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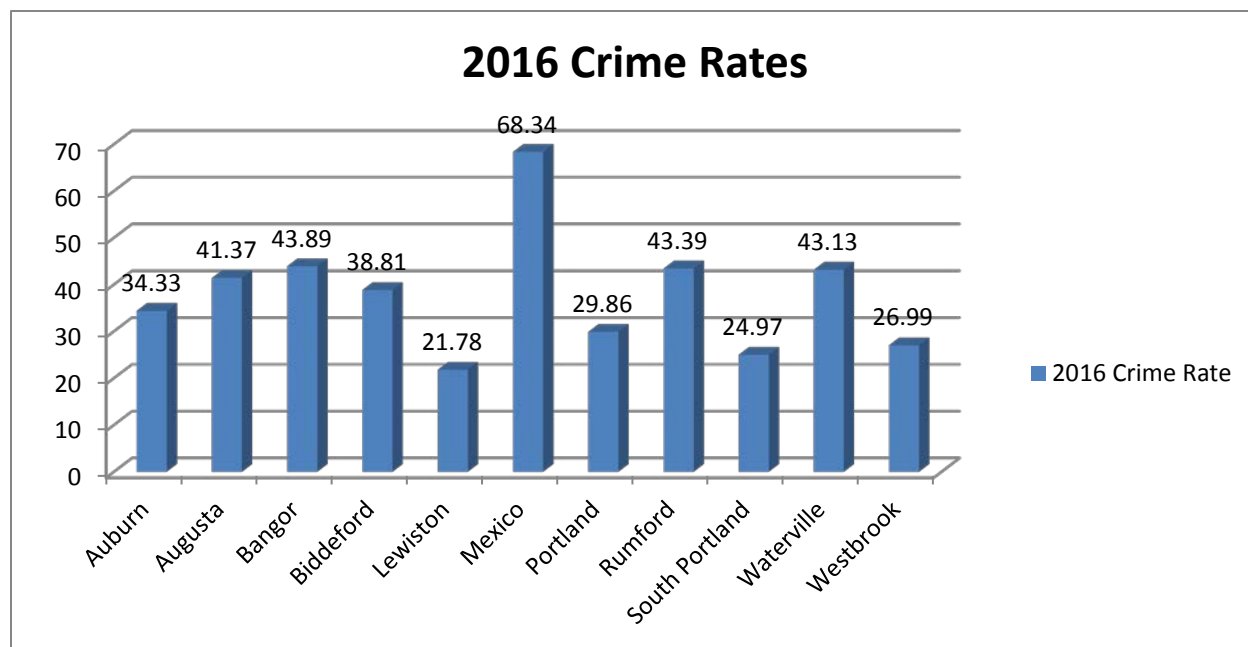
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Lewiston's 2016 crime rate was 21.78.¹ This was a 3.5% decrease from 2015's 22.56 rate. In fact, Lewiston's crime rate has consistently declined since 2012 when the rate was 40.36. Based on 2017 data to date, the City is again on pace to finish this year with a crime rate consistent with or lower than 2016's.

When compared with other large cities in the state, Lewiston has one of the lowest rates. At 21.78, Lewiston's crime rate is 19.59 percentage points lower than Augusta's, 22.11 points lower than Bangor's, and 8.08 percentage points lower than Portland's.

Lewiston also has a lower crime rate in comparison with some of the state's smaller towns, such as Mexico and Rumford, with populations of 2,590 and 5,646, respectively. In 2016, Lewiston's population exceeded 36,000 people.



According to Police Chief Brian O'Malley, "Community safety results from a cooperative effort of all elements of our community from the Police Department to our schools, our social service providers, and our individual citizens. The Lewiston Police Department is proud of the dramatic decreases we have seen in our crime rate over recent years. These decreases are proof of the strong, positive relationship the Department has developed with our community and the residents we serve."

¹ In order to standardize data for comparative purposes, all crime rates are reported as the number of crimes per 100,000 in population.