

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.

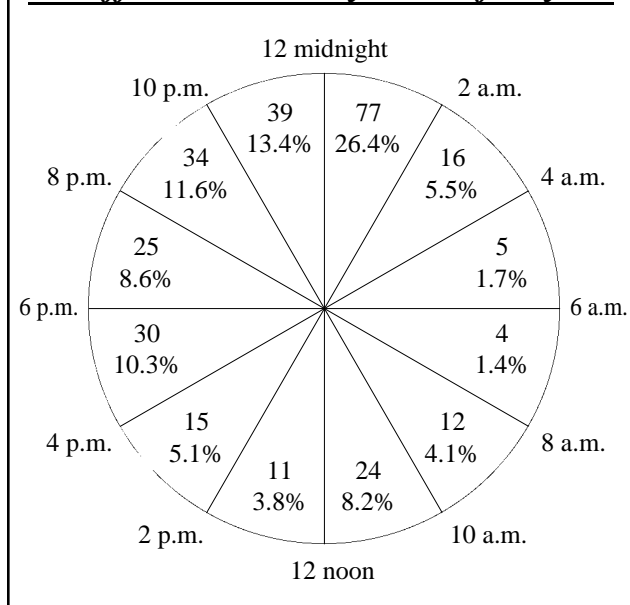
During 2006:

- There were 292 assaults on law enforcement officers, an increase from the 2005 figure of 286.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2006 was 13.1, compared to 12.6 assaults per 100 officers during 2005.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 104, or 35.6% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 87.3% or 255 of the assaults.
- Of the 292 assaults, 17.1% (50) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 82.9% (242) produced no injury.
- 38.0% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (111), 62.0% were directed at assisted officers (181).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (51.4%), with 26.4% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 97.9% (286) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 292 reported assaults on officers, 43 were on sheriff's deputies, 15 were on state police officers, and 234 were on municipal officers.

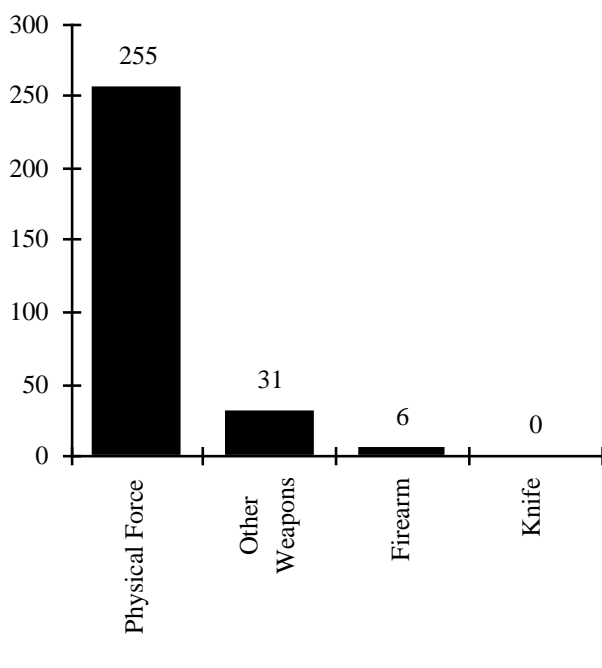
Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			2006 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2005	2006	% Change	
Androscoggin	7	19	171.4%	10.8
Aroostook	9	6	-33.3%	7.1
Cumberland	67	90	34.3%	17.8
Franklin	7	8	14.3%	16.3
Hancock	1	2	100.0%	3.2
Kennebec	55	45	-18.2%	32.1
Knox	17	9	-47.1%	15.0
Lincoln	5	13	160.0%	30.2
Oxford	11	11	—	17.2
Penobscot	17	29	70.6%	13.8
Piscataquis	1	1	—	5.0
Sagadahoc	5	2	-60.0%	3.4
Somerset	14	10	-28.6%	19.2
Waldo	7	1	-85.7%	3.2
Washington	4	1	-75.0%	2.6
York	59	45	-23.7%	14.3
Totals	286	292	2.1%	13.1

Officer Assaults by Time of Day



Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2006

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	104	3	—	10	91	10	29	40	—	2	7	16	102
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	6	—	—	—	6	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	6
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	5	—	—	4	1	—	3	—	1	—	—	1	5
4. Attempting other arrests	50	2	—	2	46	3	14	22	—	2	1	8	50
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	3	—	—	2	1	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	3
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	33	—	—	5	28	2	8	8	1	—	3	11	31
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	28	—	—	1	27	3	10	5	1	1	5	3	28
8. Ambush — no warning	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	3
9. Mentally deranged	9	—	—	—	9	—	2	4	—	—	—	3	8
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	8	—	—	2	6	—	7	1	—	—	—	—	8
11. All other	43	1	—	5	37	3	9	18	1	—	5	7	42
12. Totals (1–11)	292	6	0	31	255	21	84	104	4	7	23	49	286
13. Number with personal injury	50	1	—	11	38								
14. Number without personal injury	242	5	—	20	217								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	77	16	5	4	12	24							
P.M.	11	15	30	25	34	39							
	12:01	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						