

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.

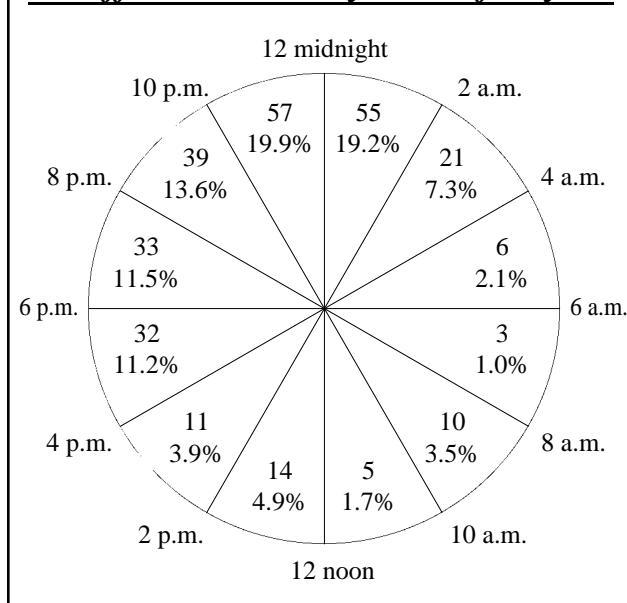
During 2005:

- There were 286 assaults on law enforcement officers, a decrease from the 2004 figure of 315.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2005 was 12.6, compared to 14.2 assaults per 100 officers during 2004.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 98, or 34.3% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 88.8% or 254 of the assaults.
- Of the 286 assaults, 21.7% (62) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 78.3% (224) produced no injury.
- 36.7% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (105), 63.3% were directed at assisted officers (181).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (52.8%), with 19.2% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 71.7% (205) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 286 reported assaults on officers, 50 were on sheriff's deputies, 19 were on state police officers, and 217 were on municipal officers.

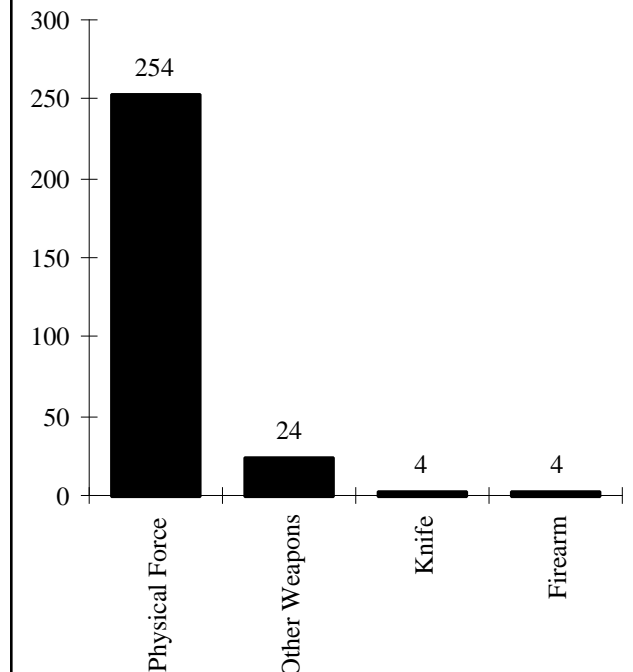
Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			2005 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2004	2005	% Change	
Androscoggin	15	7	-53.3%	3.8
Aroostook	3	9	200.0%	10.2
Cumberland	87	67	-23.0%	13.9
Franklin	7	7	—	8.1
Hancock	3	1	-66.7%	1.6
Kennebec	74	55	-25.7%	33.5
Knox	5	17	240.0%	28.8
Lincoln	4	5	25.0%	11.6
Oxford	10	11	10.0%	17.5
Penobscot	27	17	-37.0%	7.9
Piscataquis	—	1	100.0%	5.3
Sagadahoc	2	5	150.0%	9.3
Somerset	9	14	55.6%	26.4
Waldo	5	7	40.0%	21.9
Washington	4	4	—	10.3
York	60	59	-1.7%	18.9
Totals	315	286	-9.2%	12.6

Officer Assaults by Time of Day



Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2005

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	98	1	1	7	89	3	25	53	—	3	—	14	70
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	7	—	—	3	4	—	4	1	—	—	1	1	7
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	4	2	—	—	2	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	4
4. Attempting other arrests	51	—	—	3	48	3	19	21	—	—	3	5	35
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	7	—	—	—	7	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	5
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	46	—	—	3	43	2	11	6	3	1	6	17	26
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	17	—	1	1	15	—	7	7	—	—	2	1	15
8. Ambush — no warning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Mentally deranged	6	—	—	—	6	1	2	1	—	—	—	2	6
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	20	—	—	5	15	2	6	9	—	—	1	2	13
11. All other	30	1	2	2	25	—	7	13	1	2	2	5	24
12. Totals (1–11)	286	4	4	24	254	11	86	117	4	6	15	47	205
13. Number with personal injury	62	2	1	7	52								
14. Number without personal injury	224	2	3	17	202								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	55	21	6	3	10	5							
P.M.	14	11	32	33	39	57							
	12:01	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						