

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 Area	Number of selected offences involving a knife/sharp instrument		Proportion of selected offences that involved a knife/sharp instrument			Number of selected offences involving a knife/sharp instrument											total number of selected offences				
	2007/08	2008/09	2007/08	2008/09	Q1-Q3 2009/10	Q1 0708	Q2 0708	Q3 0708	Q4 0708	Q1 0809	Q2 0809	Q3 0809	Q4 0809	Q1 0910	Q2 0910	Q3 0910	2007/08	2008/09	Q1 09/10 <sup>3</sup>	Q2 09/10 <sup>3</sup>	Q3 09/10 <sup>3</sup>
	Antrim	24	18	4.7	3.8	10.2	4	4	9	7	2	7	5	4	13	10	16	508	469	143	131
Ards	21	15	4.0	3.2	3.5	5	4	7	5	3	8	3	1	2	12	1	528	468	163	166	103
Armagh	25	24	5.6	5.8	5.8	5	10	3	7	6	6	9	3	4	7	5	443	415	105	76	94
Banbridge	14	9	3.7	2.5	3.9	3	3	4	4	0	3	6	0	1	6	3	375	357	88	86	83
East Belfast	48	44	5.4	4.7	5.1	17	13	16	2	5	8	16	15	9	18	7	887	930	257	206	203
North Belfast	126	137	8.0	8.6	8.1	29	21	33	43	35	30	26	46	27	35	23	1572	1591	426	335	292
South Belfast	67	87	3.4	4.4	4.9	16	14	17	20	28	15	21	23	24	22	20	1983	1990	471	421	456
West Belfast	68	53	6.8	5.1	5.1	12	20	18	18	17	15	11	10	13	20	7	999	1042	300	260	230
Ballymena	36	33	6.0	5.2	3.6	9	11	7	9	7	10	8	8	9	5	4	598	637	171	165	171
Ballymoney	3	8	2.1	4.4	3.1	1	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	2	1	2	145	180	56	65	39
Carrickfergus	18	18	5.5	5.5	4.1	3	6	4	5	5	5	3	5	3	4	2	329	326	89	66	62
Coleraine	26	45	3.2	4.9	1.9	2	7	11	6	10	18	12	5	5	3	4	802	913	235	195	205
Cookstown	9	3	2.4	0.8	2.7	2	2	3	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	5	379	374	86	90	88
Craigavon	63	40	6.4	3.9	4.7	22	14	5	22	5	12	16	7	12	13	15	989	1019	326	286	245
Castlereagh	12	20	4.1	5.6	5.0	8	0	0	4	1	5	6	8	3	4	6	294	357	97	74	91
Dungannon & South Tyrone	21	15	4.7	3.5	7.1	5	3	5	8	0	8	4	3	11	8	9	443	432	145	121	129
Down	31	27	4.8	4.1	4.0	5	4	10	12	9	9	4	5	7	12	5	647	661	209	236	148
Fermanagh	25	18	4.8	4.0	3.4	5	12	2	6	7	8	1	2	5	1	4	516	452	95	100	103
Foyle	61	85	4.1	5.6	5.7	16	17	18	10	18	19	27	21	25	20	23	1493	1525	385	414	397
Larne	14	12	4.7	4.3	3.7	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	300	280	66	73	52
Limavady	23	33	5.3	6.1	2.3	5	7	8	3	9	11	9	4	2	2	3	433	543	126	79	98
Lisburn	32	24	3.1	2.6	3.1	10	8	9	5	2	6	12	4	9	5	11	1031	923	306	295	204
Magherafelt	14	6	4.3	2.2	2.1	2	3	3	6	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	322	272	68	62	62
Moyle	2	1	1.8	0.8	1.6	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	112	128	37	53	33
Newtownabbey	57	38	10.1	6.2	6.3	12	6	13	26	7	5	14	12	13	5	9	565	611	181	124	126
North Down	26	28	3.7	4.5	2.2	8	9	7	2	7	6	13	2	4	4	2	701	629	141	171	136
Newry & Mourne	25	42	2.8	4.4	3.7	8	6	7	4	4	11	13	14	10	5	14	888	948	264	249	265
Omagh	16	14	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	7	3	6	5	2	3	4	7	2	2	520	446	125	100	127
Strabane	18	11	4.9	3.5	2.2	6	0	8	4	3	4	2	2	2	2	1	366	313	78	66	82
<b>All Areas</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>19168</b>	<b>19231</b>	<b>5239</b>	<b>4765</b>	<b>4434</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.

<sup>3</sup> Crime figures within the current financial year are provisional and will be subject to change.

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.