

**Selected violent and sexual offences<sup>1</sup> recorded by the police involving knives or sharp instruments<sup>2</sup> and proportions of those selected offences**

Policing District	Number of selected offences involving a knife/sharp instrument			% of selected offences that involved a knife/sharp instrument		
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
<b>A District</b> (North Belfast, West Belfast)	194	190	178	8	7	7
<b>B District</b> (East Belfast, South Belfast)	115	131	158	4	4	6
<b>C District</b> (Ards, Castlereagh, Down, North Down)	90	90	80	4	4	4
<b>D District</b> (Antrim, Carrickfergus, Lisburn, Newtownabbey)	131	98	143	5	4	6
<b>E District</b> (Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon, Newry & Mourne)	127	115	139	5	4	5
<b>F District</b> (Cookstown, Dungannon & South Tyrone, Fermanagh, Omagh)	71	50	67	4	3	4
<b>G District</b> (Foyle, Limavady, Magherafelt, Strabane)	116	135	106	4	5	4
<b>H District</b> (Ballymena, Ballymoney, Coleraine, Larne, Moyle)	81	99	67	4	5	3
<b>All Districts</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Offences covered are murder, manslaughter, infanticide, attempted murder, threats to kill, wounding/GBH with intent, firearms/explosives offences endangering life, administering poison, wounding/GBH, robbery, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, rape (including attempts) and sexual assaults.

<sup>2</sup> Knives/sharp instruments are as defined by the Home Office.

*Please note that the knife/sharp instrument figures are based on weapon details taken from a live operational system and are therefore subject to change.*

Please also note that these figures will differ from those produced prior to 2009/10 in respect of PSNI in two respects:

1. Previous figures were based on offences involving knives - sharp instruments were not included.
2. Previous figures were based on all offences within recorded crime - the above figures are based on those violent and sexual offences only.