

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.

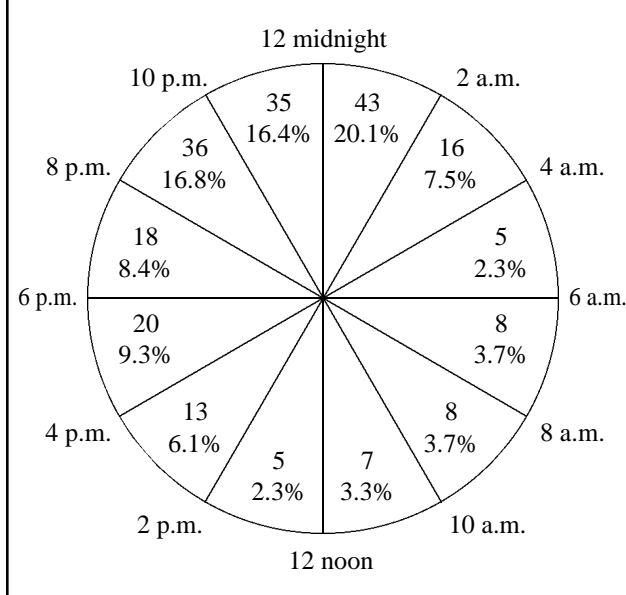
During 2009:

- There were 214 assaults on law enforcement officers, a decrease from the 2008 figure of 251.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2009 was 9.4, compared to 11.1 assaults per 100 officers during 2008.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 92, or 43.0% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 93.5% or 200 of the assaults.
- Of the 214 assaults, 22.9% (49) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 77.1% (165) produced no injury.
- 41.1% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (88), 58.9% were directed at assisted officers (126).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (53.3%), with 20.1% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 96.3% (206) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 214 reported assaults on officers, 31 were on sheriff's deputies, 12 were on state police officers, and 171 were on municipal officers.

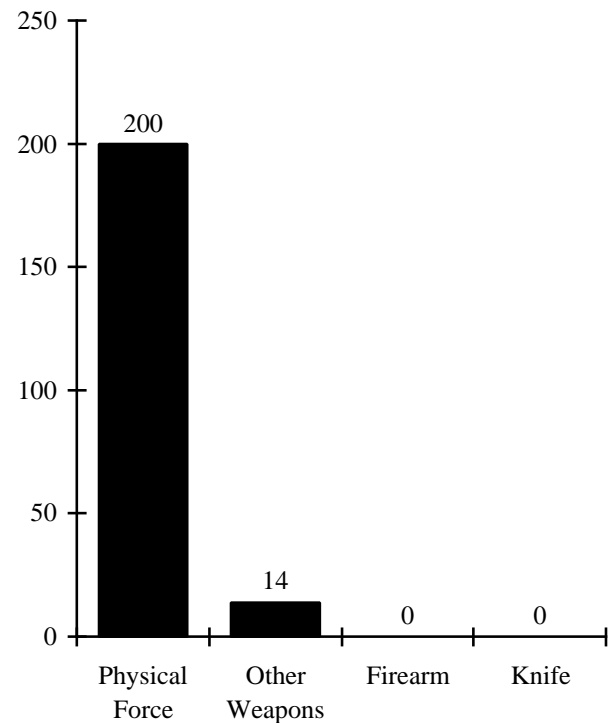
Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			2009 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2008	2009	% Change	
Androscoggin	22	18	-18.2%	10.2
Aroostook	7	2	-71.4%	2.4
Cumberland	61	59	-3.3%	11.7
Franklin	—	4	100.0%	7.8
Hancock	4	1	-75.0%	1.6
Kennebec	47	46	-2.1%	32.6
Knox	3	7	133.3%	11.9
Lincoln	4	4	0.0%	8.7
Oxford	5	8	60.0%	11.9
Penobscot	19	13	-31.6%	5.9
Piscataquis	—	—	—	—
Sagadahoc	6	2	-66.7%	3.4
Somerset	14	8	-42.9%	14.8
Waldo	1	2	100.0%	5.9
Washington	3	5	66.7%	13.9
York	55	35	-36.4%	11.2
Totals	251	214	-14.7%	9.4

Officer Assaults by Time of Day



Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2009

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	92	—	—	1	91	8	28	45	1	1	4	5	89
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	15	—	—	1	14	1	2	9	—	—	1	2	13
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
4. Attempting other arrests	19	—	—	2	17	1	8	6	—	1	2	1	18
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	5	—	—	1	4	—	2	2	—	—	—	1	3
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	25	—	—	2	23	—	7	5	—	—	5	8	25
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	19	—	—	1	18	1	4	5	—	2	—	7	19
8. Ambush — no warning	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
9. Mentally deranged	5	—	—	—	5	—	3	—	—	—	1	1	5
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	15	—	—	2	13	—	9	6	—	—	—	—	15
11. All other	17	—	—	4	13	—	7	5	—	—	3	2	17
12. Totals (1–11)	214	0	0	14	200	11	71	84	1	4	16	27	206
13. Number with personal injury	49	—	—	3	46								
14. Number without personal injury	165	—	—	11	154								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	43	16	5	8	8	7							
P.M.	5	13	20	18	36	35							
	12:01	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						