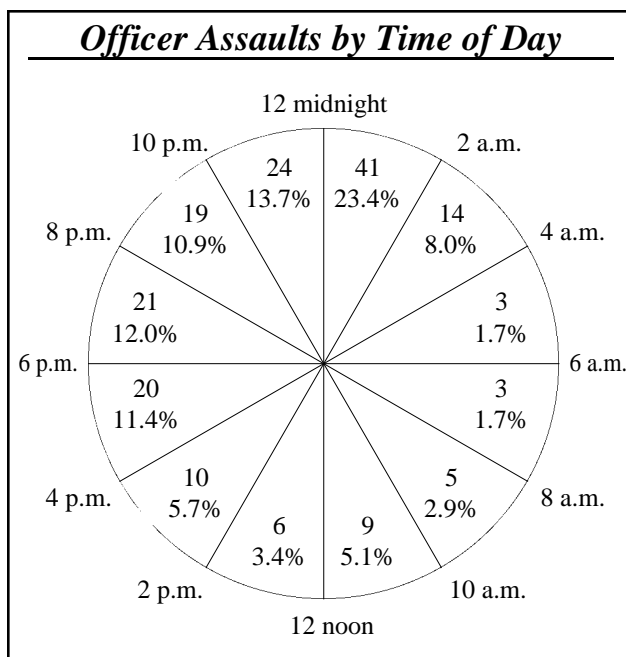


ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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.

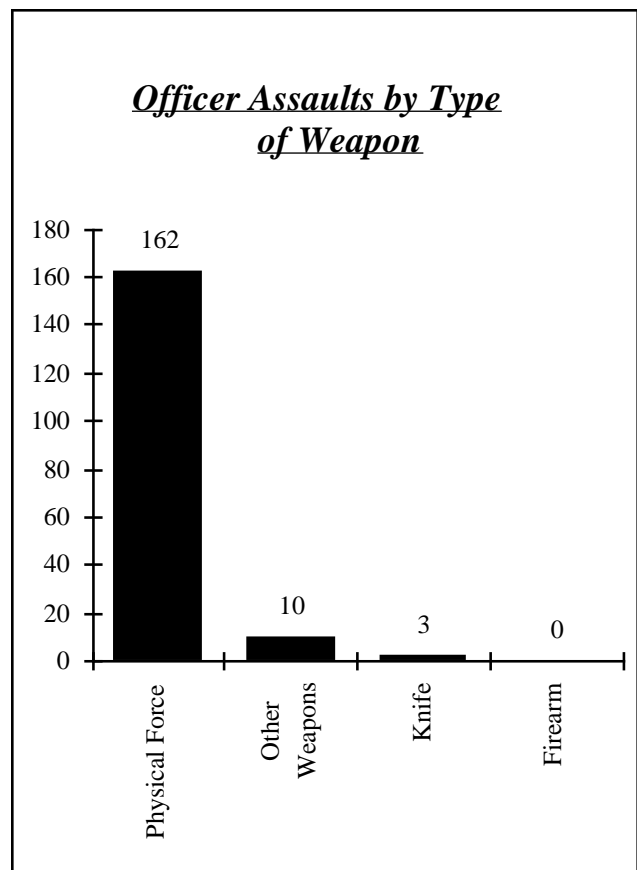
During 1999:

- There were 175 assaults on law enforcement officers, a 29.1% decrease from the 1998 figure of 247.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 1999 was 8.1, compared to 11.6 assaults per 100 officers during 1998.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 90, or 51.4% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 92.6% or 162 of the assaults.
- Of the 175 assaults, 13.1% (23) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 86.9% (152) produced no injury.
- 18.9% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (33), 81.1% were directed at assisted officers (142).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (48.0%), with 23.4% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 98.9% (173) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 175 reported assaults on officers, 27 were on sheriff's deputies, none were on state police officers, and 148 were on municipal officers.



Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			1999 Rate Per 100 Officers
	1998	1999	% Change	
Androscoggin	5	9	80.0%	5.4
Aroostook	2	3	50.0%	3.5
Cumberland	118	67	-43.2%	14.4
Franklin	3	3	—	6.4
Hancock	7	2	-71.4%	3.6
Kennebec	13	28	115.4%	20.1
Knox	16	7	-56.3%	12.5
Lincoln	—	1	100%	2.6
Oxford	6	3	-50.0%	4.8
Penobscot	27	18	-33.3%	8.8
Piscataquis	3	—	-100.0%	—
Sagadahoc	11	12	9.1%	24.0
Somerset	4	3	-25.0%	6.0
Waldo	—	1	100%	3.7
Washington	1	1	—	2.3
York	31	17	-45.2%	5.9
Totals	247	175	-29.1%	8.1



Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 1999

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	90	—	1	6	83	11	15	57	—	—	2	5	90
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
4. Attempting other arrests	12	—	—	—	12	—	—	10	—	2	—	—	12
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	18	—	—	1	17	2	2	2	—	—	—	12	18
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	11	—	—	—	11	1	3	5	—	—	—	2	11
8. Ambush — no warning	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
9. Mentally deranged	7	—	—	—	7	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	7
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	5	—	—	—	5	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	5
11. All other	24	—	2	3	19	4	4	5	—	4	3	4	22
12. Totals (1–11)	175	—	3	10	162	19	28	94	—	6	5	23	173
13. Number with personal injury	23	—	2	3	18								
14. Number without personal injury	152	1	1	6	144								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	41	14	3	3	5	9							
P.M.	6	10	20	21	19	24							
	12:01	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						