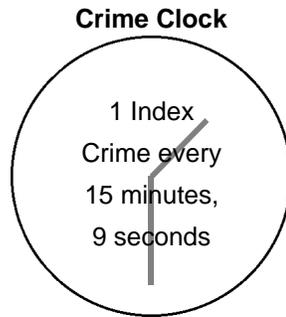


**CRIME IN MAINE 2001 — HIGHLIGHTS**



During 2001 the crime clock average in Maine reflected the following:

**VIOLENT CRIMES: 1 every 6 hours, 9 minutes** .....1 Murder every 19 days, 5 hours, 3 minutes  
 1 Rape every 27 hours, 12 minutes  
 1 Robbery every 33 hours, 18 minutes  
 1 Aggravated Assault every 10 hours, 42 minutes

**PROPERTY CRIMES: 1 every 15 minutes, 48 seconds** .....1 Burglary every 76 minutes, 25 seconds  
 1 Larceny every 21 minutes, 26 seconds  
 1 Motor Vehicle Theft every 5 hours, 15 minutes  
 1 Arson every 41 hours, 19 minutes

**CRIME RATE** .....The 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 2001 was 26.96 per 1,000. The comparable rate for 2000 was 26.25. The 2001 state population is estimated at 1,286,670 persons.

**INDEX OFFENSES** .....There were 34,695 Index Offenses reported by police during 2001 — an increase of 1,225 offenses (3.7%) from the 33,470 similar offenses reported in 2000.

**VIOLENT CRIMES** .....Murder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault make up the Violent Crimes category. Violent crimes as a group increased by 33 offenses from 2000 for a 2.4% increase. During 2001 violent crimes totaled 1,423, compared to a 2000 total of 1,390. Violent crimes accounted for 4.1% of all reported index crimes (4.2% in 2000) and represent a crime rate of 1.11 per 1,000 population.

**PROPERTY CRIMES** .....Property Crimes, consisting of Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson, rose in 2001 by 1,192 offenses (3.7%) from 2000. There were 33,272 offenses reported in 2001 with 32,080 being shown for 2000. Property crimes account for 95.9% of all index crimes with a crime rate of 25.86 offenses per 1,000 population.

**MURDER** .....There were 19 murders committed in Maine during 2001 — up by 5 (35.7%) from the 14 murders reported in 2000. Law enforcement cleared 17 murders this year. Maine’s 10-year average is 22 homicides annually.

<b>RAPE</b> .....	Forcible Rapes increased by 4 reported offenses during 2001. There were 318 offenses reported to police in 2000, compared to 322 in 2001. Of the total, 293 were actual rapes, while 29 were classified as attempts to commit forcible rape.
<b>ROBBERY</b> .....	Robberies increased by 6.9% (17 offenses) during 2001, from 246 in 2000 to 263 in 2001.
<b>AGGRAVATED ASSAULT</b> .....	Law enforcement reported 819 Aggravated Assaults during 2001, an increase of 0.9% from the 2000 figure of 812. Simple assaults (a non-index crime) increased by 4.2% during 2001 with 11,125 offenses reported.
<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b> .....	All offenses of assault between family or household members are reported as Domestic Assault and account for 41.2% of all assaults. During 2001 police reported 4,922 offenses, an increase of 436 (9.7%) from the 4,486 offenses reported in 2000.
<b>BURGLARY</b> .....	The number of Burglaries during 2001 rose by 1.8% compared with those in 2000. There was an increase of 119 from the 2000 total of 6,759. The 6,878 burglaries reported statewide resulted in property loss totaling \$6,009,917. Burglaries represent 19.8% of all reported index offenses.
<b>LARCENY-THEFT</b> .....	The crime of Larceny increased during 2001 by 3.0% from the 23,808 larceny offenses reported in 2000. Police reported 24,515 larceny crimes during 2001. Shoplifting increased 5.4% and thefts from motor vehicles increased 10.8% for 34.2% of all larceny crimes reported.
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT</b> .....	Motor Vehicle Theft registered an increase of 350 offenses during 2001, from 1,317 in 2000 to 1,667. A high of 2,764 motor vehicles were reported stolen during 1978.
<b>ARSON</b> .....	The crime of Arson was added to the list of reportable index crimes in 1980. During 2001 there were 212 arsons reported, up 16 (8.2%) from the 196 arsons reported for 2000. Estimated property loss caused by arson totaled over \$2 million during 2001 — down 24.2%.
<b>HATE CRIME</b> .....	Beginning in 1992, Hate Crime was added as a new reporting requirement. During 2001, police reported 32 incidents involving 43 victims and resulting in a total of 34 offenses.
<b>STOLEN/RECOVERED PROPERTY</b> .....	During 2001 law enforcement agencies recorded \$25,907,549 worth of property stolen during the commission of index crimes — an increase of 12.1% from the \$23,108,264 stolen during 2000. Police were able to recover 35.4% (\$9,164,883) of stolen property during 2001.

<b>CLEARANCE RATE</b> .....	Law enforcement agencies cleared 28.7% of all index crimes in 2001 — the same figure as in 2000.
<b>ARRESTS</b> .....	The total number of persons arrested, summoned or cited by police, including juveniles and adults, was 57,041 — an increase of 1.3% from the 56,331 persons recorded in 2000. Drug arrests decreased 1.8% with 4,154 adults and 846 juveniles charged with drug offenses.
<b>OFFICER ASSAULTS</b> .....	There were 281 assaults on law enforcement officers in 2001, a 21.1% increase from the 2000 figure of 232.
<b>POLICE EMPLOYMENT DATA</b> .....	Statewide there were 2,242 full-time sworn law enforcement officers representing a ratio of 1.74 officers per 1,000 population. Nationally the average rate per 1,000 is 2.5.
<b>TRENDS</b> .....	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.