

STATISTICS ON THE NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS ASSAULTED ON DUTY FOR 2008/09 IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Data are provisional and are correct as at 24 August 2009. These data are **NOT** National Statistics.

The provisional statistics below show the number of police officers who were assaulted whilst on duty, in accordance with the guidance given by the Association of Chief Police Officers on 20 October 1998. It includes those assaults on officers off duty, whilst acting in their capacity as police officers. All assaults are recorded, including those resulting in no injury. These data are not National Statistics and are based on data returns made by individual police forces. Some forces have indicated that further data may be available at a later date, and this table will be updated to reflect any changes should these additional data become available.

Serious injury – Include those assaults for which the charge would be under Sections 18 and 20 Offences Against the Person Act 1861.

Minor or No Injury – Include those assaults for which the charge would be under Section 47 Offences Against the Person Act, Section 38 Offences Against the Person Act, Section 89(1) and 89(2) Police Act 1996 and Section 39 Criminal Justice Act 1998.

These data are collected on behalf of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and were previously published in their Annual Report. HMIC have advised the Home Office that from the 2005/07 publication these data will no longer appear and the data for 2004/05 would be the last series of these data to be published in their Annual Reports. Current arrangements for the publication of these data are that they will be released as supplementary datasets to the HMIC Annual Report by Home Office Statistics.

Assaults¹ on Police Offices 2008/09^{2,3}

Force	Fatal Injury	Serious Injury	Minor or No Injury
Avon and Somerset	0	14	180
Bedfordshire	0	0	94
Cambridgeshire	0	1	137
Cheshire ⁴	0	0	176
Cleveland ⁵	0	12	-
Cumbria ⁶	-	-	-
Derbyshire	0	3	146
Devon and Cornwall	0	0	230
Dorset	0	0	90
Durham	0	8	144
Essex	0	5	321
Gloucestershire	0	1	122
Greater Manchester	0	44	949

Force (continued)	Fatal Injury	Serious Injury	Minor or No Injury
Hampshire	0	29	227
Hertfordshire	0	19	134
Humberside	0	12	132
Kent	1	2	305
Lancashire	0	19	351
Leicestershire	0	4	158
Lincolnshire	0	1	88
London, City of	0	0	27
Merseyside	0	22	99
Metropolitan Police	0	179	1941
Norfolk	0	2	139
Northamptonshire	0	0	52
Northumbria	0	4	504
North Yorkshire ⁶	-	-	-
Nottinghamshire	0	0	177
South Yorkshire	0	2	116
Staffordshire	0	0	92
Suffolk	0	3	34
Surrey	0	4	161
Sussex	0	10	422
Thames Valley	0	0	180
Warwickshire	0	1	209
West Mercia	0	6	95
West Midlands	0	5	745
West Yorkshire	0	14	399
Wiltshire	0	0	46
Dyfed-Powys	0	0	79
Gwent	0	1	116
North Wales	0	0	94
South Wales	0	12	171

1. Provisional data collected on behalf of HMIC. Serious assaults are those for which the charge would be under Sections 18 and 20 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861. Other assaults include those with minor or no injury. Recording practices may vary over time and between forces.

2. Financial year runs 1st April to 31st March inclusive.

3. HMIC have advised that assaults data will no longer be published in their Annual Report and that the data for 2004/05 would be the last series of these data to be published there. Current arrangements for the publication of these data are that they will be released as supplementary datasets to the HMIC Annual Report by Home Office Statistics.

4. Cheshire Constabulary does not record all incidents of assault on the HR system. The figures shown have been extracted from the crime recording system under the Police Act 1996 Sec 89 (1).

5. Data on 'minor or no injury' for Cleveland were not available for 2008/09.

6. Cumbria and North Yorkshire were not able to provide data for 2008/09.