

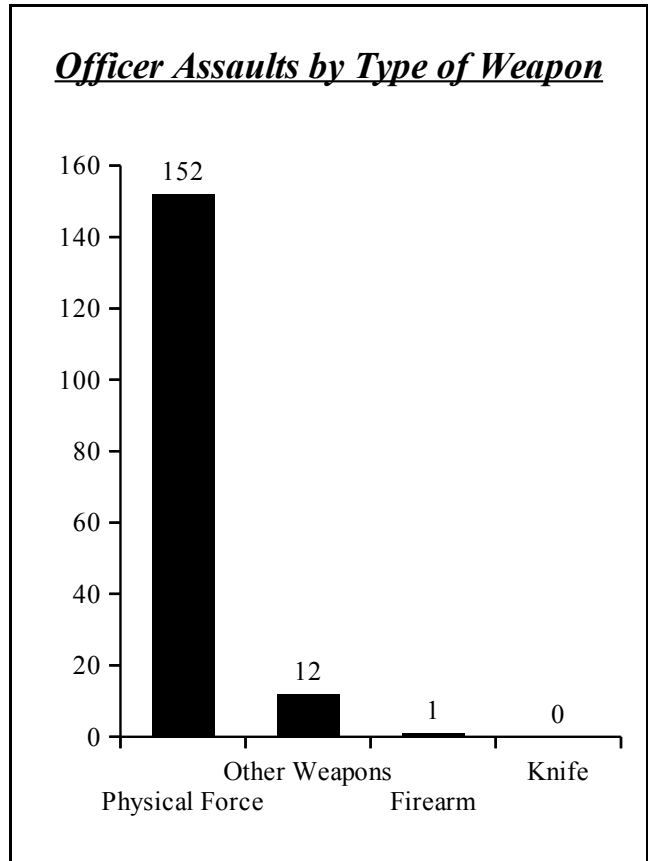
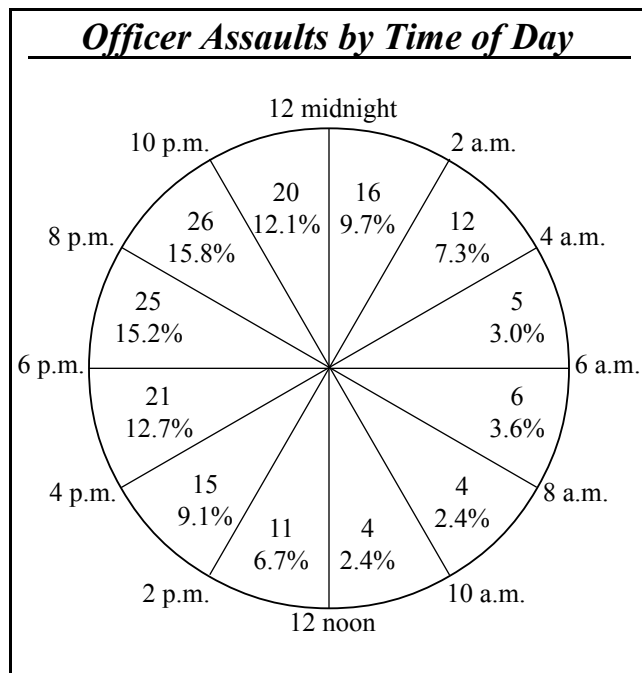
## ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The following information is based on a detailed monthly collection of data in the Uniform Crime Reporting system regarding the problem of assaults on municipal, county and state law enforcement officers.

During 2020:

- There were 165 assaults on law enforcement officers, a decrease from the 2019 figure of 182.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2020 was 7.0, compared to 7.7 assaults per 100 officers during 2019.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 66, or 40.0% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 92.1% or 152 of the assaults.
- Of the 165 assaults, 39.4% (65) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 60.6% (100) produced no injury.
- 42.4% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (70), 57.6% were directed at assisted officers (95).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (37.6%), with 9.7% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 90.3% (149) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 165 reported assaults on officers, 24 were on sheriff’s deputies, 11 were on state police officers, and 130 were on municipal officers.

County	Assaults on Officers			2020 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2019	2020	% Change	
Androscoggin	15	5	-66.7%	2.7
Aroostook	6	9	50.0%	12.0
Cumberland	52	48	-7.7%	9.3
Franklin	1	3	200.0%	6.8
Hancock	6	4	-33.3%	5.1
Kennebec	19	22	15.8%	13.1
Knox	1	1	—	1.6
Lincoln	8	3	-62.5%	6.5
Oxford	3	1	-66.7%	1.4
Penobscot	9	15	66.7%	6.5
Piscataquis	1	—	-100.0%	—
Sagadahoc	5	—	-100.0%	—
Somerset	12	2	-83.3%	3.5
Waldo	4	5	25.0%	11.9
Washington	—	1	100.0%	3.0
York	28	35	25.0%	10.2
Fire Marshal	—	—	—	—
MDEA	—	—	—	—
State Police	12	11	-8.3%	3.6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>	<b>7.0</b>



**Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2020**

Type of Activity	Total Assaults	Type of Weapon				Type of Assignment						Police Assault Cleared	
		Firearm	Knife or Other Cutting Instrument	Other Dangerous Weapon	Hands, Fists, Feet, etc.	Two-Officer Vehicle	One-Officer Vehicle		Detective or Spec. Assign.		Other		
							Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted	Alone		Assisted
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	
1. Responding to disturbance call	66	—	—	5	61	2	30	27	—	—	3	4	57
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Attempting other arrests	19	—	—	—	19	4	6	5	—	1	—	3	20
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	2	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	27	—	—	3	24	2	7	15	—	—	1	2	25
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	13	—	—	—	13	—	6	7	—	—	—	—	12
8. Ambush — no warning	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
9. Handling persons with mental illness	10	—	—	—	10	—	4	5	—	—	—	1	7
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	6	—	—	2	4	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	6
11. All other	20	1	—	2	17	1	2	13	—	—	2	2	18
<b>12. Totals (1–11)</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>149</b>
13. Number with personal injury	65	1	—	4	60								
14. Number without personal injury	100	—	—	8	92								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	16	12	5	6	4	4							
P.M.	11	15	21	25	26	20							
		12:00	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00						