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### Statistical News Release: Police Workforce, England and Wales, 31 March 2015

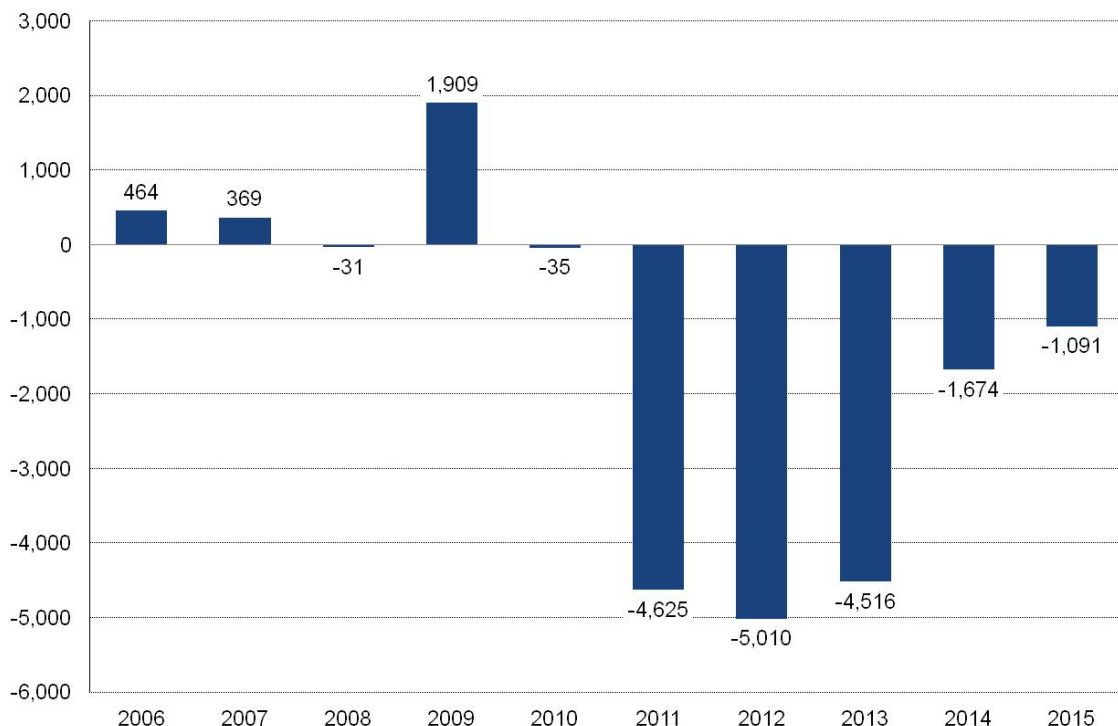
This bulletin contains statistics on the police workforce in the 43 police forces in England and Wales, plus the British Transport Police, for the year ending 31 March 2015.

Provisional statistics are also presented on assaults against police officers. These are **NOT** National Statistics.

#### Total Workforce (excluding British Transport Police)

- The number of police workers fell by 1.1% between 31 March 2014 and 31 March 2015, to 207,140. This is the lowest level since 31 March 2003.
- The number of police officers fell by 0.9% since 31 March 2014. This was a smaller fall than those seen in the previous four years (see chart below).

#### Change in the number of police officers, as at 31 March 2006 to 2015, compared with the previous 12 months, England and Wales



- The numbers of police staff (down 0.6%), Police Community Support Officers (down 5.6%), designated officers (down 0.5%), and special constables (down 9.4%) have fallen since 31 March 2014.
- The number of frontline officers also fell, but the proportion of all officers that were in frontline roles increased between 31 March 2014 and 31 March 2015, from 91% to 92%.

#### Minority ethnic and female police officers

- The proportion of female officers has steadily increased over time, from 22% on 31 March 2006 to 28% on 31 March 2015. The proportion of senior ranks that were female was lower (21% in 2015), although this has increased over time.
- The proportion of minority ethnic officers has also increased over time, from 3.6% on 31 March 2006 to 5.5% on 31 March 2015. Again this proportion was lower in senior ranks (3.4% in 2015), but this has increased over time.

#### Assaults on police officers

- Provisional data have been presented on the number of assaults on police officers in 2014/15. These are **NOT** National Statistics, as they are still being developed.
- These data are not directly comparable between forces.
- The Home Office intends to work with police forces to publish more developed data alongside the 2015/16 Police Workforce statistics.

#### **Notes to editors**

1. The publication is available online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/police-workforce-england-and-wales-31-march-2015>

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