

2. Domestic Incidents and Crimes

Summary

During 2004/05 improvements have been made to the processes for identifying domestic incidents and crimes. Rather than gathering data through manual returns, incidents and crimes of this nature are now collated through the PSNI Integrated Crime Information System.

Definitions

Incidents

Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence, or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) by one family member against another or adults who are or have been intimate partners, regardless of gender, and whether a crime has occurred or not, will be recorded as domestic.

Recorded Crimes

- Recorded crimes (sometimes referred to as notifiable offences) are those which are deemed to be indictable or triable-either-way. A full explanation of how recorded crime figures are produced is provided in the recorded crime definitions section on page x.
- A crime will be recorded as domestic where it meets the definition provided above. Not all domestic incidents will result in the recording of a crime.
- Domestic crimes are classified according to the Home Office Counting Rules and form a subset of the overall recorded crime figures.

Domestic Incidents and Crimes

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Total number of domestic incidents	15,512	16,926	20,959

- Between 2003/04 and 2004/05 the number of domestic incidents increased by 4,033 (23.8%).
- There were a total of 8,508 domestic crimes recorded during 2004/05.
- The overall clearance rate was 72.9%.

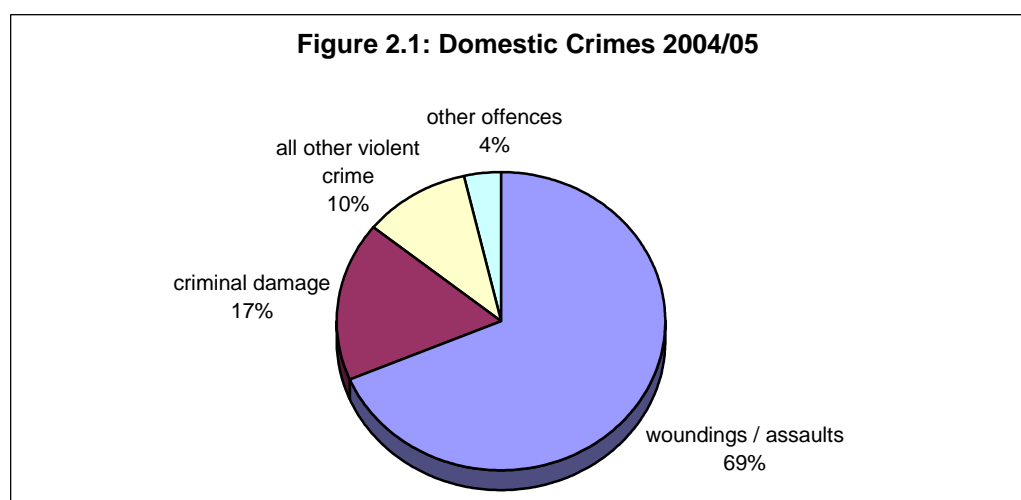


Table 2.2: Domestic Incidents and Recorded Crimes with a Domestic Motivation: Offences Recorded by District Command Unit 2004/05

	Total number of incidents	Total offences recorded	Total offences recorded by type of offence ¹												Breach of Orders ¹
			Murder	Manslaughter	Attempted Murder	Threat or conspiracy to murder	Wounding / GBH (incl with intent)	AOABH / common assault	Intimidation / harassment	Rape	All indecent assaults	Other Violent Crime	All criminal damage	All other notifiable offences	
Antrim	628	235	0	0	0	12	3	169	8	0	2	1	31	9	31
Ards	728	345	0	0	1	6	1	246	13	1	0	1	62	14	14
East Belfast	1,246	397	1	0	3	26	5	249	9	0	2	2	84	16	37
North Belfast	1,843	630	1	0	1	27	20	428	13	4	0	1	111	24	49
South Belfast	853	325	0	0	1	16	5	220	4	0	3	0	61	15	43
West Belfast	1,086	522	1	0	2	18	11	373	19	1	0	0	89	8	91
Carrickfergus	364	152	0	0	1	7	2	114	5	0	2	0	18	3	8
Castlereagh	617	187	0	0	0	11	1	126	4	0	0	0	40	5	40
Larne	293	111	1	0	1	7	1	79	3	2	0	0	15	2	23
Lisburn	1,782	819	0	0	0	62	7	494	64	4	5	0	134	49	101
Newtownabbey	863	395	0	0	1	29	8	252	19	1	0	0	76	9	35
North Down	774	294	1	0	1	17	1	212	3	0	1	0	48	10	20
Urban Region	11,077	4,412	5	0	12	238	65	2,962	164	13	15	5	769	164	492
Armagh	353	166	1	0	1	6	8	101	22	1	0	0	22	4	27
Ballymena	580	311	0	0	1	30	2	227	9	0	2	1	33	6	18
Ballymoney	255	122	0	1	1	8	2	82	2	0	0	0	19	7	4
Banbridge	346	200	0	0	0	10	2	113	24	1	0	0	38	12	32
Coleraine	824	309	0	0	2	21	4	210	14	0	0	1	45	12	44
Cookstown	446	196	0	0	0	7	0	135	3	0	0	0	44	7	24
Craigavon	1,233	556	0	0	2	37	6	354	26	2	2	3	99	25	48
Down	363	147	0	0	0	7	4	112	5	0	1	0	15	3	16
Dungannon & South Tyrone	323	122	0	0	0	4	1	79	17	0	0	0	17	4	27
Fermanagh	518	151	1	0	0	9	2	104	1	0	2	0	26	6	45
Foyle	1,921	651	0	1	0	40	4	424	18	3	3	1	128	29	186
Limavady	392	204	0	0	1	2	1	160	1	3	0	1	31	4	11
Magherafelt	448	99	0	0	0	1	3	68	2	1	2	0	18	4	55
Moyle	102	52	0	0	0	0	2	42	0	0	0	0	5	3	0
Newry & Mourne	617	268	0	0	0	31	5	171	1	0	0	0	53	7	37
Omagh	666	219	0	0	0	10	1	137	4	1	1	0	57	8	66
Strabane	495	323	0	0	2	8	2	246	3	1	1	1	49	10	16
Rural Region	9,882	4,096	2	2	10	231	49	2,765	152	13	14	8	699	151	656
Grand Total	20,959	8,508	7	2	22	469	114	5,727	316	26	29	13	1,468	315	1,148

¹ Domestic offence figures do not include assault on police or breach of orders (breaches of orders are not counted as offences under the Home Office Counting Rules), however both are included in the incident total.

Table 2.3: Recorded Crimes with a Domestic Motivation: % Clearance rate and Number of victims by District Command Unit 2004/05

	Total offences recorded ¹	% clearance rate	Victims of domestic offences ¹			
			Females 17 and over	Males 17 and over	Children under 17	Gender / age unknown
Antrim	235	73.2	164	52	13	6
Ards	345	66.4	235	87	21	2
East Belfast	397	81.4	272	98	22	5
North Belfast	630	63.2	462	113	38	17
South Belfast	325	69.5	229	78	11	7
West Belfast	522	72.6	401	91	18	12
Carrickfergus	152	80.3	115	28	9	0
Castlereagh	187	87.2	131	43	11	2
Larne	111	78.4	80	21	8	2
Lisburn	819	71.9	556	197	48	18
Newtownabbey	395	72.7	273	94	23	5
North Down	294	76.9	210	64	16	4
Urban Region	4,412	72.6	3,128	966	238	80
Armagh	166	75.9	115	44	6	1
Ballymena	311	82.6	230	62	17	2
Ballymoney	122	76.2	84	28	9	1
Banbridge	200	79.5	127	57	10	6
Coleraine	309	72.8	228	54	21	6
Cookstown	196	78.1	118	56	21	1
Craigavon	556	63.7	375	129	30	22
Down	147	61.2	98	32	12	5
Dungannon & South Tyrone	122	84.4	88	29	4	1
Fermanagh	151	81.5	104	31	12	4
Foyle	651	66.7	469	126	44	12
Limavady	204	70.1	146	43	13	2
Magherafelt	99	83.8	71	22	5	1
Moyle	52	63.5	37	12	2	1
Newry & Mourne	268	77.6	199	50	11	8
Omagh	219	69.4	157	48	11	3
Strabane	323	81.7	231	62	22	8
Rural Region	4,096	73.2	2,877	885	250	84
Grand Total	8,508	72.9	6,005	1,851	488	164

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