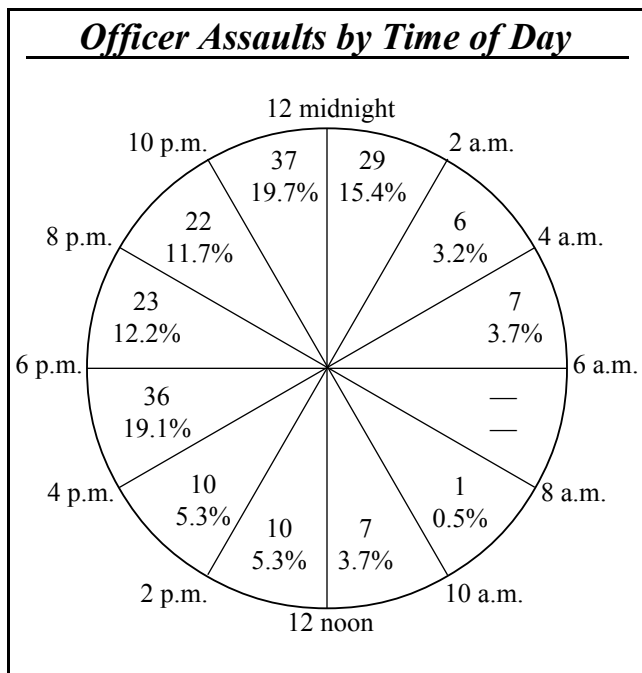


ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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 2018:

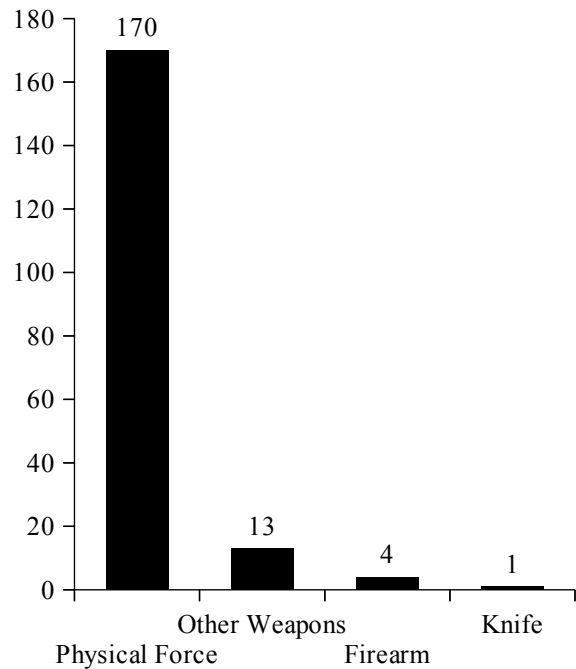
- There were 188 assaults on law enforcement officers, an increase from the 2017 figure of 170.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2018 was 8.0, compared to 7.4 assaults per 100 officers during 2017.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 74, or 39.4% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 90.4% or 170 of the assaults.
- Of the 188 assaults, 23.4% (44) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 76.6% (144) produced no injury.
- 43.1% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (81), 56.9% were directed at assisted officers (107).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (46.8%), with 15.4% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 92.6% (174) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 188 reported assaults on officers, 11 were on sheriff’s deputies, 16 were on state police officers, and 161 were on municipal officers.



Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			2018 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2017	2018	% Change	
Androscoggin	8	16	100.0%	8.7
Aroostook	10	6	-40.0%	6.7
Cumberland	49	67	36.7%	12.9
Franklin	2	8	300.0%	15.7
Hancock	—	2	100.0%	2.9
Kennebec	30	20	-33.3%	12.0
Knox	—	2	100.0%	3.6
Lincoln	3	4	33.3%	9.5
Oxford	1	—	-100.0%	—
Penobscot	12	11	-8.3%	5.0
Piscataquis	—	—	—	—
Sagadahoc	9	1	-88.9%	1.7
Somerset	4	11	175.0%	20.0
Waldo	—	—	—	—
Washington	1	—	-100.0%	—
York	33	24	-27.3%	7.2
Fire Marshal	—	—	—	—
MDEA	—	—	—	—
State Police	8	16	100.0%	5.1
Totals	170	188	10.6%	8.0

Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2018

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	74	—	—	5	69	7	24	36	—	—	6	1	73
1b. Responding to disturbance calls, all other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	9	—	—	2	7	1	3	5	—	—	—	—	9
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	2	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
4. Attempting other arrests	25	—	—	3	22	4	12	9	—	—	—	—	20
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	17	—	—	1	16	1	7	8	—	—	—	1	17
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	14	—	—	—	14	1	7	4	—	1	—	1	14
8. Ambush — no warning	5	3	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	2	—	2	2
9. Mentally deranged	5	—	—	—	5	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	5
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	14	—	1	—	13	—	12	1	—	—	1	—	13
11. All other	22	1	—	2	19	1	3	14	—	—	3	1	18
12. Totals (1–11)	188	4	1	13	170	15	71	80	—	3	10	9	174
13. Number with personal injury	44	—	—	1	43								
14. Number without personal injury	144	4	1	12	127								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	29	6	7	—	1	7							
P.M.	10	10	36	23	22	37							
		12:00	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00						