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

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1 FBI, UCR: Crime in the United States, 2009
2 Maine Department of Public Safety. Crime in Maine, 2008
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