

3. ANNUAL REPORT

This report provides a detailed profile of first time juvenile offenders in Maine between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004 and the offenses for which they were adjudicated. Data on these juveniles are reported at the county level and stratified by crime types, class, gender, age, and race. The recidivism rate is determined, and first offenses are compared to recidivating offenses. Results from the 2004 cohort are then compared to the 1998 through 2003 cohorts and examined for trends.

This report also contains a section examining first time female juvenile offenders in 2004. The data includes type and class of crime, as well as recidivism rates.

This report also follows the 2004 cohort for one year after first adjudication to determine a recidivism rate after one year. In future reports, the cohort will be followed for three years to examine recidivism at one, two, and three years from first adjudication. As previously noted, a limitation of the data is that information on juveniles who were originally adjudicated in the juvenile system, but who have moved into the adult system is not captured. This will affect future trend data for the 2002 and 2003 cohorts.