



Home Office



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Statistical News Release: Police Workforce, England and Wales, 31 March 2013

The latest National Statistics on police workforce in England and Wales produced by the Home Office are released today (18 July 2013).

Statistics on police workforce for the 43 police forces of England and Wales and for the British Transport Police are published for the financial year ending 31 March 2013.

The key points from the latest release are:

There were 129,584 full-time equivalent (FTE) police officers in the 43 police forces of England and Wales as at 31 March 2013. This is a decrease of 3.4% or 4,516 officers compared to a year earlier and follows a decrease of 5,010 officers in the twelve months prior to that.

There were 6,537 FTE Minority Ethnic officers in the 43 English and Welsh police forces as at 31 March 2013, 5.0% of total officers, the same as a year earlier.

FTE police staff numbers (excluding PCSOs, traffic wardens and designated officers) for the 43 police forces of England and Wales stand at 65,573 as at 31 March 2013, a decrease of 2.8% compared to a year earlier.

The total number of FTE police community support officers in the 43 forces of England and Wales was 14,205 as at 31 March 2013, a decrease of 1.3% on the previous year.

There were 19,011 special constables as at 31 March 2013, 6.5% fewer than the previous year.

Notes to editors

'Police Workforce, England and Wales, 31 March 2013' is available online on the UK Statistics Authority website as well as the GOV.UK website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/police-workforce-england-and-wales-31-march-2013>

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