

# Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order Statistics

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- In 12 months from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018, there were 5,569 persons and vehicles stopped and searched under the Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order. Half of those stops were in relation to stolen articles.
- There were 21 road checks authorised in 2017/18, all of which were for the purpose of ascertaining whether a vehicle was carrying a witness to an indictable offence.
- There were 22,300 arrests<sup>1</sup> made under the Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order during 2017/18, 84% of which were males.
- During 2017/18 there were 38 persons detained in police custody for more than 24 hours and released without charge. During the same period there were 25 applications to Magistrates Courts for warrants of further detention.

<sup>1</sup> Arrest figures are based on a count of detainees' custody numbers



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# 1. Introduction

Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order statistics for Northern Ireland are collated and produced by statisticians seconded to the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) from the Northern Ireland and Statistics Research Agency (NISRA).

This bulletin presents Police and Criminal Evidence Order (PACE) statistics for the Police Service of Northern Ireland for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, as required by statute. Reported are statistics on

- i) the number of persons and vehicles stopped and searched under PACE by objective of search and the number of subsequent arrests.
- ii) the number of Article 6 (PACE) road checks authorised and the reason for these.
- iii) persons detained under PACE.

PACE detention statistics are based on a count of detainees' custody numbers in each custody suite and relate to the period of original detention only.

# 2. Article 5 - Persons and Vehicles Stopped and Searched

**Table 1: Number of persons and vehicles stopped and searched under the Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018**

		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Stolen Property / Articles	Searches	264	213	222	257	186	192	226	314	285	235	222	179	<b>2,795</b>
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	42	34	23	48	39	25	38	61	42	38	42	28	<b>460</b>
Offensive Weapon / Blade or Point	Searches	80	98	105	102	91	105	99	64	77	92	88	58	<b>1,059</b>
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	28	33	35	26	32	25	21	23	27	25	29	19	<b>323</b>
Going Equipped / Prohibited Articles	Searches	125	129	121	114	102	98	156	124	92	124	91	103	<b>1,379</b>
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	17	13	21	14	11	21	22	21	18	20	14	11	<b>203</b>
Fireworks	Searches	0	0	1	0	10	35	260	19	1	4	4	2	<b>336</b>
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Searches</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>5,569</b>
	<b>Arrests<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>87</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>989</b>

<sup>1</sup> Arrests as a result of search. Arrest may not be related to the initial reason for the stop and search.

### 3. Article 6 – Road Checks

There were 21 road checks authorised in 2017/18, all of which were for the purpose of ascertaining whether a vehicle was carrying a witness to an indictable offence.

### 4. PACE Detention Statistics

**Table 2: Arrests under PACE by gender and whether requests for friends / relatives or a solicitor were made, for each quarter during 2017/18**

	Arrests under PACE <sup>1</sup>			Of which there was a request for	
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Gender		Friend / relative etc.	Solicitor
		Male	Female		
April 17 – June 17	5,503	4,611	890	1,451	3,334
July 17 – September 17	5,657	4,838	816	1,539	3,491
October 17 – December 17	5,770	4,868	900	1,708	3,525
January 18 – March 18	5,370	4,499	865	1,568	3,484
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,300</b>	<b>18,816</b>	<b>3,471</b>	<b>6,266</b>	<b>13,834</b>

<sup>1</sup> Arrest figures are based on a count of detainees' custody numbers and relate to the period of original detention only.

<sup>2</sup> 13 transgender persons are included in 'Total'.

**Extended Detention:** During 2017/18 there were 38 persons who were detained in police custody for more than 24 hours and released without charge.

**Magistrate's Warrants:** There were 25 applications to Magistrates Courts for warrants of further detention in 2017/18. Four of these applications were for 24 hours or less, 3 were for between 25 and 35 hours and the other 18 were for a period of 36 hours. Of the 25 applications to Magistrates Courts for warrants of further detention, 2 of these were for a second warrant of further detention. Of the 23 persons subject to a warrant of further detention, 9 spent less than 24 hours under its authority, while 12 spent between 24 hours and 36 hours and the remaining 2 people were detained over 36 hours under the authority of these warrants. A total of 14 persons were subsequently charged.

**Intimate Searches:** There were no intimate searches recorded during 2017/18.

**X-rays & ultrasound scans:** During 2017/18 two x-rays were carried out (negative results). No ultrasounds were recorded.