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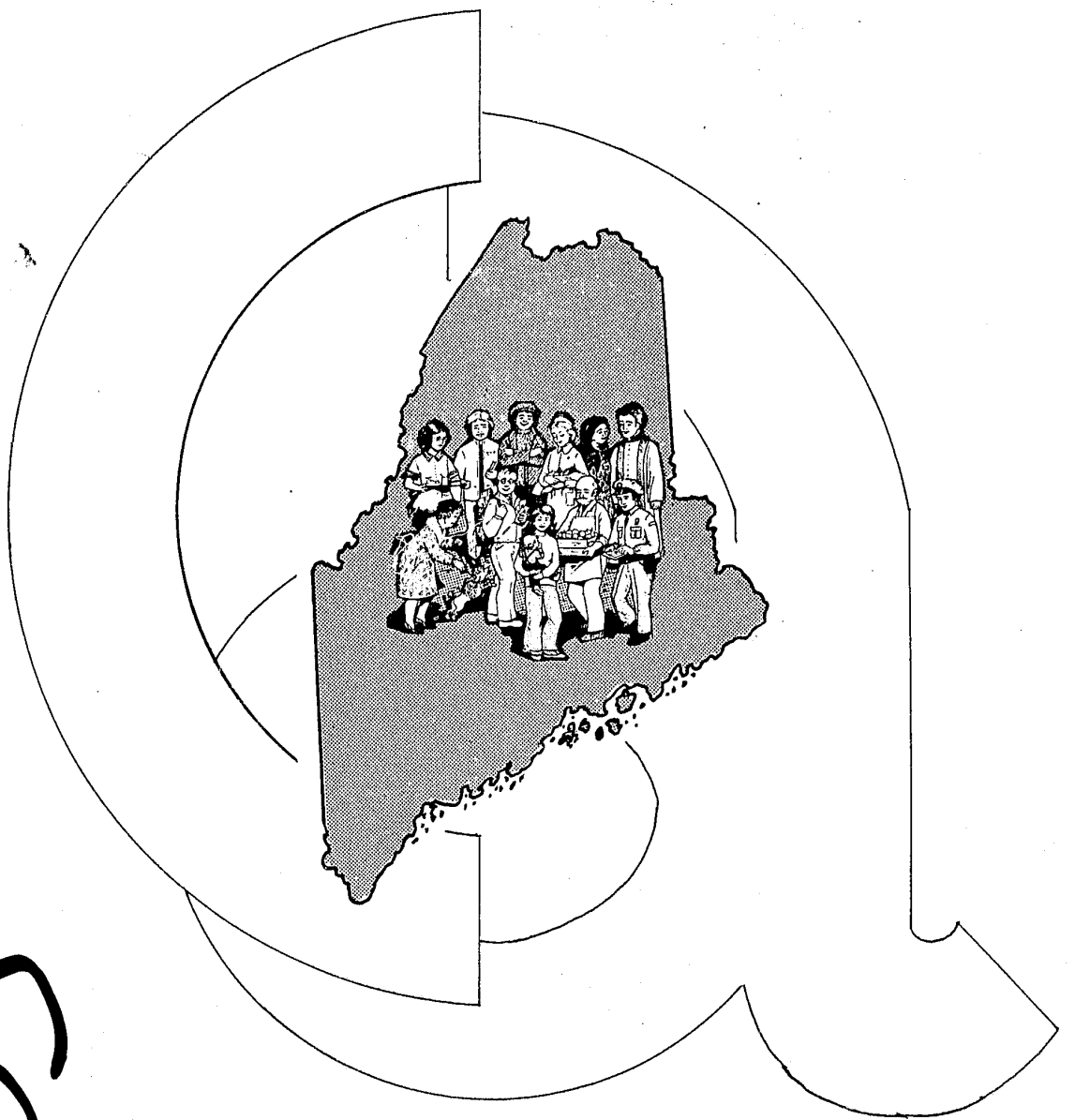

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INTRODUCTION

As part of its Standards and Goals Project the Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency commissioned Northeast Markets, Inc. to conduct a public opinion survey to determine the attitudes of Maine citizens toward crime and the criminal justice system.

The study had six primary objectives as defined by the Agency:

1. "To measure the public's concern about crime, compared to other major problems (i.e., inflation, pollution, etc.)."

2. "To determine the public's priorities with respect to crime and crime prevention."

3. "To measure the public's understanding of the criminal justice system and its problems.

4. "To measure the degree of public willingness to provide additional tax resources to the criminal justice system, and to specify priorities within the system."

5. "To determine which type of crime the public feels should get the most attention from the criminal justice system."

6. "To determine the willingness of the public to become involved with planning in the criminal justice system."

What follows is a detailed presentation of our findings.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

A survey was commissioned by the Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency to assess the opinions of Maine residents in regard to the crime problem in their state.

The survey not only generated response to the crime problem directly but gathered a wide range of attitudinal data pertaining to many aspects of the Criminal Justice System.

Overall, seven hundred forty-two personal interviews were completed throughout the State of Maine. A multistage stratified random sample was employed.

The levels of stratification were regions, as defined by the Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency.

Area 1 - Cumberland, York, Lincoln, Sagadahoc

Area 2 - Androscoggin, Kennebec, Somerset, Oxford, Franklin

Area 3 - Aroostook, Washington, Hancock, Knox, Waldo, Piscataquis, Penobscot

Within each area, cities and towns were classified as rural or urban. Any city or town with over 5,000 residents was defined as urban. Population was determined by the 1970 Census of Population conducted by the Bureau of Census, U. S. Dept. of Commerce.

The first stage of selection was the incorporated cities and towns in each region. Rural and urban localities were sampled separately. The probability of selection was assigned proportionately to the population. A tested table of random digits was used for the selection of cities and towns.

The second stage of sampling was the selection of segments within the selected municipalities. Maps were used to subdivide the area into segments. Wherever possible, the segments were of equal population density. These segments were numbered and a random digit table was again employed to select the segment within which interviewing would take place.

In some rural towns the population was too small to allow segmentation. In these cases, the entire town was taken to be the selected segment.

The third stage of sampling, the selection of housing units, is more practical than scientific. Identifiable start points were selected from the maps. Usually town or county lines or route intersections were used. From the start point the

interview is given a "skip pattern" which instructs him/her to skip a certain number of residences after each completed interview. The interviewers also have instructions as to what direction to take at an intersection, dead end street, etc.

The important factor in the third stage is that the interviewer exercises no judgment in the selection of residences to interview. The home where each interview is to be conducted is actually predetermined by the instructions and patterns the interviewer has received before he/she enters the field.

SUMMARY AND OBSERVATIONS

Local Problems P. 1

Throughout this study variations in attitudes and opinions between areas will be pointed out where they are considered significant. It would be wise for the reader to review which counties are incorporated in these regions. Generally, Area 1 is the Southern part of the State, Area 2, the Central part, and Area 3, the Northern part. In the first question on local problems significant variations occur between regions - as well as between each region and the State total. The two leading problems are problems of local government administration and crime. Crime is the leading problem in Central Maine - nearly a third of all possible responses fall in that category. Administration is a greater problem in the other two areas. Local school problems are of greater concern in Areas 1 and 3 than in Area 2.

When Police and Court Problems, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, and lack of activities for young people - another area considered a cause of crime - are included, it can be seen that areas with which the Criminal Justice System is involved, either directly or peripherally, represent a high percentage of what people consider to be local problems.

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Criminal Justice Related Problems	33.0%	55.6%	34.3%	39.9%

It should be noted that the introduction of the questionnaire, immediately preceding this question, gave no hint that the study would be about the Criminal Justice System. At this point, and for the next question, nothing in the questionnaire had alerted the respondent to think about the Criminal Justice System.

State Problems P. 2

Only in Area 2 are Crime and Justice Problems considered major State problems. In the other areas they are overshadowed by Unemployment, Lack of Industry, Welfare, and the inability of the State to deal with its problems.

Overall, Unemployment and improving the ability to deal with problems are considered the key State concerns - those mentioned most often. It can be seen that the people of Maine view Criminal Justice problems as mainly local, community problems.

Knowledge of the Criminal Justice System P. 3

Two-thirds of the people questioned could not give any answer when asked to describe the Criminal Justice System. Those who made the attempt focused more on the Courts, than on any other aspect of the System.

Specific Community Crime Problems P. 4

Four specific problems were given about equal weight: Theft/Robbery, Drugs or Alcohol Abuse, Vandalism, and Breaking and Entering. These four represent nearly 80% of all community crime problems. Only in Area 3 (Northern Maine) is there any substantial regional difference. The people from that area are somewhat more concerned about alcohol and drug abuse than are those from the other regions.

Causes of Crime P. 5

Forty-two percent of the respondents lay the blame for crime primarily on lack of other activities for the young or lack of sufficient parental supervision. There are no substantial regional differences. Unemployment/Economic Need is suggested by 19%, and a too lenient system by 13%.

Observation

The preceding questions were all "open-ended". Rather than being given a list of choices, the respondents had to phrase these answers in their own words. A brief overview of these responses reveals that people have strong specific opinions that youthful crime is a local problem - particularly the kinds of crime that people associate with juveniles such as drug abuse and vandalism. They see the causes of this as family based (lack of parental supervision) and community based (lack of adequate other activities). They understand very little about the System designed to deal with these problems.

Serious Problems in Community P. 6-8

Following is a reordering of these based upon those naming each problem as either serious (very serious or serious) or not serious (not very serious or not at all serious).

	% Naming As Serious	% Considering Not Serious
Crimes against Property	87	12
Drug or Alcohol Abuse	63	21
Slow Court Processing	60	25
Repeat Offenses	55	38
Not Reporting Criminal Activity	50	41
Correctional Conditions	27	37
Crimes against People	25	71
Abuse of Firearms	25	62
Increased Organized Crime	21	60

One key finding from this list is the respondents' selectivity - they know what they are most concerned about.

There are some substantial regional differences. Area 3 is more concerned about people crimes and organized crime, and less concerned about court backlog. Area 2 is less concerned than the other areas about correctional conditions, firearms abuse, and people crimes, but equally concerned about property crimes and drug/alcohol abuse. Area 1 is the most concerned about court processing and firearms abuse.

Communities' Role P. 9, 10

Nearly eight percent feel citizens have a particular role to play in reducing crime. That role is seen first of all as greater cooperation in reporting crime. After that, people become less specific in what they feel their role to be. Nearly a third of those questioned in Area 3 "didn't know".

Community Crime Prevention P. 11, 12

When read a list of possible new involvements under the heading of Community Crime Prevention, all received a majority favorable vote. In order, these included:

Situation	% Agreeing That Situation Has Effect on Criminal Activities
Unemployment	93
Lack of Recreational Opportunities	81
Lack of Cooperation - Citizens, Police	79
Inadequate Human Services	62
Lack of Educational Alternatives	58

Observation

Respondents in Areas 1 and 2 gave Unemployment more emphasis as a causal factor than those in Area 3

Handling Juveniles P. 13, 14

Sixty-three percent of the respondents feel that the Criminal Justice System has done only a fair or poor job in handling juveniles engaged in crime. The major suggestions for improvement involve: stiffer penalties or stricter laws (34%), better/more youth programs/rehabilitation programs (18%), and better parental guidance (9%).

Age for Juvenile Handling P. 15

A majority favor keeping it at 18. A larger group favors reducing it (27%) than favors increasing it (11%). There were no large regional differences.

When to Use Traditional System P. 16

While a small majority agreed it should be used only as a last resort, a large minority in all areas disagreed. This group represents the responses to previous questions that reveal a tendency to want to use both the velvet glove and the iron fist - to offer more alternative activities to crime, but once the crime has been committed to treat the offender firmly.

Police Service P. 17

Two-thirds of the respondents have a paid local police department that represents their primary police service. County Sheriff's Departments and the State Police are the primary police service to approximately equal groups of respondents in Areas 1 and 3 (14-15%). The State Police are considered to be less involved in Area 2. County and State Police are considered to be the secondary source to approximately equivalent groupings in all areas (38-45%).

Importance of Police Services P. 18, 19

Patrol ranks #1, followed distantly by Criminal Investigations, Youth Services, Private Complaints and Traffic Control. There are no substantial area differences.

Effectiveness of Police Services P. 20

The majority of respondents in Areas 1 and 3 rated the effectiveness of Police Services in their community as high (7-10 on a scale of 10). In Area 2, a slight majority rated them medium to low (1-6). Three times as many people rated them as high in Area 2, as rated them low, over four times as many in Area 1 and nearly six times in Area 3. Area 3 is substantially happier with their level of Police Services than are the other two areas (note the median score of 7.2 compared to 6.4 in Area 2).

Ways of Improving Police Services P. 21

People want a more highly visible Police force - more police, more patrolling, quicker response time, more foot patrolmen (presumably in urban areas). They also want policemen with more formal education. The only regional difference is in the more urbanized Area 1, where patrolling is given the greatest emphasis.

Where Service is Presently Good P. 22

Although more patrolling is seen as a need, the highest favorable rating is in the area of patrolling. Responding to complaints and accidents is also well rated.

There are several regional differences. From previous answers it is logical that Area 3 gives the best rating for overall performance. Area 2 is more fatalistic ("They are doing the best they can with what they have").

Slightly over half the respondents in each area cannot pick a particular area where the police are doing well.

Suggested Police Goals P. 23, 24

The only one of six suggestions not receiving a majority favorable response was the consolidation of small police departments. The following table ranks goals in order of public acceptance (strongly agree or agree) and opposition (disagree, strongly disagree.

Goal	% Favoring	% Opposing
Increased Teamwork	95	1
Increased Formal Education	74	19
Creation of Special Police Units	73	15
Diversion of Drunks, Juveniles	72	19
Use of Patrolman as Primary Investigator	69	18
Consolidation	40	45

Effectiveness of Courts P. 25

Courts rank below Police on the same effectiveness scale. A plurality of respondents on a statewide basis gives them a 4-6 median rating. Only in Area 3 does a plurality give a high, 7-10 rating. In Area 1 (Southern Maine) there are more respondents rating low (30%) than rating high (22%). Where Area 2 was the least happy with Police services, Area 1 is least happy with Court services.

How Could The Courts Be Improved P. 26

A majority (58%) don't know. Quicker case processing, stiffer sentences, and more judges are the primary specific suggestions.

Response to Attitudinal Statements P. 27, 28

There are strong opinions on many of these issues - in four cases "no opinion" responses are under 10%. As before, we reclassify based upon the percentage agreeing and disagreeing with each statement.

Statement	% Agreeing	% Disagreeing
Let criminals off too easily	89	12
Create special family/juvenile Court	85	8
Would get fair hearing	79	11
Traffic cases to State agency	71	19
Courts waste time on traffic, etc.	65	19
Courts are responsive to community	55	29
Probation System works well	39	35

The only substantial area difference is the lukewarm agreement in Area 1 that the Courts are responsive to the communities' problems.

Fundamental Goals of Correctional System P. 29

Of the 58% who expressed an opinion, the majority said the fundamental goals were rehabilitation/teaching criminals a trade. Preference ranged from 73% of all opinions expressed in Area 3 to 64% in Area 2. Relatively speaking, there were no other selections of any substance.

Rating the Correctional System P. 30

Sixty-three percent rate it "fair" or "poor" in meeting the previously named goal (rehabilitation). Area 1 is the least sanguine of all - only 18% rate the system "excellent" or "good" in meeting its goals, while 67% rate it "fair" or "poor".

Reasons for Low Rating P. 31

Over two-thirds didn't know. The only substantial response was "too many repeat offenders". There were no regional variations.

Community Work/Study Programs P. 32

Eighty percent agreed with supervised community work study programs in at least some cases.

Restitution Through Work P. 33

Ninety percent agreed with this approach in at least some cases.

Victimization P. 34

Twenty-seven percent of all respondents had either themselves or in their family been a victim of a crime against themselves or their property in Maine over the past five years. The rate of victimization was highest in Area 1, where nearly 30% had been victims.

Kinds of Crimes P. 35

Within our group of 742 respondents, where were 247 crimes reported. One hundred ten, or 45%, involved burglaries, and 74, or 30%, involved vandalism. Twenty-seven, or 11%, involved theft of transportation equipment (autos, etc.). Within the areas, there were no overall substantial differences in number of crimes reported as can be seen from the following table:

	% of Sample	% of Crime Reported
Area 1	34	35
Area 2	30	28
Area 3	36	36

The major difference was the substantially larger number of crimes of violence, or crimes involving guns, reported in Area 2. Nineteen percent of the crimes in this area fell in this category. In Area 1, this figures was 6%, and in Area 3, also 6%. Burglaries and vandalism were at a higher level in the other two areas.

How Effectively Did The System Work? P. 36

In nearly half the cases (41%) the victims reported that either the Police never told them the results of their investigation, or the person who committed the crime was never found. In view of the relatively favorable rating of Police (compared to Courts and Corrections), it would be of value to see if those who had been victims of crime and had these experiences with the Police rated them as well as the total sample.

Unreported Crime P. 37

Statewide, our 742 respondents admitted knowing of 144 unreported crimes. When compared to crimes committed against our respondent group and their families, the following situation becomes evident:

Crime	Unreported Crime as a % of Crime Committed Against Respondents and Their Families
Murder-Manslaughter	75
Rape-Assault with intent to rape	467
Armed Robbery at Home	175
Armed Robbery at Place of Business	200
Burglary at Home	45
Burglary at Place of Business	38
Vandalism (damage over $100)	42
Arson	333
Auto-motorcycle-snowmobile Theft	48

It should be noted that it was not the primary purpose of this study to develop accurate information on unreported crime. Unless other work has been done or is being done, further study of this situation is recommended. Certainly many of these unreported crimes may have been committed by acquaintances or family members.

Regionally, the major unreported crimes include:

Murder-Manslaugher in Area 3
Rape in Areas 2 and 3
Burglary at Home in Area 2
Burglary at Place of Business in Area 2
Arson in Areas 2 and 3
Transportation Equipment Theft in Area 2
Armed Robbery at Work in Area 1

In comparing the Areas overall we find the following:

	Unreported Crime as a % of Crime Committed Against Respondents and Their Families
Area 1	33
Area 2	90
Area 3	56

Without further information, we must conclude that a serious problem exists in Area 2, particularly in the categories of the aforementioned crimes.

It should be noted that it is not known how many of the crimes given in Question 29 were in fact reported. The preceding analysis is presented to call attention to possible problem areas.

Why Crime Is Unreported P. 38

One-third of our respondents report at attitude of resignation, "It wouldn't have done any good." This attitude is particularly prevalent in Area 2. An equivalent number in Areas 1 and 3 say they were too frightened to report it.

Again, further study of this attitude is suggested. This study suggests a problem that should have further investigation.

Fear of Victimization P. 39-41

Respondents are most fearful of being the victims of vandalism, and burglary at home. In both these cases, the mean (average) level of fear on a Statewide basis is in the high 4's on a 10 point scale. In Area 1, in both instances, it is over 5. In both these instances also, the mean level of fear and the median level of fear are very similar. In all the other crimes, the mean is substantially higher than the median. While the majority of respondents are not particularly worried about victimization, a small group is very worried.

There is a spread of over 1.0 in all crimes except extortion between the mean and the median. Rape, Armed Robbery at Home, Burglary at Place of Business, Theft of Transportation Equipment, and Arson have the widest spreads (between 2.0 and 1.5). It could prove of value to learn whether this group with a higher level of fear were the victims, or did know of unreported crime.

Financial Support to the System P. 42

As in the previous series, there is a wide spread between the mean and the median response. While 50% of the people on a Statewide basis feel no more than 6¢ of their tax dollar goes to support the Criminal Justice System, a substantial minority - particularly in Area 3 - brings the average up.

Source of Additional Financial Support P. 43

In all areas, the preference is for additional Federal support, followed by State support, and finally local support. There is substantial support for all three options, however.

Reasons for Support Choices P. 44

The reasons are different. People who prefer additional Federal support in the majority do so because they feel the Federal government has the money. Those who prefer that increased support come from State sources also feel that way, but more of them feel the State is better qualified. Those who opt for local support do so because they feel local people know the situation best.

Where Support Should Go P. 45

A majority support increased funding to four components of the system - Juvenile offenders, Police, the Correctional System, and Community Crime Prevention. A plurality of those responding feel the Courts should receive the same amount as at present.

Who Should Be Funded First P. 46, 47

The following table combines first and second priority rankings:

Component	% Saying Fund First or Second
Juvenile Offenders	43
Police	41
Community Crime Prevention	35
Correctional System	31
Courts	15

Only in Area 3 is there a substantial variation between Areas. There the respondents would prefer Police above Juvenile Offenders (51% to 42%).

Familiarity with MCJPAA P. 48

On a Statewide basis, a majority have never heard of the Agency. In Area 3 a slight majority have heard of it. There is no basis for comparison to judge whether other agencies without significant direct public contact have any higher profile.

Support of Standards and Goals P. 49

There is a high level of public support for establishing Criminal Justice Standards and Goals in Maine. Eighty-four percent of the respondents rate this project as either "Important" or "Very Important".

Who Should Serve on Committee P. 50

Professional people receive the most support for membership on a Standards and Goals Committee. Local businessmen, police, clergy, and parents all receive similar levels of support. Respondents in Areas 2 and 3 are substantially more opinionated in this area than those in Area 1.

Familiarity with Operation of System P. 51

Only a quarter of the respondents are totally unfamiliar with the Criminal Justice System. Most of those who are familiar are "Not Very Familiar". The highest level of self-professed familiarity is in Area 1.

Source of Information P. 52

It is almost equally divided between newspapers - and personal experience. Area 2 is substantially lower in reported personal experience than the other two areas. The key finding is that nearly 40% report direct personal experience with the system as their source for information on how it operates.

Demographic Information P. 53-55

These tables are valuable in this study mainly to provide information on the size of any particular sub-samples where the client may desire cross-tabulations. Some that are of sufficient size that the client might wish to consider further analysis include: Rural/Urban; Male/Female; Income over and under $10,000; Age, over and under 35; and High School Graduate and less/Education beyond High School.

Question #1

Question: "What do you feel are the two or three major problems facing your community that local officials should be trying to solve?"

	% of Responses*			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Unemployment	5.2	4.5	4.8	4.9
Local school problems	13.8	4.2	13.2	9.1
Local tax rates	7.9	3.7	8.6	7.0
Maladministration of local government	23.4	11.2	18.1	17.9
Crime: breaking and entering, vandalism, etc.	13.8	30.7	17.4	19.9
Lack of activities for young people	7.7	6.0	6.1	6.6
Drug and alcohol abuse problems	4.6	9.7	3.2	5.6
Police and court problems	6.9	9.2	7.6	7.8
Other	21.5	20.6	21.0	20.1
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* The percentages in the table were compiled from the total actual number of responses obtained.

Question #2

Question: "What do you feel are the two or three major problems facing Maine that State officials should be working to solve?"

	% of Responses*			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Unemployment	17.0	13.0	12.7	14.2
School problems	4.7	4.3	8.7	6.2
Transportation and traffic problems	6.9	12.8	8.5	9.2
Lack of industry	9.6	5.0	12.0	9.2
Crime and justice problems	6.7	15.1	4.6	8.3
Welfare	9.6	9.0	11.2	10.0
State taxes	6.9	8.2	2.5	5.6
Inability of State government to deal with problems	6.4	6.9	14.5	9.7
Other	32.2	25.7	25.3	27.6
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Question #3

Question: "This study deals with what is referred to as the Criminal Justice System in the State of Maine, how it operates, and your views about it.....I would like you to tell me what you think of as the Criminal Justice System - what in your mind that term includes."

	% of Responses			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
The courts and their personnel (i.e., judges)	8.8	9.2	7.5	8.2
Legal procedures (i.e., apprehension, trial, etc.	3.8	4.2	7.7	5.3
State and local police departments (law enforcement)	4.3	5.4	3.3	4.1
Correctional institutions (prisons, etc.)	4.1	4.0	2.3	3.3
Federal and State laws	3.1	2.7	3.1	2.9
Equality under the law (i.e., fair and equal justice for all)	1.8	2.6	3.4	2.6
Various types of crime	3.2	2.7	2.2	2.6
Lawyers	0.9	3.2	0.7	1.5
Other	2.8	2.1	2.1	2.3
Don't know	67.2	63.9	67.7	67.2
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #4

Question: "What do you see as the two or three most serious crime problems in your community?"

	% of Responses*			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Theft/Robbery	19.3	20.9	19.0	19.7
Drugs or Alchohol Abuse	15.0	16.7	22.8	18.4
Vandalism	22.8	23.2	20.7	22.2
Breaking and Entering	19.3	17.9	18.1	18.4
Speeding/Traffic Violations	4.4	5.7	4.9	5.0
Assaults	2.9	2.1	1.9	2.3
No Serious Problems	2.7	2.1	2.4	2.4
Other	13.5	11.4	10.2	11.6
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* The percentages in the table were compiled from the total actual number or responses obtained.

Question #5

Question: "What do you see as the two or three primary causes of crime in your community?"

	% of Responses*			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Lack of parental supervision for the young	19.5	21.3	20.4	20.4
Unemployment	10.8	19.2	11.3	13.5
Lack of activities for the young	22.9	18.4	24.0	22.0
The abusive use of drugs and/or alcohol	9.6	6.9	7.0	7.9
Economic need (i.e., lack of money)	6.3	5.6	4.0	5.2
System too lenient	10.6	12.0	16.0	13.0
Other	20.2	16.5	17.2	18.0
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* The percentages in the table were compiled from the total actual number of responses obtained.

Question #6

In the following questions the respondent is handed a card containing a list of "some kinds of problems faced in other parts of the country".

The respondent is then asked the question: "I would like you to tell me if you feel the occurrence or frequency of these crimes is a very serious, serious, not very serious, or not at all serious problem in your community."

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Crimes against people, such as murders or rape				
Very Serious	11.4	6.7	15.9	11.7
Serious	13.7	10.0	15.6	13.3
Not Very Serious	34.6	24.9	21.1	27.0
Not at all Serious	36.5	55.0	41.9	43.7
No Opinion	3.8	3.3	5.5	4.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Crimes against property, such as breaking and entering, burglary, vandalism, other forms of larceny				
Very Serious	64.6	65.6	49.3	59.3
Serious	24.0	22.5	33.7	27.1
Not Very Serious	6.8	9.6	10.4	8.9
Not at all Serious	3.4	2.4	3.7	3.2
No Opinion	1.2	--	2.9	1.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Drug or Alcohol Abuse				
Very Serious	41.1	40.2	40.0	40.4
Serious	30.0	34.0	34.1	32.6
Not Very Serious	16.3	14.8	14.1	15.1
Not at all Serious	6.5	5.3	4.8	5.5
No Opinion	6.1	5.7	7.0	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #6
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	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Repeat offenses by people already convicted and sentenced				
Very Serious	20.2	25.4	23.3	22.8
Serious	35.4	28.2	33.7	32.7
Not Very Serious	15.6	11.5	21.9	16.7
Not at all Serious	10.3	16.7	7.4	11.1
No Opinion	18.7	18.2	13.7	16.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Abuse or use of firearms in illegal or criminal offenses				
Very Serious	11.4	5.3	11.1	9.6
Serious	18.3	11.1	17.4	15.9
Not Very Serious	30.8	23.4	35.2	30.3
Not at all Serious	25.5	45.5	25.9	31.3
No Opinion	14.1	14.8	10.4	12.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Slow processing of criminal cases by the courts				
Very Serious	34.6	33.0	30.0	31.8
Serious	28.5	23.0	31.9	28.2
Not Very Serious	12.5	15.3	21.9	16.7
Not at all Serious	6.1	13.9	6.7	8.5
No Opinion	18.2	14.8	9.6	14.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Conditions among people in jail or prison				
Very Serious	14.1	7.2	14.8	12.4
Serious	17.5	9.6	14.8	14.3
Not Very Serious	14.8	12.0	21.5	16.4
Not at all Serious	15.2	26.8	22.2	21.0
No Opinion	38.4	44.5	26.6	35.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #6
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	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Unwillingness by citizens to report criminal activity or cooperate with the police or courts				
Very Serious	18.3	23.0	20.4	20.4
Serious	30.8	28.7	29.6	29.8
Not Very Serious	27.4	13.4	24.1	22.2
Not at all Serious	14.4	27.8	15.9	18.7
No Opinion	9.2	7.1	10.0	8.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Increased activity of organized crime				
Very Serious	9.5	4.3	14.1	9.7
Serious	12.5	5.7	15.6	11.7
Not Very Serious	25.9	9.1	18.1	18.3
Not at all Serious	33.1	57.9	35.9	41.3
No Opinion	19.1	23.0	16.3	19.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #7

Question: "Do you feel that the citizens of the community do, or do not have a particular role to play in reducing crime?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Do have a role	81.7	84.2	71.5	78.7
Do not have a role	9.6	11.0	13.7	11.5
Not sure	8.7	4.8	14.8	9.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #8

(If "Do have a role" in previous question)

Question: "What do you feel that role is?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Report crimes and wrong doings	42.6	46.9	33.0	40.3
Help officials stop crime	14.1	14.4	13.0	13.7
Become more involved in community	12.9	13.4	12.2	12.8
Teach children right from wrong	7.2	7.2	6.3	6.9
Other	6.3	2.9	4.4	4.3
Don't know	17.9	15.3	31.1	22.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #9

Question: "The area of the Criminal Justice System called Community Crime Prevention involves a number of different activities, including Police, Courts and Corrections. Some people believe that a whole new range of activities besides these should be looked at. I am going to read you a list of statements. I would like you to respond to each statement by saing you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree."

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
The lack of alternatives or flexibility in the educational system has an influence on criminal activities.				
Strongly Agree	14.1	19.6	16.8	16.6
Agree	44.9	42.6	37.0	41.4
Disagree	28.9	22.5	24.8	25.6
Strongly Disagree	4.2	3.8	6.7	5.0
No Opinion	8.0	11.5	14.8	11.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Unemployment increases the likelihood of criminal activities.				
Strongly Agree	46.0	42.1	29.3	38.8
Agree	48.3	50.7	62.2	54.0
Disagree	3.8	4.8	3.0	3.8
Strongly Disagree	0.4	1.0	0.4	0.5
No Opinion	1.5	1.4	5.2	2.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lack of recreational opportunities increases the likelihood of criminal activities.				
Strongly Agree	32.7	34.4	37.8	35.0
Agree	50.2	42.6	43.3	45.6
Disagree	12.5	17.7	11.1	13.5
Strongly Disagree	2.7	2.4	1.9	2.3
No Opinion	1.9	2.8	5.9	3.6
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #9
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	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Lack of mutual cooperation between local citizens and police increases the likelihood of criminal activities.				
Strongly Agree	26.6	29.2	33.3	29.8
Agree	55.9	44.0	45.9	48.9
Disagree	9.5	19.6	10.7	12.8
Strongly Disagree	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5
No Opinion	6.5	5.8	8.5	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Inadequate social or human services increases the likelihood of criminal activity.				
Strongly Agree	16.3	18.2	16.7	17.0
Agree	47.5	45.0	42.6	45.0
Disagree	25.9	24.9	25.9	25.6
Strongly Disagree	0.8	2.9	2.2	1.9
No Opinion	9.5	9.1	12.6	10.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #10

Question: "In general, do you feel the Criminal Justice System has done an excellent, good, fair or poor job of handling juveniles engaged in criminal activity in your community?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Excellent	1.5	2.4	3.0	2.3
Good	20.9	29.7	33.0	27.8
Fair	34.2	36.4	33.0	34.4
Poor	33.5	22.5	27.4	28.2
No Opinion	9.9	9.1	3.7	7.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #11

If the respondent replied "fair" or "poor" in the preceding question (i.e. Question #10), he was asked: "Do you have any (other) suggestions how the system might be improved?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Stiffer penalties for criminal activity	25.1	23.8	21.6	23.6
More youth oriented programs	8.9	9.5	14.2	10.9
More effective laws (i.e., stricter)	7.3	13.6	10.2	10.1
More parental guidance	8.9	10.2	9.0	9.3
More effective rehabilitation programs	9.9	4.1	8.5	7.8
More experienced police officers	5.2	7.5	8.0	6.8
Other	34.5	31.3	28.4	31.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #12

Question: "Some people believe that the present age of 18 years old for adult offenses should be reduced so that more juveniles are penalized as adults, if convicted. Others think it should be increased. How do you feel?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Reduce Age	27.4	23.9	28.9	27.0
Keep it as is	58.9	56.5	56.3	57.3
Increase Age	9.1	12.9	12.2	11.3
No Opinion	4.5	1.9	2.6	4.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Comments on Question #12

They are still children at 18	10.3	17.2	8.5	11.6
18 is a fair age/ They are old enough to know	20.2	36.4	13.7	22.4
They learn right from wrong at an early age	14.4	17.2	13.1	14.7
If a person commits a crime he/she should be punished	2.6	5.8	10.7	6.5
No response/No comment offered	52.5	23.4	54.0	44.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #13

Question: "Do you agree or disagree that the traditional criminal system should be used only as a last resort in the case of juveniles?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Agree	53.6	59.8	50.0	54.0
Disagree	38.4	28.7	33.0	33.7
No Opinion	8.0	11.5	17.0	12.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #14

Question: "In Maine, there are several police organizations available to help local citizens. Which of the following is the primary service in your community?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Paid Local Police Department				
Primary	67.5	67.0	65.5	66.6
Secondary	3.8	5.7	2.6	3.9
No Opinion/Not Sure	28.7	27.3	31.9	29.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
County Sheriff's Department				
Primary	15.2	17.2	14.1	15.4
Secondary	39.2	39.7	40.0	39.6
No Opinion/Not Sure	45.6	43.1	46.0	45.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
State Police				
Primary	14.8	8.6	14.4	12.9
Secondary	44.9	38.3	40.7	41.5
No Opinion/Not Sure	40.4	53.1	44.9	45.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #15

Question: "Here is a card containing a list of police service activities available in most communities. Please tell me which you think is most important, which second and so forth."

		% of Respondents			
		Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Patrol					
	% Rating First	39.9	47.4	42.2	42.9
	Second	14.8	15.8	15.2	15.9
	Third	14.4	10.5	12.6	12.7
	Fourth	16.3	13.9	19.6	16.8
	Fifth	8.7	7.7	8.5	8.4
	No Opinion/Not Sure	5.7	4.8	1.9	4.0
	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Criminal Investigations					
	% Rating First	23.2	18.7	18.9	20.4
	Second	21.3	21.1	25.2	22.6
	Third	26.2	21.5	18.9	22.2
	Fourth	14.1	17.2	16.7	15.9
	Fifth	9.1	14.8	17.8	13.9
	No Opinion/Not Sure	6.1	6.7	2.6	5.0
	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Youth Services					
	% Rating First	12.9	12.0	19.6	15.1
	Second	24.0	21.5	20.0	21.8
	Third	22.8	23.4	21.5	22.5
	Fourth	22.8	24.4	23.7	23.6
	Fifth	11.4	12.0	12.6	12.0
	No Opinion/Not Sure	6.1	6.7	2.6	5.0
		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #15
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	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Private Complaints and Service				
% Rating First	12.5	14.4	10.0	12.1
Second	23.6	22.5	18.5	21.4
Third	19.0	24.9	26.3	23.3
Fourth	22.1	19.1	17.8	19.7
Fifth	17.9	13.9	24.8	19.3
No Opinion/Not Sure	5.0	5.3	2.6	4.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Traffic Control				
% Rating First	6.5	6.2	9.3	7.4
Second	11.0	13.4	18.5	14.4
Third	11.4	14.4	18.1	14.7
Fourth	18.6	17.7	19.3	18.6
Fifth	46.4	41.1	33.0	40.0
No Opinion/Not Sure	6.1	7.2	1.9	4.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #16

Question: "Overall, on a scale of 10, with 10 being excellent, and 1, very poor, how effective would you rate the primary police services in your community?"

		% of Respondents			
		Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
(7 thru 10)	High	54.4	49.5	59.1	54.8
(4 thru 6)	Medium	33.6	33.7	30.3	32.4
(1 thru 3)	Low	12.0	16.8	10.6	12.8
Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean		6.5	6.2	6.7	6.5
Median		6.8	6.4	7.2	6.9

Question #17

Question: "Any other ways you feel police services could be improved in your community?"

	% of Responses			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Increase the number of policemen	9.9	9.8	10.9	10.2
Increase formal training of policemen: professionalization	4.0	6.7	6.1	5.5
Increase Patrolling generally	7.6	4.3	3.9	5.3
More understanding of people's complaints	1.7	3.1	3.3	2.7
Shorten police response time when called	2.0	2.4	2.6	2.4
More foot patrolling as opposed to patrolling in cars	2.5	1.4	1.6	1.9
Equal justice: treat all cases the same	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3
Other	16.1	18.0	14.1	15.9
Don't know	55.8	54.1	57.0	55.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #18

Question: "In what way do you feel the police serving your community are doing a good job?"

	% of Responses			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Traffic control and patrolling	12.7	11.0	11.9	11.9
Good performance overall	6.1	8.4	13.2	9.3
Responding to complaints	10.1	8.6	8.3	9.0
Doing the best they can with what they have	5.5	9.8	3.9	6.1
Good with young people	2.7	2.4	2.0	2.4
Responding to accidents and emergencies	3.0	1.2	1.9	2.1
Other	8.0	5.0	4.4	5.7
Don't know	51.9	53.6	54.4	53.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #19

Question: "A National Commission has identified several significant police standards and goals. Citizen groups in Maine will soon be working on establishing Maine's Police Standards and Goals. I am going to read you the National list. I would like you to tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree, or if you have no opinion that each of these should be police goals in Maine."

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Increased teamwork between the police and the community to prevent crime should be a goal.				
Strongly Agree	41.1	47.8	47.0	45.1
Agree	55.4	47.9	46.3	50.0
Disagree	0	1.4	0.7	0.8
Strongly Disagree	0.4	--	0.7	0.4
No Opinion	3.1	2.9	5.3	3.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Diversion of juveniles, drunks and mental patients from police handling to other community resources should be a goal.				
Strongly Agree	19.8	27.8	16.3	20.8
Agree	49.4	47.4	55.9	51.2
Disagree	17.9	14.8	18.1	17.1
Strongly Disagree	1.1	2.3	3.0	2.2
No Opinion	11.8	7.7	6.7	8.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Use of patrolman or cruiser operator as the primary investigator of crimes that come to his attention should be a goal.				
Strongly Agree	10.3	18.7	20.0	16.2
Agree	53.2	57.3	47.8	52.4
Disagree	18.6	14.4	15.9	16.4
Strongly Disagree	1.9	2.4	1.1	1.8
No Opinion	16.0	7.2	15.2	13.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #19
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	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Consolidation of police departments with fewer than 10 full time police officers should be a goal.				
Strongly Agree	8.0	14.4	11.1	10.9
Agree	31.2	20.6	34.4	29.4
Disagree	34.6	38.3	31.1	34.4
Strongly Disagree	8.4	12.0	12.6	10.9
No Opinion	17.8	14.7	10.8	14.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Increased formal education requirements for employment of police officers should be a goal.				
Strongly Agree	24.7	29.7	34.8	29.8
Agree	45.6	45.0	41.9	44.1
Disagree	19.0	19.1	13.3	17.0
Strongly Disagree	2.7	1.4	2.2	2.2
No Opinion	8.0	4.8	7.8	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Creation of special police units to react to developing trends in crime should be a goal.				
Strongly Agree	15.2	16.3	16.3	15.9
Agree	59.7	55.4	56.7	57.4
Disagree	12.9	16.3	12.2	13.6
Strongly Disagree	0.4	1.4	1.5	1.1
No Opinion	11.8	10.6	13.3	12.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #20

Question: "Overall, on a scale of 10, with 10 being excellent, and 1, very poor, how effective do you think the courts in this area are in handling cases promptly and effectively?"

		% of Respondents			
		Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
(7 thru 10)	High	21.9	35.5	41.4	32.6
(4 thru 6)	Medium	48.4	42.9	37.3	42.6
(1 thru 3)	Low	29.8	23.6	21.3	24.8
	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean		4.7	5.4	5.7	5.3
Median		4.8	5.2	5.6	5.2

Question #21

Question: "How could they (the courts) be improved?"

	% of Responses			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Have them process cases quicker.	10.7	12.5	7.0	9.9
Have them hand down stiffer sentences.	8.2	8.6	9.4	8.8
Create more Judges and Courts.	6.8	6.7	8.5	7.4
Change laws so that legal loopholes are closed.	4.2	3.6	5.0	4.3
They are doing the best they can/ No improvement needed	0.8	4.5	1.9	2.4
Increase court personnel.	2.7	0.7	2.0	1.9
Other	7.6	9.1	5.6	7.3
Don't know	59.1	54.3	60.6	58.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #22

Question: "I am going to read you a series of statements about the courts. As before, I would like you to respond by saying you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement as I read it."

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
If I were in court, I believe that I would be given a fair hearing.				
Strongly Agree	7.2	14.8	17.0	12.9
Agree	71.2	66.0	61.9	66.3
Disagree	8.4	9.2	7.4	8.2
Strongly Disagree	3.0	1.9	4.1	3.1
No Opinion	10.2	8.1	9.6	9.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
I think the court system is responsive to the problems of our community.				
Strongly Agree	2.7	4.8	4.1	3.8
Agree	49.8	53.1	51.1	51.2
Disagree	31.2	23.0	21.5	25.3
Strongly Disagree	2.3	4.3	5.2	3.9
No Opinion	14.0	14.8	18.1	15.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
From what I understand, the courts waste a lot of time on traffic and civil cases, and don't process criminal cases promptly enough.				
Strongly Agree	27.8	29.7	24.4	27.1
Agree	41.1	32.1	38.5	37.6
Disagree	16.3	18.7	18.5	17.8
Strongly Disagree	1.5	1.4	1.9	1.6
No Opinion	13.3	18.1	16.7	15.9
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #22
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	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
They let too many hardened criminals get off too easily.				
Strongly Agree	40.3	42.6	42.2	41.6
Agree	39.2	38.3	35.6	37.6
Disagree	10.6	10.5	12.6	11.3
Strongly Disagree	0.4	1.0	0.4	0.6
No Opinion	9.5	7.6	9.2	8.9
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
I'd support the creation of a special court to handle family and juvenile cases, such as divorces and juvenile offenses.				
Strongly Agree	29.7	31.1	28.9	29.8
Agree	57.4	55.5	53.0	55.3
Disagree	5.3	9.6	7.0	7.1
Strongly Disagree	1.1	--	1.1	0.8
No Opinion	6.5	3.8	10.0	7.0
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Traffic cases ought to be handled through the Department of Motor Vehicles, or some other State agency.				
Strongly Agree	22.4	23.5	16.2	20.5
Agree	55.5	45.9	49.3	50.5
Disagree	13.3	19.6	18.9	17.1
Strongly Disagree	0.4	1.9	4.1	2.2
No Opinion	8.4	9.1	11.5	9.7
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
The probation system as it's presently designed works well in most instances.				
Strongly Agree	1.5	1.4	2.2	1.8
Agree	34.6	35.9	40.4	37.1
Disagree	25.9	24.9	24.8	25.2
Strongly Disagree	8.4	10.0	11.1	9.8
No Opinion	29.6	27.8	21.5	26.1
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #23

Question: "What do you feel should be the fundamental goals of Maine State's Correctional System?"

	% of Responses			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
The rehabilitation of criminals	26.8	28.0	33.3	29.5
Teach criminals a trade	6.1	8.6	12.8	9.2
To see to it that tough sentences are carried out	4.6	5.0	2.6	4.0
To act as a deterrent against crime	1.2	2.9	4.3	2.8
Keeping criminals off the street	1.5	2.4	2.8	2.2
To separate hardened criminals from first offenders	1.3	2.2	2.4	1.9
Other	12.0	7.7	4.6	8.1
Don't know	46.6	43.2	37.2	42.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #24

Question: "Do you feel the corrections system is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job in those goals?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Excellent	0.8	1.4	0.7	0.9
Good	17.5	27.8	33.7	26.3
Fair	41.8	37.3	41.5	40.3
Poor	25.9	24.4	17.4	22.4
No Opinion/Not Sure	14.1	9.1	6.7	10.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #25

If the respondent answered the preceding question (i.e., Question #24) with either a "fair" or "poor" response, he/she was asked the following: "Why do you feel that way?"

	% of Responses			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Too many repeated offenders	10.1	11.2	10.4	10.5
Justice is not administered equally to all convicted criminals	1.3	2.9	3.2	2.4
The guards are not properly educated to deal with the criminals	1.0	1.9	2.4	1.8
Increasing crime rate	2.3	1.9	0.7	1.6
Not enough money available to do the job properly	1.1	1.2	1.7	1.4
Other	17.0	10.5	9.4	12.4
Don't know	67.3	70.3	72.2	69.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #26

Question: "There is a belief among some professionals engaged in the correntional system that the more the convicted person can be supervised in his own community through probation or supervised work or study programs, the better he will be rehabilitated, and the lower the cost of supervising him compared to keeping him in prison. Do you agree or disagree with this approach?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Agree Always	18.3	23.9	14.1	18.3
Agree in Some Cases	61.6	58.4	66.7	62.5
Disagree	12.9	12.9	13.7	13.2
No Opinion	7.2	4.8	5.5	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #27

Question: "In some recent cases, judges have sentenced convicted people to make restitutions to their victims or to the community by performing some work or activity. Do you feel this form of sentencing is a very good approach, occasionally useful, or not a good idea at all?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Very good	49.4	56.9	45.6	50.1
Occasionally good	39.5	36.4	43.0	39.9
Not at all good	7.6	5.2	6.6	6.6
No answer	3.5	1.5	4.8	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #28

Question: "Have you, or has any member of your family, been a victim of a crime against themselves, or against their property in the past five years while in Maine?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Yes	29.3	26.3	24.8	26.8
No	66.9	71.2	74.1	70.8
No Response	3.8	2.5	1.2	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #29

Question: "What was the crime or crimes (that you or a member of your family have been a victim of in the past five years while in Maine)?"

	Number			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Murder-Manslaughter	1	8	3	12
Rape-Assault with intent to rape	2	1	-	3
Armed Robbery at home	2	2	-	4
Armed Robbery at place of business	-	2	2	4
Burglary at home	33	24	34	91
Burglary at place of business	8	8	13	29
Vandalism (damage over $100)	27	19	28	74
Arson	1	1	1	3
Auto-boat-motorcycle-snowmobile Theft	10	8	9	27
Extortion or fraud	-	-	-	--

Question #30

Question: "In your own opinion, how effectively did the Criminal Justice System work in this (these) case(s)?"

	% of Responses			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
The person who committed the crime was never found.	28.3	33.3	29.3	31.3
It was a routine investigation.	15.2	17.3	27.2	20.1
Police never came back to tell me anything.	9.8	6.7	16.3	10.0
Didn't report it.	2.2	10.7	3.3	5.0
Other	44.6	32.0	23.9	33.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #31

Question: "Do you know anyone who has had any of these crimes committed against them, but has not reported it?"

	Number			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Murder-Manslaughter	-	3	6	9
Rape-Assault with intent to rape	3	4	7	14
Armed robbery at home	3	3	1	7
Armed robbery at place of business	3	3	2	8
Burglary at home	9	23	9	41
Burglary at place of business	1	7	3	11
Vandalism (damage over $100)	7	11	13	31
Arson	-	5	5	10
Auto-boat-motorcycle-snowmobile theft	2	7	4	13
Extortion or fraud	-	-	-	--

Question #32

If the respondent answered "yes" in the preceding question he/she was asked: "Why do you think they didn't bother to report it/them?"

	% of Responses			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
It wouldn't have done any good.	30.7	43.5	26.9	33.3
There wasn't enough proof.	3.8	8.7	15.4	9.3
They were too frightened to report it.	34.8	26.1	30.8	30.7
Other	30.7	21.7	26.9	26.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #33

Question: "On a scale of 10, with 10 being very concerned or fearful, and 1 being very relaxed or safe, how worried are you personally about being a victim of each of the crimes on the list?"

		% of Respondents			
		Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Murder/Manslaughter					
(7 thru 10)	High	10.1	14.1	15.9	13.3
(4 thru 6)	Medium	6.8	4.5	6.4	6.0
(1 thru 3)	Low	83.1	81.4	77.7	80.7
Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean		2.2	2.5	2.7	2.4
Median		1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Rape/Assault with intent to rape					
(7 thru 10)	High	21.3	25.5	20.5	22.2
(4 thru 6)	Medium	13.9	9.6	9.4	11.2
(1 thru 3)	Low	64.8	64.9	70.1	66.6
Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean		3.3	3.6	3.2	3.4
Median		1.5	1.5	1.3	1.4
Armed Robbery at Home					
(7 thru 10)	High	18.2	17.5	18.3	18.4
(4 thru 6)	Medium	20.8	16.5	9.9	15.6
(1 thru 3)	Low	60.0	66.0	71.8	66.0
Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean		3.6	3.2	3.0	3.2
Median		2.4	1.6	1.4	1.5

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		Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
			% of Respondents		
Armed Robbery at place of business					
(7 thru 10)	High	12.1	7.8	13.8	11.9
(4 thru 6)	Medium	7.5	14.2	8.5	9.4
(1 thru 3)	Low	80.4	78.0	77.7	78.7
Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean		2.4	2.4	2.6	2.5
Median		1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3
Burglary at home					
(7 thru 10)	High	36.9	35.0	24.3	31.9
(4 thru 6)	Medium	26.2	26.6	19.5	23.9
(1 thru 3)	Low	36.9	38.4	56.2	44.2
Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean		5.2	4.9	3.9	4.6
Median		4.9	4.8	2.6	4.5
Burglary at place of business					
(7 thru 10)	High	16.1	11.9	17.8	15.9
(4 thru 6)	Medium	12.5	17.5	9.7	12.4
(1 thru 3)	Low	71.4	70.6	72.5	71.7
Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean		2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9
Median		1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3
Vandalism (Damage over $100)					
(7 thru 10)	High	39.8	33.2	28.4	33.8
(4 thru 6)	Medium	22.7	30.2	20.8	24.2
(1 thru 3)	Low	37.5	36.6	50.8	42.0
Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean		5.3	4.9	4.3	4.8
Median		5.1	4.9	3.4	4.7

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		Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
			% of Respondents		
Arson					
(7 thru 10)	High	14.8	11.7	16.7	14.6
(4 thru 6)	Medium	14.7	10.7	12.3	12.7
(1 thru 3)	Low	70.5	77.6	71.0	72.7
Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean		2.9	2.6	3.1	2.9
Median		1.5	1.3	1.4	1.4
Auto-Boat-Motorcycle-Snowmobile Theft					
(7 thru 10)	High	25.8	22.0	19.9	22.6
(4 thru 6)	Medium	18.2	15.5	14.7	16.2
(1 thru 3)	Low	56.0	62.5	65.4	61.2
Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean		3.9	3.5	3.4	3.6
Median		2.5	1.8	1.8	2.0
Extortion or Fraud					
(7 thru 10)	High	8.5	5.8	11.5	8.9
(4 thru 6)	Medium	9.3	10.6	9.1	9.6
(1 thru 3)	Low	82.2	83.6	79.4	81.5
Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean		2.2	2.0	2.4	2.2
Median		1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2

Question #34

Question: "We all pay state, federal, and local taxes. For each dollar you pay in taxes how many cents do you guess goes to support the Criminal Justice System that has just been discussed?'

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
0 to 25 cents	89.4	89.0	74.4	83.8
26 to 50 cents	6.8	4.8	8.2	6.8
51 to 75 cents	1.5	0.5	1.5	1.2
76 to 100 cents	2.3	5.7	15.9	8.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean	12.6	14.2	25.1	17.5
Median	5.4	5.0	9.6	6.1

Question #35

Question: "If additional support were needed for the Criminal Justice System, would you prefer it came from local, State, or Federal sources?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Local	18.6	24.4	18.1	20.1
State	27.0	31.6	31.1	29.8
Federal	42.2	36.4	44.8	41.5
No opinion/Not sure	12.2	7.6	6.0	8.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #36

Question: "Why do you feel this way?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Local Support:				
Local people know best	61.2	54.9	34.7	50.3
Local people better qualified	16.3	11.8	14.3	14.1
We pay taxes	--	2.0	14.3	5.4
Other	22.5	31.3	36.7	30.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
State Support:				
They are better qualified	35.2	34.8	33.3	34.4
The state government has the money	22.5	18.2	21.4	20.8
Too much Federal control	8.5	10.6	9.5	9.5
We pay state taxes	9.9	10.6	8.3	9.5
Other	23.9	25.8	27.5	25.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Federal Support:				
The Federal government has the money	57.7	47.4	61.2	56.5
We pay Federal taxes	12.6	21.1	9.0	13.3
The Federal people are better qualified	8.1	14.5	11.6	11.0
Other	21.6	17.0	18.2	19.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #37

Question: "If additional support were available, which agencies should receive more, which less, and which the same amount?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Courts				
More	32.7	26.8	34.8	31.8
Less	7.6	7.7	11.1	8.9
Same Amount	43.3	56.5	43.0	46.9
No Opinion/Not Sure	16.4	9.0	11.1	12.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Correctional System				
More	58.0	52.6	57.8	56.5
Less	4.6	1.4	8.9	5.3
Same Amount	24.0	37.4	24.1	27.8
No Opinion/Not Sure	13.4	8.6	9.2	10.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Juvenile Offenders				
More	65.4	56.9	63.3	62.3
Less	2.5	1.4	6.7	3.6
Same Amount	19.4	33.5	22.6	24.5
No Opinion/Not Sure	12.9	8.2	7.4	9.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Community Crime Prevention				
More	57.0	51.2	55.9	55.0
Less	4.2	2.4	12.6	6.7
Same Amount	25.1	37.3	24.1	28.2
No Opinion/Not Sure	13.7	9.1	7.4	10.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Police				
More	53.6	55.5	63.7	57.8
Less	6.1	1.4	7.0	5.1
Same Amount	28.5	35.9	21.5	28.0
No Opinion/Not Sure	11.8	7.2	7.8	9.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #38

Question: "In what priority do you think they should be funded - which first, which second and so forth?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Police				
Funded First	24.0	24.9	33.7	27.8
Second	10.3	11.5	17.0	13.1
Third	12.9	6.7	11.5	10.6
Fourth	9.5	11.0	7.4	9.2
Fifth	5.3	5.3	4.4	5.0
No Response	38.0	40.7	25.9	34.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Juvenile Offenders				
Funded First	24.7	21.5	20.0	22.1
Second	20.5	20.1	21.5	20.8
Third	12.5	12.4	13.7	12.9
Fourth	7.6	4.3	11.9	8.2
Fifth	3.8	2.9	6.3	4.4
No Response	30.8	38.8	26.7	31.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Community Crime Prevention				
Funded First	17.5	16.7	20.0	18.2
Second	18.6	15.3	16.7	17.0
Third	15.6	12.0	16.7	15.0
Fourth	6.1	5.3	11.9	8.0
Fifth	4.2	3.8	9.3	5.9
No Response	38.0	46.9	25.6	36.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #38
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	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Correctional System				
Funded First	12.9	10.5	16.7	13.6
Second	18.3	14.8	18.1	17.3
Third	14.1	17.2	20.4	17.3
Fourth	11.0	10.0	10.4	10.5
Fifth	6.5	3.8	6.3	5.7
No Response	37.3	43.5	28.1	35.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Courts				
Funded First	3.0	5.7	5.6	4.7
Second	10.6	5.7	14.1	10.5
Third	9.9	8.6	11.5	10.1
Fourth	10.6	8.1	11.1	10.1
Fifth	11.8	12.0	15.6	13.2
No Response	54.0	59.8	42.2	51.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #39

Question: "How familiar are you with the Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency? It was formerly known as the Maine Law Enforcement Planning and Assistance agency."

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Familiar	1.1	1.0	2.6	1.6
Somewhat Familiar	4.6	6.6	8.5	6.6
Not Very Familiar	37.3	38.8	39.6	38.5
Unfamiliar/Never heard of it	57.0	53.6	49.3	53.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #40

Question: "The National Advisory Commission on Standards and Goals has established National Criminal Justice Standards and Goals. The Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency is responsible for planning in this area and is working on establishing such goals for Maine with assistance from many citizens. How important do you feel it is that such common Goals and Standards be established for Maine?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 2	Statewide
Very Important	32.3	33.5	30.4	31.9
Important	51.7	51.7	54.4	52.7
Not Very Important	4.6	8.6	10.4	7.8
Unimportant	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0
No Opinion/Not Sure	8.4	3.3	1.9	4.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #41

Question: "If a citizen's committee were formed in your area to work on standards and goals for the Criminal Justice System, what kinds of people would you like to see named to that committee?"

	% of Responses			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Professional people (teachers, doctors, lawyers, etc.)	12.1	16.8	18.3	15.6
Police	5.6	5.6	6.5	5.9
Local businessmen	5.8	5.7	8.4	6.7
Christian people	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1
Ex-criminals	0.9	1.4	0.2	0.8
Parents	2.9	6.5	1.6	3.5
Young people	2.0	2.6	0.7	1.7
Ministers, clergy	2.3	6.5	5.7	4.7
Other	20.7	21.5	28.4	23.6
Don't know	46.5	32.5	29.1	36.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #42

Question: "In general, would you say that you were very familiar, familiar, not very familiar, or unfamiliar with how the Criminal Justice System operates in Maine?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Very familiar	3.8	1.4	3.0	2.4
Familiar	24.7	15.3	19.6	20.2
Not very familiar	41.4	52.6	50.7	48.0
Unfamiliar	28.6	29.3	26.7	28.0
No opinion/Not sure	1.5	1.4	--	1.4
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #43

If the respondent answered "very familiar" or "familiar" in the preceding question he/she was then asked the following? "Where do you get your information or opinions about the system?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Newspapers	40.5	50.0	43.5	43.8
TV	6.7	9.5	10.2	8.6
Readers Digest	0	--	1.4	0.5
Magazines	1.4	2.4	--	1.1
Personal experience	39.2	33.3	40.6	38.4
Other	12.2	4.8	4.3	7.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Question #d1: "Do you own or rent your home?"				
Own	74.9	78.4	80.4	77.9
Rent	20.9	13.4	13.7	16.2
Other	4.2	8.2	5.9	5.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Question #d2: "Marital Status of Respondent"				
Married	70.3	75.6	74.1	73.2
Single	12.5	10.0	8.5	10.4
Other	17.2	14.4	17.4	16.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Question #d3: "What is the age category of the male head of household?"				
18 to 24 years	7.6	7.2	7.4	7.4
25 to 34 years	24.3	21.5	19.6	21.8
35 to 44 years	13.7	17.4	13.0	14.4
45 to 54 years	13.3	20.1	15.6	16.0
55 to 61 years	12.9	11.5	10.0	11.5
62 and over	23.6	19.1	25.6	23.0
Refused	4.6	3.4	8.8	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Question #d4: "What is the level of schooling completed by the male head of household?"				
Some high school or less	26.6	24.9	29.6	27.2
High school graduate	24.3	33.5	28.5	28.4
Some college or technical school	23.2	21.1	17.4	20.5
4 year college graduate	12.2	9.1	8.5	10.0
Graduate study	8.4	6.7	5.6	6.9
Refused	5.3	4.9	10.4	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question #d5

Question: "Are both you and your spouse employed full time?"

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Yes	24.3	29.7	20.0	24.3
No	69.2	63.2	73.3	69.0
No response	6.5	7.1	6.7	6.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Question # d6:

Occupation of Male Head of Household

Professional, executive	12.5	18.7	16.3	15.6
Skilled labor, foreman, manager	14.8	11.0	11.9	12.7
Salesperson	4.9	2.4	3.0	3.5
Semi-skilled, clerical	14.1	8.1	11.9	11.6
Unskilled, laborer	13.3	23.9	12.2	15.9
Retired	22.8	18.7	20.7	20.9
Self-employed, owner	5.3	5.3	5.9	5.5
Other	3.4	5.7	9.6	6.4
Refused	8.7	6.2	8.5	8.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Occupation of Female Head of Household

Professional, executive	17.0	34.7	40.0	31.2
Skilled, labor, foreman, manager	5.6	2.0	7.7	5.4
Salesperson	3.8	6.2	4.6	4.8
Semi-skilled, clerical	30.2	32.6	16.9	25.7
Unskilled, laborer	26.4	24.5	15.4	21.5
Retired	17.0	0.0	12.3	10.2
Self-employed, owner	0.0	0.0	3.1	1.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

	% of Respondents			
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Statewide
Question #d7: Household or Family Income for 1975				
Less than $7,500	27.8	33.1	34.3	31.5
$7,500-$9,999	20.4	13.4	18.5	17.9
$10,000-14,999	21.3	19.1	20.4	20.4
Over $15,000	21.3	22.9	23.6	22.6
Refused	9.2	11.5	3.2	7.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sex of Respondents:				
Male	51.0	53.1	52.6	52.2
Female	49.0	46.8	47.4	47.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Rural/Urban Distribution of Respondents:				
Rural	44.5	42.6	59.3	49.3
Urban	55:5	57.4	40.7	50.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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