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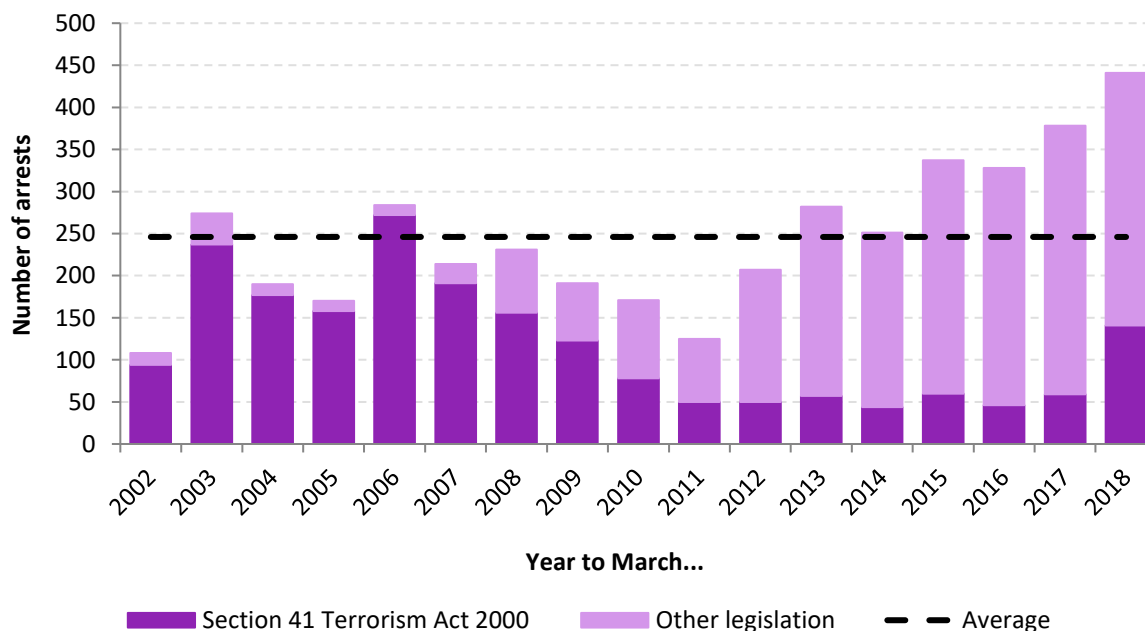
Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and subsequent legislation: Arrests, outcomes, and stop and search, Great Britain, financial year ending March 2018

This statistical release brings together information on terrorism arrests and outcomes, court proceedings, prison populations, stop and search, and examinations at ports.

Terrorism arrests and outcomes¹

There were 441 arrests for terrorist-related activity in the year ending March 2018 (63 more than the previous year; a 17% increase). This is the highest number of arrests in a financial year since the data collection began in 2001/02. The latest figures include the 52 arrests made following a number of terrorist attacks. In the latest year, 23 arrests were made in connection with the terrorist attack in Manchester (22 May 2017), 21 arrests in connection with the London Bridge attack (3 June 2017), 1 arrest in connection with the Finsbury Park Mosque attack (19 June 2017) and 7 arrests in connection with the Parsons Green attack (15 September 2017).

Figure 1: Arrests for terrorist-related activity, by legislation, years ending 31 March 2002 to 2018, Great Britain^{1,2,3}



Source: NCTPOC (see data tables [A.01](#))

Notes:

1. 'Other legislation' includes arrests under non-terrorism legislation, such as the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.
2. Includes arrests that are considered by the NCTPOC to be terrorism-related, either at the time of arrest, or at a subsequent point in the investigation. In some cases, a link to terrorism may not be substantiated, but the arrests will be recorded in these statistics.
3. Figures for the year ending 31 March 2002 include data from 11 September 2001 onwards.

¹ Arrests and outcomes data are correct as at 13 April 2018, the date of data provision to the Home Office.

Court proceedings

In the year ending March 2018, 81 trials initiated by the Crown Prosecution Service Counter Terrorism Division (CPS CTD) for terrorism-related offences were completed. This was, an increase of 3% on the 79 trials completed in the previous year. Of the 81 persons proceeded against, 72 (89%) were convicted.

There were 25 appeals against terrorism convictions, of which just 2 resulted in a reduced sentence. This was the highest number of appeals in year since the data collection began.

Terrorist prisoners

The number of persons in custody for terrorism-related offences has been rising. As at 31 March 2018, there were 228 persons in custody in Great Britain for terrorism-related offences, an increase of 27% on the 180 persons in custody as at 31 March 2017. Of those held in custody, 186 (82%) were categorised as holding Islamist extremist views, whilst 29 (13%) were categorised as holding far right-wing ideologies. A total of 48 prisoners held for terrorism-related offences were released from custody in the year ending December 2017.

Other police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000

In the latest year, the Metropolitan Police Service carried out 768 stop and searches under section 43 of the Terrorism Act 2000, an increase of 70% compared with the 453 conducted in the previous year. These resulted in 64 arrests, leading to an increase in the arrest rate to 8%, up slightly from 7% in the previous year.

Following the attack on Parsons Green, on 15 September 2017, stop and search powers under section 47a of the Terrorism Act 2000 were authorised for the first time in Great Britain since the threshold for using such powers was raised in 2011. There was a total of 128 s47a stops, 126 of which were conducted by British Transport Police. These resulted in 4 arrests.

There were 15,391 examinations carried out under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000 in the year ending March 2018; a fall of 15% compared with the previous year. This continues the recent downward trend in the use of the power. The number of detentions following an examination increased by 16%, from 1,530 in the year ending March 2017, to 1,776 in the latest year.

Notes to editors

The report is available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/operation-of-police-powers-under-the-terrorism-act-2000-financial-year-ending-march-2018>

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