

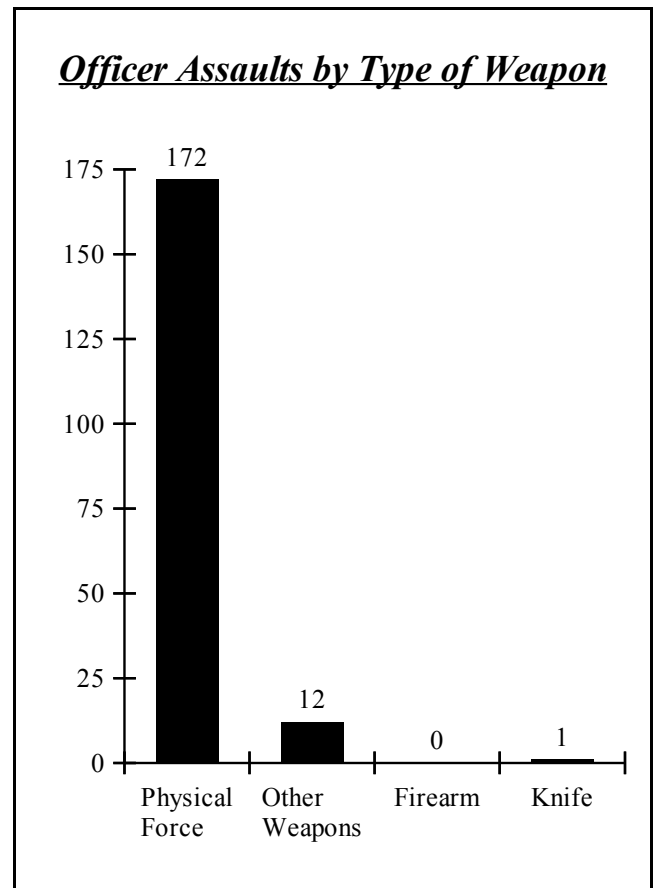
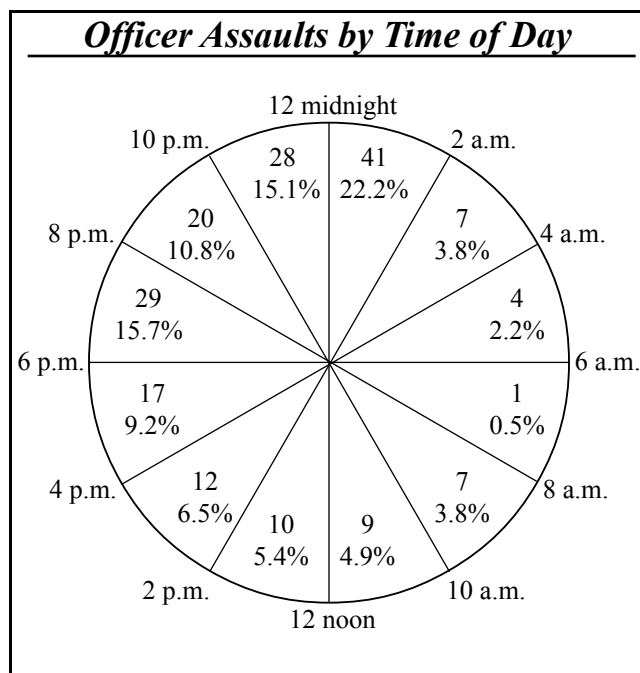
## ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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 2015:

- There were 185 assaults on law enforcement officers, an increase from the 2014 figure of 174.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2015 was 8.1, compared to 7.6 assaults per 100 officers during 2014.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 75, or 40.5% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 93.0% or 172 of the assaults.
- Of the 185 assaults, 17.8% (33) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 82.2% (152) produced no injury.
- 42.7% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (79), 57.3% were directed at assisted officers (106).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (48.1%), with 22.2% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 98.4% (182) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 185 reported assaults on officers, 27 were on sheriff's deputies, 12 were on state police officers, and 146 were on municipal officers.

County	Assaults on Officers			2015 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2014	2015	% Change	
Androscoggin	19	16	-15.8%	8.8
Aroostook	7	7	—	8.8
Cumberland	33	43	30.3%	8.3
Franklin	2	4	100.0%	7.8
Hancock	3	1	-66.7%	1.5
Kennebec	31	36	16.1%	23.1
Knox	—	—	—	—
Lincoln	4	4	—	8.9
Oxford	6	4	-33.3%	5.2
Penobscot	18	16	-11.1%	7.3
Piscataquis	—	1	100.0%	5.3
Sagadahoc	4	4	—	7.3
Somerset	7	8	14.3%	17.0
Waldo	4	1	-75.0%	2.7
Washington	6	5	-16.7%	17.2
York	30	35	16.7%	10.8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>8.1</b>



**Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2015**

Type of Activity	Total Assaults	Type of Weapon				Type of Assignment						Police Assault Cleared	
		Firearm	Knife or Other Cutting Instrument	Other Dangerous Weapon	Hands, Fists, Feet, etc.	Two-Officer Vehicle	One-Officer Vehicle		Detective or Spec. Assign.		Other		
							Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted	Alone		Assisted
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	
1a. Responding to disturbance calls, domestic	75	—	—	7	68	2	30	35	—	—	2	6	72
1b. Responding to disturbance calls, all other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	6	—	—	—	6	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	6
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
4. Attempting other arrests	33	—	—	—	33	1	15	13	—	1	—	3	33
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	5	—	—	—	5	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	5
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	19	—	1	—	18	3	6	8	—	—	—	2	19
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	9	—	—	1	8	—	4	4	—	—	—	1	9
8. Ambush — no warning	3	—	—	1	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	3
9. Mentally deranged	9	—	—	—	9	2	4	3	—	—	—	—	9
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	12	—	—	2	10	—	8	4	—	—	—	—	12
11. All other	13	—	—	1	12	1	4	6	—	1	1	—	13
<b>12. Totals (1–11)</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>182</b>
13. Number with personal injury	33	—	—	2	31								
14. Number without personal injury	152	—	1	10	141								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	41	7	4	1	7	9							
P.M.	10	12	17	29	20	28							
	12:00	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						