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# Police Recorded Security Situation Statistics 2010/11

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# Introduction

This bulletin is produced annually and provides finalised figures of security situation statistics recorded in Northern Ireland during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 along with trend information over the last ten years and commentary. The type of information that is collated and reported is as follows:

- Deaths due to the Security Situation
- Shooting Incidents
- Bombing Incidents
- Incendiary Incidents
- Paramilitary style assaults & shootings
- Finds of firearms, ammunition & explosives
- Persons arrested under Section 41 of the Terrorism Act
- Persons charged after having been arrested under Section 41 of the Terrorism Act

It should be recognised that the statistics contained in this bulletin only reflect the number of incidents that were reported and recorded by the police. It is possible that some incidents may not have been brought to the attention of the PSNI for a variety of reasons.

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## Security Situation Statistics

### Key Results

#### Deaths due to the Security Situation

- During 2010/11 there was one security related death, one fewer than in the previous year. With 2007/08, this is the lowest number of security related deaths recorded in a single year since police records began in 1969.

#### Shooting Incidents

- The number of shooting incidents decreased from 79 in 2009/10 to 72 in 2010/11.
- Of the 72 shooting incidents recorded in 2010/11, 61 were attributed to Republicans (this includes 31 paramilitary-style shooting incidents) and 3 were attributed to Loyalists. In the remaining 8 incidents, attribution could not be determined.
- There were 7 shooting incidents involving shots fired at police. Five of these incidents occurred during July 2010 when shots were fired at Crossmaglen and Lurgan police stations and in three serious public disorder incidents between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July. Shots were also fired at police during public disorder in Lurgan in August 2010 and in Londonderry in March 2011. All these incidents were attributed to Republicans.

#### Bombing Incidents

- There was a marked increase in the number of bombing incidents from 50 in 2009/10 to 99 in 2010/11. This is the highest number recorded in 8 years, although it's significantly lower than the 2001/02 figure in which there were 318 bombing incidents.
- The 99 bombing incidents recorded in 2010/11 involved 101 devices. Of the 101 devices, 52 exploded and 49 were defused. Injuries were reported on 6 occasions when a device exploded.
- Pipe bombs were the most frequent device used, being involved in 64 bombing incidents. There were also 4 incidents in which a viable device was located under a vehicle.
- Of the 99 bombing incidents, 59 were attributed to Republicans and 28 were attributed to Loyalists with the attribution of the remaining 12 not determined.
- There were 26 bombing incidents involving attacks on the security forces. Included within these were 11 attacks on police officers and 12 attacks on police stations. The other three incidents were attacks on army premises and personnel.

#### Paramilitary-style Attacks

- During 2010/11 there were 83 casualties as a result of paramilitary-style attacks (i.e. both shootings and assaults), compared with 127 casualties recorded in the previous year.
- Paramilitary-style **shootings** accounted for 33 casualties, all of which were attributed to Republicans.
- Paramilitary-style **assaults** accounted for the remaining 50 victims with 34 of such assaults attributed to Loyalists and 16 to Republicans.
- In comparison with the previous year, the number of casualties of paramilitary-style shootings decreased by 13 while the number of casualties of paramilitary-style assaults decreased by 31.

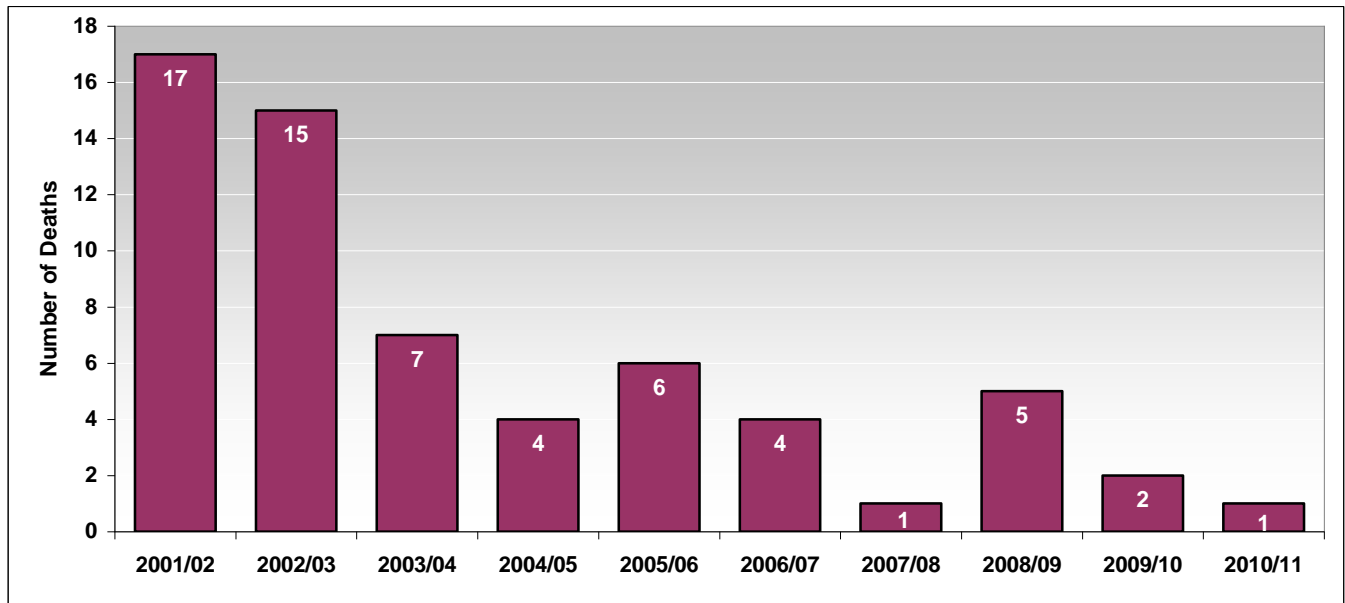
#### Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives Finds

- There were 86 firearms and 2,574 rounds of ammunition found during 2010/11. In addition, 2.9kg of explosives were recovered during the year.

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

- In 2010/11, a total of 188 persons were arrested under section 41 of the Terrorism Act (an 11.2% increase from the 169 recorded last year). Forty persons were subsequently charged.

**Figure 1: Deaths<sup>1</sup> Due to the Security Situation 2001/02 – 2010/11**

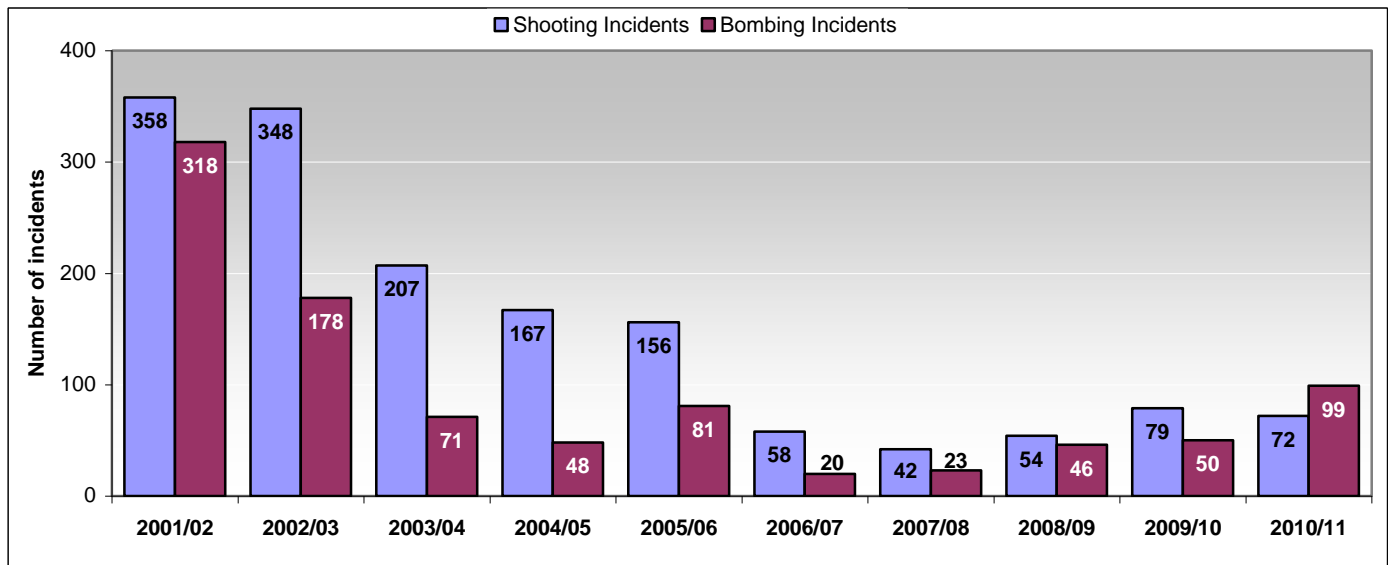


**Table 2: Deaths<sup>1</sup> Due to the Security Situation 2001/02 – 2010/11**

	Police	Police Reserve	Army	RIR	Civilian	Totals
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
2010/11	0	0	0	0	1	1

<sup>1</sup> 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 3: Shooting and Bombing Incidents 2001/02 – 2010/11**



**Table 4: Shooting, Bombing and Incendiary Incidents 2001/02 – 2010/11**

	Shooting Incidents <sup>1</sup>	Bombings <sup>2</sup>		Incendiaries <sup>3</sup>	
		Incidents	Devices Used	Incidents	Devices Used
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
2010/11	72	99	101	1	1

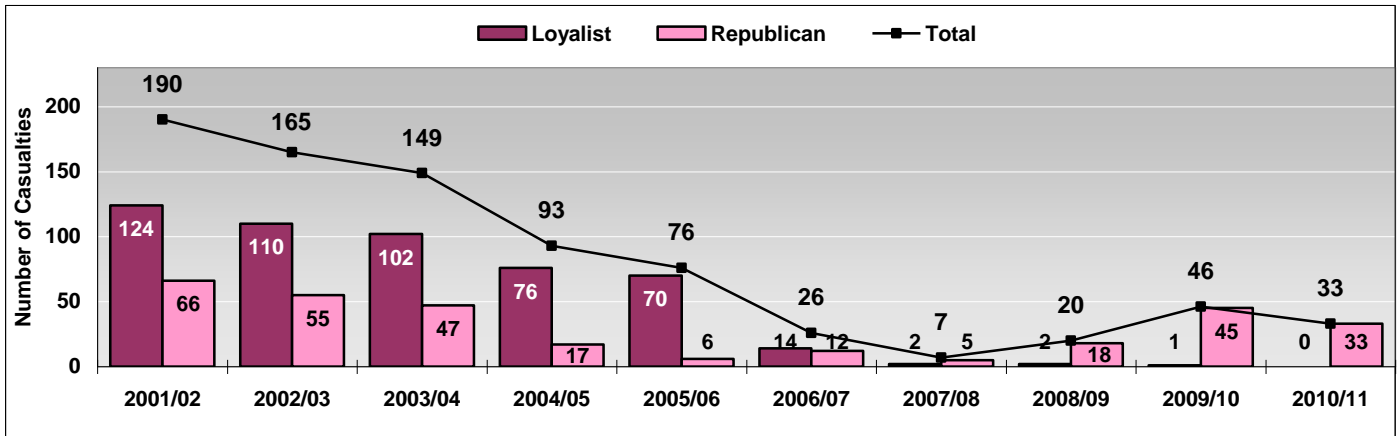
<sup>1</sup> The following types of shooting incidents are included:

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

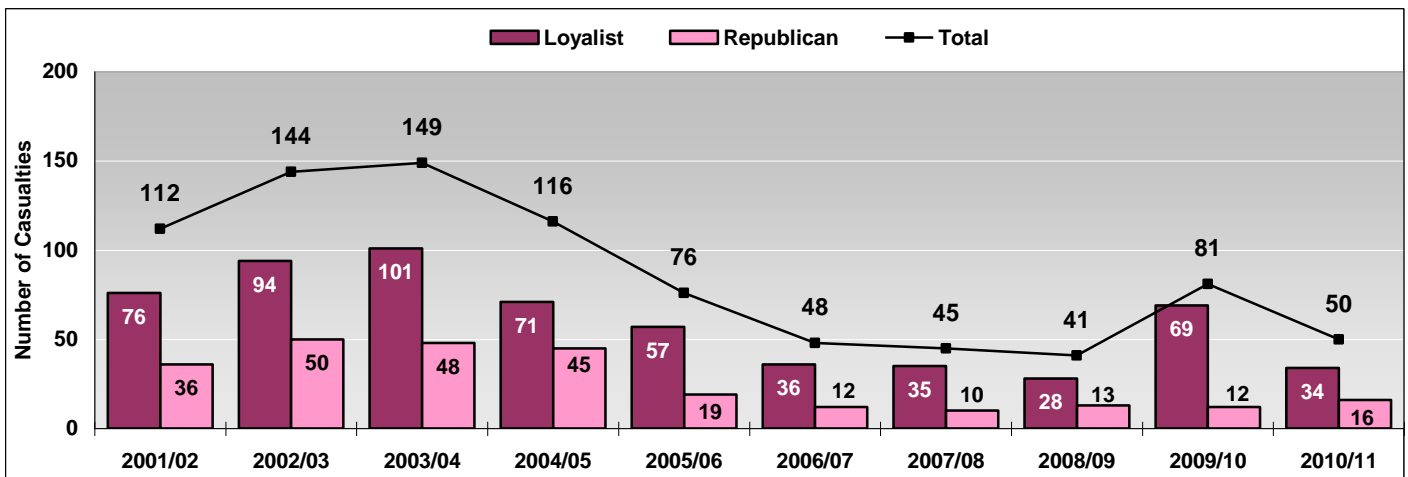
<sup>2</sup> An individual bombing incident may involve one or more explosive devices. Incidents recorded include explosions and defusings (devices used). Incidents involving hoax devices, petrol bombings or incendiaries are excluded.

<sup>3</sup> Incidents recorded include explosions and defusings (devices used).

**Figure 5: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Shootings 2001/02 – 2010/11**



**Figure 6: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Assaults 2001/02 – 2010/11**



**Table 7: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Attacks 2001/02 – 2010/11**

	Shootings			Assaults			Total Casualties (Shootings and Assaults)
	Total	By Loyalist Groups*	By Republican Groups*	Total	By Loyalist Groups*	By Republican Groups*	
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	46	1	45	81	69	12	127
2010/11	33	0	33	50	34	16	83

\* Attribution is as perceived by PSNI based on the information available and does not necessarily indicate the involvement of a paramilitary organisation.

**Table 8: Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives Finds 2001/02 – 2010/11**

	Firearms	Ammunition (rounds)	Explosives (kgs)
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
2010/11	86	2,574	2.9

**Table 9: Persons Arrested under Section 41 of the Terrorism Act (TACT) and subsequently Charged 2001/02 – 2010/11\***

	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	130	34
2008/09	174	40
2009/10	169	36
2010/11	188	40

Note: Figures between 2001/02 and 2009/10 may include persons produced from prison using Section 16 of the Prisoners Act 1953 or Article 47 of the Magistrate's Court Order.

<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.