

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.

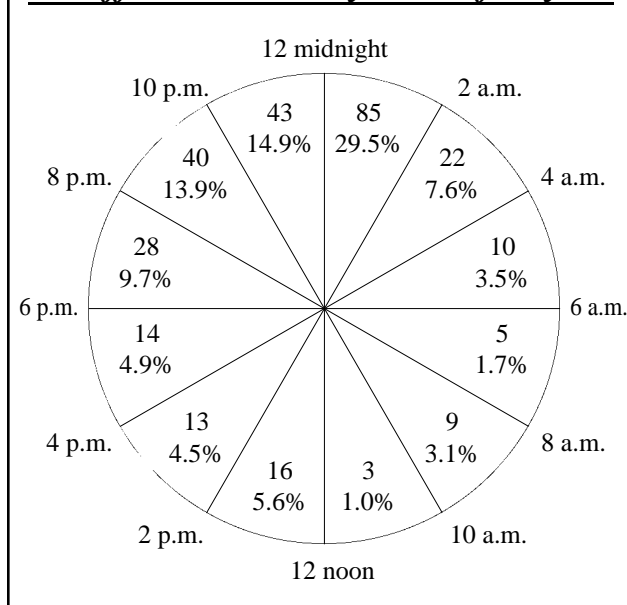
During 1995:

- There were 288 assaults on law enforcement officers, a 21.5% decrease from the 1994 figure of 367.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 1995 was 14.1, compared to 18.4 assaults per 100 officers during 1994.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 119, or 41.3% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 96.5% or 278 of the assaults.
- Of the 288 assaults, 8.3% (24) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 91.7% (264) produced no injury.
- 25.0% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (72), 75.0% were directed at assisted officers (216).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (58.3%), with 29.5% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 99.0% (285) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 288 reported assaults on officers, 38 were on sheriff's deputies, 7 were on state police officers, and 243 were on municipal officers.

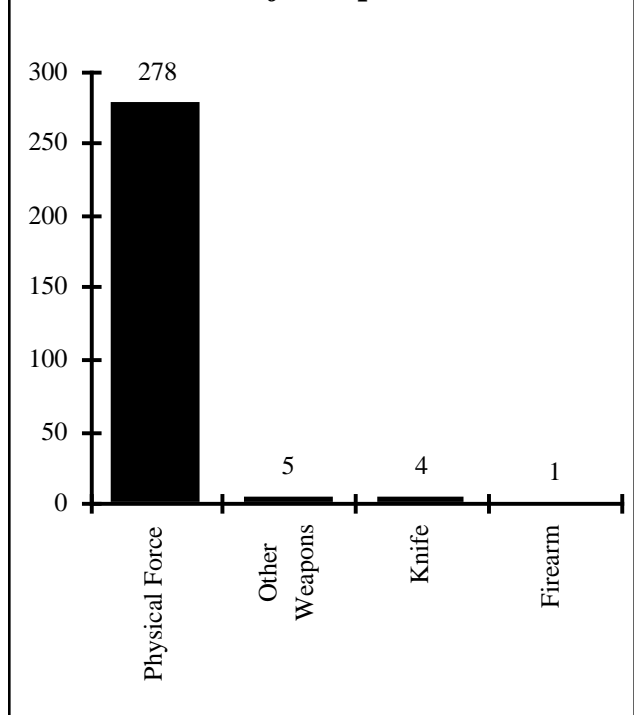
Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			1995 Rate Per 100 Officers
	1994	1995	% Change	
Androscoggin	19	17	-10.5%	10.4
Aroostook	6	5	-16.7%	6.2
Cumberland	175	130	-25.7%	28.9
Franklin	1	—	-100.0%	—
Hancock	4	1	-75.0%	2.1
Kennebec	21	23	+9.5%	18.1
Knox	17	21	+23.5%	42.9
Lincoln	4	4	—	11.8
Oxford	2	4	+100.0%	6.7
Penobscot	33	29	-12.1%	15.1
Piscataquis	—	2	+100.0%	10.5
Sagadahoc	7	9	+28.6%	18.7
Somerset	10	4	-60.0%	9.1
Waldo	4	—	-100.0%	—
Washington	8	7	-12.5%	17.5
York	56	32	-42.9%	12.3
Totals	367	288	-21.5%	14.1

Officer Assaults by Time of Day



Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 1995

Type of Activity	Total Assaults (A)	Type of Weapon				Type of Assignment						Police Assault Cleared (M)	
		Firearm (B)	Knife or Other Cutting Instrument (C)	Other Dangerous Weapon (D)	Hands, Fists, Feet, etc. (E)	Two-Officer Vehicle (F)	One-Officer Vehicle		Detective or Spec. Assign.		Other		
							Alone (G)	Assisted (H)	Alone (I)	Assisted (J)	Alone (K)		Assisted (L)
1. Responding to disturbance calls	119	1	2	4	112	9	17	89	1	—	3	—	118
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	13	—	—	1	12	2	2	9	—	—	—	—	13
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Attempting other arrests	38	—	1	—	37	4	12	16	1	—	—	5	38
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	6	—	—	—	6	—	—	4	—	1	—	1	5
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	39	—	—	—	39	3	9	10	—	—	2	15	38
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	24	—	—	—	24	2	10	11	1	—	—	—	24
8. Ambush — no warning	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
9. Mentally deranged	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	4
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	13	—	—	—	13	2	3	7	—	1	—	—	13
11. All other	30	—	1	—	29	1	8	17	—	2	1	1	30
12. Totals (1–11)	288	1	4	5	278	23	61	166	3	4	8	23	285
13. Number with personal injury	24	—	2	5	17								
14. Number without personal injury	264	1	4	—	259								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	85	22	10	5	9	3							
P.M.	16	13	14	28	40	43							
	12:01	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						