

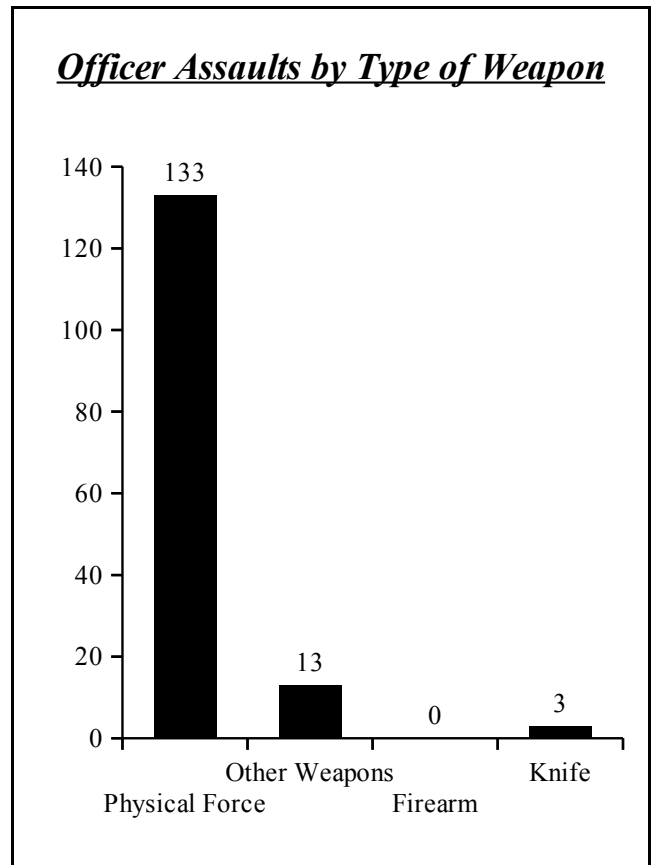
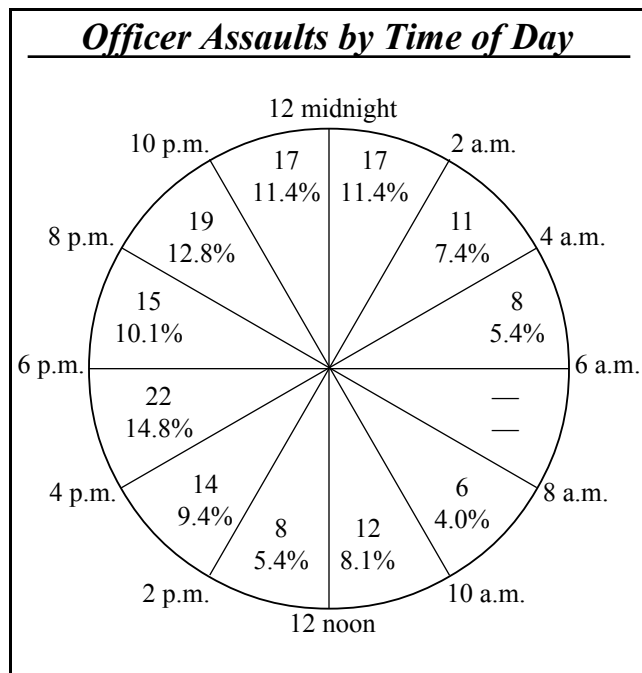
ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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 2016:

- There were 149 assaults on law enforcement officers, a decrease from the 2015 figure of 185.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2016 was 6.5, compared to 8.1 assaults per 100 officers during 2015.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 54, or 36.2% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 89.3% or 133 of the assaults.
- Of the 149 assaults, 25.5% (38) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 74.5% (111) produced no injury.
- 48.3% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (72), 51.7% were directed at assisted officers (77).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (35.6%), with 11.4% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 97.3% (145) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 149 reported assaults on officers, 24 were on sheriff's deputies, 8 were on state police officers, and 117 were on municipal officers.

County	Assaults on Officers 2015	2016	% Change	2016 Rate Per 100 Officers
Androscoggin	16	12	-25.0%	6.6
Aroostook	7	3	-57.1%	3.4
Cumberland	43	27	-37.2%	5.3
Franklin	4	2	-50.0%	3.6
Hancock	1	—	-100.0%	—
Kennebec	36	31	-13.9%	19.0
Knox	—	—	—	—
Lincoln	4	4	—	8.9
Oxford	4	5	25.0%	6.9
Penobscot	16	20	25.0%	9.1
Piscataquis	1	—	-100.0%	—
Sagadahoc	4	4	—	7.1
Somerset	8	7	-12.5%	14.0
Waldo	1	—	-100.0%	—
Washington	5	4	-20.0%	13.3
York	35	30	-14.3%	9.2
Totals	185	149	-19.5%	6.5



Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2016

Type of	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	54	—	2	1	51	4	23	25	—	—	—	2	52
1b. Responding to disturbance calls, all other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	4	—	—	1	3	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	4
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	3	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
4. Attempting other arrests	12	—	—	1	11	—	6	5	—	—	—	1	12
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	4	—	—	2	2	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	4
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	21	—	1	3	17	1	7	4	2	—	—	7	19
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	6	—	—	1	5	2	2	1	—	—	1	—	6
8. Ambush — no warning	2	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
9. Mentally deranged	10	—	—	—	10	—	5	5	—	—	—	—	10
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	10	—	—	1	9	—	6	3	—	—	1	—	10
11. All other	23	—	—	3	20	1	6	10	1	—	2	3	23
12. Totals (1–11)	149	—	3	13	133	9	64	55	3	—	5	13	145
13. Number with personal injury	38	—	1	—	37								
14. Number without personal injury	111	—	2	13	96								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	17	11	8	—	6	12							
P.M.	8	14	22	15	19	17							
	12:00	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00							