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Statistical News Release: Police Workforce, England and Wales, 31 March 2014

The Home Office published today the latest National Statistics on the police workforce in England and Wales.

The release contains statistics on the police workforce in the 43 police forces in England and Wales for the financial year ending 31 March 2014. Statistics are also presented on the British Transport Police.

The key points are:

- There were 209,362 police workers in the 43 police forces (of England and Wales) on 31 March 2014, a fall of 4,270 or 2.0 per cent compared with a year earlier.
- There were 127,909 police officers in the 43 police forces on 31 March 2014, a decrease of 1,674 or 1.3 per cent compared with a year earlier.
- There were 6,715 Minority Ethnic police officers in the 43 police forces on 31 March 2014. This represents 5.2 per cent of the police officer total, a rise of 0.2 percentage points compared with a year earlier.
- There were 35,653 FTE female police officers in the 43 forces on 31 March 2014. This represents 27.9 per cent of the police officer total, an increase of 0.6 percentage points compared with a year earlier.
- There were 64,097 FTE police staff in the 43 police forces on 31 March 2014, a fall of 1,412 or 2.2 per cent compared with a year earlier.
- There were 13,066 FTE police community support officers (PCSOs) in the 43 police forces on 31 March 2014, a decrease of 1,139 or 8.0 per cent compared with a year earlier.
- There were 17,789 special constables (headcount) in the 43 police forces on 31 March 2014, a fall of 1,222 or 6.4 per cent compared with a year earlier.

Notes to editors

1. The publication is available online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/police-workforce-england-and-wales-31-march-2014>

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