

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.

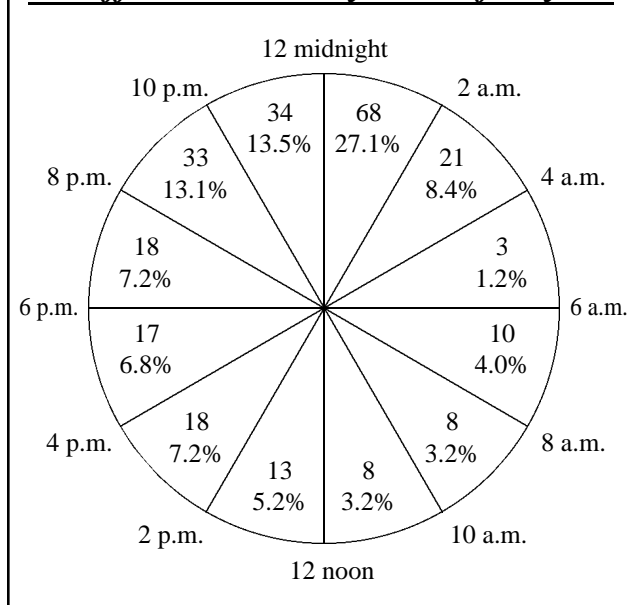
During 2008:

- There were 251 assaults on law enforcement officers, a decrease from the 2007 figure of 297.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2008 was 11.1, compared to 13.0 assaults per 100 officers during 2007.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 105, or 41.8% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 89.6% or 225 of the assaults.
- Of the 251 assaults, 16.7% (42) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 83.3% (209) produced no injury.
- 35.1% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (88), 64.9% were directed at assisted officers (163).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (53.8%), with 27.1% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 96.4% (279) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 251 reported assaults on officers, 29 were on sheriff's deputies, 21 were on state police officers, and 201 were on municipal officers.

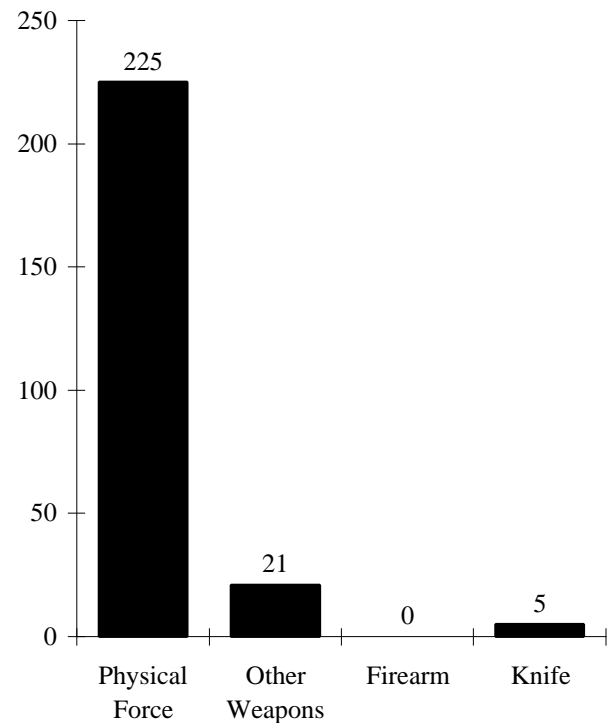
Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			2008 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2007	2008	% Change	
Androscoggin	18	22	22.2%	12.2
Aroostook	5	7	40.0%	8.1
Cumberland	85	61	-28.2%	12.2
Franklin	8	—	-100.0%	—
Hancock	4	4	—	6.6
Kennebec	58	47	-19.0%	32.9
Knox	1	3	200.0%	5.1
Lincoln	11	4	-63.6%	8.0
Oxford	6	5	-16.7%	7.8
Penobscot	22	19	-13.6%	8.6
Piscataquis	—	—	—	—
Sagadahoc	3	6	100.0%	10.0
Somerset	15	14	-6.7%	26.4
Waldo	10	1	-90.0%	3.0
Washington	5	3	-40.0%	9.7
York	46	55	19.6%	17.5
Totals	297	251	-15.5%	11.1

Officer Assaults by Time of Day



Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2008

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	105	—	1	10	94	2	33	56	—	1	4	9	100
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	11	—	1	1	9	—	4	6	—	—	1	—	11
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Attempting other arrests	28	—	—	—	28	—	5	22	—	—	1	—	27
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	4	—	—	—	4	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	4
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	30	—	—	—	30	3	8	6	—	—	1	12	26
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	19	—	1	3	15	1	8	6	—	—	3	1	19
8. Ambush — no warning	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	3
9. Mentally deranged	3	—	2	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	3
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	9	—	—	2	7	2	5	1	—	—	—	1	9
11. All other	39	—	—	5	34	—	10	21	—	—	3	5	40
12. Totals (1–11)	251	0	5	21	225	8	75	123	0	1	13	31	242
13. Number with personal injury	42	—	1	6	35								
14. Number without personal injury	209	—	4	15	190								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	68	21	3	10	8	8							
P.M.	13	18	17	18	33	34							
	12:01	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						