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# **STATISTICS RELATING TO THE SECURITY SITUATION**

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Data Quality: The PSNI's statistics on the security situation are collated by the PSNI's Central Statistics Branch. These statistics are National Statistics and are produced to high professional standards as set out in the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

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### Summary

#### Deaths due to the Security Situation

- During 2008/09 there were five security related deaths, four more than in the previous year. These include the first Police and Army deaths since 1998.

#### Security-Related Incidents

- The number of shooting incidents increased from 42 in 2007/08 to 54 in 2008/09.
- The number of bombing incidents doubled from 23 in 2007/08 to 46 in 2008/09.

#### Paramilitary-style Attacks

- During 2008/09 there were 61 casualties as a result of paramilitary-style attacks (i.e. both shootings and assaults), 9 more than in the previous year.
- Paramilitary-style **shootings** accounted for 20 casualties, 2 of which were attributed to loyalists and 18 to republicans.
- Paramilitary-style **assaults** accounted for the remaining 41 victims with 28 of such assaults attributed to loyalists and 13 to republicans.
- In comparison with the previous year, the number of casualties of paramilitary-style shootings increased by 13 while the number of casualties of paramilitary-style assaults decreased by 4.

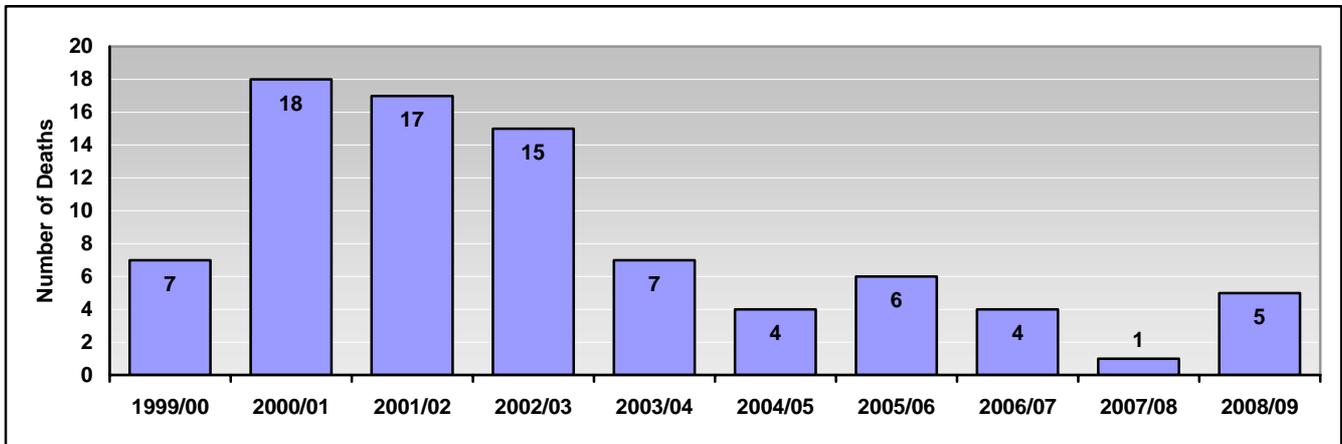
#### Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives Finds

- There were 113 firearms and 4,420 rounds of ammunition found during 2008/09. In addition, 30.6kg of explosives were recovered during the year of which 25.4 kg was recovered in a single find in the Fermanagh area in October 2008.

#### Persons Arrested under Section 41 of the Terrorism Act and subsequently Charged

- In 2008/09, a total of 174 persons were arrested under section 41 of the Terrorism Act and 40 persons were subsequently charged.

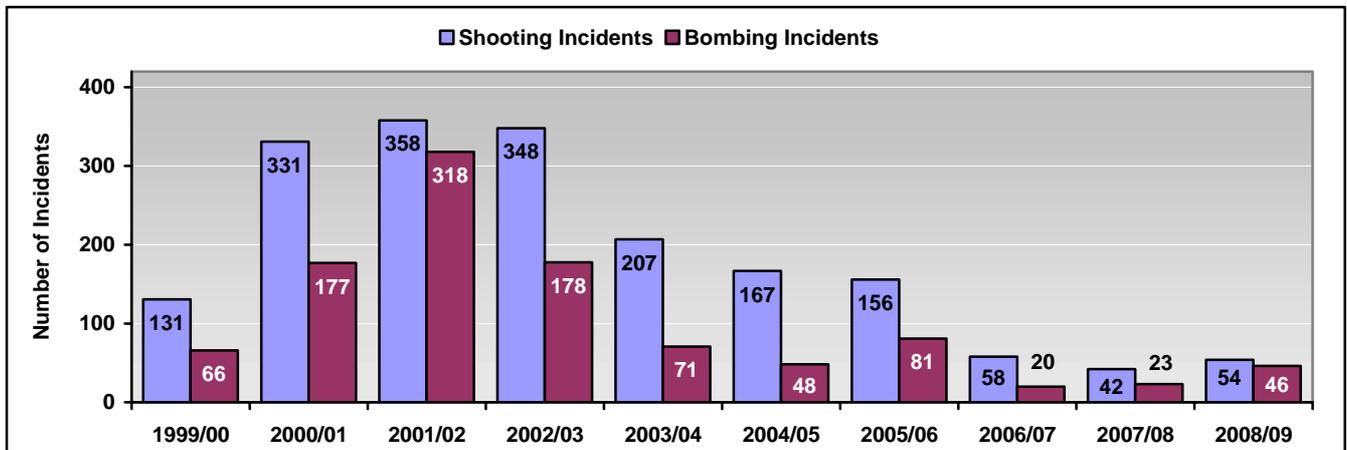
**Figure 5.1: Deaths Due to the Security Situation 1999/00 – 2008/09**



**Table 5.2: Deaths Due to the Security Situation 1999/00 – 2008/09**

	Police	Police Reserve	Army	RIR	Civilian	Totals
1999/00	0	0	0	0	7	7
2000/01	0	0	0	0	18	18
2001/02	0	0	0	0	17	17
2002/03	0	0	0	0	15	15
2003/04	0	0	0	0	7	7
2004/05	0	0	0	0	4	4
2005/06	0	0	0	0	6	6
2006/07	0	0	0	0	4	4
2007/08	0	0	0	0	1	1
2008/09	1	0	2	0	2	5

**Figure 5.3: Shooting and Bombing Incidents 1999/00 – 2008/09**



**Table 5.4: Security-Related Incidents 1999/00 – 2008/09**

	Shooting Incidents <sup>1</sup>	Bombings <sup>2</sup>		Incendiarities <sup>3</sup>	
		Incidents	Devices Used	Incidents	Devices Used
1999/00	131	66	86	5	5
2000/01	331	177	206	9	22
2001/02	358	318	407	5	6
2002/03	348	178	226	8	8
2003/04	207	71	80	3	3
2004/05	167	48	51	29	36
2005/06	156	81	103	1	1
2006/07	58	20	29	11	11
2007/08	42	23	24	0	0
2008/09	54	46	54	5	7

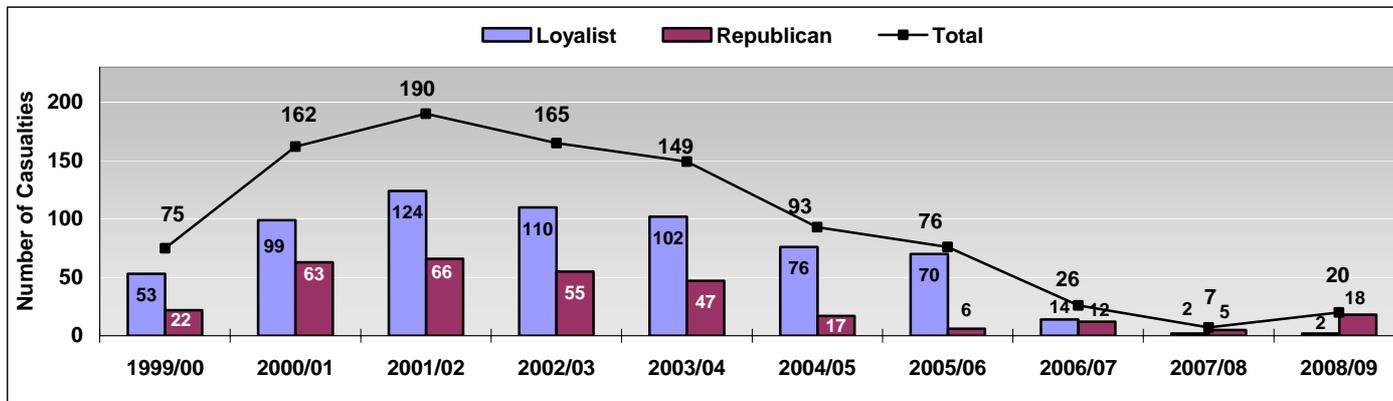
<sup>1</sup> The following types of shooting incidents are included:

- Shots fired by terrorists
- Shots fired by the security forces
- Paramilitary-style attacks involving shootings
- Shots heard (and later confirmed)

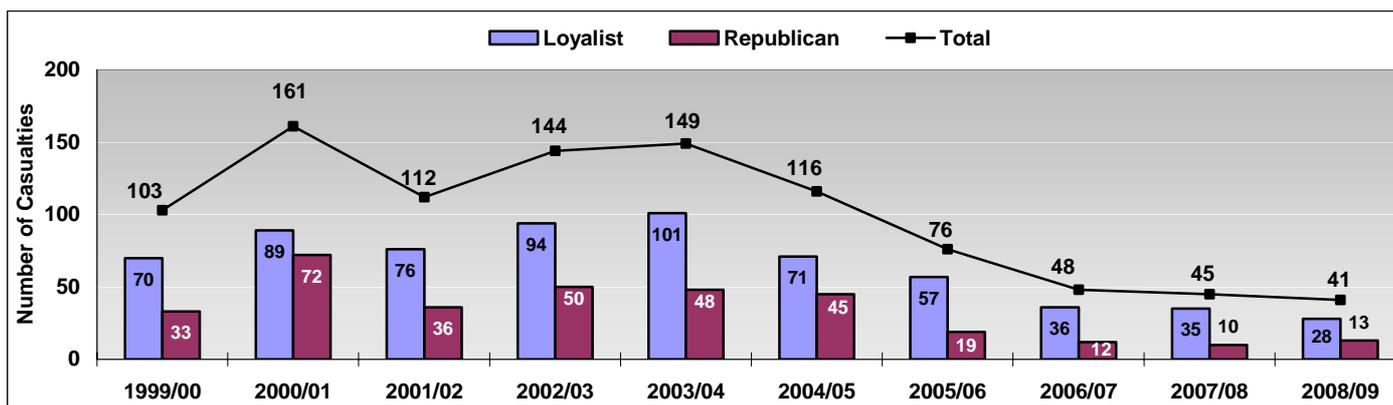
<sup>2</sup> An individual bombing incident may involve one or more explosive devices. Incidents recorded include explosions and defusings (devices used). Incidents involving hoax devices, petrol bombings or incendiaries are excluded.

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**Figure 5.5: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Shootings 1999/00 – 2008/09**



**Figure 5.6: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Assaults 1999/00 – 2008/09**



**Table 5.7: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Attacks 1999/00 – 2008/09**

	Shootings			Assaults			Total Casualties (Shootings and Assaults)
	Total	By Loyalist Groups	By Republican Groups	Total	By Loyalist Groups	By Republican Groups	
1999/00	75	53	22	103	70	33	178
2000/01	162	99	63	161	89	72	323
2001/02	190	124	66	112	76	36	302
2002/03	165	110	55	144	94	50	309
2003/04	149	102	47	149	101	48	298
2004/05	93	76	17	116	71	45	209
2005/06	76	70	6	76	57	19	152
2006/07	26	14	12	48	36	12	74
2007/08	7	2	5	45	35	10	52
2008/09	20	2	18	41	28	13	61

**Table 5.8: Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives Finds 1999/00 – 2008/09**

	Firearms	Ammunition (rounds)	Explosives (kgs)
1999/00	110	12,414	240.4
2000/01	134	12,970	98.9
2001/02	96	9,241	96.2
2002/03	129	18,549	19.9
2003/04	148	19,017	92.1
2004/05	81	23,822	26.5
2005/06	365	112,748	35.0
2006/07	55	5,086	132.2
2007/08	62	22,010	208.4
2008/09	113	4,420	30.6

**Table 5.9: Persons Arrested under Section 41 of the Terrorism Act (TACT) and subsequently Charged 2001/02 – 2008/09**

	Persons Arrested under Section 41 of TACT	Persons subsequently Charged <sup>1 2</sup>
2001/02	239	62
2002/03	240	97
2003/04	339	102
2004/05	231	77
2005/06	273	72
2006/07	177	57
2007/08	131	34
2008/09	174	40

<sup>1</sup> Statistics refer to charges brought against a person after the original period of detention (including extensions). Any subsequent changes, additions, deletions to the original charges are not included.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that persons can be charged under legislation other than the Terrorism Act. Persons may also be charged in a different financial year from which they were arrested e.g. those persons detained at the end of March and charged in April.