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## Statistical News Release: Police Workforce, England and Wales, 30 September 2015

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

The release is a routine mid-year update of the annual Police Workforce, England and Wales publication. It contains statistics on the numbers of police officers, police staff, police community support officers (PCSOs), designated officers and special constables in post on 30 September 2015.

**Table 1: Police workforce<sup>1,2</sup>, as at 30 September 2015, England and Wales**

|   | 30-Sep-14      | 31-Mar-15      | 30-Sep-15      | Change in 12 months Sep-14 to Sep-15 |              | Change in 6 months March-15 to Sep-15 |              |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
|   |                |                |                | Volume                               | Percentage   | Volume                                | Percentage   |
| Police officers                           | 127,077        | 126,818        | 125,185        | -1,893                               | -1.5%        | -1,633                                | -1.3%        |
| Police staff                              | 63,639         | 63,719         | 62,577         | -1,062                               | -1.7%        | -1,142                                | -1.8%        |
| Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) | 12,770         | 12,331         | 11,809         | -960                                 | -7.5%        | -521                                  | -4.2%        |
| Designated officers                       | 4,304          | 4,254          | 4,239          | -65                                  | -1.5%        | -14                                   | -0.3%        |
| <b>Total workforce<sup>2</sup></b>        | <b>207,808</b> | <b>207,140</b> | <b>203,828</b> | <b>-3,980</b>                        | <b>-1.9%</b> | <b>-3,312</b>                         | <b>-1.6%</b> |
| Special constables (headcount)            | 16,772         | 16,074         | 16,050         | -722                                 | -4.3%        | -24                                   | -0.1%        |

### Table notes

1. Based on full-time equivalent figures for the 43 forces of England and Wales only.
2. Total workforce includes a small number of traffic wardens. Figures for numbers of traffic wardens quoted in this release have become very small as police forces transfer these duties to local authorities.

### Notes to editors

1. 'Police Workforce, England and Wales, 30 September 2015' is available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-workforce-england-and-wales-30-september-2015>.

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