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Statistical News Release: Police Powers and Procedures, England and Wales 2011/12

Figures were published today on a range of police powers and procedures. The National Statistics release contains figures on Arrests, Detentions, Road Checks, Intimate Searches, Stops and Searches, Breath Tests and Fixed Penalty Notices.

These statistics show that:

- There were 1.2 million persons **arrested** by the police for recorded crimes in 2011/12, down 9% on 2010/11. The number of recorded crimes decreased by 4% over the same period.
- The police **stopped and searched** 1.1 million persons and/or vehicles under section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) in 2011/12, 7% less than in 2010/11. Resultant arrests fell by 6%. Stops and searches on suspicion of drugs accounted for 50% of the overall total.
- They also made 46,961 stops and searches in anticipation of violence (under section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994), down 25% on 2010/11.
- The police issued 1.5 million **fixed penalty notices** for motoring offences in 2011, down 18% on 2010. Speed limit offences accounted for over half of them.
- The police carried out 685,992 screening **breath tests** during 2011, 7% fewer than in 2010. The number of positive or refused tests also fell by 4% and accounted for 12% of the total.

The statistical release, 'Police Powers and Procedures, England and Wales 2011/12' contains statistics at police force area level, with analyses by age and gender. There is also a limited analysis of arrests and stops and searches by ethnicity of those arrested or stopped. A more comprehensive analysis will be published by the Ministry of Justice, in its next 'Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System' release, in the autumn of 2013.

Notes to editors

'Police Powers and Procedures England and Wales 2011/12' is available online via the UK Statistics Authority website as well as the GOV.UK website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/police-powers-and-procedures-in-england-and-wales-201112>.