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# Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order Statistics

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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 2014/15 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 2014/15**

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 2014/15**

		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Stolen Property / Articles	Searches	414	364	316	301	351	337	345	339	374	324	343	309	<b>4,117</b>
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	51	57	41	52	45	43	54	54	40	49	61	52	<b>599</b>
Offensive Weapon / Blade or Point	Searches	71	92	77	97	72	64	74	80	92	106	91	96	<b>1,012</b>
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	26	24	20	31	16	24	18	22	16	33	23	26	<b>279</b>
Going Equipped / Prohibited Articles	Searches	148	140	154	162	130	175	200	145	166	184	175	188	<b>1,967</b>
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	15	16	17	14	12	26	32	29	22	28	19	24	<b>254</b>
Fireworks	Searches	1	0	3	0	3	52	165	20	5	0	0	2	<b>251</b>
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	Searches	<b>634</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>7,347</b>
	Arrests <sup>1</sup>	<b>92</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1,135</b>

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

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

There were 50 road checks authorised in 2014/15, all of which were for the purpose of ascertaining whether a vehicle was carrying a witness to an indictable offence.

## iii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Detention statistics 2014/15

**Table 2: Arrests under PACE by Gender and whether requests for friends / relatives or a solicitor were made, for each Quarter during 2014/15.**

	Arrests Under PACE			Requests	
	Totals *	Gender		Friend/Relative etc.	Solicitor
		Male	Female		
Quarter 1 April-June	6,394	5,419	975	1,536	3,675
Quarter 2 July-September	6,264	5,284	979	1,499	3,588
Quarter 3 October-December	6,145	5,228	913	1,502	3,421
Quarter 4 January-March	5,574	4,719	855	1,332	3,226
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,377</b>	<b>20,650</b>	<b>3,722</b>	<b>5,869</b>	<b>13,910</b>

\* 5 transgender persons are included in "Totals"

**Extended Detention:** During 2014/15 there were 49 persons who were detained in police custody for more than 24 hours and released without charge.

**Magistrate's Warrants:** There were 45 applications to Magistrates Courts for warrants of further detention, all of which were granted. Twenty-two of these applications were for 24 hours or less, 1 was for 30 hours and the other 22 were for a period of 36 hours. There were eleven occasions where a second warrant of further detention was successfully applied for. Of the 34 persons subject to a warrant of further detention, 12 spent less than 24 hours under its authority, while 15 spent between 24 hours and 36 hours and the remaining 7 persons were detained over 36 hours under the authority of these warrants. 17 persons were subsequently charged.

**Intimate Searches:** There were two intimate searches carried out by a suitably qualified person during 2014/15. These searches were in relation to drugs offences. In one search nothing was found. The result of the remaining search is unknown.

**X-rays & ultrasound scans:** During 2014/15 there were no x-rays or ultrasound carried out.

## Annex One

### PACE Detention statistics by PSNI Custody Suite 2014/15

1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 31st March 2015

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Antrim Custody <sup>1</sup>	448	496	444	577	1,965
Ardmore Custody	11	4	0	0	15
Armagh Custody	53	0	0	0	53
Ballymena Custody	307	340	337	0	984
Banbridge Custody	502	491	543	508	2,044
Bangor Custody	562	578	588	566	2,294
Coleraine Custody	337	281	284	424	1,326
Dungannon Custody	302	312	294	273	1,181
Enniskillen Custody	255	243	343	217	1,058
Grosvenor Road Custody	265	258	137	0	660
Limavady Custody	240	101	1	0	342
Lisburn Custody	374	348	322	0	1,044
Lurgan Custody	482	501	462	454	1,899
Musgrave Street Custody	1,334	1,322	1,524	1,749	5,929
Omagh Custody	284	240	136	175	835
Strabane Custody	3	128	169	167	467
Strand Road Custody	631	620	561	464	2,276
Waterside Custody	4	1	0	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,394</b>	<b>6,264</b>	<b>6,145</b>	<b>5,574</b>	<b>24,377</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes 7 prisoners detained at Antrim Serious Crime Suite

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*Source: Statistics Branch, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Lisnasharragh*