

## 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.

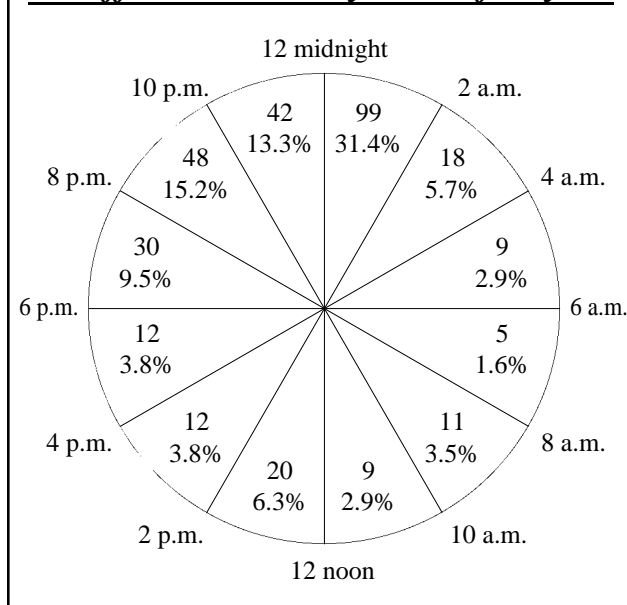
During 2004:

- There were 315 assaults on law enforcement officers, an increase from the 2003 figure of 262.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2004 was 14.2, compared to 11.7 assaults per 100 officers during 2003.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 122, or 38.7% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 91.7% or 289 of the assaults.
- Of the 315 assaults, 16.2% (51) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 83.8% (264) produced no injury.
- 30.2% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (95), 69.8% were directed at assisted officers (220).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (60.0%), with 31.4% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 79.4% (250) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 315 reported assaults on officers, 42 were on sheriff's deputies, 15 were on state police officers, and 258 were on municipal officers.

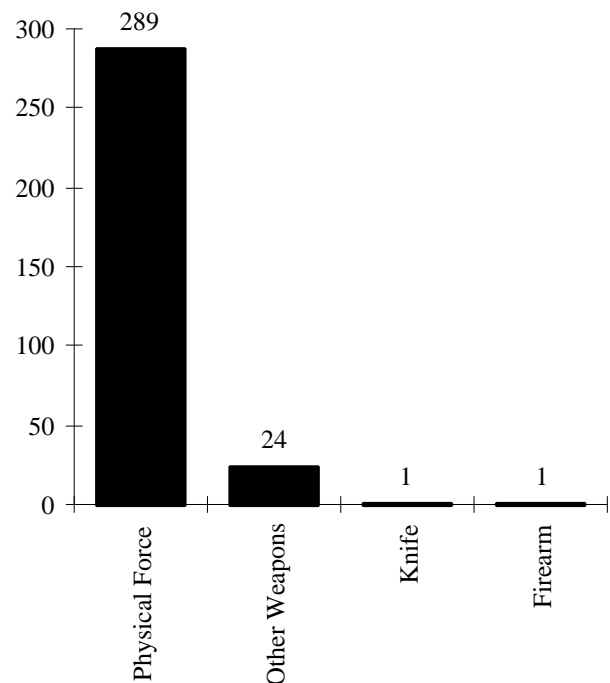
### Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			2004 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2003	2004	% Change	
Androscoggin	10	15	50.0%	8.5
Aroostook	3	3	—	3.6
Cumberland	67	87	29.9%	17.9
Franklin	2	7	250.0%	14.6
Hancock	2	3	50.0%	4.9
Kennebec	44	74	68.2%	52.1
Knox	7	5	-28.6%	8.5
Lincoln	9	4	-55.6%	9.1
Oxford	8	10	25.0%	16.7
Penobscot	34	27	-20.6%	12.6
Piscataquis	—	—	—	—
Sagadahoc	4	2	-50.0%	3.8
Somerset	5	9	80.0%	17.0
Waldo	5	5	—	15.6
Washington	3	4	33.3%	10.5
York	59	60	1.7%	19.2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>14.2</b>

### Officer Assaults by Time of Day



### Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



**Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2004**

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	122	—	—	10	112	9	27	62	—	1	5	18	97
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	3	—	—	1	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	3
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	4	—	—	—	4	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	4
4. Attempting other arrests	54	1	—	1	52	5	10	32	—	—	1	6	45
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	9	—	—	—	9	2	2	1	—	—	1	3	8
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	48	—	—	5	43	3	8	11	—	—	9	17	33
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	11	—	—	2	9	1	4	4	1	—	—	1	8
8. Ambush — no warning	2	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
9. Mentally deranged	9	—	—	—	9	—	3	4	—	—	—	2	6
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	14	—	—	3	11	1	10	3	—	—	—	—	13
11. All other	39	—	1	2	36	4	7	14	—	—	3	11	32
<b>12. Totals (1–11)</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>250</b>
13. Number with personal injury	51	—	1	5	45								
14. Number without personal injury	264	2	1	20	241								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	99	18	9	5	11	9							
P.M.	20	12	12	30	48	42							
	12:01	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						