

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.

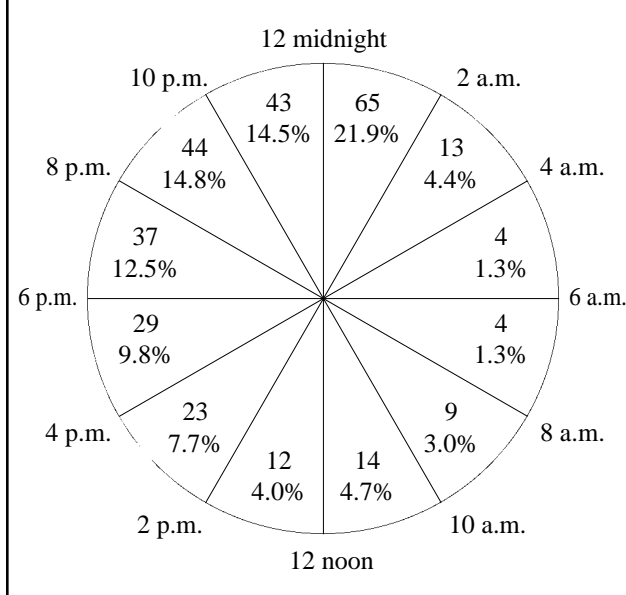
During 2007:

- There were 297 assaults on law enforcement officers, an increase from the 2006 figure of 292.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2007 was 13.0, compared to 13.1 assaults per 100 officers during 2006.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 112, or 37.7% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 91.2% or 271 of the assaults.
- Of the 297 assaults, 16.8% (50) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 83.2% (247) produced no injury.
- 41.1% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (122), 58.9% were directed at assisted officers (175).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (51.2%), with 21.9% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 93.9% (279) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 297 reported assaults on officers, 23 were on sheriff's deputies, 30 were on state police officers, and 244 were on municipal officers.

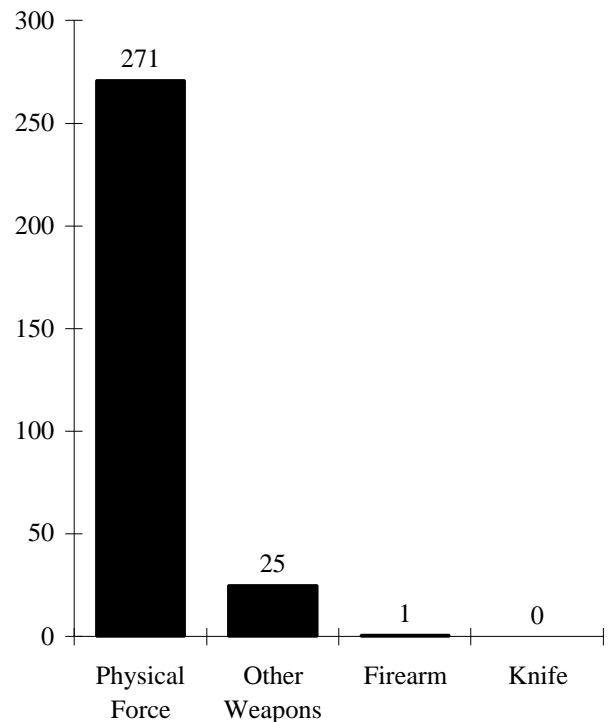
Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			2007 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2006	2007	% Change	
Androscoggin	19	18	-5.3%	9.9
Aroostook	6	5	-16.7%	5.6
Cumberland	90	85	-5.6%	16.8
Franklin	8	8	—	17.0
Hancock	2	4	100.0%	6.5
Kennebec	45	58	28.9%	36.3
Knox	9	1	-88.9%	1.7
Lincoln	13	11	-15.4%	19.0
Oxford	11	6	-45.5%	9.2
Penobscot	29	22	-24.1%	10.4
Piscataquis	1	—	-100.0%	—
Sagadahoc	2	3	50.0%	4.6
Somerset	10	15	50.0%	28.8
Waldo	1	10	900.0%	33.3
Washington	1	5	400.0%	13.5
York	45	46	2.2%	14.5
Totals	292	297	1.7%	13.0

Officer Assaults by Time of Day



Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2007

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	112	1	—	10	101	9	34	55	1	—	6	7	103
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	8	—	—	1	7	—	3	3	1	—	—	1	7
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Attempting other arrests	49	—	—	3	46	2	18	21	1	—	2	5	45
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	8	—	—	1	7	—	3	4	—	—	1	—	8
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	40	—	—	3	37	4	10	14	—	—	4	8	39
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	17	—	—	3	14	—	9	3	1	—	—	4	15
8. Ambush — no warning	3	—	—	1	2	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	3
9. Mentally deranged	4	—	—	—	4	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	4
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	20	—	—	2	18	1	12	6	—	—	—	1	20
11. All other	36	—	—	1	35	1	8	18	—	3	3	3	35
12. Totals (1–11)	297	1	0	25	271	17	102	125	4	4	16	29	279
13. Number with personal injury	50	—	—	3	47								
14. Number without personal injury	247	1	—	22	224								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	65	13	4	4	9	14							
P.M.	12	23	29	37	44	43							
	12:01	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						