

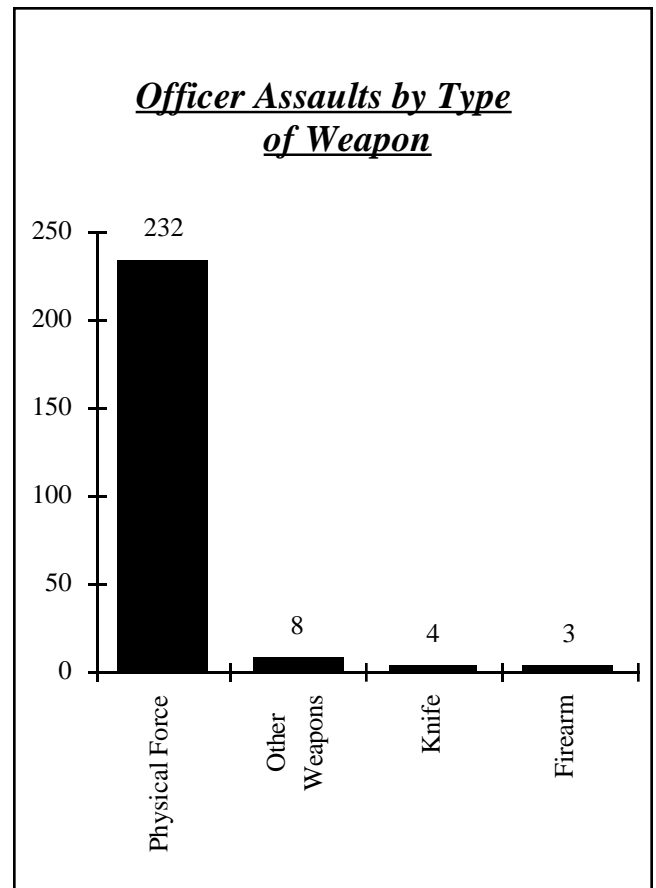
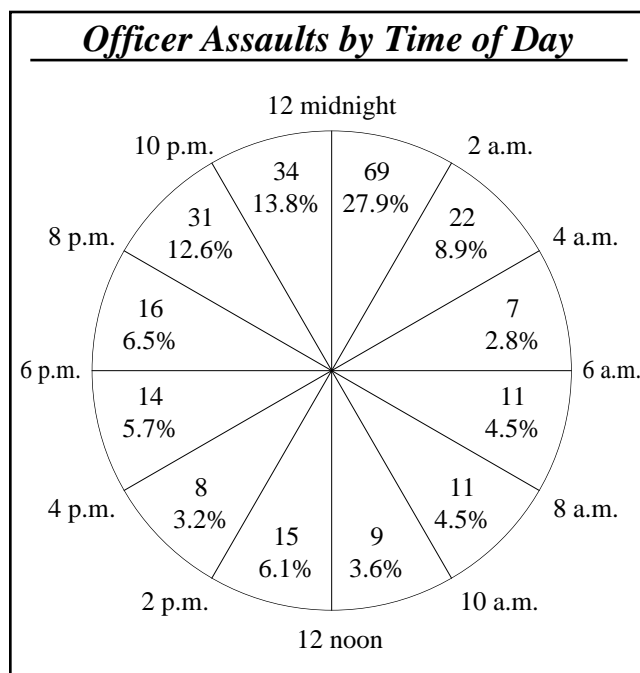
ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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 1998:

- There were 247 assaults on law enforcement officers, a 12.7% decrease from the 1997 figure of 283.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 1998 was 11.6, compared to 13.5 assaults per 100 officers during 1997.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 102, or 41.3% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 93.9% or 232 of the assaults.
- Of the 247 assaults, 14.6% (36) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 85.4% (211) produced no injury.
- 21.5% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (53), 78.5% were directed at assisted officers (194).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (54.3%), with 27.9% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 98.4% (243) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 247 reported assaults on officers, 27 were on sheriff's deputies, 7 were on state police officers, and 213 were on municipal officers.

County	Assaults on Officers			1998 Rate Per 100 Officers
	1997	1998	% Change	
Androscoggin	7	5	-28.6%	3.0
Aroostook	4	2	-50.0%	2.5
Cumberland	148	118	-20.3%	26.0
Franklin	3	3	—	6.1
Hancock	1	7	+600.0%	13.0
Kennebec	32	13	-59.4%	9.8
Knox	10	16	+60.0%	29.1
Lincoln	3	—	-100.0%	0.0
Oxford	1	6	+500.0%	10.2
Penobscot	22	27	+22.7%	13.3
Piscataquis	3	3	—	15.8
Sagadahoc	7	11	+57.1%	22.9
Somerset	—	4	+100.0%	8.7
Waldo	2	—	-100.0%	0.0
Washington	10	1	-90.0%	2.4
York	30	31	+3.3%	11.2
Totals	283	247	-12.7%	11.6



Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 1998

Type of Activity	Total Assaults (A)	Type of Weapon				Two-Officer Vehicle (F)	Type of Assignment						Police Assault Cleared (M)
		Firearm (B)	Knife or Other Cutting Instrument (C)	Other Dangerous Weapon (D)	Hands, Fists, Feet, etc. (E)		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	102	3	—	2	97	13	13	66	4	2	—	4	99
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
4. Attempting other arrests	20	—	1	—	19	—	6	14	—	—	—	—	20
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	5	—	—	—	5	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	5
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	33	—	1	3	29	1	5	5	—	—	3	19	33
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	19	—	—	—	19	1	5	9	—	4	—	—	18
8. Ambush — no warning	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
9. Mentally deranged	6	—	2	—	4	1	2	2	—	—	—	1	6
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	16	—	—	1	15	3	3	9	—	—	—	1	16
11. All other	41	—	—	2	39	6	7	19	3	1	2	3	41
12. Totals (1–11)	247	3	4	8	232	25	41	131	7	7	5	31	243
13. Number with personal injury	36	—	—	3	33								
14. Number without personal injury	211	3	3	2	203								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	69	22	7	11	11	9							
P.M.	15	8	14	16	31	34							
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