

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.

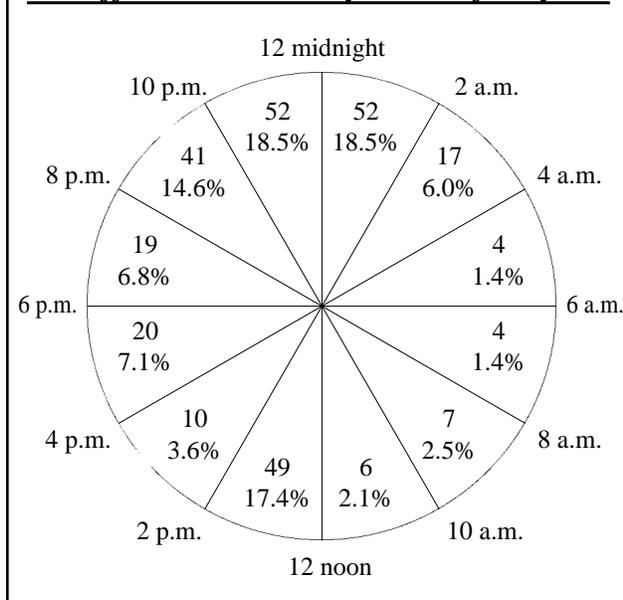
During 2001:

- There were 281 assaults on law enforcement officers, a 21.1% increase from the 2000 figure of 232.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2001 was 12.5, compared to 10.5 assaults per 100 officers during 2000.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 100, or 35.6% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 89.0% or 250 of the assaults.
- Of the 281 assaults, 28.5% (80) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 71.5% (201) produced no injury.
- 37.4% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (105), 62.6% were directed at assisted officers (176).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (51.6%), with 18.5% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 89.3% (251) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 281 reported assaults on officers, 22 were on sheriff's deputies, 6 were on state police officers, and 253 were on municipal officers.

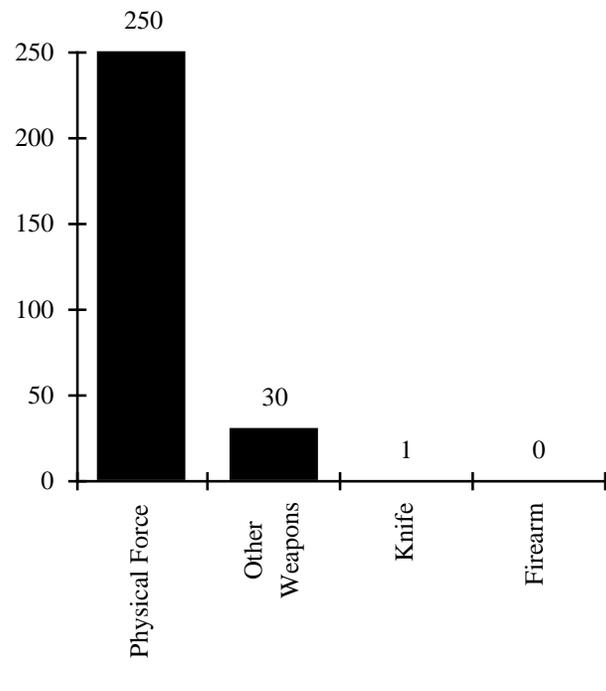
Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			2001 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2000	2001	% Change	
Androscoggin	11	16	45.5%	9.0
Aroostook	6	5	-16.7%	5.7
Cumberland	59	63	6.8%	13.0
Franklin	3	2	-33.3%	4.2
Hancock	1	6	500.0%	10.5
Kennebec	50	45	-10.0%	33.1
Knox	3	14	366.7%	25.5
Lincoln	1	2	100.0%	5.1
Oxford	17	11	-35.3%	17.5
Penobscot	35	17	-51.4%	8.1
Piscataquis	—	1	100.0%	5.0
Sagadahoc	6	5	-16.7%	9.6
Somerset	2	5	150.0%	10.4
Waldo	—	—	—	—
Washington	3	2	-33.3%	4.0
York	35	87	148.6%	27.9
Totals	232	281	21.1%	12.5

Officer Assaults by Time of Day



Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2001

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)
1. Responding to disturbance calls	100	—	—	6	94	15	26	42	—	—	1	16	89
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	4	—	—	—	4	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	4
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	18	—	—	6	12	4	6	7	—	—	—	1	12
4. Attempting other arrests	28	—	—	2	26	3	9	8	1	—	1	6	28
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	13	—	—	5	8	2	3	3	—	—	—	5	5
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	47	—	—	2	45	3	18	6	1	—	11	8	44
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	11	—	—	—	11	—	3	6	—	—	1	1	11
8. Ambush — no warning	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
9. Mentally deranged	11	—	1	2	8	—	4	6	—	—	1	—	11
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	12	—	—	3	9	2	3	5	—	1	—	1	11
11. All other	36	—	—	4	32	—	5	18	2	2	8	1	36
12. Totals (1–11)	281	—	1	30	250	30	78	103	4	3	23	40	251
13. Number with personal injury	80	—	1	6	73								
14. Number without personal injury	201	—	—	24	177								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	52	17	4	4	7	6							
P.M.	49	10	20	19	41	52							
	12:01	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						