

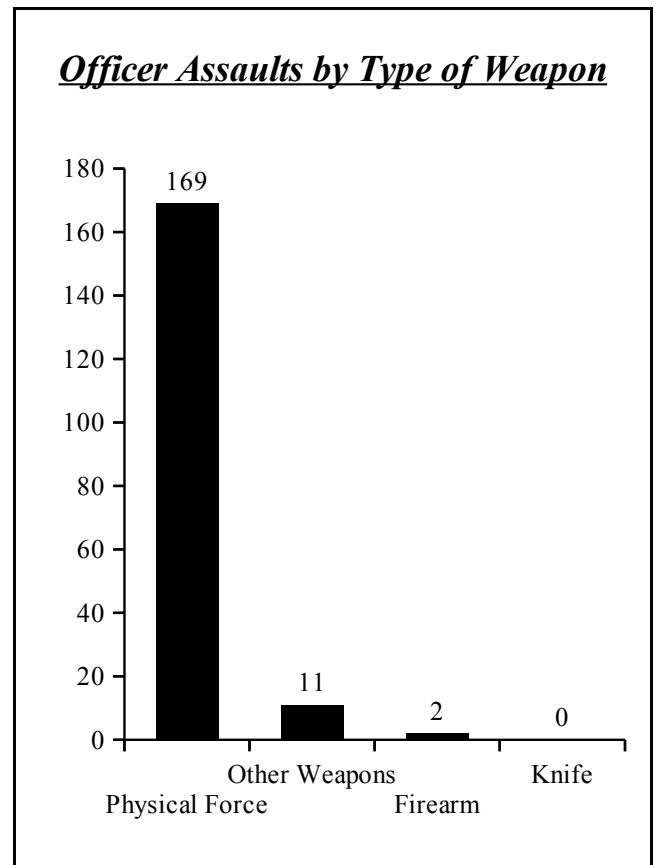
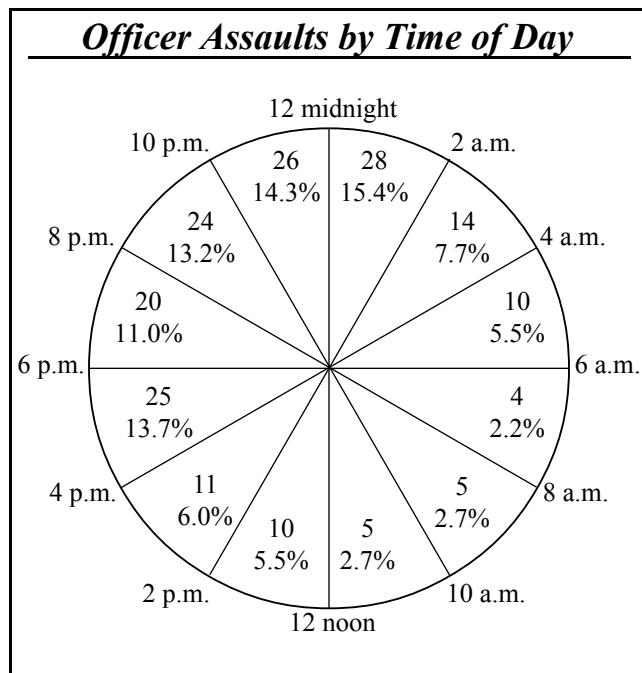
## ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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 2019:

- There were 182 assaults on law enforcement officers, a decrease from the 2018 figure of 188.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2019 was 7.7, compared to 8.0 assaults per 100 officers during 2018.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 76, or 41.8% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 92.9% or 169 of the assaults.
- Of the 182 assaults, 28.6% (52) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 71.4% (130) produced no injury.
- 44.0% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (80), 56.0% were directed at assisted officers (102).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (42.9%), with 15.4% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 97.3% (177) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 182 reported assaults on officers, 16 were on sheriff’s deputies, 12 were on state police officers, and 154 were on municipal officers.

County	Assaults on Officers			2019 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2018	2019	% Change	
Androscoggin	16	15	-6.3%	8.0
Aroostook	6	6	—	6.9
Cumberland	67	52	-22.4%	10.1
Franklin	8	1	-87.5%	1.9
Hancock	2	6	200.0%	8.5
Kennebec	20	19	-5.0%	11.4
Knox	2	1	-50.0%	1.8
Lincoln	4	8	100.0%	17.0
Oxford	—	3	100.0%	4.1
Penobscot	11	9	-18.2%	4.0
Piscataquis	—	1	100.0%	4.8
Sagadahoc	1	5	400.0%	8.6
Somerset	11	12	9.1%	22.2
Waldo	—	4	100.0%	10.0
Washington	—	—	—	—
York	24	28	16.7%	8.2
Fire Marshal	—	—	—	—
MDEA	—	—	—	—
State Police	16	12	-25.0%	3.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>	<b>7.7</b>



**Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2019**

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)	
1. Responding to disturbance call	76	—	—	2	74	2	30	30	1	—	6	7	73
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	8	—	—	4	4	—	4	1	—	—	1	2	8
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Attempting other arrests	21	2	—	1	18	2	9	10	—	—	—	—	20
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	6	—	—	—	6	1	1	2	—	—	1	1	6
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	26	—	—	—	26	2	6	13	—	—	2	3	26
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	17	—	—	1	16	2	6	6	—	—	2	1	16
8. Ambush — no warning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Handling persons with mental illness	4	—	—	—	4	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	4
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	7	—	—	1	6	—	4	3	—	—	—	—	7
11. All other	17	—	—	2	15	1	6	8	—	—	—	2	17
<b>12. Totals (1–11)</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>177</b>
13. Number with personal injury	52	—	—	1	51								
14. Number without personal injury	130	2	—	10	118								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	28	14	10	4	5	5							
P.M.	10	11	25	20	24	26							
		12:00	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00						