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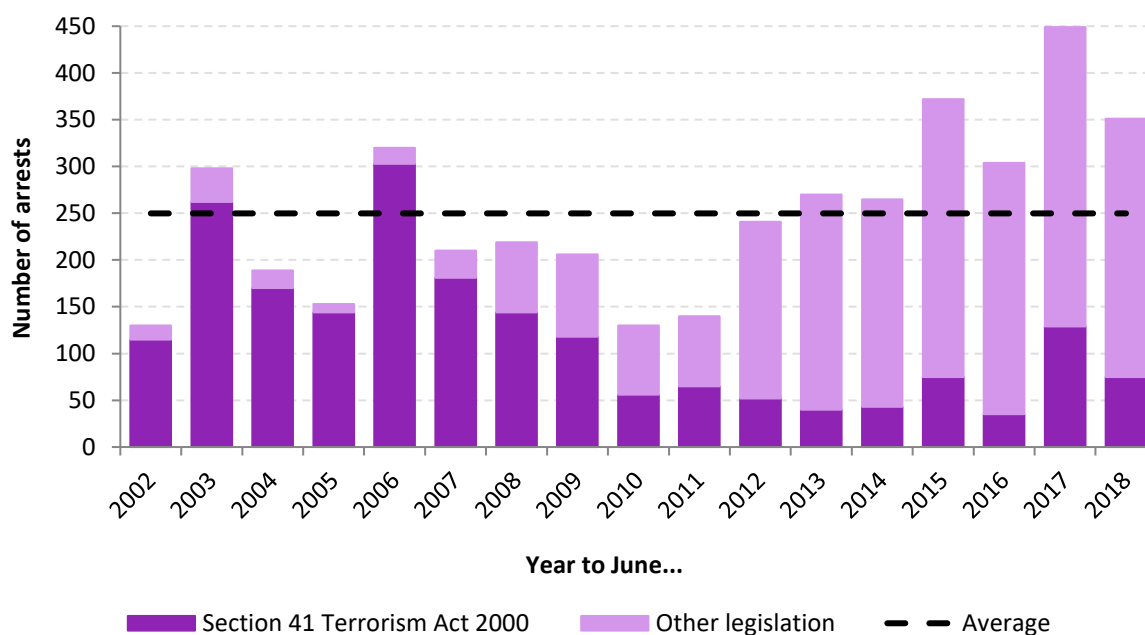
Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and subsequent legislation: Arrests, outcomes, and stop and search, Great Britain, year ending June 2018

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

Terrorism arrests and outcomes¹

There were 351 arrests for terrorist-related activity in the year ending June 2018 (98 fewer than the previous year; a 22% fall). The fall is partly due to a number of arrests (57 in combination²) being made following terrorist attacks in London and Manchester falling in the previous reporting year. Although the number of arrests has fallen, the latest figures remain higher compared with the annual average across the time series.

Figure 1: Arrests for terrorist-related activity, by legislation, years ending 30 June 2002 to 2018, Great Britain^{1,2,3}



Source: NCTPOC (see data tables [A.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.
3. Figures for the year ending 30 June 2002 include data from 11 September 2001 onwards.

¹ Arrests and outcomes data are correct as at 30 July 2018, the date of data provision to the Home Office.

² 12 arrests made in connection with the attack on Westminster Bridge and Westminster Palace (22 March 2017), 23 arrests made in connection with the attack on Manchester Arena (22 May 2017), 21 arrests made in connection with London Bridge attack (3 June 2017) and 1 arrest made in connection with the Finsbury Park Mosque attack (19 June 2017).

Court proceedings

In the year ending June 2018, 100 trials initiated by the Crown Prosecution Service Counter Terrorism Division (CPS CTD) for terrorism-related offences were completed. This was an increase of 39% on the 72 trials completed in the previous year. Of the 100 persons proceeded against, 90 were convicted. The latest year saw the highest number of persons tried, and highest number of convictions, since the data collection began in 2009.

There was an increase in the length of sentences given to those convicted compared with the previous year. Those receiving sentences of between 10 and 30 years increased, from 5% in the previous year to 11% in the latest year. There was also an increase in the number of life sentences handed out, from 2 in the previous year to 10 in the latest year (11% of convictions). Consequently, the proportion receiving sentences of less than 10 years fell from 84% of those convicted in the previous year to 70% in the latest one.

Terrorist prisoners

As at 30 June 2018, there were 218 persons held in custody in Great Britain for terrorism-related offences, an increase of 7% on the 204 persons as at 30 June 2017. Of those held in custody, 178 (82%) were categorised as holding Islamist extremist views, whilst 28 (13%) were categorised as holding far right-wing ideologies. A total of 46 prisoners held for terrorism-related offences were released from custody in the year ending March 2018.

Other police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000

In the latest year, the Metropolitan Police Service carried out 644 stop and searches under section 43 of the Terrorism Act 2000; a similar number to the previous year (646). These resulted in 50 arrests, leading to an arrest rate of 8%; a similar proportion to the previous year.

There were 13,952 examinations carried out under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000 in the year ending June 2018; a fall of 20% compared with the previous year. This continues the recent downward trend in the use of the power. However, the number of detentions following an examination increased by 21%, from 1,522 in the previous year ending, to 1,838 in the latest year.

Notes to editors

The report is available online at: [Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000, financial year ending June 2018](#)

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