

STATISTICS ON THE NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS ASSAULTED ON DUTY FOR 2009/10 IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Data are provisional and are correct as at 9 July 2010. 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 2009/10^{2,3}

Force	Fatal Injury	Serious Injury	Minor or No Injury
Avon and Somerset	0	0	160
Bedfordshire	0	0	42
Cambridgeshire	0	5	127
Cheshire ⁴	-	-	-
Cleveland	0	0	155
Cumbria	0	9	87
Derbyshire	0	0	120
Devon and Cornwall	0	2	166
Dorset	0	1	69
Durham	0	0	126
Essex	0	1	329
Gloucestershire ⁴	-	-	-
Greater Manchester ⁴	-	-	-

Force	Fatal Injury	Serious Injury	Minor or No Injury
Hampshire ⁴	-	-	-
Hertfordshire	0	3	59
Humberside	0	3	144
Kent	0	10	379
Lancashire	0	33	270
Leicestershire	0	6	132
Lincolnshire	0	5	105
London, City of	0	0	24
Merseyside	0	20	151
Metropolitan Police	0	177	1,720
Norfolk	0	1	119
Northamptonshire	0	3	101
Northumbria	0	6	573
North Yorkshire ⁴	-	-	-
Nottinghamshire	0	0	110
South Yorkshire	0	2	110
Staffordshire	0	0	108
Suffolk	0	2	29
Surrey	0	5	132
Sussex	0	7	303
Thames Valley	0	4	175
Warwickshire	0	8	53
West Mercia	0	8	83
West Midlands	0	3	675
West Yorkshire	0	7	426
Wiltshire	0	5	61
Dyfed Powys	0	3	56
Gwent	0	2	101
North Wales	0	1	75
South Wales	0	39	139

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, Gloucestershire, Greater Manchester, Hampshire and North Yorkshire were not able to provide data for 2009/10.