

STOLEN AND RECOVERED PROPERTY VALUES

Supplementary reports relating to property stolen and recovered provide information on the estimated value of such property. The investigating officer has the obligation to assess the value of property stolen and recovered in each crime index offense. The officer is guided by the following instructions:

1. Use fair market value for items subject to depreciation.
2. Use wholesale cost of goods stolen from retail establishments.
3. Use victim's evaluation of non-depreciable items.
4. Use cost of replacement to victims for new or almost new items.

There was nearly 24 million dollars' worth of property reported stolen in Maine during 2003. This value does not include the value of property damaged due to vandalism, malicious mischief or arson.

During 2003:

- Property stolen totaled \$23,829,298, down 2.6% from the 2002 figure of \$24,464,621.
- There was \$8,088,993 worth of property recovered, up 6.7% from \$7,583,085 in 2002.
- The rate of recovery was 33.9%, compared to 31.0% for 2002.
- The property type with the highest recovery rate was Locally Stolen Motor Vehicles, 68.5%.
- The dollar value of property stolen and recovered less motor vehicles was \$16,009,555 stolen, \$2,735,270 (17.1%) recovered.

Breakdown by Type and Value of Property

Type of Property	Value Stolen	Value Recovered	Percent Recovered
Currency, Notes, etc.	\$3,320,449	\$375,774	11.3%
Jewelry, Precious Metals	\$2,044,329	\$261,124	12.8%
Clothing and Furs	\$314,319	\$91,582	29.1%
Locally Stolen Motor Vehicles	\$7,819,743	\$5,353,723	68.5%
Office Equipment	\$447,904	\$67,346	15.0%
TVs, Radios, VCRs, Cameras	\$1,523,775	\$198,642	13.0%
Firearms	\$224,132	\$43,967	19.6%
Household Goods	\$298,066	\$34,656	11.6%
Consumable Goods	\$344,415	\$36,649	10.6%
Livestock	\$27,608	\$3,483	12.6%
Miscellaneous	\$7,464,558	\$1,622,047	21.7%
Totals	\$23,829,298	\$8,088,993	33.9%

(Note: The value of property recovered may include items stolen during a previous reporting period.)