

## 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.

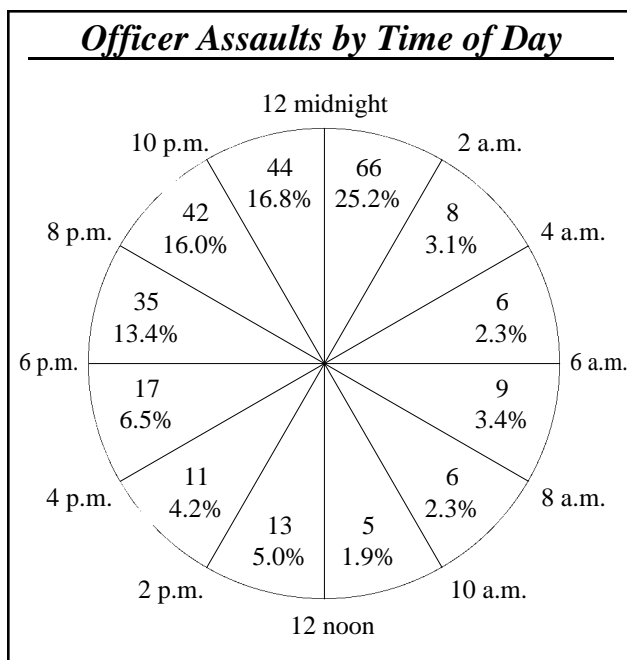
During 2003:

- There were 262 assaults on law enforcement officers, the same as the 2002 figure of 262.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2003 was 11.7, compared to 11.8 assaults per 100 officers during 2002.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 116, or 44.3% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 84.0% or 220 of the assaults.
- Of the 262 assaults, 21.4% (56) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 78.6% (206) produced no injury.
- 27.9% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (73), 72.1% were directed at assisted officers (189).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (58.0%), with 25.2% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 79.4% (208) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 262 reported assaults on officers, 25 were on sheriff's deputies, 5 were on state police officers, and 232 were on municipal officers.

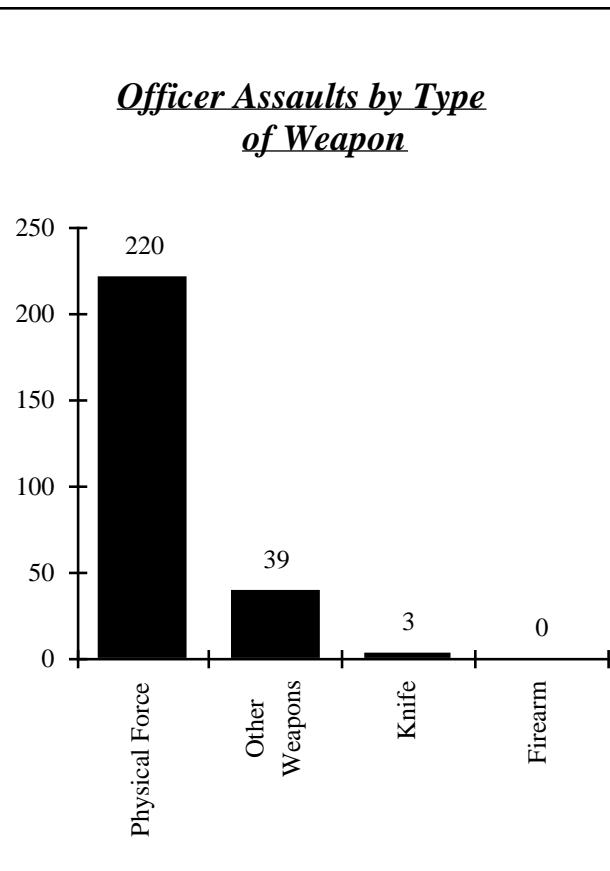
### Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers		2003 Rate Per 100 Officers	
	2002	2003		% Change
Androscoggin	19	10	-47.4%	5.5
Aroostook	4	3	-25.0%	3.4
Cumberland	96	67	-30.2%	13.8
Franklin	5	2	-60.0%	4.1
Hancock	5	2	-60.0%	3.6
Kennebec	45	44	-2.2%	30.8
Knox	7	7	—	11.9
Lincoln	7	9	28.6%	20.9
Oxford	4	8	100.0%	12.7
Penobscot	14	34	142.9%	16.0
Piscataquis	—	—	—	—
Sagadahoc	3	4	33.3%	7.3
Somerset	9	5	-44.4%	9.8
Waldo	1	5	400.0%	15.6
Washington	3	3	—	7.7
York	40	59	47.5%	18.9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>11.7</b>

### Officer Assaults by Time of Day



### Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



**Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2003**

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	116	—	2	19	95	10	16	64	9	5	2	10	95
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	4	—	—	—	4	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	4
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	8	—	—	2	6	1	1	2	—	—	—	4	7
4. Attempting other arrests	35	—	—	2	33	4	7	14	—	—	—	10	24
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	8	—	—	—	8	—	2	6	—	—	—	—	5
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	27	—	—	4	23	—	4	4	—	—	2	17	19
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	10	—	1	3	6	2	3	3	1	—	—	1	6
8. Ambush — no warning	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
9. Mentally deranged	10	—	—	4	6	2	5	2	—	—	1	—	8
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	6	—	—	3	3	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	5
11. All other	37	—	—	2	35	5	8	14	3	1	2	4	34
<b>12. Totals (1–11)</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>208</b>
13. Number with personal injury	56	—	1	4	51								
14. Number without personal injury	206	—	2	32	172								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	66	8	6	9	6	5							
P.M.	13	11	17	35	42	44							
	12:01	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						