

Police Service of Northern Ireland

# Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order Statistics

Covering the 12 month period  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

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## **Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order Statistics Covering the 12 month period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012**

This bulletin presents the latest Police and Criminal Evidence Order (PACE) statistics for the Police Service of Northern Ireland as required by statute. Reported are the number of persons detained under PACE. Excluded are those detained under legislation other than PACE, for example the Terrorism Act or Mental Health legislation.

Contents: The following statistics on the use of PACE by the PSNI during 2011/12 are contained in this report;

- i) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 5 Persons and Vehicles Searched**
- ii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 6 Road Checks**
- iii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Detention statistics 2011/12**

The detention statistics data are also presented by PSNI Custody Suite in Annex One.

**Please note that these statistics are based on a count of detainees' custody numbers in each custody suite and relate to the period of original detention only. Figures are provisional and subject to minor amendment.**

## i) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 5 Persons and Vehicles Searched

**Table 1: Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 5 Persons and Vehicles Searched 2011/12**

		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Stolen Property	Searches	178	208	154	111	155	180	232	235	249	230	255	216	2,403
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	27	27	26	22	16	22	28	20	31	20	37	22	298
Drugs	Searches	1074	994	881	853	831	1002	1146	1081	916	1058	1032	1208	12,076
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	37	60	41	36	51	64	59	56	39	55	71	76	645
Firearms	Searches	19	22	12	9	18	28	39	27	23	27	19	30	273
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	1	2	2	1	0	4	2	2	2	5	0	3	24
Offensive Weapon	Searches	83	133	100	99	74	94	159	110	78	116	102	117	1,265
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	12	22	11	18	7	8	18	13	17	18	19	26	189
Going Equipped	Searches	330	327	315	263	368	289	345	323	384	370	438	338	4,090
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	19	23	31	21	33	23	10	17	18	12	19	18	244
Others	Searches	153	146	108	127	167	179	598	204	103	155	153	172	2,265
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	13	12	13	10	14	9	10	18	16	18	19	18	170
<b>Total</b>	Searches	<b>1,837</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>1,462</b>	<b>1,613</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>2,519</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>22,372</b>
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	<b>109</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>1,570</b>

<sup>1</sup> Arrests as a result of search

## ii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 6 Road Checks

There were 34 road checks authorised in 2011/12, 27 of which were for the purpose of ascertaining whether a vehicle was carrying a witness to an indictable offence. The remaining 7 were for the purpose of ascertaining whether a vehicle was carrying someone reasonably suspected or intending to commit an indictable offence.

### iii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Detention statistics 2011/12

**Table 2: Arrests under PACE by Gender and whether requests for friends / relatives or a solicitor were made, for each Quarter during 2011/12.**

	Arrests Under PACE			Requests	
	Totals	Gender		Friend/Relative etc	Solicitor
		Male	Female		
Quarter 1 April-June	6,760	5,877	881	1,634	3,473
Quarter 2 July-September	6,952	5,977	975	1,612	3,576
Quarter 3 October-December	6,732	5,783	948	1,521	3,367
Quarter 4 January-March	6,460	5,513	947	1,477	3,509
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,904</b>	<b>23,150</b>	<b>3,751</b>	<b>6,244</b>	<b>13,925</b>

<sup>1</sup> There were 3 persons detained under PACE in 2011/12 whose gender was recorded as 'Transgendered'.

**Extended Detention:** During 2011/12 there were 53 persons who were detained in police custody for more than 24 hours and released without charge.

**Magistrate's Warrants:** There were 30 applications to Magistrates Courts for warrants of further detention, all of which were granted. Eight of these applications were for 24 hours or less, 2 were for 30 hours and the other 20 were for a period of 36 hours. Of the 23 persons subject to a warrant of further detention, 7 spent less than 24 hours under its authority while 9 spent between 24 hours and 36 hours. The remaining 7 persons had a second extension granted and as a result were detained over 36 hours under the authority of these warrants. 23 persons were subsequently charged.

**Intimate Searches:** There was one intimate search carried out by a suitably qualified person during 2011/12. This was a drugs offence search.

**X-rays & ultrasound scans:** During 2011/12 there were:

- (a) Four x-rays authorised (3 negative results and 1 positive)
- (b) No ultrasound scans authorised

## Annex One

### PACE Detention statistics by PSNI Custody Suite 2011/12

1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 31st March 2012

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Antrim Custody <sup>2</sup>	525	640	560	510	<b>2,235</b>
Antrim Road Custody	400	442	218	1	<b>1,061</b>
Ardmore Custody	8	21	64	86	<b>179</b>
Armagh Custody	2	79	398	392	<b>871</b>
Ballymena Custody	341	413	320	361	<b>1,435</b>
Banbridge Custody	576	377	1	0	<b>954</b>
Bangor Custody	540	585	526	499	<b>2,150</b>
Coleraine Custody	481	514	446	379	<b>1,820</b>
Dungannon Custody	347	278	360	207	<b>1,192</b>
Enniskillen Custody	270	288	288	271	<b>1,117</b>
Grosvenor Road Custody	347	418	308	329	<b>1,402</b>
Limavady Custody	332	356	176	275	<b>1,139</b>
Lisburn Custody	439	297	389	384	<b>1,509</b>
Lurgan Custody	534	506	562	542	<b>2,144</b>
Musgrave Street Custody	708	717	1,045	1,179	<b>3,649</b>
Omagh Custody	312	423	374	420	<b>1,529</b>
Strabane Custody	30	8	5	5	<b>48</b>
Strand Road Custody	554	573	571	600	<b>2,298</b>
Waterside Custody	1	6	116	10	<b>133</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6747</b>	<b>6941</b>	<b>6,727</b>	<b>6,450</b>	<b>26,865</b>

<sup>1</sup> These stations are all designated or were designated at some stage during the financial year

<sup>2</sup> Includes 30 prisoners detained at Antrim Serious Crime Suite

### Non Designated Stations - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 31st March 2012

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Strandtown Custody	2	1	0	0	<b>3</b>
Downpatrick Custody	2	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Magherafelt Custody	9	10	5	10	<b>34</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>39</b>

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