

CRIME IN MAINE 2010 — HIGHLIGHTS



During 2010 the crime clock average in Maine reflected the following:

VIOLENT CRIMES: 1 every 5 hours, 31 minutes 1 Murder every 15 days, 5 minutes
 1 Rape every 22 hours, 31 minutes
 1 Robbery every 21 hours, 3 minutes
 1 Aggravated Assault every 11 hours, 32 minutes

PROPERTY CRIMES: 1 every 15 minutes, 54 seconds 1 Burglary every 71 minutes, 35 seconds
 1 Larceny every 21 minutes, 28 seconds
 1 Motor Vehicle Theft every 8 hours, 54 minutes
 1 Arson every 35 hours, 45 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 2010 was 26.09 per 1,000. The comparable rate for 2009 was 25.34. The 2010 state population is estimated at 1,328,361 persons.

INDEX OFFENSES There were 34,652 Index Offenses reported by police during 2010 — an increase of 1,240 offenses (3.7%) from the 33,412 similar offenses reported in 2009.

VIOLENT CRIMES Murder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault make up the Violent Crimes category. Violent crimes as a group increased by 49 offenses from 2009 for a 3.2% increase. During 2010 violent crimes totaled 1,589, compared to a 2009 total of 1,540. Violent crimes accounted for 4.6% of all reported index crimes (4.6% in 2009) and represent a crime rate of 1.20 per 1,000 population.

PROPERTY CRIMES Property Crimes, consisting of Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson, rose in 2010 by 1,191 offenses (3.7%) from 2009. There were 33,063 offenses reported in 2010 with 31,872 being shown for 2009. Property crimes account for 95.4% of all index crimes with a crime rate of 24.89 offenses per 1,000 population.

MURDER There were 24 murders committed in Maine during 2010 — 7.7% lower than the 26 murders reported in 2009. Law enforcement cleared 22 murders this year. Maine’s 10-year average is 21 homicides annually.

RAPE	Forcible Rapes increased by 15 reported offenses during 2010. There were 374 offenses reported to police in 2009, compared to 389 in 2010. Of the total, 385 were actual rapes, while 4 were classified as attempts to commit forcible rape.
ROBBERY	Robberies increased by 4.5% (18 offenses) during 2010, from 398 in 2009 to 416 in 2010.
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	Law enforcement reported 760 Aggravated Assaults during 2010, an increase of 2.4% from the 2009 figure of 742. Simple assaults (a non-index crime) decreased by 2.9% during 2010 with 10,581 offenses reported.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	All offenses of assault between family or household members are reported as Domestic Assault and account for 45.1% of all assaults. During 2010 police reported 5,117 offenses, a decrease of 170 (3.2%) from the 5,287 offenses reported in 2009.
BURGLARY	The number of Burglaries during 2010 rose by 9.4% compared with those in 2009. There was an increase of 632 from the 2009 total of 6,711. The 7,343 burglaries reported statewide resulted in property loss totaling \$8,370,639. Burglaries represent 21.2% of all reported index offenses.
LARCENY-THEFT	The crime of Larceny increased during 2010 by 2.5% from the 23,900 larceny offenses reported in 2009. Police reported 24,490 larceny crimes during 2010. Shoplifting decreased 12.1% and thefts from motor vehicles increased 8.2% for 32.5% of all larceny crimes reported.
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	Motor Vehicle Theft registered a decrease of 33 offenses during 2010, from 1,018 in 2009 to 985. A high of 2,764 motor vehicles were reported stolen during 1978.
ARSON	The crime of Arson was added to the list of reportable index crimes in 1980. During 2010 there were 245 arsons reported, up 2 (0.8%) from the 243 arsons reported for 2009. Estimated property loss caused by arson totaled over \$4.7 million during 2010 — down 50.4%.
HATE CRIME	Beginning in 1992, Hate Crime was added as a new reporting requirement. During 2010, police reported 66 incidents involving 79 victims and resulting in a total of 69 offenses. This figure represented a 27.8% increase from the 2009 total of 57 offenses (49 incidents involving 54 victims).
STOLEN/RECOVERED PROPERTY	During 2010 law enforcement agencies recorded \$24,973,032 worth of property stolen during the commission of index crimes — an increase of 1.2% from the \$24,667,032 stolen during 2009. Police were able to recover 20.1% (\$5,027,314) of stolen property during 2010.

CLEARANCE RATE	Law enforcement agencies cleared 29.2% of all index crimes in 2010 — lower than the 30.8% rate in 2009.
ARRESTS	The total number of persons arrested, summoned or cited by police, including juveniles and adults, was 54,312 — a decrease of 3.5% from the 56,266 persons recorded in 2009. Drug arrests increased 0.6% with 5,345 adults and 567 juveniles charged with drug offenses.
OFFICER ASSAULTS	There were 192 assaults on law enforcement officers in 2010, a decrease from the 2009 figure of 214.
POLICE EMPLOYMENT DATA	Statewide there were 2,245 full-time sworn law enforcement officers representing a ratio of 1.69 officers per 1,000 population. Nationally (in 2009) the average rate per 1,000 was 2.4.
TRENDS	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.