



YORK COUNTY

Justice Profile

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York County Facts

- *York County, incorporated in 1636, is the southernmost county in Maine. Its county seat is Alfred. York was the first county incorporated in the State of Maine.*
- *York County is a popular destination for Mainers and visitors alike, offering beautiful beaches like Ogunquit. Wells, a town in York, offers the Wells National Research Reserve- a 1,600 acre educational and research facility.*
- *15% of Maine's total population resides in York County.*
- *In 2007, the juvenile population in York County was estimated at 44,376¹.*

Population by Gender and Age, 2007 ²			
Gender/Age Group	Number	Percent of Total	
		York	Maine
Total	201,075	100.0%	100.0%
Male	98,223	48.8%	48.8%
Female	102,852	51.2%	51.2%
Under 14	36,193	18.0%	17.3%
15 to 24	24,460	12.2%	12.9%
25 to 34	22,347	11.1%	11.3%
35 to 44	30,476	15.2%	14.7%
45 to 54	34,311	17.1%	16.5%
55 to 64	25,164	12.5%	12.6%
65 to 74	14,471	7.2%	7.5%
75 to 84	10,100	5.0%	5.3%
85+	3,553	1.8%	1.9%
Median Age	-	41	41

¹ OJJDP Statistical Briefing Book

² Maine Department of Labor, 2007

Demographic Facts³

- Population growth in York County (8.0% increase from 2000 to 2008) has been faster than the statewide average (3.3% increase from 2000 to 2008).
- The population is younger than the statewide average.
 - Persons under 18 account for 22.0% of York County's population compared with the statewide average of 21.2%.
- Educational attainment is similar to the statewide average.
 - 86.5% of those ages 25+ in York County have graduated from high school compared with the statewide average of 85.4%.
 - 22.9% of those ages 25+ in York County have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher compared with the statewide average of 22.9%.
- Most income measures are higher and poverty rates are lower than statewide averages.
 - The median household income in York County is \$52,365 compared with a statewide average of \$45,832.
 - 8.2% of Kennebec County residents live below the poverty line compared with a statewide average of 12.2%.
- Population density: 135 people per square mile
- Largest cities (population): Biddeford (21,594), Sanford (21,252), Saco (18,164)

³ Ibid.

Adult Criminal Justice Highlights

YORK COUNTY HAS SEEN A SLIGHT INCREASE IN ADULT ARRESTS AND THE INDEX CRIME RATE OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS.

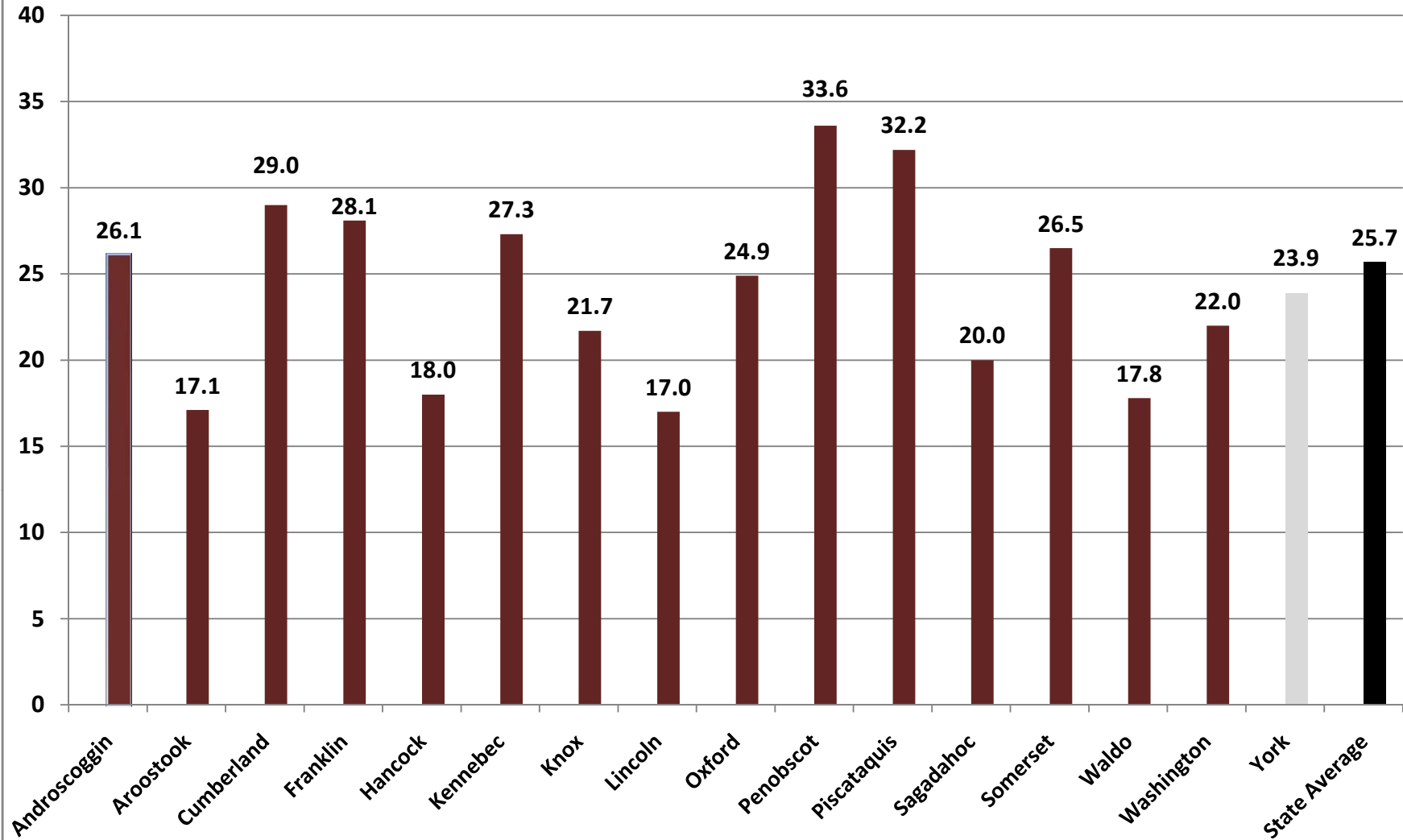
- The adult arrest rate has remained relatively steady, increasing by 6.1% over the last 5 years and increasing by 5.8% over the last 10 years.
- In 2007, York County had an index crime rate of 23.9 per 1,000 residents. The statewide average is 25.7 per 1,000 residents.
- Index crimes increased by 9.3% over the last 5 years, but registered a net decline of 23.2% over a 10 year period.

Juvenile Justice Highlights

JUVENILE ARRESTS HAVE SHOWN A DECLINE OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS. IN 2005, YORK COUNTY'S RATES OF JUVENILE FIRST TIME ADJUDICATIONS AND JUVENILE RECIDIVISM WERE SIMILAR TO THE STATEWIDE AVERAGES.

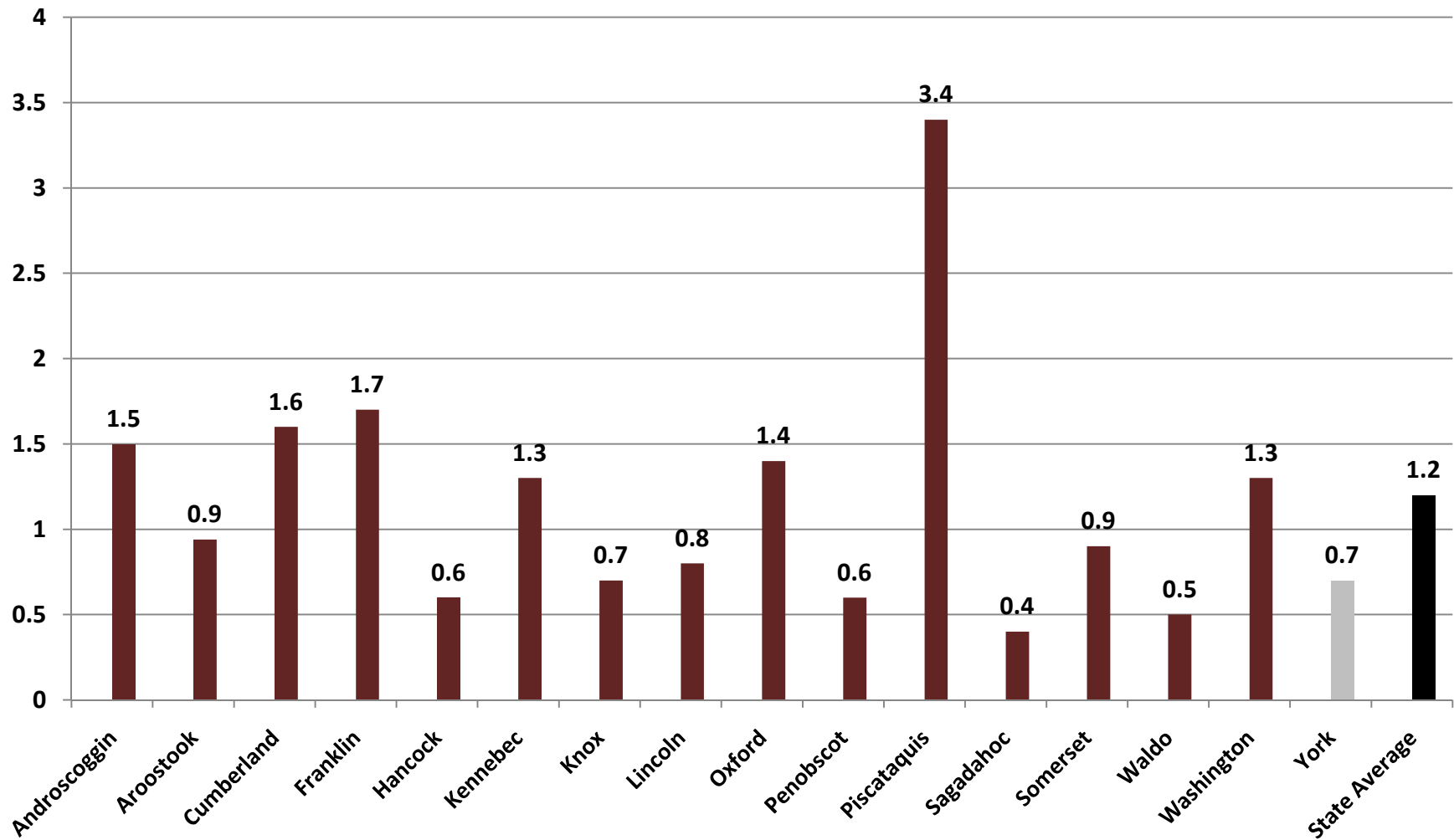
- The juvenile arrest rate has declined by 22.9% over the last 5 years and decreased by 26.7% over the last 10 years.
- In 2005, the rate of juveniles adjudicated for the first time was 7.6 per 1,000 residents. This was comparable to the statewide average of 8.4 per 1,000 residents in 2005.
- In 2005, the juvenile recidivism rate was 26%. This was comparable to the statewide average of 27% in 2005.

Index Crimes per 1,000 Residents, County Comparisons, 2007 (Total Population)

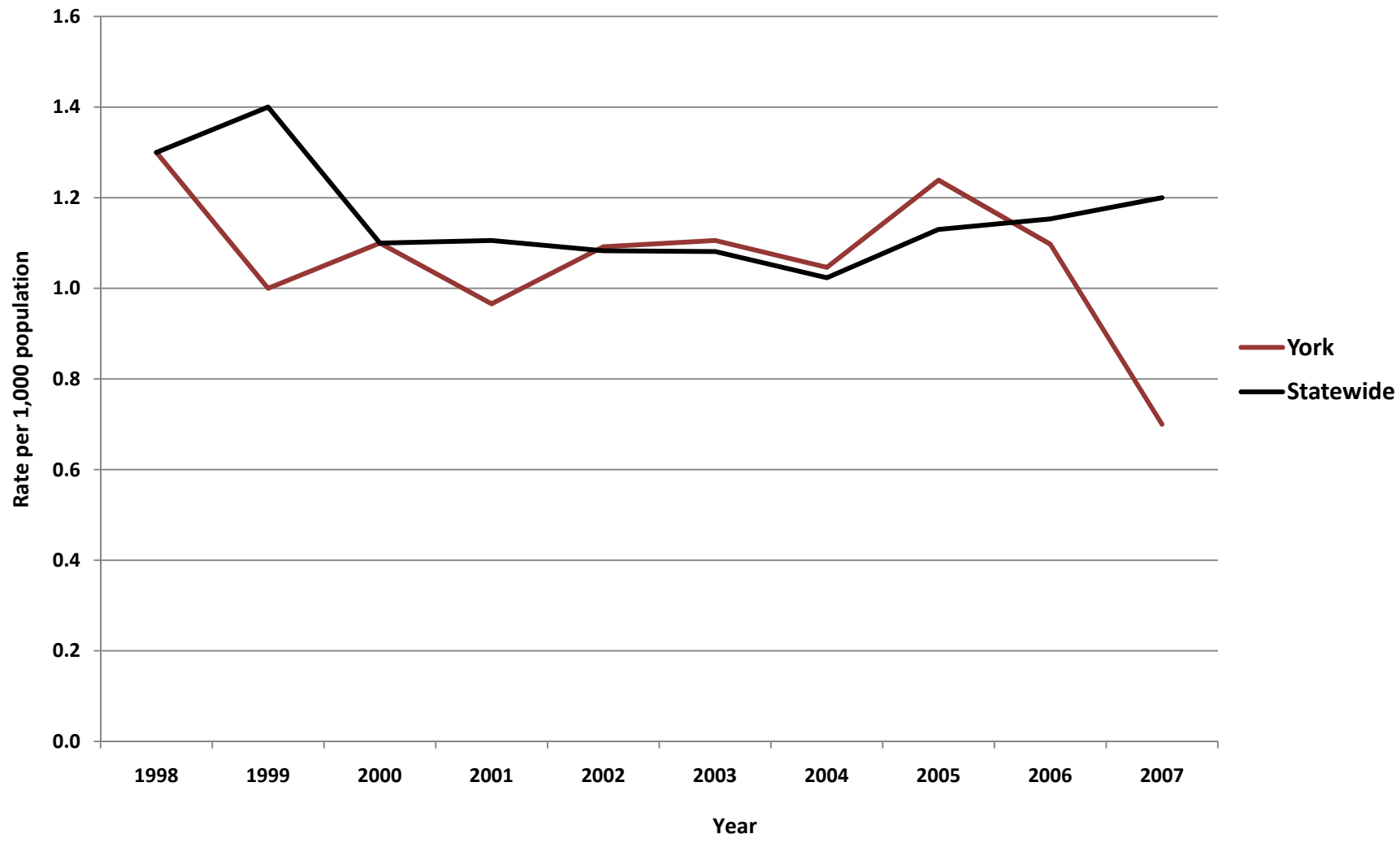


Violent Crimes per 1,000 Residents, County Comparisons, 2007

(Total Population)

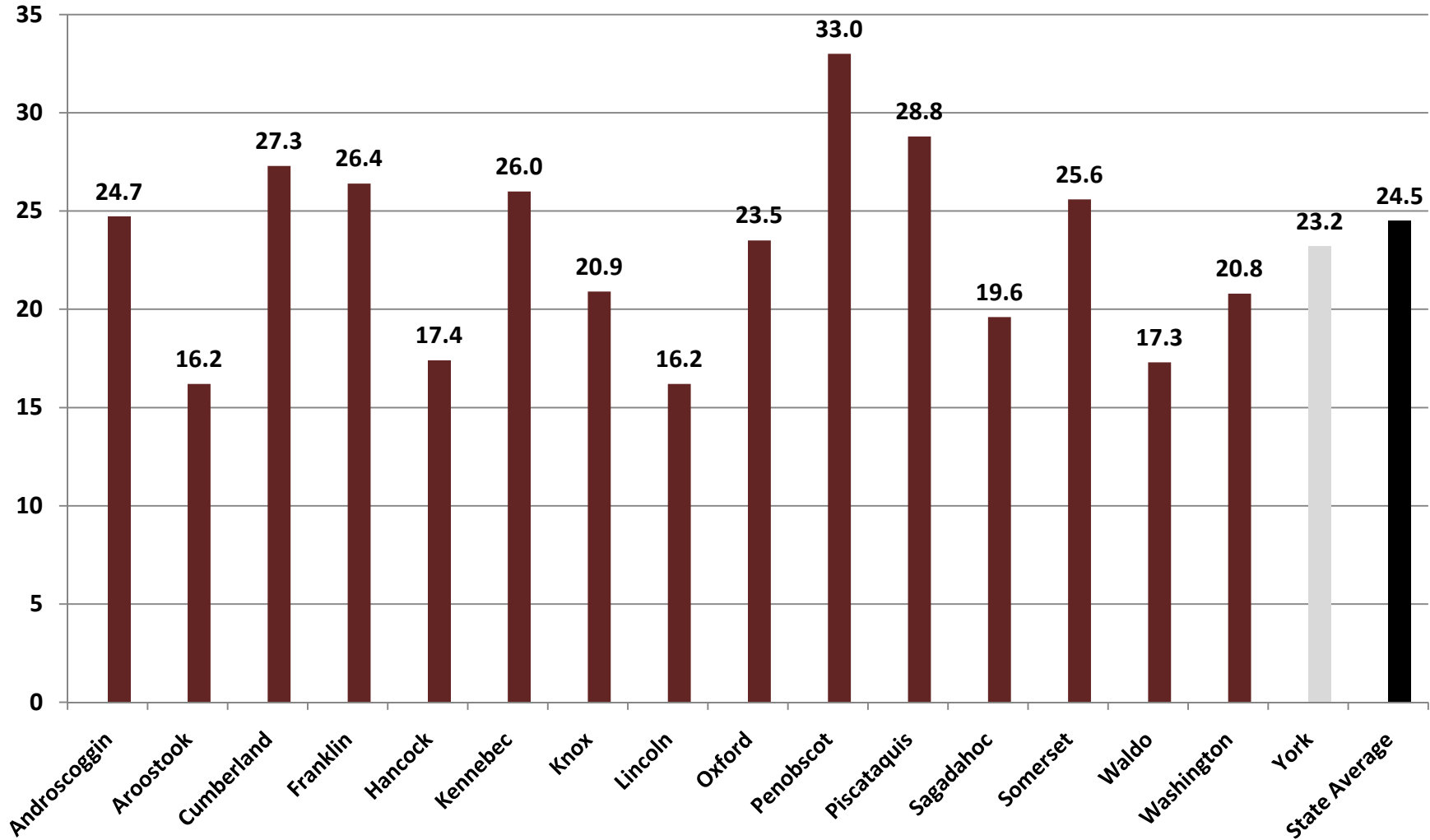


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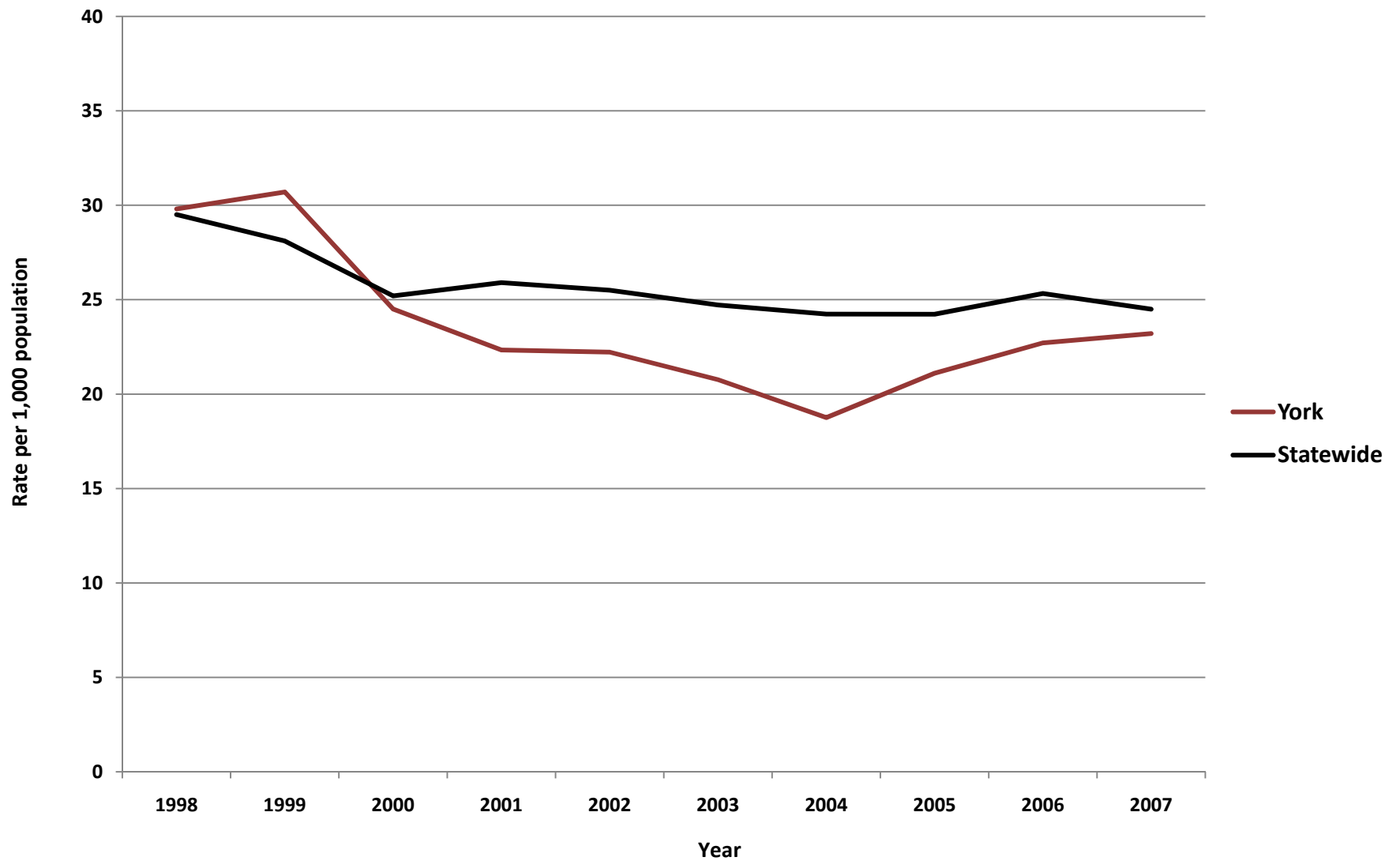


Property Crimes per 1,000 Residents, County Comparisons, 2007

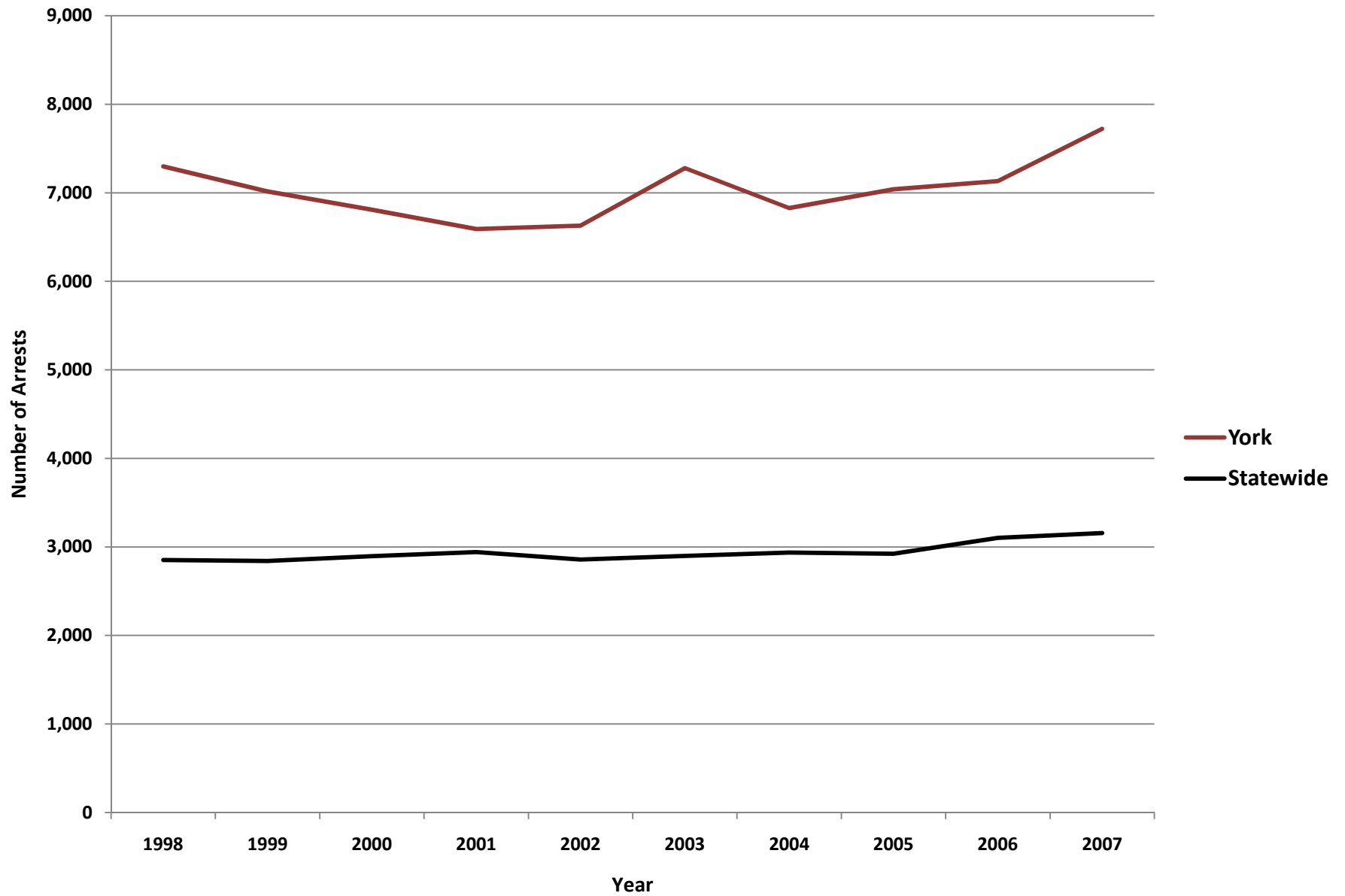
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York - Property Crimes per 1,000 Residents (Total Population)



York - Adult Arrests vs. Statewide Average



York - Adult Crime Statistics (2007)			
	Overall	Male	Female
Adult Arrests 2007	7,720	5,708	2,012
5-Year % Change	6.1%	2.3%	18.5%
10-Year % Change	5.8%	-0.9%	30.8%
Crime Rates (2007)			
Index Crimes 2007 (per 1,000 pop.)	23.9	Crime Rates are calculated using both Adult & Juvenile Arrests	
5-Year % Change	9.3%		
10-Year % Change	-23.2%		
Violent crimes 2007 (per 1,000 pop.)	0.7		
5-Year % Change	-36.7%		
10-Year % Change	-46.2%		
Property crimes 2007 (per 1,000 pop.)	23.2		
5-Year % Change	11.8%		
10-Year % Change	-22.1%		
Adult Arrests by Type (2007)			
	Adult - Overall	Adult - Male	Adult - Female
Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter	3	3	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	8	8	0
Robbery	22	18	4
Aggravated Assault	76	65	11
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	102	83	19
Larceny-Theft (except Auto Theft)	512	294	218
Motor Vehicle Theft	29	23	6
Other Assaults	1,086	797	289
Arson	10	7	3
Forgery & Counterfeiting	46	29	17
Fraud	103	54	49
Embezzlement	1	0	1
Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing	20	16	4
Vandalism	167	134	33
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.	70	67	3
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	1	1	0
Sex Offenses	15	14	1
Drug Abuse Violations	838	653	185
Gambling	1	1	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	9	5	4
Driving Under the Influence	1,454	1,060	394
Liquor Laws	635	454	181
Drunkenness	1	1	0
Disorderly Conduct	249	188	61
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	2,262	1,733	529
Total	7,720	5,708	2,012

York- Juvenile Crime Statistics (2007)			
	Overall	Male	Female
Juvenile Arrests 2007	1,417	1,054	363
5-year % change Juvenile arrests	-22.9%	-24.9%	-16.4%
10-year % change Juvenile arrests	-26.7%	-23.3%	-34.8%
Juvenile Justice System Outcomes			
	Rate	Number	
Referrals	45.14 per 1,000 population	996	
Diversions	46.39 per 100 referrals	462	
Adjudications	41.24 per 100 petitions	233	
Juvenile Arrests by Type (2007)			
	Juvenile Overall	Juvenile Male	Juvenile Female
Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	1	1	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	8	6	2
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	70	64	6
Larceny-Theft (except Auto Theft)	198	129	69
Motor Vehicle Theft	11	8	3
Other Assaults	222	162	60
Arson	7	6	1
Forgery & Counterfeiting	1	0	1
Fraud	2	2	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0
Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing	7	3	4
Vandalism	99	85	14
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.	22	20	2
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	15	15	0
Drug Abuse Violations	125	110	15
Gambling	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	25	18	7
Liquor Laws	317	217	100
Drunkenness	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	41	29	12
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	221	169	52
Curfew & Loitering	8	6	2
Runaways	17	4	13
Total	1,417	1,054	363

Referral: Number of juveniles referred to the juvenile justice system.

Diversion: Number of juveniles formally diverted by a juvenile community corrections officer (JCCO).

Adjudication: Number of juveniles found guilty by a court of law.

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