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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 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 2009/10 there were two security related deaths, three fewer than in the previous year.

Security-Related Incidents

The number of shooting incidents increased from 54 in 2008/09 to 79 in 2009/10. There was also an increase in the number of bombing incidents (from 46 in 2008/09 to 50 in 2009/10).

Paramilitary-style Attacks

During 2009/10 there were 127 casualties as a result of paramilitary-style attacks (i.e. both shootings and assaults), more than double the 61 casualties recorded in the previous year.

Paramilitary-style **shootings** accounted for 45 casualties, 1 of which was attributed to loyalists and 44 to republicans.

Paramilitary-style **assaults** accounted for the remaining 82 victims with 69 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 25 while the number of casualties of paramilitary-style assaults increased by 41.

Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives Finds

There were 77 firearms and 34,962 rounds of ammunition found during 2009/10. In addition, 2.2kg of explosives were recovered during the year.

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

In 2009/10, a total of 169 persons were arrested under section 41 of the Terrorism Act and 36 persons were subsequently charged.

Figure 5.1: Deaths¹ Due to the Security Situation 2000/01 – 2009/10

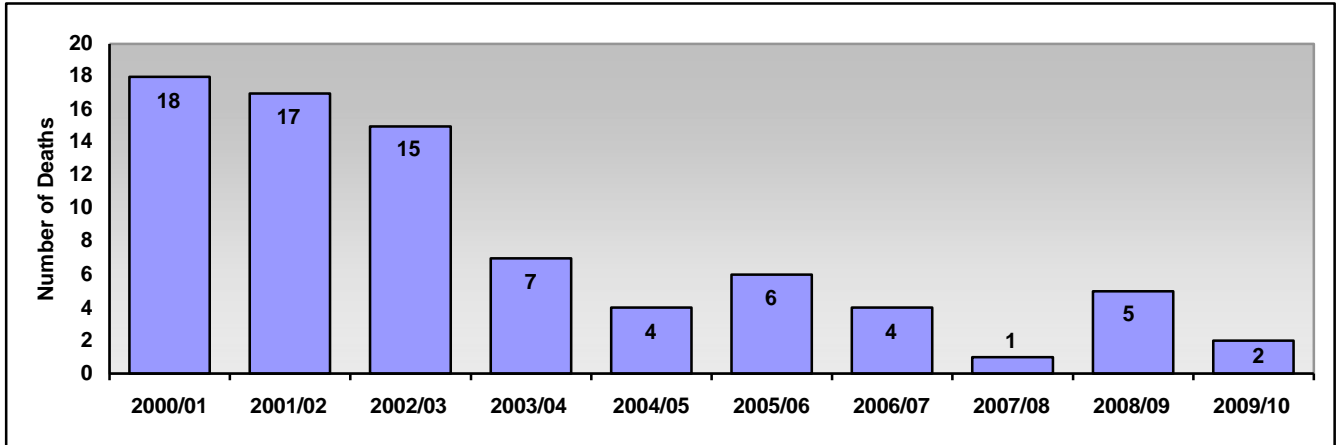


Table 5.2: Deaths¹ Due to the Security Situation 2000/01 – 2009/10

	Police	Police Reserve	Army	RIR	Civilian	Totals
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
2009/10	0	0	0	0	2	2

¹ Includes all deaths which were considered at the time of the incident, to be directly attributed to terrorism, where the cause has a direct or proximate link to subversive/sectarian strife or where the death is attributable to security force activity.

Figure 5.3: Shooting and Bombing Incidents 2000/01 – 2009/10

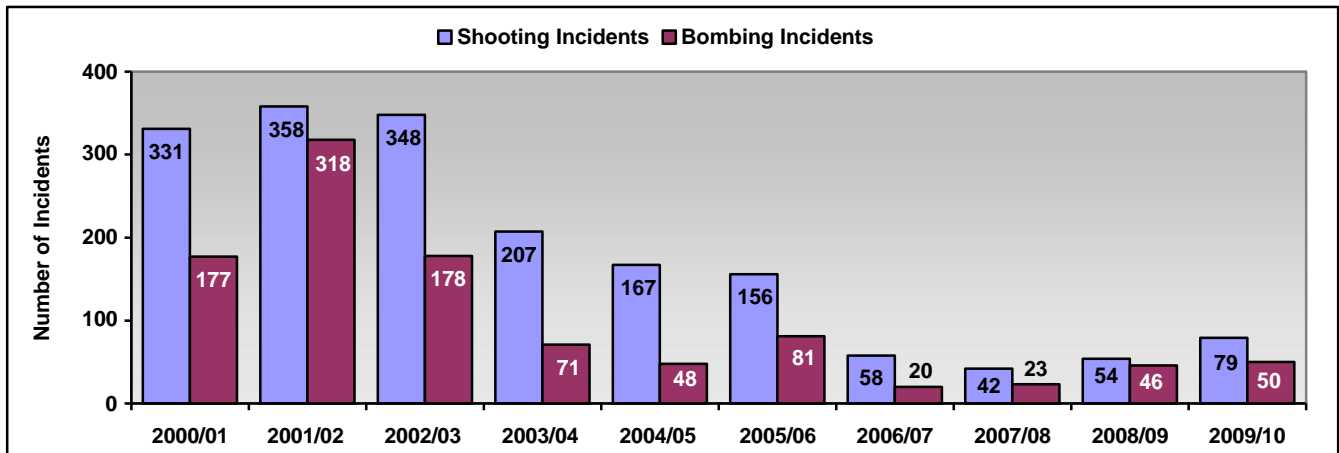


Table 5.4: Security-Related Incidents 2000/01 – 2009/10

	Shooting Incidents ¹	Bombings ²		Incendiaries ³	
		Incidents	Devices Used	Incidents	Devices Used
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
2009/10	79	50	54	0	0

¹ 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)

² 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.

³ Incidents recorded include explosions and defusings (devices used).

Figure 5.5: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Shootings 2000/01 – 2009/10

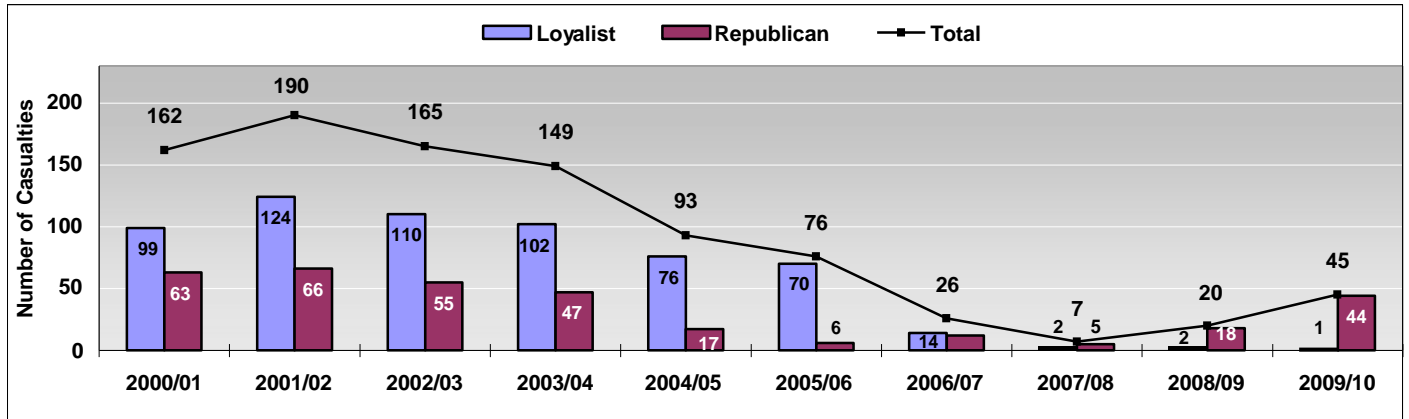


Figure 5.6: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Assaults 2000/01 – 2009/10

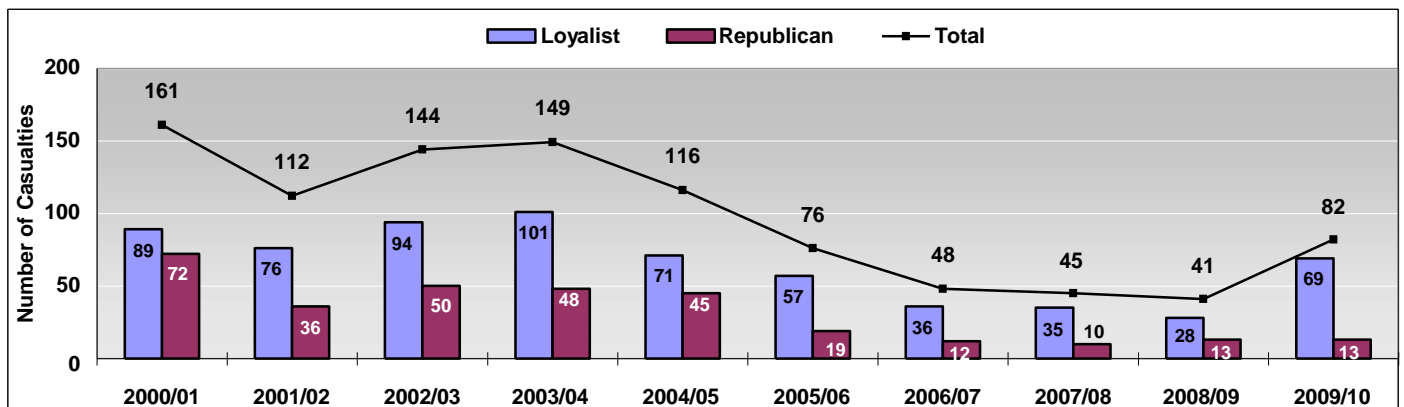


Table 5.7: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Attacks 2000/01 – 2009/10

	Shootings			Assaults			Total Casualties (Shootings and Assaults)
	Total	By Loyalist Groups	By Republican Groups	Total	By Loyalist Groups	By Republican Groups	
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
2009/10	45	1	44	82	69	13	127

Table 5.8: Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives Finds 2000/01 – 2009/10

	Firearms	Ammunition (rounds)	Explosives (kgs)
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
2009/10	77	34,962	2.2

Table 5.9: Persons Arrested under Section 41 of the Terrorism Act (TACT) and subsequently Charged 2001/02 – 2009/10

	Persons Arrested under Section 41 of TACT	Persons subsequently Charged ^{1 2}
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	130	34
2008/09	174	40
2009/10	169	36

¹ 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.

² 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.