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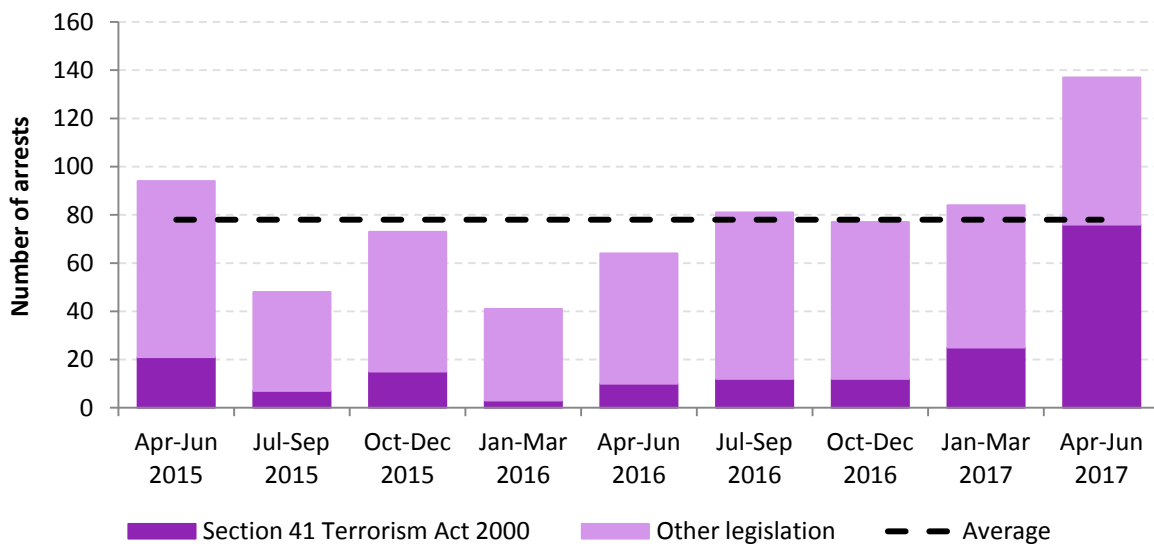
Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and subsequent legislation: Arrests, outcomes, and stop and search, Great Britain, quarterly update to 30 June 2017

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

Terrorism arrests and outcomes¹

There has been a 68% increase in the number of arrests for terrorism-related offences in the year ending June 2017 compared with the previous year (from 226 to 379 arrests). The increase in the latest year is partly due to a large number of arrests being made following terrorist attacks in London and Manchester. In the year to June 2017, 12 arrests were made in connection with the terrorist attack on Westminster Bridge and Westminster Palace (22 March), 23 arrests were made in connection with the terrorist attack in Manchester (22 May 2017), 21 arrests in connection to the London Bridge attack (3 June 2017), and one arrest in connection to the Finsbury Park Mosque attack (19 June 2017).

Figure 1: Arrests for terrorism-related offences, by legislation, 9 quarters to June 2017, Great Britain^{1,2}



Source: NCTPOC (see data tables [QA.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.

¹ Arrests and outcomes data are as at 14 July 2017, the date of data provision to the Home Office.

Court proceedings

In the year ending June 2017, 71 trials were completed by the Crown Prosecution Service Counter Terrorism Division (CPS CTD) for terrorism-related offences, an increase of 15% from the 62 trials completed in the previous year.

Of the 71 persons proceeded against in the year ending June 2017, 62 (87%) were convicted. Of those convicted 32 (52%) pleaded guilty and 30 (48%) entered a not-guilty plea.

Terrorist prisoners

The number of persons in custody for terrorism-related offences has been rising; as at 30 June 2017, there were 204 persons in custody in Great Britain for terrorism-related offences, an increase on the 151 persons in custody as at 30 June 2016. 163 (80%) of those in custody for terrorism-related offences were convicted or held under terrorism legislation.

Other police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000

In the year ending June 2017, the Metropolitan Police Service carried out 646 stops and searches under section 43 of the Terrorism Act 2000, an increase of 17% compared with the 552 stop and searches conducted in the previous year. However, the number of resultant arrests fell, from 64 to 51, meaning that the arrest rate was 8%, down from 12% in the previous year.

There were 17,501 examinations carried out under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000 in the year ending June 2017; a fall of 26% compared with the previous year. This continues the recent downward trend in the use of the power. The number of detentions following an examination decreased by 14%, from 1,760 in the year ending June 2016, to 1,522 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-quarterly-update-to-june-2017>

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