relationship (Victim to Offender)

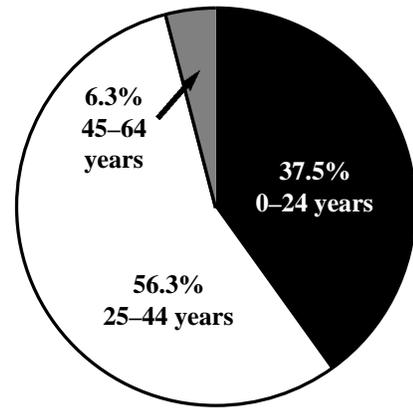
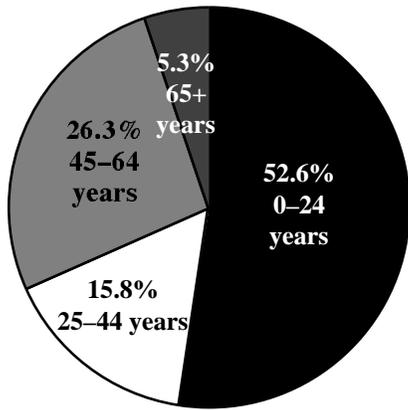
Relationship*	Number	% of Total
Wife	1	5.3%
Daughter	2	10.5%
Total Family	3	15.8%
Girlfriend/Boyfriend	1	5.3%
Acquaintance	10	52.6%
Stranger	1	5.3%
Unknown	4	21.1%
Total Other	16	84.2%
TOTAL	19	100.0%



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

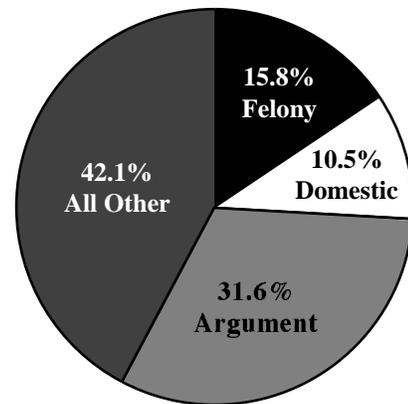
Murder Distribution by Age and Sex

Age of Victims	Male	Female	Total	Age of Offenders	Male	Female	Total
0-14 years	1	3	4	0-14 years	—	—	—
15-24 years	5	1	6	15-24 years	5	1	6
25-34 years	2	—	2	25-34 years	7	1	8
35-44 years	1	—	1	35-44 years	—	1	1
45-54 years	1	—	1	45-54 years	—	—	—
55-64 years	2	2	4	55-64 years	—	—	—
65+ years	1	—	1	65+ years	1	—	1
Total	13	6	19	Total	13	3	16



Murder Distribution by Circumstances

Circumstance**	Number	% of Total
Robbery	3	15.8%
Felony Total*	3	15.8%
Domestic Conflict	2	10.5%
Argument	6	31.6%
Child Abuse/Neglect	3	15.8%
Other	1	5.3%
Unknown	4	21.1%
Other than Felony Total	16	84.2%
TOTAL	19	100.0%

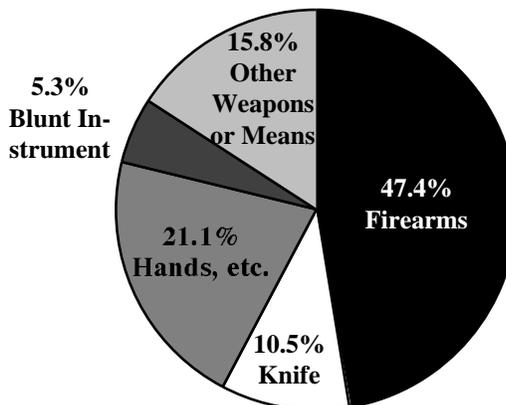


*Felony murder is defined as a killing which occurs in conjunction with the commission of another crime such as a robbery, arson, sexual assault or other felonious activities.

**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	2	10.5%
Handgun	7	36.8%
Knife, Cutting Instrument	2	10.5%
Hands, Fists, Feet	4	21.1%
Blunt Instrument	1	5.3%
Strangled	1	5.3%
Other/Unknown	2	10.5%
Total	19	100.0%



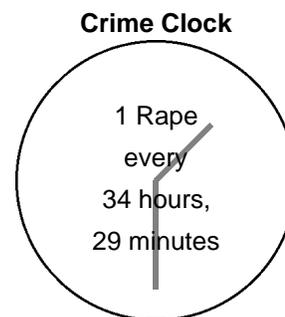
FORCIBLE RAPE

Forcible rape is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.

“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 category is broken down into two categories: Rape by Force, and Attempted Forcible Rape. Carnal abuse without force (statutory rape) and other sex offenses are not included.

Forcible rape differs from other violent crimes in that the victim, in many cases, is reluctant to report the offense to police. The investigation by police, medical examination, court procedure, embarrassment and fear of any accompanying stigma have a deterrent effect on the victim’s willingness to make the offense known to police.



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.

Trend

Year	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1993-1997
Number reported	348	315	268	266	254	
% change from previous year	16.8%	-9.5%	-14.9	-0.7%	-4.5%	
						% change -27.0%
Rate per 1,000	0.28	0.26	0.22	0.22	0.21	
% change from previous year	16.7%	-7.1%	-15.4%	—	-4.5%	
						% change -25.0%

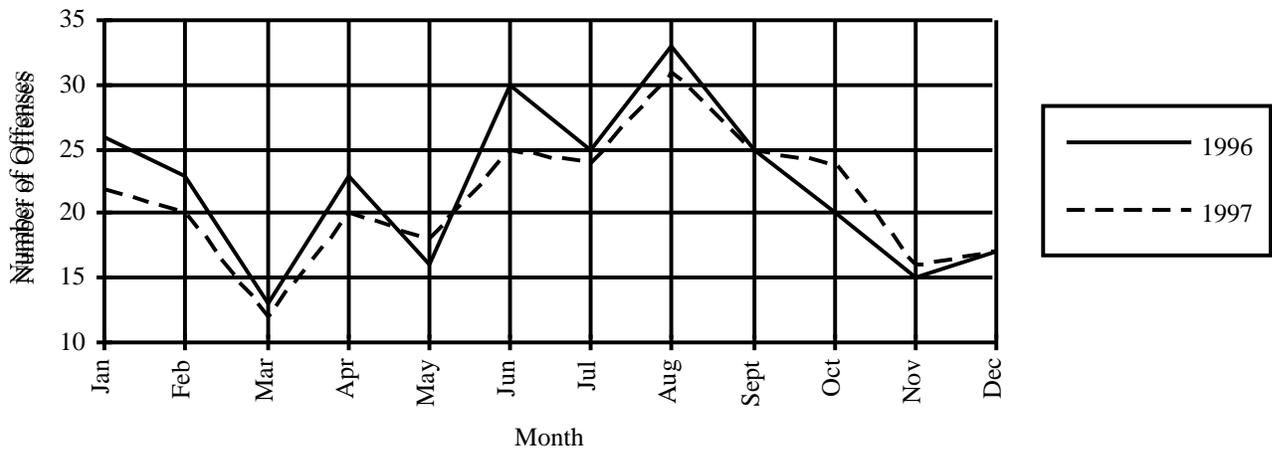
Characteristics — 1997

Type of Offense	
Rape by Force	92.1%
Attempts to Rape.....	7.9%
Months of Highest Occurrence	
August	12.2%
June, September	9.8%
July, October	9.4%
Value of Property Stolen during Offense	
Total.....	\$0.00
Per Incident Average	\$0.00
Clearance Rate	
113 Offenses Cleared.....	44.5%
Arrests/Crime Ratio.....	0.32

**Profile of Persons Arrested
81 Arrests**

Age	
17 and under.....	24.7%
18–24.....	22.2%
25–29.....	17.3%
30–34.....	13.6%
35–39.....	4.9%
40 and over.....	17.3%
Sex	
Male.....	100.0%
Female.....	0.0%

Rapes — Comparative Data 1996–1997



Rape by Type of Offense, 1996–1997

	1996	1997	% change
Forcible Rape	238	234	-1.7%
Attempted Rape	28	20	-28.6%
Totals	266	254	-4.5%



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 intentional-

ly 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



<i>Trend</i>						
Year	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1993-1997
Number reported	263	277	331	288	258	
% change from previous year	-9.6%	5.3%	19.5%	-13.0%	-10.4%	% change -1.9%
Rate per 1,000	0.21	0.22	0.27	0.23	0.21	
% change from previous year	-12.5%	4.8%	22.7%	-14.8%	-8.7%	% change —

Characteristics — 1997

Type of Weapon Used	Months of Highest Occurrence
Hands, Fists, Feet.....60.1%	January12.0%
Firearm.....17.1%	October11.2%
Knife/Cutting Instrument.....12.0%	November9.3%
Other Dangerous Weapon.....10.9%	
Place of Occurrence	Value of Property Stolen during Offense
Street, Alley.....39.9%	Total.....\$348,040.00
Business Establishment.....25.6%	Per Incident Average.....\$1,348.99
Residence17.1%	Clearance Rate
Miscellaneous.....16.7%	111 Offenses Cleared.....43.0%
Banks.....0.8%	Arrests/Crime Ratio.....0.69

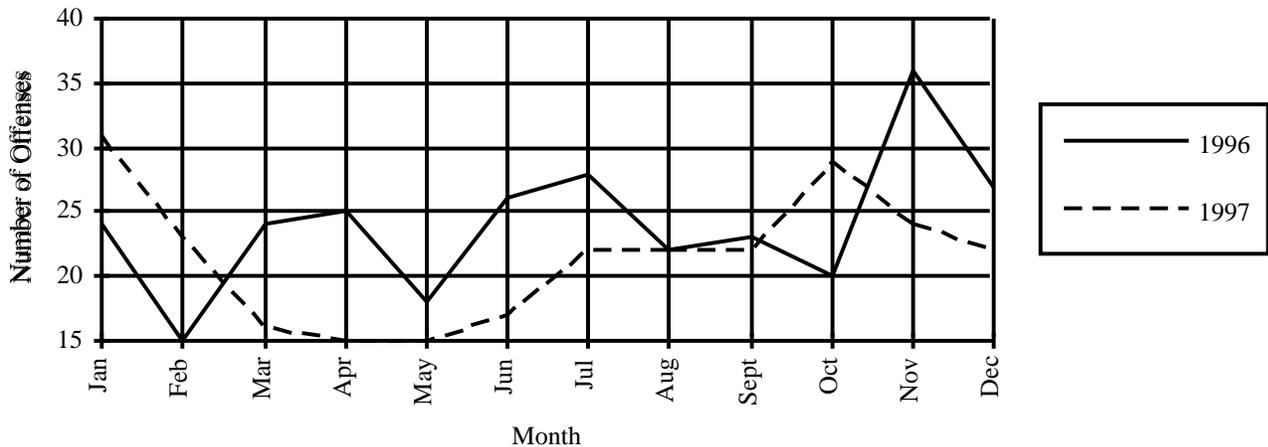
**Profile of Persons Arrested
179 Arrests**

Age	
17 and under.....	34.6%
18–24.....	36.9%
25–29.....	8.4%
30–34.....	8.4%
35–39.....	8.4%
40 and over.....	3.4%
Sex	
Male.....	94.4%
Female.....	5.6%

Robbery by Weapon Type, 1996–1997

	1996	1997	% change
Firearm	53	44	-17.0%
Knife	27	31	14.8%
Other Weapon	28	28	—
Strong Arm	180	155	-13.9%
Totals	288	258	-10.4%

Robberies — Comparative Data 1996–1997



Robbery by Classification, 1996–1997

Classification	Number of Offenses			1996	Value Stolen 1997	% change
	1996	1997	% change			
Highway	122	103	-15.6%	\$57,577.00	\$13,967.00	-75.7%
Commercial House	22	27	+22.7%	\$6,727.00	\$286,959.00	+4,165.8%
Gas/Service Station	5	7	+40.0%	\$1,134.00	\$3,336.00	+194.2%
Convenience Store	31	32	+3.2%	\$7,128.00	\$4,696.00	-34.1%
Residence	51	44	-13.7%	\$21,144.00	\$26,794.00	+26.7%
Bank/Lending Inst.	3	2	-33.3%	\$21,644.00	\$1,423.00	-93.4%
Miscellaneous	54	43	-20.4%	\$9,996.00	\$10,865.00	+8.7%
Totals	288	258	-10.4%	\$125,350.00	\$348,040.00	+177.7%

<i>Robbery Type by County</i>									
County	Highway	Commercial House	Gas Station	Convenience Store	Residence	Bank	Misc.	Total	
Androscoggin									
1997	13	—	1	2	12	1	7	36	
1996	25	3	—	3	6	—	6	43	
Aroostook									
1997	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	4	
1996	4	2	1	—	1	1	3	12	
Cumberland									
1997	66	16	4	14	19	1	6	126	
1996	66	12	2	13	25	1	20	139	
Franklin									
1997	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	
1996	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	
Hancock									
1997	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
1996	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	
Kennebec									
1997	5	2	—	5	—	—	5	17	
1996	8	1	—	6	5	—	6	26	
Knox									
1997	1	1	—	1	—	—	3	6	
1996	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	
Lincoln									
1997	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	
1996	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	
Oxford									
1997	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
1996	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	3	
Penobscot									
1997	9	2	—	4	6	—	4	25	
1996	7	1	—	4	3	1	3	19	
Piscataquis									
1997	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	
1996	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Sagadahoc									
1997	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	4	
1996	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	
Somerset									
1997	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	3	
1996	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	
Waldo									
1997	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	
1996	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	
Washington									
1997	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
1996	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	
York									
1997	7	3	1	4	4	—	12	31	
1996	12	2	1	1	6	—	13	35	



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.

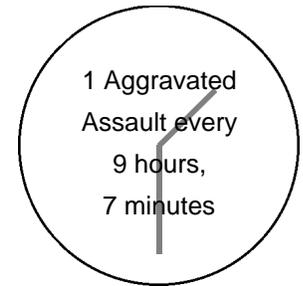
Aggravated Assault: "1. A person is guilty of aggravated assault if he ... causes: A. Serious bodily injury to another; or, B. Bodily injury to another with use of a dangerous weapon; or, C. Bodily injury to another under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life." M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 208

Assault while Hunting: "1. 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: "1. 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 1997 there were 10,251 simple assaults reported (-4.0% from 1996), with a clearance rate of 80.0%. These simple assaults are included in the report of domestic assaults, and assaults on law enforcement officers.

Crime Clock



Trend

Year	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1993-1997
Number reported	945	978	1,021	970	961	
% change from previous year	-5.6%	3.5%	4.4%	-5.0%	-0.9%	
						% change 1.7%
Rate per 1,000	0.77	0.79	0.83	0.79	0.78	
% change from previous year	-4.9%	2.6%	5.1%	-4.8%	-1.3%	
						% change 1.3%

Characteristics — 1997

Type of Weapon Used

Hands, Fists, Feet.....	51.4%
Other Dangerous Weapons	31.5%
Knife/Cutting Instrument.....	12.8%
Firearms.....	4.3%

Months of Highest Occurrence

August	10.4%
May	10.1%
September	9.7%

Clearance Rate

664 Offenses Cleared.....	69.1%
Arrests/Crime Ratio.....	0.53

Profile of Persons Arrested 513 Arrests

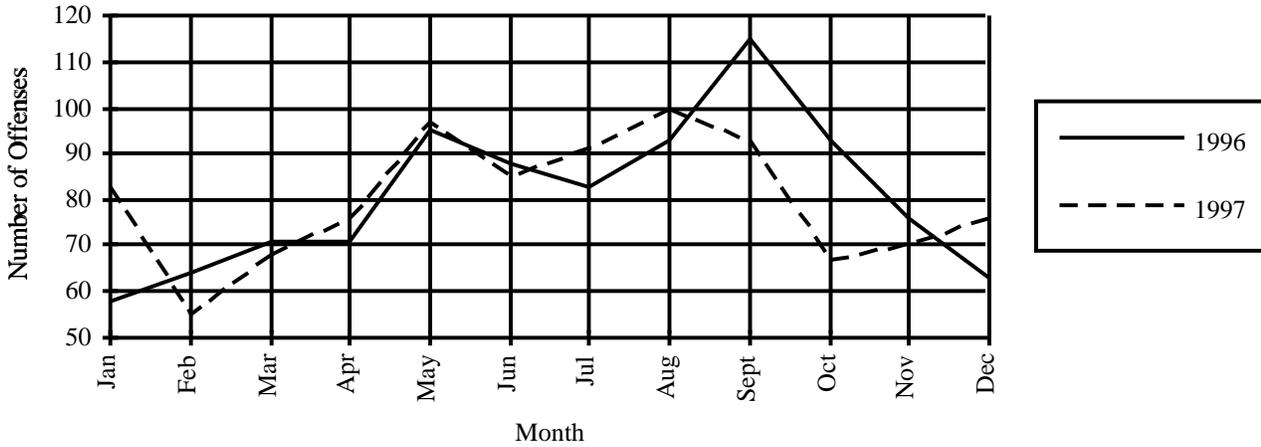
Age

17 and under.....	20.3%
18-24.....	24.4%
25-29.....	15.0%
30-34.....	12.7%
35-39.....	13.1%
40 and over.....	14.6%

Sex

Male.....	84.2%
Female.....	15.8%

Aggravated Assaults — Comparative Data 1996–1997



Aggravated Assault by Weapon Type, 1996–1997

	Firearm	Knife	Other Weapon	Strong Arm	Totals
1996	29	129	261	551	970
1997	41	123	303	494	961
% change	41.1%	-4.7%	16.1%	-10.3%	-0.9%

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 1997:

- Of a grand total of 11,212 reported assaults, 4,222 or 37.7% were identified as occurring between household

or family members.

- Domestic assaults increased 7.9% (308 offenses) from the 1996 figure of 3,914.
- Law enforcement agencies cleared 3,891 domestic assaults for a clearance rate of 92.2%.
- Of the 4,222 domestic assaults, 96.9% involved personal weapons (hands, fists, feet).



<i>Domestic Violence Assaults Comparison Data 1996–1997</i>				
Situations/Relationships	1996 Number of Offenses	1996 % of Total	1997 Number of Offenses	1997 % of Total
Male Assault on Female				
Firearm	6	.2	13	.3
Knife, Cutting Instrument	11	.3	17	.4
Other Dangerous Weapon	26	.7	26	.6
Hands, Aggravated Injury	84	2.1	68	1.6
Hands, Not Aggravated	2,423	61.9	2,566	60.8
Total Male Assault on Female	2,550	65.2	2,690	63.7
Female Assault on Male				
Firearm	—	<.1	2	<.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	13	.3	17	.4
Other Dangerous Weapon	6	.2	10	.2
Hands, Aggravated Injury	4	.1	4	<.1
Hands, Not Aggravated	388	9.9	430	10.2
Total Female Assault on Male	411	10.5	463	11.0
Parent Assault on Child				
Firearm	1	<.1	1	<.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	3	<.1	1	<.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	3	<.1	6	.1
Hands, Aggravated Injury	12	.3	9	.2
Hands, Not Aggravated	247	6.3	281	6.7
Total Parent Assault on Child	266	6.8	298	7.1
Child Assault on Parent				
Firearm	—	<.1	1	<.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	1	<.1	4	<.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	5	.1	4	<.1
Hands, Aggravated Injury	7	.2	3	<.1
Hands, Not Aggravated	238	6.1	257	6.1
Total Child Assault on Parent	251	6.4	269	6.4
All Other Domestic Assaults				
Firearm	2	<.1	4	<.1
Knife, Cutting Instrument	4	.1	6	.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	9	.2	19	.5
Hands, Aggravated Injury	24	.6	21	.5
Hands, Not Aggravated	397	10.1	452	10.7
Total All Other Domestic Assaults	436	11.1	502	11.9
Grand Total All Domestic Assaults	3,914	100.0	4,222	100.0
Domestic Assaults/Type of Weapon				
Firearm	9	.2	21	.5
Knife, Cutting Instrument	32	.8	45	1.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	49	1.3	65	1.5
Hands, Aggravated Injury	131	3.3	105	2.5
Hands, Not Aggravated	3,693	94.4	3,986	94.4
Total Domestic Assaults	3,914	100.0	4,222	100.0
Total All Domestic Assaults	3,914	33.6	4,222	37.7
Total All Reported Assaults	11,646	100.0	11,212	100.0

Breakdown of Reported Domestic Assaults by County, 1996–1997

County	1996 Number of Offenses	1996 Percent of Total	1997 Number of Offenses	1997 Percent of Total	Percent Change Offenses
Androscoggin	327	8.4%	308	7.3%	-5.8%
Aroostook	237	6.1%	282	6.7%	19.0%
Cumberland	962	24.6%	984	23.3%	2.3%
Franklin	87	2.2%	92	2.2%	5.7%
Hancock	117	3.0%	124	2.9%	6.0%
Kennebec	282	7.2%	257	6.1%	-8.9%
Knox	83	2.1%	109	2.6%	31.3%
Lincoln	67	1.7%	82	1.9%	22.4%
Oxford	144	3.7%	131	3.1%	-9.0%
Penobscot	441	11.3%	528	12.5%	19.7%
Piscataquis	54	1.4%	37	0.9%	-31.5%
Sagadahoc	136	3.5%	214	5.1%	57.4%
Somerset	157	4.0%	163	3.9%	3.8%
Waldo	74	1.9%	56	1.3%	-24.3%
Washington	99	2.5%	119	2.8%	20.2%
York	647	16.5%	736	17.4%	13.8%
Totals	3,914	100.0%	4,222	100.0%	7.9%