

## 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.

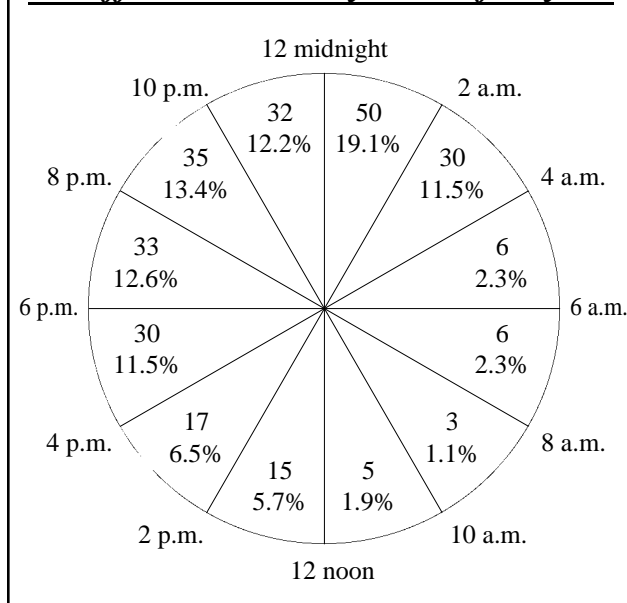
During 2002:

- There were 262 assaults on law enforcement officers, a 6.8% decrease from the 2001 figure of 281.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2002 was 11.8, compared to 12.5 assaults per 100 officers during 2001.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 103, or 39.3% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 89.7% or 235 of the assaults.
- Of the 262 assaults, 26.0% (68) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 74.0% (194) produced no injury.
- 26.3% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (69), 73.7% were directed at assisted officers (193).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (44.7%), with 19.1% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 92.7% (243) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 262 reported assaults on officers, 36 were on sheriff's deputies, 4 were on state police officers, and 222 were on municipal officers.

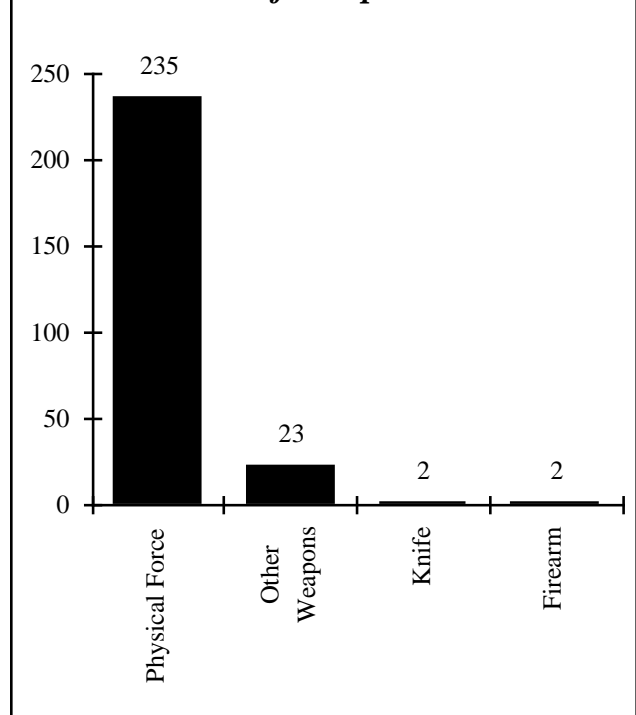
### Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			2002 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2001	2002	% Change	
Androscoggin	16	19	18.8%	10.2
Aroostook	5	4	-20.0%	4.5
Cumberland	63	96	52.4%	20.0
Franklin	2	5	150.0%	10.2
Hancock	6	5	-16.7%	8.9
Kennebec	45	45	—	32.4
Knox	14	7	-50.0%	11.9
Lincoln	2	7	250.0%	17.9
Oxford	11	4	-63.6%	6.3
Penobscot	17	14	-17.6%	6.7
Piscataquis	1	—	-100.0%	—
Sagadahoc	5	3	-40.0%	5.6
Somerset	5	9	80.0%	18.0
Waldo	—	1	100.0%	3.4
Washington	2	3	50.0%	7.9
York	87	40	-54.0%	13.2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>-6.8%</b>	<b>11.8</b>

### Officer Assaults by Time of Day



### Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



**Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2002**

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	103	—	—	10	93	11	7	58	10	2	—	15	94
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	5	—	—	1	4	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	4
4. Attempting other arrests	42	2	—	—	40	4	13	20	2	1	—	2	42
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	2
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	37	—	—	2	35	2	5	7	6	—	5	12	35
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	9	—	—	1	8	2	2	2	1	—	—	2	6
8. Ambush — no warning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Mentally deranged	8	—	1	2	5	1	1	6	—	—	—	—	8
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	14	—	—	4	10	—	4	9	—	—	—	1	12
11. All other	40	—	1	3	36	5	4	19	4	—	1	7	39
<b>12. Totals (1–11)</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>243</b>
13. Number with personal injury	68	—	2	9	57								
14. Number without personal injury	194	—	—	13	181								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	50	30	6	6	3	5							
P.M.	15	17	30	33	35	32							
	12:01	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						