

ADULT FAST FACTS

- **Maine has the lowest violent crime rate in the country (119.8 per 100,000).¹**
- **Property crimes comprise more than 95% of the UCR index crimes reported in Maine.²**
- **The number of violent crimes in Maine increased nearly 10% between 2004 and 2009, but is below the rate of violent crime in 1995.³**
- **Arrests for drug offenses increased 23.2% between 1998 and 2007.⁴**
- **Since 2004, Maine's 1 year adult probation recidivism rate has averaged 24.1% (as measured by re-arrest of a probationer for a new crime).⁵**
- **Maine's incarceration rate is 3 times lower than the national average, making it the lowest incarceration rate in the country (150 per 100,000).⁶**
- **Although the annual percent change in state prison populations nationwide decreased 0.3% in 2009, Maine's prison population increased 1.4%.⁷**
- **In 2006, Maine's prison population was projected to increase 21% by 2011, however, that number is no longer certain with the nationwide decrease in imprisonment.⁵**
- **While Maine has one of the lowest per capita female incarceration rates, it experienced the largest increase (114%) in incarceration of women in the US between 1999 and 2004.⁸**

¹ FBI, UCR: Crime in the United States, 2009

² Maine Department of Public Safety. Crime in Maine, 2008

³ MDPS. Crime in Maine, 1995, 2004, 2008

⁴ Maine Statistical Analysis Center. Maine Crime and Justice Data Book 2008

⁵ Maine Department of Corrections Data, cohorts 2004 - 2009

⁶ Bureau of Justice Statistics Bulletin, Prisoners in 2009. December 2010

⁷ The Pew Center on the States. Prison Count 2010

⁸ The Women's Prison Association. The Punitive Report: HARD HIT: The Growth in Imprisonment of Women 1977 - 2004