

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.

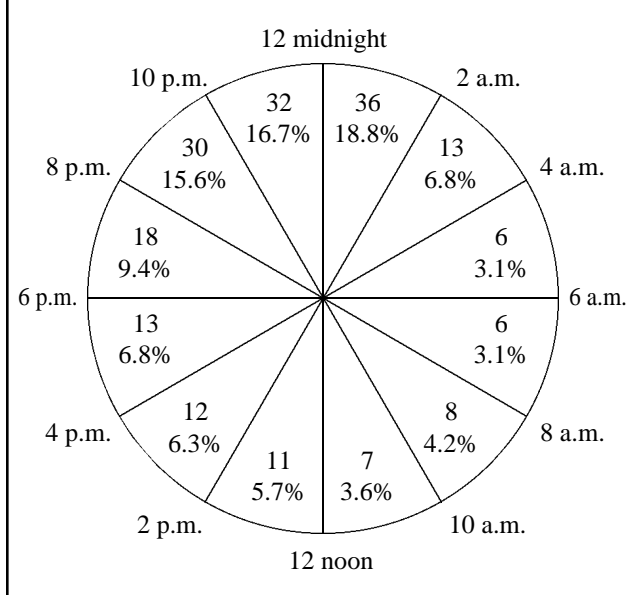
During 2010:

- There were 192 assaults on law enforcement officers, a decrease from the 2009 figure of 214.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2010 was 8.6, compared to 9.4 assaults per 100 officers during 2009.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 92, or 47.9% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 91.7% or 176 of the assaults.
- Of the 192 assaults, 20.3% (39) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 79.7% (153) produced no injury.
- 36.5% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (70), 63.5% were directed at assisted officers (122).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (51.0%), with 18.8% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 99.5% (191) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 192 reported assaults on officers, 33 were on sheriff's deputies, 17 were on state police officers, and 142 were on municipal officers.

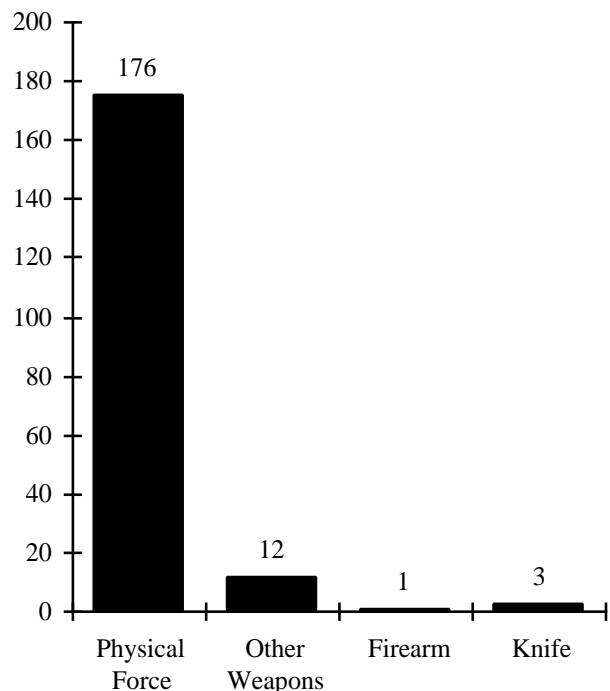
Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			2010 Rate Per 100 Officers
	2009	2010	% Change	
Androscoggin	18	12	-33.3%	6.6
Aroostook	2	3	50.0%	3.4
Cumberland	59	36	-39.0%	7.2
Franklin	4	3	-25.0%	5.9
Hancock	1	—	-100.0%	—
Kennebec	46	38	-17.4%	26.8
Knox	7	2	-71.4%	3.4
Lincoln	4	4	—	8.5
Oxford	8	4	-50.0%	8.3
Penobscot	13	37	184.6%	16.4
Piscataquis	—	—	—	—
Sagadahoc	2	2	—	3.6
Somerset	8	10	25.0%	18.9
Waldo	2	—	-100.0%	—
Washington	5	1	-80.0%	2.8
York	35	40	14.3%	12.6
Totals	214	192	-10.3%	8.6

Officer Assaults by Time of Day



Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2010

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	92	—	1	4	87	4	26	56	—	1	1	4	92
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	3	—	—	—	3	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	3
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Attempting other arrests	29	1	2	4	22	1	11	10	—	1	1	5	29
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	6	—	—	—	6	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	6
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	26	—	—	1	25	—	8	6	—	2	3	7	26
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	9	—	—	1	8	—	5	2	—	—	—	2	8
8. Ambush — no warning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Mentally deranged	6	—	—	—	6	—	1	3	—	—	1	1	6
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	8	—	—	1	7	2	4	2	—	—	—	—	8
11. All other	13	—	—	1	12	—	5	5	—	—	—	3	13
12. Totals (1–11)	192	1	3	12	176	7	64	89	0	4	6	22	191
13. Number with personal injury	39	—	—	1	38								
14. Number without personal injury	153	1	3	11	138								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	36	13	6	6	8	7							
P.M.	11	12	13	18	30	32							
	12:01	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						