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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

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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.

	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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).

	<u>% Naming As Serious</u>	<u>% Considering Not Serious</u>
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

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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

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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:

<u>Situation</u>	<u>% Agreeing That Situation Has Effect on Criminal Activities</u>
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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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).

<u>Goal</u>	<u>% Favoring</u>	<u>% Opposing</u>
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

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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

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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.

<u>Statement</u>	<u>% Agreeing</u>	<u>% Disagreeing</u>
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

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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

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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

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

Community Work/Study Programs

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

Restitution Through Work

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

Victimization

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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

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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:

	<u>% of Sample</u>	<u>% of Crime Reported</u>
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?

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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

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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:

<u>Crime</u>	<u>Unreported Crime as a % of Crime Committed Against Respondents and Their Families</u>
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-Manslaughter 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

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One-third of our respondents report an 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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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The following table combines first and second priority rankings:

<u>Component</u>	<u>% Saying Fund First or Second</u>
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

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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

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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

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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

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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?"

	<u>% of Responses*</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

* 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?"

	<u>% of Responses*</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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

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."

	<u>% of Responses</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #4

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

	<u>% of Responses*</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
Theft/Robbery	19.3	20.9	19.0	19.7
Drugs or Alcohol 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
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

* 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?"

	<u>% of Responses*</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

* 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."

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #6
(Continued)

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #6

(Continued)

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>8.7</u>	<u>4.8</u>	<u>14.8</u>	<u>9.8</u>
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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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 saying you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree."

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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
Total	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #9
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	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
<u>Paid Local Police Department</u>				
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>County Sheriff's Department</u>				
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>State Police</u>				
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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."

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
<u>Patrol</u>				
% 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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Criminal Investigations</u>				
% 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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Youth Services</u>				
% 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
Total	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #15
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	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
<u>Private Complaints and Service</u>				
% 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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Traffic Control</u>				
% 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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

		<u>% of Respondents</u>			
		<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
(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		<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
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?"

	<u>% of Responses</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #18

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

	<u>% of Responses</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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."

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #19

(Continued)

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Increased <u>formal</u> 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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Creation of <u>special</u> 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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
(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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
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?"

	<u>% of Responses</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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."

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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
Total	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #22

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% of Respondents

	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #23

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

	<u>% of Responses</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #24

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

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

	<u>% of Responses</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #26

Question: "There is a belief among some professionals engaged in the correctional 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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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)?"

	<u>Number</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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)?"

	<u>% of Responses</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #31

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

	<u>Number</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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?"

	<u>% of Responses</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>30.7</u>	<u>21.7</u>	<u>26.9</u>	<u>26.7</u>
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?"

		<u>% of Respondents</u>			
		<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	Mean	3.6	3.2	3.0	3.2
	Median	2.4	1.6	1.4	1.5

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		<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
		<u>% of Respondents</u>			
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	Mean	5.3	4.9	4.3	4.8
	Median	5.1	4.9	3.4	4.7

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		<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
		<u>% of Respondents</u>			
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
<u>Local Support:</u>				
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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	25.6
Total	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #37

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

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
<u>Courts</u>				
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Correctional System</u>				
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Juvenile Offenders</u>				
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Community Crime Prevention</u>				
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Police</u>				
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #38

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

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
<u>Police</u>				
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Juvenile Offenders</u>				
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Community Crime Prevention</u>				
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
<u>Correctional System</u>				
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
 <u>Courts</u>				
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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."

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

	<u>% of Responses</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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?"

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

% 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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Question #d5

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

	<u>% of Respondents</u>			
	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

% 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	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Sex of Respondents:

Male	51.0	53.1	52.6	52.2
Female	49.0	46.8	47.4	47.8
Total	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Rural/Urban Distribution of Respondents:

Rural	44.5	42.6	59.3	49.3
Urban	55.5	57.4	40.7	50.7
Total	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

APPENDIX A
STATISTICAL INTERPRETATION

The figures in the following table take into account the effect of the sample design upon sampling error. They show the range, plus or minus, within which results can be expected to vary with repeated samplings under exactly similar conditions.

To use the following table, these directions should be followed. Suppose a reported percentage is 33 for a group that embraces 742 respondents. Since 33 is nearest 30 in the table, look in row 30 under the column headed 300. The number in the table is 3.3, which means that the 33 percent figure obtained in the survey is subject to a sampling error of plus or minus 3.3 percentage points. Another way of saying this is that very probably (95 times in 100) repeated samplings of this size would yield figures ranging between 29.7 and 36.3, with the most likely figure being the 33 percent obtained.

In Percentage Points
(at the .95 level of Confidence)

Sample Size

	263 (Area 1)	209 (Area 2)	270 (Area 3)	742 (State)
Percentages near 10	± 3.6	± 4.1	± 3.6	± 2.2
Percentages near 20	± 4.8	± 5.4	± 4.8	± 2.9
Percentages near 30	± 5.5	± 6.2	± 5.5	± 3.3
Percentages near 40	± 5.9	± 6.6	± 5.8	± 3.5
Percentages near 50	± 6.0	± 6.8	± 5.9	± 3.6
Percentages near 60	± 5.9	± 6.6	± 5.8	± 3.5
Percentages near 70	± 5.5	± 6.2	± 5.5	± 3.3
Percentages near 80	± 4.8	± 5.4	± 4.8	± 2.9
Percentages near 90	± 3.6	± 4.1	± 3.6	± 2.2

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PRESS
RELEASE

FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1976

Augusta, Maine - The Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency today announced the release of its Public Opinion Survey conducted by Northeast Markets, Inc., of Yarmouth to determine public attitudes and to measure the understanding of the Criminal Justice System in Maine. The study will be used to establish effective strategy and a baseline for evaluation of the Criminal Justice Standards and Goals Project.

MCJPAA Board of Directors Chairman, Richard Cohen, stated, "the Agency has been facilitating major changes in Maine's Criminal Justice System since 1968 and we are interested in determining the public's perception of that system."

The hour-long survey interview was administered in 750 households in three separately defined areas of the state with a designed balance between urban/rural and male/female heads of household.

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When first asked about the two or three major problems plaguing their community - prior to any reference to the Criminal Justice System - respondents considered crime as leading the list. In answer to the same query on major state level problems, respondents reported that unemployment, transportation, industry (jobs) and welfare overshadowed crime.

At the community level, robbery, burglary, drugs, alcohol, and vandalism all surfaced as significant crime problems with lack of activities for and supervision of youth being identified as the major causes for such problems; economic conditions, (i.e., lack of money, unemployment) were not cited as crime causes.

In terms of public perception, two-thirds of those questioned could not answer when asked to describe the criminal justice system. Of those who did respond, the predominant focus was on the courts.

Despite such lack of knowledge, however, citizens stand ready to play a role in reducing crime (79%) primarily through better reporting of offenses to police; and a majority feel that the community has serious responsibilities in the law enforcement system.

Approximately one-third each expressed (1) a high degree of fear that they would be burglarized at home or (2) that their homes would be seriously vandalized.

Over half of the citizens expressed confidence in police services they receive but an equal number weren't sure in what ways the police were doing a good job. Two-thirds of the respondents believe the court system is not handling cases promptly and effectively. Yet, more than half had no idea how the courts could be improved.

While most saw the courts as responsive to community problems and two-thirds believed that they would get a fair hearing, if they themselves were called into court, over three-fourths believed that too many hardened criminals are let off too easily.

The correctional system, many respondents noted, should be focusing heavily on rehabilitation, but an equal number weren't sure of what the primary goal of Maine's correctional system should be. A majority believe that the correctional system is doing only a fair to poor job.

Eighty-one percent said community programs should be provided for convicted prisoners on a uniform or selective basis. Under seven percent, however, saw the primary goal as including enforcement of tough sentences, keeping criminals off the streets or acting as a deterrent to crime.

Reactions were similar regarding juveniles. Sixty-two percent of the 750 households interviewed believe that the justice system had done a fair to poor job in handling delinquent youth. Of those rating the system fair to poor, the most frequently suggested remedy mentioned was stiffer penalties. Yet more than half felt that the criminal justice system should be used only as a last resort for such juvenile offenders.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work done during the year. It is followed by a detailed account of the various projects and the results achieved.

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Urban _____

Area: 01 02 03

Town _____

(Circle)

MCJPAA

PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

Good afternoon, I'm _____ from NorMark Research in Yarmouth, Maine. We have been retained by the State of Maine to do a study of people's attitudes and concerns about some services available in your community, and in the State. May I speak to the female (male) head of the home?

NOTE: QUOTA 50% MALE - 50% FEMALE

1) What do you feel are the two or three major problems facing your COMMUNITY that local officials should be trying to solve? Any others? Card 1

Problem #1 _____ (1)

Problem #2 _____ (2)

Problem #3 _____ (3)

2) Now about the STATE - What do you feel are the two or three major problems facing MAINE that STATE officials should be working to solve? Any others?

Problem #1 _____ (4)

Problem #2 _____ (5)

Problem #3 _____ (6)

3) This study deals mostly with what is referred to as the Criminal Justice System in the State of Maine, how it operates, and your views about it. Before we begin, I would like you to tell me what you think of as the Criminal Justice System - what in your mind that term includes. PROBE. Anything else? (RECORD VERBATIM)

A _____ (7)

B _____ (8)

C _____ (9)

D _____ (10)

E _____ (11)

F _____ (12)

- 4) What do you see as the two or three most serious crime problems in your community? (LIST IN ORDER) Any others?
- a) _____ (13)
- b) _____ (14)
- c) _____ (15)
- d) No problems serious _____

- 5) What do you see are the two or three primary causes of crime in your community? (RECORD IN ORDER)
- a) _____ (16)
- b) _____ (17)
- c) _____ (18)

- 6) Now I would like to show you a card containing a list of some kinds of problems faced in other parts of the country. 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. (HAND CARD A. READ LIST OF PROBLEMS. RECORD A, VERY SERIOUS; B, SERIOUS; C, NOT VERY SERIOUS; D, NOT AT ALL SERIOUS; E, NO OPINION, IN COLUMN AT RIGHT.)

<u>CARD A</u>	#6 Level of Seriousness (A,B,C,D,E)	
a) Crimes against people, such as murders or rape.	_____	(19)
b) Crimes against <u>property</u> , such as breaking and entering, burglary, vandalism, other forms of larceny.	_____	(20)
c) Drug or alcohol abuse.	_____	(21)
d) Repeat offenses by people already convicted and sentenced.	_____	(22)
e) Abuse or use of firearms in illegal or criminal offenses.	_____	(23)
f) Slow processing of <u>criminal</u> cases by the courts.	_____	(24)
g) Conditions among people in jail or prison.	_____	(25)
h) Unwillingness by citizens to report criminal activity or cooperate with the police or courts.	_____	(26)
i) Increased activity of <u>organized</u> crime.	_____	(27)

- 7) Do you feel that the citizens of the community do, or do not have a particular role to play in reducing crime?
- a) Do have a role _____ -1
- b) Do not have a role _____ -2 (SKIP TO #9) (28)
- c) Not sure _____ -3 (SKIP TO #9)

- 8) (If 7a) What do you feel that role is? (PROBE) How could that be done? (29)
- _____
- _____

14) In Maine, there are several different police organizations available to help local citizens. Which of the following is the primary police service in your community? (RECORD FIRST RESPONSE AS #1)

- a) paid local police department _____ (41) 1 = Primary
- b) County Sheriff's department _____ (42) 2 = Secondary
- c) State Police _____ (43) 3 = not sure
- d) not sure

14a) Are there any others serving your community? (RECORD AS ABOVE)

15) 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. (HAND CARD B. RECORD BELOW IN ORDER BY NUMBER - 1,2,3,4,5,6)

CARD B

- Patrol _____ (44)
- Traffic Control _____ (45)
- Criminal Investigations _____ (46)
- Youth Service _____ (47)
- Private Complaints
and Service _____ (48)

16) 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?

Rating _____ (50-51)

17) Any other ways you feel police services could be improved in your community?

_____ (52)

_____ (53)

18) In what way do you feel the police serving your community are doing a good job?

_____ (54)

_____ (55)

19) 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.

a) Increased teamwork between the police and the community to prevent crime should be a goal.

SA _____ -1 A _____ -2 D _____ -3 SD _____ -4 NO _____ -5 (56)

b) Diversion of juveniles, drunks and mental patients from police handling to other community resources should be a goal.

SA _____ -1 A _____ -2 D _____ -3 SD _____ -4 NO _____ -5 (57)

c) Use of patrolman or cruiser operator as the primary investigator of crimes that come to his attention should be a goal.

SA _____ -1 A _____ -2 D _____ -3 SD _____ -4 NO _____ -5 (58)

d) Consolidation of police departments with fewer than 10 full time police officers should be a goal.

SA _____ -1 A _____ -2 D _____ -3 SD _____ -4 NO _____ -5 (59)

e) Increased formal education requirements for employment of police officers should be a goal.

- f) Creation of special police units to react to developing trends in crime should be a goal.

SA ____ -1 A ____ -2 D ____ -3 SD ____ -4 NO ____ -5

(61)

- 20) Now I would like to ask you a few questions about the Courts. First, on that 10 point scale again, how effective do you think the Courts in this area are in handling cases promptly and effectively?

Rating _____ (62-63)

- 21) How could they be improved?

_____ (64)

_____ (65)

- 22) 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.

- a) If I were in court, I believe that I would be given a fair hearing.

SA ____ -1 A ____ -2 D ____ -3 SD ____ -4 NO ____ -5

(66)

- b) I think the Court system is responsive to the problems of our community.

SA ____ -1 A ____ -2 D ____ -3 SD ____ -4 NO ____ -5

(67)

- c) From what I understand, the Courts waste a lot of time on traffic and civil cases, and don't process criminal cases promptly enough.

SA ____ -1 A ____ -2 D ____ -3 SD ____ -4 NO ____ -5

(68)

- d) They let too many hardened criminals get off too easily.

SA ____ -1 A ____ -2 D ____ -3 SD ____ -4 NO ____ -5

(69)

- e) I'd support the creation of a special court to handle family and juvenile cases, such as divorces and juvenile offenses.

SA ____ -1 A ____ -2 D ____ -3 SD ____ -4 NO ____ -5

(70)

- f) Traffic cases ought to be handled through the Department of Motor Vehicles, or some other State agency.

SA ____ -1 A ____ -2 D ____ -3 SD ____ -4 NO ____ -5

(71)

- g) The probation system as it's presently designed works well in most instances.

SA ____ -1 A ____ -2 D ____ -3 SD ____ -4 NO ____ -5

(72)

- 23) What do you feel should be the fundamental goals of Maine State's Correctional System? (Prisons, jails, reformatories, training centers) (DO NOT READ)

(76-79)
Int. I.D.
(80) Card
Card 2
(1)
(2)

- 24) Do you feel the Corrections system is doing an excellent, good, fair or poor job in those goals?

a) excellent ____ -1 b) good ____ -2 c) fair ____ -3 d) poor ____ -4

(3)

25) .(IF C OR D ABOVE) Why do you feel that way?

(4)

(5)

26) There is a belief among some professionals engaged in the correctional 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?

- a) agree always _____ -1
- b) agree in some cases _____ -2
- c) disagree _____ -3
- d) no opinion _____ -4

(6)

27) 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?

- a) very good _____ -1
- b) occasionally good _____ -2
- c) not at all good _____ -3
- d) No answer _____ -4

(7)

28) 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?

- a) yes _____ -1
- b) no _____ -2 (SKIP TO #31)

(8)

29) What was that crime or crimes? We are interested in any crimes committed over the past five years. (HAND CARD C) Was it one of these?

CARD C	#29 Personally (9, 10, 11)	#31 Know Someone (12, 13, 14)	#33 Level of Fear
a) murder-manslaughter -1	_____	_____	_____ (15-16)
b) rape-assault with intent to rape -2	_____	_____	_____ (17-18)
c) armed robbery at home -3	_____	_____	_____ (19-20)
d) armed robbery at place of business -4	_____	_____	_____ (21-22)
e) burglary at home -5	_____	_____	_____ (23-24)
f) burglary at place of business -6	_____	_____	_____ (25-26)
g) vandalism (damage over \$100) -7	_____	_____	_____ (27-28)
h) arson -8	_____	_____	_____ (29-30)
i) auto-boat-motorcycle-snowmobile theft -9	_____	_____	_____ (31-32)
j) extortion or fraud -10	_____	_____	_____ (33-34)
k) other (please name) _____ -11	_____	_____	_____ (35-36)

30) In your own opinion, how effectively did the Criminal Justice System work in this (these) case(s)? Why do you feel that way? (PROBE FOR EVALUATION OF POLICE, COURTS, CORRECTIONS. GET SPECIFIC INFORMATION.)

(37)

(38)

31) RESPONDENT CONTINUES TO HOLD CARD C) Do you know anyone who has had any of these crimes committed against them, but has not reported it?

- a) yes _____ (which?) *(RECORD LETTER(S) FROM CARD ON GRID. GO TO #32.)
- b) no _____ (SKIP TO #33)

32) Why do you think they didn't both to report it/them?

(39)

33) 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 one of the crimes on the list? (RECORD ABOVE. DON'T ASK (b) - RAPE FOR MEN.)

34) 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?

_____ cents (40-41)

35) If additional support were needed for the Criminal Justice System, would you prefer it came from local, state, or Federal sources?

a) local _____-1 b) state _____-2 c) Federal _____-3

(42)

36) Why do you feel this way?

(43)

37) If additional support were available, which agencies should receive (a) more, (b) which less, and (c) which the same amount? (READ AND RECORD BELOW)

	#37 a,b,c	#38 1-5
Courts	_____ (44)	_____ (49)
Correctional System	_____ (45)	_____ (50)
Juvenile Offenders	_____ (46)	_____ (51)
Community Crime Prevention	_____ (47)	_____ (52)
Police	_____ (48)	_____ (53)

38) (FOR EACH a-more) In what priority do you think they should be funded - which first, which second and so forth? (RECORD NUMBER ABOVE)

39) 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. (READ)

a) familiar _____-1 c) not very familiar _____-3
b) somewhat familiar _____-2 d) unfamiliar/never heard of it _____-4

(54)

40) 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? - a) Very Important; b) Important; c) Not Very Important; or d) Unimportant. (CHECK BELOW)

a) Very Important _____-1 c) Not Very Important _____-3
b) Important _____-2 d) Unimportant _____-4

(55)

41) 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? (GET TWO OR THREE. IF PEOPLE'S NAMES GIVEN, ASK WHAT THEY DO.)

a) _____
b) _____

(56)

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42) 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?

- a) very familiar _____ -1 c) not very familiar _____ -3
b) familiar _____ -2 d) unfamiliar _____ -4 (59)

43) (IF a OR b ABOVE) Where do you get your information or opinions about the system?

_____ (60)

Now we need to ask you a few brief questions for classification purposes.

d1) Do you own or rent your home?

- a) own _____ -1 c) other _____ -3
b) rent _____ -2 (61)

d2) Are you.....?

- a) married _____ -1 c) other (divorced, separated, widowed) _____ -3
b) single _____ -2 (62)

d3) What is the age category of the male head of household?

- a) 18-24 _____ -1 c) 35-44 _____ -4 e) 55-61 _____ -6
b) 25-34 _____ -2 d) 45-54 _____ -5 f) 62 or over _____ -7
f) refuse _____ -3 (63)

d4) What is the level of schooling completed by the male head of household?

- a) Some high school or less _____ -1
b) High school graduate _____ -2
c) Some college or technical school _____ -3
d) 4 year college graduate _____ -4
e) Graduate study _____ -5
f) Refuse _____ -6 (64)

d5) Are both you and your spouse employed full time?

- a) Yes _____ -1 b) No _____ -2 (65)

d6) What kind of work does the male head of household do?

Household Head - Occupation _____ (66)

(If d5 "Yes") Spouse - Occupation _____ (67)

d7) For statistical purposes we need to know if your household or family income for 1975 was over \$10,000.

Over _____ -1 Under _____ -2 (68)

(If over) Was it over \$15,000?

- Yes _____ -1 No _____ -2 (69)

(If under) Was it over \$7,500?

- Yes _____ -1 No _____ -2 Refuse _____ -3 (70)

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP AND PARTICIPATION.

Interviewer: Please complete page 0

Interviewer: Record sex of respondent

Male ___-1

Female ___-2

(71)

Community of Residence _____

(72,73)

County of Residence _____

(74,75)

(76-79) Int. I.D.

(80) Card #

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Date Interviewed _____

Time Interview Completed _____ AM/PM

Date Validated _____

Length of Interview _____

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Interviewer's Initials _____

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