

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.

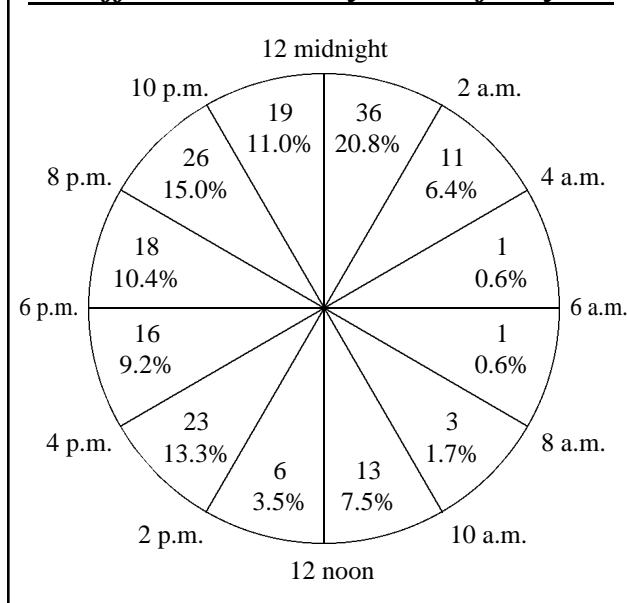
During 2012:

- There were 173 assaults on law enforcement officers, a decrease from the 2011 figure of 200.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2012 was 7.6, compared to 8.8 assaults per 100 officers during 2011.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 78, or 45.1% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 93.7% or 161 of the assaults.
- Of the 173 assaults, 28.3% (49) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 71.7% (124) produced no injury.
- 45.1% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (78), 54.9% were directed at assisted officers (95).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (46.8%), with 20.8% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 97.1% (168) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 173 reported assaults on officers, 27 were on sheriff's deputies, 14 were on state police officers, and 132 were on municipal officers.

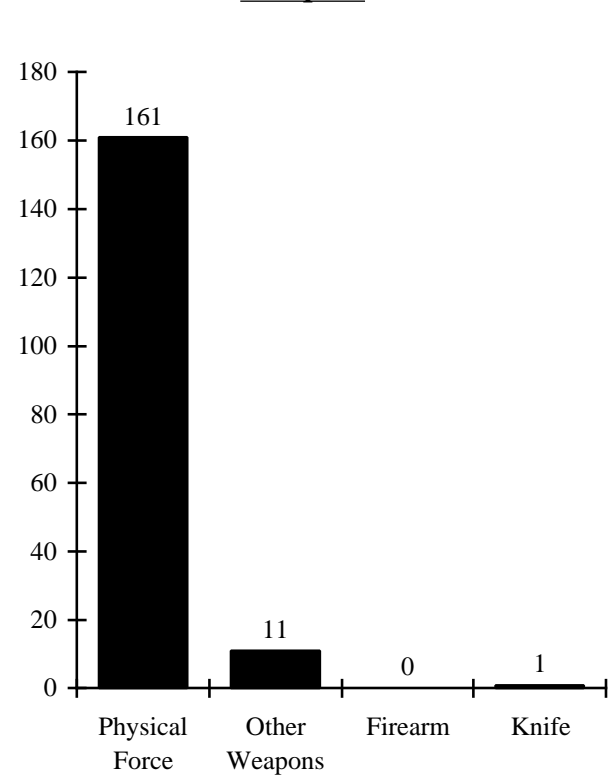
Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			2012 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2011	2012	% Change	
Androscoggin	16	22	37.5%	12.0
Aroostook	5	6	20.0%	7.0
Cumberland	47	39	-17.0%	7.7
Franklin	6	1	-83.3%	2.0
Hancock	1	—	-100.0%	—
Kennebec	31	12	-61.3%	8.7
Knox	2	4	100.0%	6.7
Lincoln	4	9	125.0%	20.9
Oxford	3	6	100.0%	8.7
Penobscot	26	18	-30.8%	8.1
Piscataquis	2	—	-100.0%	—
Sagadahoc	2	4	100.0%	7.3
Somerset	5	6	20.0%	11.8
Waldo	2	2	—	5.4
Washington	3	7	133.3%	24.1
York	45	37	-17.8%	11.7
Totals	200	173	-13.5%	7.6

Officer Assaults by Time of Day



Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2012

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)
1a. Responding to disturbance calls, domestic	75	—	1	2	72	8	28	30	—	—	1	8	73
1b. Responding to disturbance calls, all other	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	3
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	10	—	—	3	7	1	5	4	—	—	—	—	10
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
4. Attempting other arrests	17	—	—	2	15	—	5	9	—	—	2	1	16
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	22	—	—	—	22	1	7	2	—	1	1	10	22
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	15	—	—	1	14	1	5	2	—	1	3	3	14
8. Ambush — no warning	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
9. Mentally deranged	2	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	10	—	—	2	8	1	6	2	—	—	—	1	10
11. All other	16	—	—	1	15	1	7	2	—	1	2	3	15
12. Totals (1–11)	173	0	1	11	161	13	65	53	0	3	13	26	168
13. Number with personal injury	49	—	—	1	48								
14. Number without personal injury	124	—	1	10	113								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	36	11	1	1	3	13							
P.M.	6	23	16	18	26	19							
	12:01	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						