

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 2003:

- 16.7% of all arrests were juveniles, 83.3% were adults.
- Index offenses accounted for 30.4% of juvenile arrests.
- For adults, 11.5% of arrests were for index offenses.
- Over one quarter (25.6%) of adult arrests were between the ages of 25–34, inclusive.

The total number of arrests for 2003 was up 1.2%. Part I offenses were up 0.1%, Part II offenses were up 1.4%.

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.

Disposition	Number	Percent Distribution
1. Handled within the department (released to parents, etc.)	1,177	12.6%
2. Referred to juvenile court or juvenile intake	7,528	80.9%
3. Referred to welfare agency (i.e., Dept. of Human Services)	14	0.2%
4. Referred to other police agency	21	0.2%
5. Referred to criminal or adult court	567	6.1%
Total Dispositions	9,307	99.9%

(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 2002–2003</i>			
Offenses	2002	2003	% Change
Murder	13	13	—
Forcible Rape	126	90	-28.6%
Robbery	170	130	-23.5%
Aggravated Assault	485	597	23.1%
Burglary	1,474	1,264	-14.2%
Larceny-Theft	5,440	5,656	4.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	403	370	-8.2%
Arson	68	71	4.4%
Subtotal for Part I Offenses	8,179	8,191	0.1%
Manslaughter	1	—	-100.0%
Other Assaults	7,389	7,287	-1.4%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	319	335	5.0%
Fraud	1,132	1,069	-5.6%
Embezzlement	19	34	78.9%
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Possess	328	308	-6.1%
Vandalism	1,867	1,665	-10.8%
Weapons: Possession, etc.	306	255	-16.7%
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	40	12	-70.0%
Sex Offenses	254	256	0.8%
Drug Abuse Violations	4,877	5,099	4.6%
Gambling	—	—	—
Offenses against Family	369	345	-6.5%
Driving under the Influence	6,817	7,357	7.9%
Liquor Laws	3,595	3,557	-1.1%
Drunkenness	31	79	154.8%
Disorderly Conduct	1,686	1,572	-6.8%
All Other (except Traffic)	17,456	17,992	3.1%
Curfew and Loitering	144	106	-26.4%
Runaways	227	195	-14.1%
Subtotal for Part II Offenses	46,857	47,523	1.4%
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