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Police Recording of Crime – Definitions

1. Recorded Crime Summary

Overall Crime

- Crime is at its lowest level for six years. A total of 118,124 offences were recorded during 2004/05 compared with 127,953 in 2003/04. This represents a decrease of 7.7%.
- The overall clearance rate was 28.2%, 0.8 percentage points higher than that achieved in the previous year.

Violent Crime (i.e. offences against the person, sexual offences & robbery)

- There was a slight decrease of 223 (-0.7%) in the number of violent crimes recorded during 2004/05. Offences against the person rose by 357 (+1.2%) while sexual offences fell by 94 (-5.3%).
- Robbery showed an overall decrease of 486 (-24.6%), with ordinary robbery falling by 190 (-25.4%) and armed robbery falling by 230 (-22.1%).
- The violent crime clearance rate fell from 54.1% to 51.1%.

Burglary

- Overall, burglary offences fell by 3,001 (-18.3%). Domestic burglary fell by 1,642 (-18.4%) while non-domestic burglary fell by 1,352 (-18.5%).
- The clearance rate for domestic burglary increased from 11.1% to 13.4%, with a similar increase for non-domestic burglary from 12.1% to 15.2%.

Theft

- Theft offences fell by 4,594 (-12.9%). Within this class there were decreases across the majority of categories. In particular there were large decreases in the number of thefts associated with motor vehicles.
- There was a decrease of 3,048 (-23.7%) in the number of vehicle crimes recorded. Vehicle crime is comprised of theft from motor vehicles, which fell by 2,135 (-28.4%) and theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle, which fell by 913 (-17.0%). Similarly, vehicle tampering/interference showed a decrease of 582 (-18.9%).
- The clearance rate for all theft offences increased from 15.9% to 17.4%.
- Vehicle crime clearance rates rose from 9.3% to 10.1%.

Criminal Damage

- Offences of criminal damage fell by 970 (-3.0%).
- Within criminal damage the number of criminal damage/malicious damage offences fell by 914 (-3.1%) and the number of arson offences fell by 125 (-5.9%).
- The clearance rate for all criminal damage offences fell from 15.2% to 14.4%.

Fraud and Forgery

- Fraud and forgery offences fell by 1,075 (-17.1%).
- Within fraud and forgery there were decreases of 809 (-27.3%) in deception offences and 283 (-11.6%) in making off without payment, however forgery and counterfeiting offences showed a slight increase of 31 (+8.3%).
- The clearance rate for fraud and forgery offences increased from 32.4% to 36.0%.

Offences Against the State

- Offences against the State showed a decrease of 107 (-8.3%).
- There was an increase of 4.3 percentage points in the clearance rate, from 41.6% to 45.9%.

Other Notifiable Offences

- Other notifiable offences showed an increase of 141 (+4.4%), mainly due to a rise of 154 (+38.9%) in the number of dangerous driving offences.
- The clearance rate for all drug offences rose from 71.6% to 73.5%.
- The overall clearance rate for other notifiable offences rose from 71.0% to 72.8%.

Figure 1.1: Recorded Crime 1998/99¹ – 2004/05



¹ On the 1st April 1998 the Home Office introduced a number of major revisions in the counting rules under which crime is recorded. Figures prior to this date are not comparable.

Table 1.2: Recorded Crime: Offences Recorded and Cleared 2003/04 and 2004/05

	Total offences recorded		Total offences cleared		% clearance rate	
	2003/04	2004/05 change % change	2003/04	2004/05	2003/04	2004/05 change in % pts ²
Offences against the person (class 1)						
Murder	26	34 +8	21	27	80.8	79.4 -1.4
Manslaughter	6	6 0	4	5	66.7	83.3 +16.7
Infanticide	1	1 0	0	1	0.0	100.0 +100.0
Attempted murder	121	129 +8	67	67	55.4	51.9 -3.4
Threat or conspiracy to murder	986	1,371 +385	626	834	63.5	60.8 -2.7
Causing death/GBH by dangerous driving or aggravated vehicle taking	88	79 -9	84	72	95.5	91.1 -4.3
Wounding with intent/GBH with intent	402	403 +1	157	164	39.1	40.7 +1.6
Wounding/GBH	734	768 +34	275	249	37.5	32.4 -5.0
AOABH	15,187	14,820 -367	7,459	7,009	49.1	47.3 -1.8
Common assault	6,253	6,427 +174	4,488	3,800	71.8	59.1 -12.6
Aggravated assault	1,092	1,036 -56	830	701	76.0	67.7 -8.3
Assault on police	1,951	2,118 +167	1,756	1,894	90.0	89.4 -0.6
Obstructing police ¹	0	0 0	50	1	-	-
Intimidation	1,184	1,038 -146	154	130	13.0	12.5 -0.5
Harassment	701	947 +246	425	551	60.6	58.2 -2.4
Explosives offences endangering life	42	25 -17	19	3	45.2	12.0 -33.2
Firearms offences endangering life	80	49 -31	36	33	45.0	67.3 +22.3
Other offences against the person	128	88 -40	57	44	44.5	50.0 +5.5
Totals	28,982	29,339 +357	16,508	15,585	57.0	53.1 -3.8
Sexual offences (class 2)						
Rape	354	347 -7	182	156	51.4	45.0 -6.5
Attempted rape	41	33 -8	28	16	68.3	48.5 -19.8
Buggery	34	17 -17	20	12	58.8	70.6 +11.8
Unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl under 14 years and under 17 years	10	13 +3	2	7	20.0	53.8 +33.8
Unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl 14 years and under 17 years	58	52 -6	34	16	58.6	30.8 -27.9
Indecent assault on a female	287	283 -4	130	131	45.3	46.3 +1.0
Indecent assault on a female child	351	331 -20	215	200	61.3	60.4 -0.8
Indecent assault on a male	46	36 -10	17	18	37.0	50.0 +13.0
Indecent assault on a male child	150	96 -54	91	63	60.7	65.6 +5.0
Indecency between males	17	13 -4	15	11	88.2	84.6 -3.6
Indecent exposure	360	393 +33	136	114	37.8	29.0 -8.8
Indecent conduct towards a child	24	15 -9	16	9	66.7	60.0 -6.7
Other sexual offences	48	57 +9	18	23	37.5	40.4 +2.9
Totals	1,780	1,686 -94	904	776	50.8	46.0 -4.8

Table 1.2: Recorded Crime: Offences Recorded and Cleared 2003/04 and 2004/05 continued

	Total offences recorded			Total offences cleared			% clearance rate		
	2003/04	2004/05	% change	2003/04	2004/05	% change	2003/04	2004/05	% change
Burglary (class 3)									
Domestic Burglary (Total)	8,944	7,302	-1,642 -18.4	995	981	11.1	13.4	+2.3	
Burglary in a dwelling	8,899	7,245	-1,654 -18.6	976	954	11.0	13.2	+2.2	
Aggravated burglary in a dwelling	45	57	+12 +26.7	19	27	42.2	47.4	+5.1	
Non-Domestic Burglary (Total)									
Burglary in a building other than a dwelling	7,317	5,965	-1,352 -18.5	882	904	12.1	15.2	+3.1	
Aggravated burglary other than in a dwelling	7,313	5,963	-1,350 -18.5	881	903	12.0	15.1	+3.1	
Going equipped	4	2	-2 -50.0	1	1	25.0	50.0	+25.0	
Totals	16,389	13,388	-3,001 -18.3	1,992	1,988	12.2	14.8	+2.7	
Robbery (class 4)									
Robbery	749	559	-190 -25.4	100	72	13.4	12.9	-0.5	
Armed robbery	1,042	812	-230 -22.1	156	157	15.0	19.3	+4.3	
Hijacking	182	116	-66 -36.3	29	19	15.9	16.4	+0.4	
Totals	1,973	1,487	-486 -24.6	285	248	14.4	16.7	+2.2	
Theft (class 5)									
Theft, one person from another	1,288	1,162	-126 -9.8	63	65	4.9	5.6	+0.7	
Theft in a dwelling	846	868	+22 +2.6	230	207	27.2	23.8	-3.3	
Theft by an employee	323	316	-7 -2.2	172	188	53.3	59.5	+6.2	
Theft of pedal cycles	860	912	+52 +6.0	45	49	5.2	5.4	+0.1	
Shoplifting	4,743	4,967	+224 +4.7	2,461	2,682	51.9	54.0	+2.1	
Vehicle Crime Comprised of:	12,875	9,827	-3,048 -23.7	1,195	988	9.3	10.1	+0.8	
Theft from motor vehicles	7,506	5,371	-2,135 -28.4	347	234	4.6	4.4	-0.2	
Theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicles	5,369	4,456	-913 -17.0	848	754	15.8	16.9	+1.1	
Vehicle tampering/interference	3,087	2,505	-582 -18.9	226	206	7.3	8.2	+0.9	
Handling of stolen goods	360	311	-49 -13.6	295	258	81.9	83.0	+1.0	
Other thefts	11,309	10,229	-1,080 -9.5	972	758	8.6	7.4	-1.2	
Totals	35,691	31,097	-4,594 -12.9	5,659	5,401	15.9	17.4	+1.5	
Fraud and forgery (class 6)									
Deception	2,960	2,151	-809 -27.3	960	792	32.4	36.8	+4.4	
Forgery and counterfeiting	372	403	+31 +8.3	121	185	32.5	45.9	+13.4	
Making off without payment	2,434	2,151	-283 -11.6	558	540	22.9	25.1	+2.2	
Other frauds	507	493	-14 -2.8	391	354	77.1	71.8	-5.3	
Totals	6,273	5,198	-1,075 -17.1	2,030	1,871	32.4	36.0	+3.6	

Table 1.2: Recorded Crime: Offences Recorded and Cleared 2003/04 and 2004/05 continued

	Total offences recorded			Total offences cleared			% clearance rate		
	2003/04	2004/05	% change	2003/04	2004/05	% change	2003/04	2004/05	change in % pts ²
Criminal damage (class 7)									
Arson	2,136	2,011	-125	-5.9	200	177	9.4	8.8	-0.6
Petrol bombing offences	93	107	+14	+15.1	5	15	5.4	14.0	+8.6
Explosives offences	42	35	-7	-16.7	5	10	11.9	28.6	+16.7
Criminal damage/Malicious damage offences	29,838	28,924	-914	-3.1	4,530	4,117	15.2	14.2	-0.9
Other criminal damage offences	293	355	+62	+21.2	186	202	63.5	56.9	-6.6
Totals	32,402	31,432	-970	-3.0	4,926	4,521	15.2	14.4	-0.8
Offences against the state (class 8)									
Offences under anti-terrorism legislation	26	24	-2	-7.7	21	10	80.8	41.7	-39.1
Firearms offences	162	149	-13	-8.0	51	47	31.5	31.5	+0.1
Offences under the Public Order (NI) Order	429	486	+57	+13.3	361	385	84.1	79.2	-4.9
Other offences against the public order	675	526	-149	-22.1	105	102	15.6	19.4	+3.8
Totals	1,292	1,185	-107	-8.3	538	544	41.6	45.9	+4.3
Other notifiable offences (class 9)									
Blackmail	51	34	-17	-33.3	16	4	31.4	11.8	-19.6
Kidnapping and false imprisonment	80	68	-12	-15.0	21	18	26.3	26.5	+0.2
Drug offences (Total)	2,589	2,622	+33	+1.3	1,853	1,927	71.6	73.5	+1.9
Trafficking offences	405	375	-30	-7.4	314	313	77.5	83.5	+5.9
Non-Trafficking offences	2,184	2,247	+63	+2.9	1,539	1,614	70.5	71.8	+1.4
Dangerous driving	396	550	+154	+38.9	320	435	80.8	79.1	-1.7
Other notifiable offences	55	38	-17	-30.9	41	26	74.5	68.4	-6.1
Totals	3,171	3,312	+141	+4.4	2,251	2,410	71.0	72.8	+1.8
Violent Crime (classes 1, 2 and 4)	32,735	32,512	-223	-0.7	17,697	16,609	54.1	51.1	-3.0
Grand Total (all classes)	127,953	118,124	-9,829	-7.7	35,093	33,344	27.4	28.2	+0.8

¹ From April 2003 the offence of obstructing police is no longer recordable. While there have been 50 offences cleared during 2003/04 and 1 offence cleared during 2004/05 for obstructing police offences recorded prior to April 2003, it is not considered appropriate to provide clearance rates.

² While the clearance rates are rounded to one decimal place, the clearance rate change in % pts is calculated on the unrounded clearance rates and then rounded to one decimal place.

Table 1.3: Recorded Crime: Offences Recorded and Cleared by District Command Unit 2003/04 and 2004/05

	Total offences recorded			Total offences cleared			% clearance rate		
	2003/04	2004/05	% change	2003/04	2004/05	% change	2003/04	2004/05	% change
Antrim	3,495	3,209	-8.2	652	802	18.7	25.0	+6.3	
Ardara	4,310	3,718	-13.7	1,201	1,020	27.9	27.4	-0.4	
East Belfast	6,351	5,455	-14.1	1,767	1,493	27.8	27.4	-0.5	
North Belfast	9,698	8,637	-10.9	1,942	1,769	20.0	20.5	+0.5	
South Belfast	15,267	14,500	-5.0	3,034	3,183	19.9	22.0	+2.1	
West Belfast	5,431	5,337	-1.7	1,072	1,219	19.7	22.8	+3.1	
Carrickfergus	1,822	1,760	-3.4	604	640	33.2	36.4	+3.2	
Castlereagh	3,561	2,917	-18.1	771	725	21.7	24.9	+3.2	
Larne	1,722	1,569	-8.9	699	557	40.6	35.5	-5.1	
Lisburn	8,675	8,009	-7.7	1,934	2,082	22.3	26.0	+3.7	
Newtownabbey	6,259	5,275	-15.7	1,384	1,116	22.1	21.2	-1.0	
North Down	5,060	4,372	-13.6	1,419	1,337	28.0	30.6	+2.5	
Urban Region	71,651	64,758	-9.6	16,479	15,943	23.0	24.6	+1.6	
Armagh	2,712	2,594	-4.4	1,070	1,064	39.5	41.0	+1.6	
Ballymena	4,328	4,231	-2.2	1,588	1,589	36.7	37.6	+0.9	
Ballymoney	953	1,062	+10.9	351	361	36.8	34.0	-2.8	
Banbridge	2,465	2,187	-11.3	915	805	37.1	36.8	-0.3	
Coleraine	4,813	4,822	+0.2	1,443	1,580	30.0	32.8	+2.8	
Cookstown	1,892	1,996	+10.4	849	847	44.9	42.4	-2.4	
Craigavon	6,386	5,594	-12.4	1,474	1,478	23.1	26.4	+3.3	
Down	4,568	3,758	-17.7	1,344	1,191	29.4	31.7	+2.3	
Dungannon & South Tyrone	2,536	2,591	+2.2	1,055	854	41.6	33.0	-8.6	
Fermanagh	2,625	2,503	-4.6	725	598	27.6	23.9	-3.7	
Foyle	7,902	7,796	-1.3	2,302	2,152	29.1	27.6	-1.5	
Limavady	2,075	2,226	+7.3	692	770	33.3	34.6	+1.2	
Magherafelt	1,710	1,338	-21.8	632	580	37.0	43.3	+6.4	
Moyale	1,005	821	-18.3	316	231	31.4	28.1	-3.3	
Newry & Mourne	5,074	5,362	+5.7	1,403	1,395	27.7	26.0	-1.6	
Omagh	2,798	2,462	-12.0	1,249	1,052	44.6	42.7	-1.9	
Strabane	2,460	2,023	-17.8	1,206	854	49.0	42.2	-6.8	
Rural Region	56,302	53,366	-5.2	18,614	17,401	33.1	32.6	-0.5	
Grand Total	127,953	118,124	-9.829	35,093	33,344	27.4	28.2	+0.8	

1 While the clearance rates are rounded to one decimal place, the clearance rate change in % pts is calculated on the unrounded clearance rates and then rounded to one decimal place.

Police Recording of Crime - Definitions

Recorded Crime

Recorded crime figures (sometimes referred to as notifiable offences) detail those crimes and offences (including attempts) recorded by the police which are deemed to be indictable or triable-either-way. Certain closely associated summary offences are also counted in the recorded crime figures.

- **Indictable offences** are those more serious crimes which are tried on indictment in the Crown Court by a judge and jury;
- **Triable-either-way offences** are those offences which, under certain circumstances, are triable either summarily in a magistrates court or on indictment in the Crown Court;
- **Summary offences** are less serious and are tried in a Magistrates Court before a resident magistrate with no jury.

The number of crimes recorded by the police is dependent on two factors:

- Whether the victim or a representative of the victim brings that crime to the attention of the police or on the crime coming to the attention of the police through some other means (such as the police officer being present at the time);
- Whether that incident is determined as being a recordable offence within the categories laid down by the Home Office in the official counting rules.

Clearances

Clearances (or detections as they may alternatively be known) are, broadly speaking, those crimes that have been 'cleared up' by the police. Crimes are counted as 'cleared or detected' in accordance with strict counting rules issued by the Home Office. They are counted on the basis of crimes rather than offenders. For example, if six offenders are involved in a robbery and are all arrested and charged, then this counts as one clearance. Alternatively if only one of the six is identified and charged while the other five remain unidentified and go free, this also counts as one clearance. In this respect clearance data differs from conviction data as conviction data counts offenders while clearance data counts crimes.

The following methods of clearance involve a formal sanction:

- Charging or issuing a summons to an offender;
- Issuing a caution to the offender;
- Having the offence accepted for consideration in court;
- The offender is a juvenile who is dealt with by means of an informed warning or restorative caution.

Offences not involving a formal sanction but still regarded as 'cleared up' are those where the police take no further action for the following reasons:

- Offender, victim or essential witness is dead or too ill;
- Victim refuses or is unable to give evidence;
- Offender is under the age of criminal responsibility;
- Police or DPP decides that no useful purpose would be served by proceeding;
- Time limit of six months for commencing prosecution has been exceeded.

Violent Crime

Violent crime comprises three main offence groupings: offences against the person, sexual offences and robbery. What violent crime offences have in common is that they involve actual violence or the threat of violence. The degree of violence varies considerably, even between incidents in the same classification. The large majority of incidents categorised as violent crime do not actually involve any significant injury to the victim, although some of the crimes not resulting in injury may still be traumatic for their victims eg threats to kill.

2. Domestic Incidents and Crimes

Summary

Figure 2.1 Domestic Crimes 2004/05

Table 2.2 Domestic Incidents and Recorded Crimes with a Domestic Motivation: Offences Recorded by District Command Unit 2004/05

Table 2.3 Recorded Crimes with a Domestic Motivation: % Clearance rate and Number of victims by District Command Unit 2004/05

2. Domestic Incidents and Crimes Summary

During 2004/05 improvements have been made to the processes for identifying domestic incidents and crimes. Rather than gathering data through manual returns, incidents and crimes of this nature are now collated through the PSNI Integrated Crime Information System.

Definitions

Incidents

Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence, or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) by one family member against another or adults who are or have been intimate partners, regardless of gender, and whether a crime has occurred or not, will be recorded as domestic.

Recorded Crimes

- Recorded crimes (sometimes referred to as notifiable offences) are those which are deemed to be indictable or triable-either-way. A full explanation of how recorded crime figures are produced is provided in the recorded crime definitions section on page 11.
- A crime will be recorded as domestic where it meets the definition provided above. Not all domestic incidents will result in the recording of a crime.
- Domestic crimes are classified according to the Home Office Counting Rules and form a subset of the overall recorded crime figures.

Domestic Incidents and Crimes

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Total number of domestic incidents	15,512	16,926	20,959

- Between 2003/04 and 2004/05 the number of domestic incidents increased by 4,033 (23.8%).
- There were a total of 8,508 domestic crimes recorded during 2004/05.
- The overall clearance rate was 72.9%.

Figure 2.1: Domestic Crimes 2004/05

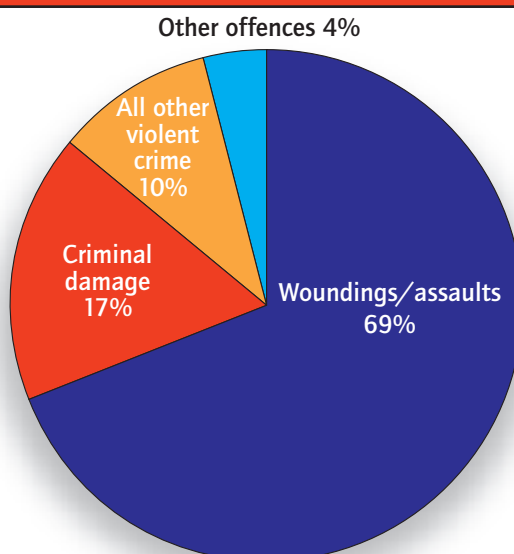


Table 2.2: Domestic Incidents and Recorded Crimes with a Domestic Motivation: Offences Recorded by District Command Unit 2004/05

	Total number of incidents	Total offences recorded	Total offences recorded by type of offence ¹											Breach of orders ¹	
			Murder	Manslaughter	Attempted murder	Threat or conspiracy to murder	Wounding/GBH (incl with intent)	AOABH/ common assault	Intimidation /harassment	Rape	All indecent assaults	Other violent crime	All criminal damage		All other notifiable offences
Antrim	628	235	0	0	0	12	3	169	8	0	2	1	31	9	31
Ards	728	345	0	0	1	6	1	246	13	1	0	1	62	14	14
East Belfast	1,246	397	1	0	3	26	5	249	9	0	2	2	84	16	37
North Belfast	1,843	630	1	0	1	27	20	428	13	4	0	1	111	24	49
South Belfast	853	325	0	0	1	16	5	220	4	0	3	0	61	15	43
West Belfast	1,086	522	1	0	2	18	11	373	19	1	0	0	89	8	91
Carrickfergus	364	152	0	0	1	7	2	114	5	0	2	0	18	3	8
Castlereagh	617	187	0	0	0	11	1	126	4	0	0	0	40	5	40
Larne	293	111	1	0	1	7	1	79	3	2	0	0	15	2	23
Lisburn	1,782	819	0	0	0	62	7	494	64	4	5	0	134	49	101
Newtownabbey	863	395	0	0	1	29	8	252	19	1	0	0	76	9	35
North Down	774	294	1	0	1	17	1	212	3	0	1	0	48	10	20
Urban Region	11,077	4,412	5	0	12	238	65	2,962	164	13	15	5	769	164	492
Armagh	353	166	1	0	1	6	8	101	22	1	0	0	22	4	27
Ballymena	580	311	0	0	1	30	2	227	9	0	2	1	33	6	18
Ballymoney	255	122	0	1	1	8	2	82	2	0	0	0	19	7	4
Banbridge	346	200	0	0	0	10	2	113	24	1	0	0	38	12	32
Coleraine	824	309	0	0	2	21	4	210	14	0	0	1	45	12	44
Cookstown	446	196	0	0	0	7	0	135	3	0	0	0	44	7	24
Craigavon	1,233	556	0	0	2	37	6	354	26	2	2	3	99	25	48
Down	363	147	0	0	0	7	4	112	5	0	1	0	15	3	16
Dungannon & South Tyrone	323	122	0	0	0	4	1	79	17	0	0	0	17	4	27
Fermanagh	518	151	1	0	0	9	2	104	1	0	2	0	26	6	45
Foyle	1,921	651	0	1	0	40	4	424	18	3	3	1	128	29	186
Limavady	392	204	0	0	1	2	1	160	1	3	0	1	31	4	11
Magherafelt	448	99	0	0	0	1	3	68	2	1	2	0	18	4	55
Moyle	102	52	0	0	0	0	2	42	0	0	0	0	5	3	0
Newry & Mourne	617	268	0	0	0	31	5	171	1	0	0	0	53	7	37
Omagh	666	219	0	0	0	10	1	137	4	1	1	0	57	8	66
Strabane	495	323	0	0	2	8	2	246	3	1	1	1	49	10	16
Rural Region	9,882	4,096	2	2	10	231	49	2,765	152	13	14	8	699	151	656
Grand Total	20,959	8,508	7	2	22	469	114	5,727	316	26	29	13	1,468	315	1,148

¹ Domestic offence figures do not include assault on police or breach of orders (breaches of orders are not counted as offences under the Home Office Counting Rules), however both are included in the incident total.

Table 2.3: Recorded Crimes with a Domestic Motivation: % Clearance rate and Number of victims by District Command Unit 2004/05

	Total offences recorded ¹	% clearance rate	Victims of domestic offences ¹				Gender/ age unknown
			Females 17 and over	Males 17 and over	Children under 17		
Antrim	235	73.2	164	52	13	6	
Ards	345	66.4	235	87	21	2	
East Belfast	397	81.4	272	98	22	5	
North Belfast	630	63.2	462	113	38	17	
South Belfast	325	69.5	229	78	11	7	
West Belfast	522	72.6	401	91	18	12	
Carrickfergus	152	80.3	115	28	9	0	
Castlereagh	187	87.2	131	43	11	2	
Larne	111	78.4	80	21	8	2	
Lisburn	819	71.9	556	197	48	18	
Newtownabbey	395	72.7	273	94	23	5	
North Down	294	76.9	210	64	16	4	
Urban Region	4,412	72.6	3,128	966	238	80	
Armagh	166	75.9	115	44	6	1	
Ballymena	311	82.6	230	62	17	2	
Ballymoney	122	76.2	84	28	9	1	
Banbridge	200	79.5	127	57	10	6	
Coleraine	309	72.8	228	54	21	6	
Cookstown	196	78.1	118	56	21	1	
Craigavon	556	63.7	375	129	30	22	
Down	147	61.2	98	32	12	5	
Dungannon & South Tyrone	122	84.4	88	29	4	1	
Fermanagh	151	81.5	104	31	12	4	
Foyle	651	66.7	469	126	44	12	
Limavady	204	70.1	146	43	13	2	
Magherafelt	99	83.8	71	22	5	1	
Moyle	52	63.5	37	12	2	1	
Newry & Mourne	268	77.6	199	50	11	8	
Omagh	219	69.4	157	48	11	3	
Strabane	323	81.7	231	62	22	8	
Rural Region	4,096	73.2	2,877	885	250	84	
Grand Total	8,508	72.9	6,005	1,851	488	164	

¹ Domestic offence figures do not include assault on police or breach of orders (breaches of orders are not counted as offences under the Home Office Counting Rules), however both are included in the incident total.

3. Hate Incidents and Crimes

Summary

Table 3.1 Racial Incidents and Recorded Crimes with a Racial Motivation: Offences Recorded and % Cleared by District Command Unit 2004/05

Table 3.2 Homophobic Incidents and Recorded Crimes with a Homophobic Motivation: Offences Recorded and % Cleared by District Command Unit 2004/05

3. Hate Incidents and Crimes Summary

During 2004/05 improvements have been made to the processes for identifying racial and homophobic incidents and crimes. Rather than gathering data through manual returns, incidents and crimes of this nature are now collated through the PSNI Integrated Crime Information System.

Definitions

Incidents

Any incident perceived to be racial or homophobic by the victim or any other person, whether a crime has occurred or not, will be recorded by the police.

Recorded Crimes

- Recorded crimes (sometimes referred to as notifiable offences) are those which are deemed to be indictable or triable-either-way. A full explanation of how recorded crime figures are produced is provided in the recorded crime definitions section on page 11.
- In the same way as incidents are identified as racial or homophobic, a crime will be recorded as racial or homophobic where the victim or any other person perceives it as such. Not all incidents will result in the recording of a crime.
- Racial and homophobic crimes are classified according to the Home Office Counting Rules and form a subset of the overall recorded crime figures.

Racial Incidents and Crimes

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Total number of racial incidents	226	453	813

- Between 2003/04 and 2004/05 the number of racial incidents increased by 360 (79.5%).
- There were a total of 634 racial crimes recorded during 2004/05.
- The overall clearance rate was 15.9%.
- Criminal damage accounted for 322 racial crimes (50.8%), with a further 187 racial crimes (29.5%) categorised as woundings or assaults.

Homophobic Incidents and Crimes

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Total number of homophobic incidents	35	71	196

- Between 2003/04 and 2004/05 the number of homophobic incidents increased by 125 (176.1%).
- There were a total of 151 homophobic crimes recorded during 2004/05.
- The overall clearance rate was 22.5%.
- Woundings or assaults accounted for 73 homophobic crimes (48.3%) with a further 31 homophobic crimes (20.5%) categorised as criminal damage.

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Table 3.1: Racial Incidents and Recorded Crimes with a Racial Motivation: Offences Recorded and % Cleared by District Command Unit 2004/05

	Racial incidents	Racial offences		Total offences recorded by type of offence									
		Total offences recorded	% clearance rate	Murder	Threat or conspiracy to murder	All wounding/assaults ¹	Intimidation/harassment	Burglary	Robbery	Theft	Criminal damage	All other notifiable offences	
Antrim	23	21	4.8	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	14	0	
Ard	25	22	13.6	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	16	0	
East Belfast	54	32	9.4	0	1	10	2	0	0	1	18	0	
North Belfast	76	49	8.2	0	0	12	2	3	0	0	31	1	
South Belfast	159	108	12.0	0	3	38	12	4	0	1	50	0	
West Belfast	13	15	20.0	0	0	7	1	0	0	2	4	1	
Carrickfergus	21	14	14.3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	8	1	
Castlereagh	12	4	25.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	
Larne	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lisburn	28	19	15.8	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	12	0	
Newtownabbey	15	15	0.0	0	0	5	5	0	1	0	4	0	
North Down	19	14	35.7	0	2	5	0	0	0	2	5	0	
Urban Region	445	313	12.1	0	6	93	25	8	5	7	166	3	
Armagh	14	13	23.1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	7	1	
Ballymena	52	39	5.1	0	0	10	3	0	1	1	23	1	
Ballymoney	8	8	25.0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	4	0	
Banbridge	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Coleraine	22	21	19.0	0	0	9	3	0	2	0	6	1	
Cookstown	16	24	41.7	1	0	6	3	0	0	0	13	1	
Craigavon	79	74	13.5	0	1	25	9	3	0	3	33	0	
Down	8	4	50.0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Dungannon & South Tyrone	69	55	20.0	0	0	9	6	1	1	2	36	0	
Fermanagh	18	11	0.0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	5	1	
Foyle	40	29	6.9	0	1	10	2	3	0	3	8	2	
Limavady	7	6	50.0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	
Magherafelt	9	10	50.0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	4	0	
Moyle	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Newry & Mourne	15	17	35.3	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	8	1	
Omagh	6	5	40.0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	
Strabane	3	4	25.0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Rural Region	368	321	19.6	1	4	94	36	8	4	10	156	8	
Grand Total	813	634	15.9	1	10	187	61	16	9	17	322	11	

¹ Includes wounding with intent/GBH with intent/GBH with intent, wounding/GBH, AOABH, common assault, aggravated assault and assault on police.



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Table 3.2: Homophobic Incidents and Recorded Crimes with a Homophobic Motivation: Offences Recorded and % Cleared by District Command Unit 2004/05

	Homophobic incidents		Homophobic offences		Total offences recorded by type of offence									
	Homophobic incidents	Total offences recorded	% clearance rate	Attempted murder	Threat or conspiracy to murder	All wounding/assaults ¹	Intimidation/harassment	Burglary	Robbery	Theft	Criminal damage	All other notifiable offences		
Antrim	4	4	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0		
Ards	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
East Belfast	6	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1		
North Belfast	27	18	5.6	0	0	8	6	0	2	0	1	1		
South Belfast	28	24	16.7	0	2	17	0	1	1	1	2	0		
West Belfast	4	3	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Carrickfergus	1	1	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Castlereagh	4	2	50.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Larne	2	2	100.0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Lisburn	5	3	33.3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0		
Newtownabbey	9	6	0.0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2		
North Down	4	3	33.3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0		
Urban Region	94	70	14.3	1	2	34	10	2	6	1	10	4		
Armagh	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Ballymena	3	3	66.7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		
Ballymoney	4	4	25.0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0		
Banbridge	1	1	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Coleraine	5	2	50.0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Cookstown	4	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Craigavon	1	1	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Down	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Dungannon & South Tyrone	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Fermanagh	3	3	0.0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0		
Foyle	69	55	25.5	1	2	27	6	0	1	2	16	0		
Limavady	3	5	60.0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Magherafelt	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Moyle	1	1	100.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Newry & Mourne	2	1	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Omagh	1	1	100.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Strabane	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0		
Rural Region	102	81	29.6	1	3	39	11	1	1	2	21	2		
Grand Total	196	151	22.5	2	5	73	21	3	7	3	31	6		

¹ Includes wounding with intent/GBH with intent, wounding/GBH, AOABH, common assault, aggravated assault and assault on police.



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4. Youth Diversion Scheme Referrals and Restorative Disposals

Summary

Table 4.1 Comparison of Referrals and Restorative Disposals 1st September to 31st March 2003/04 and 2004/05

Table 4.2 Youth Diversion Scheme Referrals and Restorative Disposals by District Command Unit 2004/05

4. Youth Diversion Scheme Referrals and Restorative Disposals Summary

Youth Diversion Scheme

- On 1st September 2003 the Police Service of Northern Ireland introduced a new Youth Diversion Scheme framework to respond to Children and Young Persons below the age of 17 years involved in offending or anti-social behaviour, or at risk of doing so.
- Within the parameters of the scheme the Police Service work in partnership with other key agencies, and through the use of restorative interventions, help a child or young person understand the impact of their behaviour and the consequences, and take responsibility for their actions.
- An **informed warning** is delivered by a trained police facilitator and involves the child or young person and the parent(s)/guardian(s). A criminal record is held for 12 months (unless subsequent offending takes place). **However an informed warning is not a conviction.**
- A **restorative caution** is delivered by a trained facilitator and involves the child or young person, the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the victim. A criminal record is held for 2 ½ years (unless subsequent offending takes place). **A restorative caution is not a conviction.**

**Table 4.1 Comparison of Referrals and Restorative Disposals
1st September to 31st March 2003/04 and 2004/05**

	1st September – 31st March	
	2003/04	2004/05
Referrals		
Offence referrals	4,638	4,643
Non-offence referrals	3,376	3,781
Total offence and non-offence referrals	8,014	8,424
Referrals to other agencies	923	921
Restorative Disposals		
Informed warnings	746	750
Restorative cautions with victims present	131	139
Restorative cautions without victims present	354	427
Total restorative cautions	485	566

Youth Diversion Scheme Referrals and Restorative Disposals 2004/05

- There were a total of 14,726 referrals during this period, of which 2,267 were restorative disposals.

Table 4.2: Youth Diversion Scheme Referrals and Restorative Disposals by District Command Unit 2004/05

	Referrals				Referrals to other Agencies	Informed Warnings	Restorative Disposals		
	Offence and non-offence referrals		Total	With Victims Present			Without Victims Present	Total	
	Offence Referrals	Non-Offence Referrals							
Antrim	178	263	441	13	44	4	14	18	
Ards	161	228	389	4	66	7	10	17	
East Belfast	380	300	680	16	55	4	36	40	
North Belfast	481	236	717	51	43	14	39	53	
South Belfast	810	125	935	0	241	40	90	130	
West Belfast	377	1,150	1,527	27	18	10	20	30	
Carrickfergus	150	51	201	56	34	3	8	11	
Castlereagh	154	107	261	17	48	1	19	20	
Larne	125	152	277	1	24	2	12	14	
Lisburn	359	324	683	2	39	9	43	52	
Newtownabbey	333	393	726	400	39	11	22	33	
North Down	462	127	589	68	55	44	23	67	
Urban Region	3,970	3,456	7,426	655	706	149	336	485	
Armagh	122	56	178	48	24	25	11	36	
Ballymena	222	266	488	0	22	5	16	21	
Ballymoney	44	139	183	0	19	1	11	12	
Banbridge	191	237	428	16	16	4	19	23	
Coleraine	336	206	542	154	91	7	31	38	
Cookstown	206	156	362	44	28	5	5	10	
Craigavon	389	461	850	7	76	10	57	67	
Down	207	183	390	4	43	6	19	25	
Dungannon & South Tyrone	181	96	277	10	8	1	12	13	
Fermanagh	212	336	548	24	24	3	18	21	
Foyle	606	89	695	320	125	21	96	117	
Limavady	326	230	556	23	44	1	11	12	
Magherafelt	139	182	321	0	30	0	1	1	
Moyle	31	47	78	0	5	0	1	1	
Newry & Mourne	300	153	453	14	14	12	39	51	
Omagh	330	152	482	15	21	4	8	12	
Strabane	273	196	469	14	12	1	13	14	
Rural Region	4,115	3,185	7,300	693	602	106	368	474	
Grand Total	8,085	6,641	14,726	1,348	1,308	255	704	959	

5. Drug Seizures and Arrests

Summary

Table 5.1 Drug Seizures and Arrests
2002/03 - 2004/05

Table 5.2 Seizure Incidents and Arrests by District
Command Unit 2003/04 and 2004/05



5. Drug Seizures and Arrests Summary

Total Seizures

- A total of 2,402 drug seizure incidents were recorded in 2004/05, an increase of 2.3% on 2003/04. As in previous years cannabis was the drug most commonly seized.

Class A Seizures

- The number of seizures involving Class A drugs was similar to the previous year (429 seizure incidents in 2004/05 compared with 431 in 2003/04).
- Ecstasy accounted for the greatest number of Class A seizure incidents. The number of ecstasy tablets seized increased by 57.6% from 222,888 in 2003/04 to 351,296 in 2004/05.
- During 2004/05, 21.33kg of cocaine powder was seized compared with 11.47kg in 2003/04. This was largely due to two major seizures (9kg in May 2004 and 6kg in July 2004).

Class B Seizures

- As cannabis was reclassified to a Class C drug on 29th January 2004, comparisons of the overall number of Class B seizure incidents with previous years are misleading.
- The amount of amphetamine powder seized increased substantially during 2004/05 (79.1 kg compared with 17.3 kg in 2003/04). This was largely due to a major seizure of 50kg in December 2004.

Class C (Cannabis) Seizures

- Seizures of cannabis (regardless of classification type) increased by 1.9% during the year from 1,984 in 2003/04 to 2,021 in 2004/05.
- There was a substantial decrease in the amount of cannabis resin seized during 2004/05 (933.0 kg compared with 2,204.2 kg in 2003/04). However this was still higher than the amount seized during 2002/03 (709.5kg).

Arrests

- The number of persons arrested for drug related offences decreased by 22.7% from 1,754 in 2003/04 to 1,356 in 2004/05.

Charges

- The number of persons charged or summonsed for drug related offences remained largely the same (1,077 in 2004/05 compared with 1,088 in 2003/04).

Table 5.1: Drug Seizures and Arrests 2002/03 – 2004/05

Drugs Seized	2002/03		2003/04		2004/05	
	No. of Seizures	Amount Seized	No. of Seizures	Amount Seized	No. of Seizures	Amount Seized
Class A						
Cocaine Powder (gms)	44	3,023.9	77	11,470.9	87	21,331.6
Wraps	3	12	2	6	3	24
'Crack' (gms)	1	50.0	3	9.2	0	0.0
Ecstasy Tablets	258	605,188	342	222,888	317	351,296
Powder (gms)	2	1.1	9	72.1	6	43.41
Capsules	5	25	1	20	2	4
LSD Doses	1	4	0	0	7	1,134
Microdots	2	1	1	6	2	7,012
Opiates Powder (gms)	21	346	14	189.9	14	5.1
Tablets	1	41	1	3	5	57
Ampoules	1	1	1	20	0	0
MLs	14	428.5	13	163.6	8	202.2
Wraps	1	1	2	2	0	0
All Class A¹	335	-	431	-	429	-
Class B²						
Amphetamine Powder (kgs)	83	27.6	130	17.3	147	79.1
Wraps	9	24	9	35	3	24
Tablets	4	11	2	58	1	32
Barbiturates Tablets	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Class B¹	1,534²	-	1,703²	-	151²	-
Class C (Cannabis)³						
Cannabis³ Resin (kgs)	1,366	709.5	1,819	2,204.2	1,841	933.0
Herbal (kgs)	78	27.7	109	32.8	131	19.7
Plants	29	202	59	1,173	43	574
Oil (gms)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joints	104	169	138	212	132	208
All Cannabis¹	1,487	-	1,984	-	2,021	-
Total Seizure Incidents¹	1,781		2,347		2,402	
'Street Value' of Drugs Seized	£11,082,910		£15,108,410		£9,507,689	
Persons Arrested	1,295		1,754		1,356	
Persons Charged	798		1,088		1,077	

¹ As seizure incidents can involve more than one drug type, seizure figures for individual drugs cannot be added together to produce totals.

² Cannabis was reclassified from Class B to Class C on the 29th January 2004, as such Class B totals include cannabis seizure incidents prior to reclassification.

³ For presentation purposes, total seizures of cannabis are presented together regardless of class.

Table 5.2: Seizure Incidents and Arrests by District Command Unit 2003/04 and 2004/05

	Number of Seizure Incidents			Number of Arrests		
	2003/04	2004/05	% Change	2003/04	2004/05	% Change
Antrim	75	89	18.7	54	47	-13.0
Ards	63	46	-27.0	56	25	-55.4
East Belfast	125	100	-20.0	103	77	-25.2
North Belfast	154	154	0.0	87	81	-6.9
South Belfast	221	228	3.2	173	135	-22.0
West Belfast	50	58	16.0	36	37	2.8
Carrickfergus	61	64	4.9	28	21	-25.0
Castlereagh	55	48	-12.7	44	29	-34.1
Larne	40	10	-30	32	5	-84.4
Lisburn	88	121	37.5	74	98	32.4
Newtownabbey	57	45	-21.1	31	18	-41.9
North Down	98	116	18.4	54	65	20.4
Urban Region	1,087	1,079	-0.7	772	638	-134
Armagh	67	71	6.0	75	64	-14.7
Ballymena	140	153	9.3	108	89	-17.6
Ballymoney	9	13	44.4	4	6	50.0
Banbridge	49	32	-34.7	53	21	-60.4
Coleraine	138	147	6.5	116	92	-20.7
Cookstown	76	76	0.0	56	17	-69.6
Craigavon	102	126	23.5	77	52	-32.5
Down	78	104	33.3	61	37	-39.3
Dungannon & South Tyrone	90	74	-17.8	47	25	-46.8
Fermanagh	54	78	44.4	42	52	23.8
Foyle	141	146	3.5	124	89	-28.2
Limavady	64	70	9.4	44	29	-34.1
Magherafelt	56	42	-25.0	42	33	-21.4
Moyle	11	10	-9.1	2	1	-50.0
Newry & Mourne	78	60	-23.1	48	35	-27.1
Omagh	78	97	24.4	44	59	34.1
Strabane	29	24	-17.2	39	17	-56.4
Rural Region	1,260	1,323	5.0	982	718	-264
Total	2,347	2,402	2.3	1,754	1,356	-398

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Injury Road Traffic Collisions - Definitions

6. Injury Road Traffic Collisions and Casualties Summary

Overview

- In 2004/05 there were 5,240 injury road traffic collisions that resulted in 8,746 casualties. Twelve per cent (1,008) of the casualties in 2004/05 were children aged under 16.

Number of Collisions

- The total number of injury road traffic collisions dropped from 6,109 in 2003/04 to 5,240 in 2004/05 (a decrease of 14.2%). This represents the lowest annual level of injury road traffic collisions recorded in the last 10 years;
- Around one in seven (15.1%) of these collisions resulted in child casualties.

Causes of Collisions

- The most common causes of injury collisions in 2004/05 were 'inattention' (1,492 collisions), 'emerging from a minor road/driveway without care' (580 collisions) and 'excessive speed having regard to conditions' (497 collisions).

Number and Severity of Casualties

- Of the 8,746 casualties, 140 were killed, 1,128 were seriously injured and 7,478 were slightly injured. Eleven of the fatalities were children. Overall there was a 16.1% reduction in casualties resulting from injury road traffic collisions (from 10,422 in 2003/04 to 8,746 in 2004/05);
- The overall reduction in casualties in Northern Ireland was reflected across all severities of injury with 2 fewer fatalities (down 1.4%), 130 fewer serious injuries (down 10.3%) and 1,544 fewer slight injuries (down 17.1%) in 2004/05 compared with the previous year.

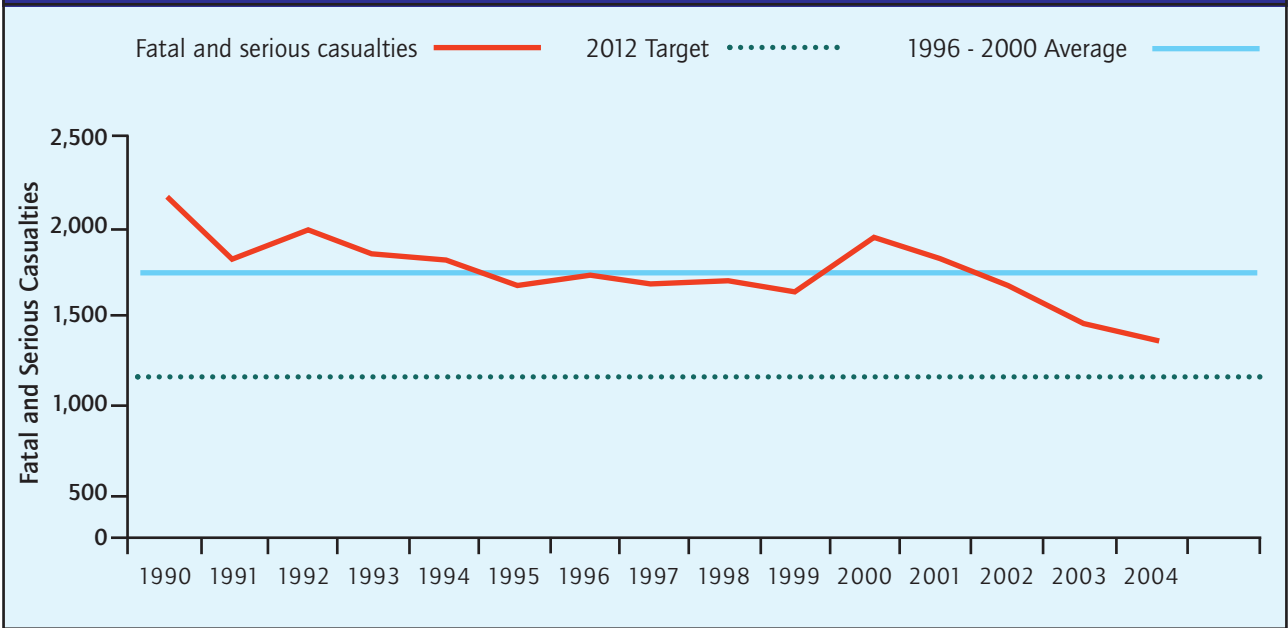
Casualties by Type of Road User

- In 2004/05 drivers of motor vehicles were the single largest casualty class, accounting for just over half (50.8%) of all casualties, followed by passengers (33.5%), pedestrians (7.8%), motor cyclists (5.3%) and pedal cyclists (1.8%);
- The number of casualties in most classes showed a decrease over the year except motorcyclists where there was no change in the number of casualties, and other road users, which increased from 37 in 2003/04 to 41 in 2004/05;
- Two thirds (66.6%) of all child casualties were passengers, 24.2% were pedestrians and a further 7.6% were pedal cyclists.

The Casualty Reduction Target for 2012

- The Northern Ireland Road Safety Strategy was introduced in 2002 with the aim of achieving a one third reduction in the number of deaths and serious injuries on Northern Ireland's roads by 2012 (based on the average number of fatal & serious injuries between the years of 1996 and 2000). Progress towards achieving that target is shown in Figure 6.1.

Figure 6.1: The Year 2012 Casualty Reduction Target¹



¹ Based on calendar year figures.

Figure 6.2: Injury Road Traffic Collisions 1995/96 - 2004/05

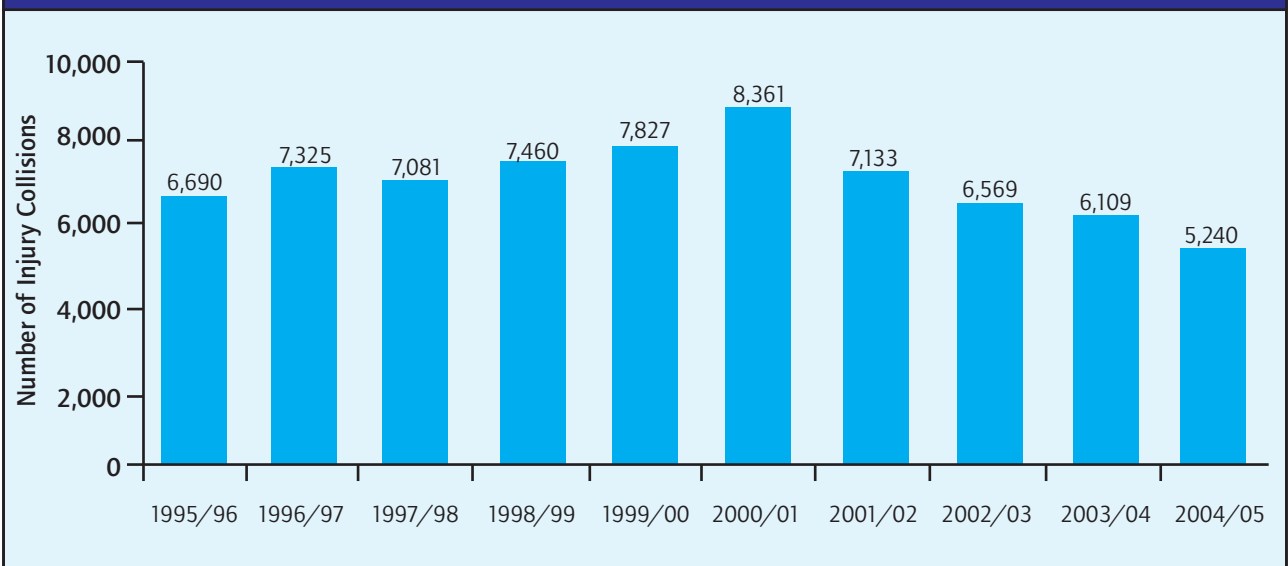


Figure 6.3: Persons Killed in Injury Road Traffic Collisions 1995/96 - 2004/05

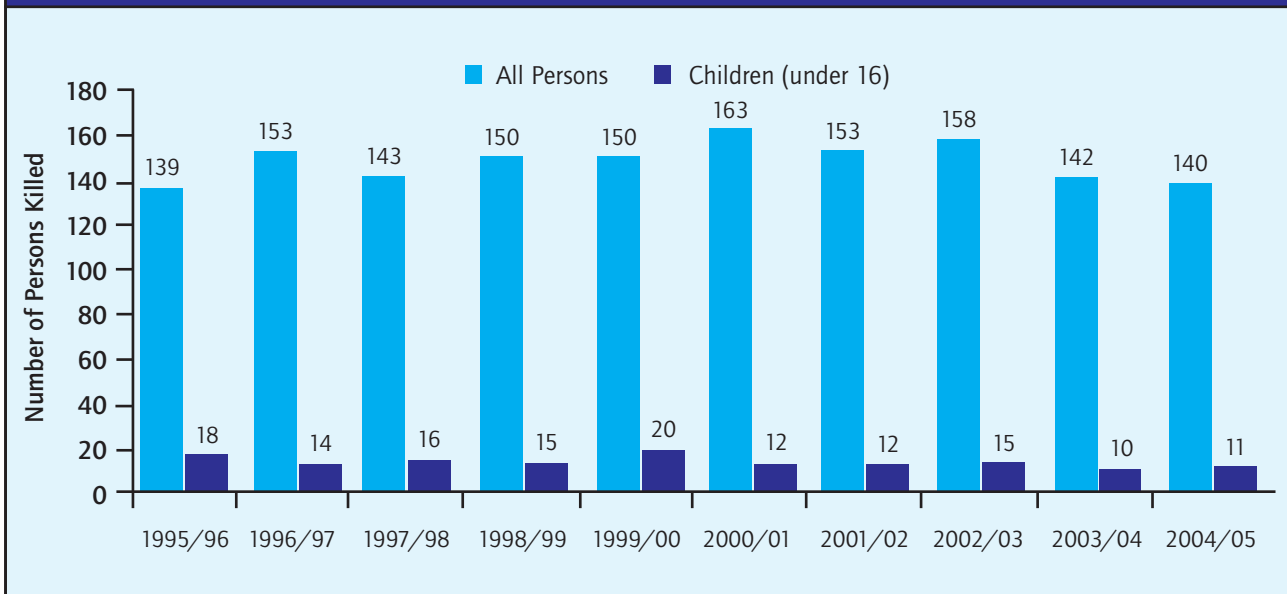


Figure 6.4: Child Casualties (under 16) by Type of Road User 2004/05

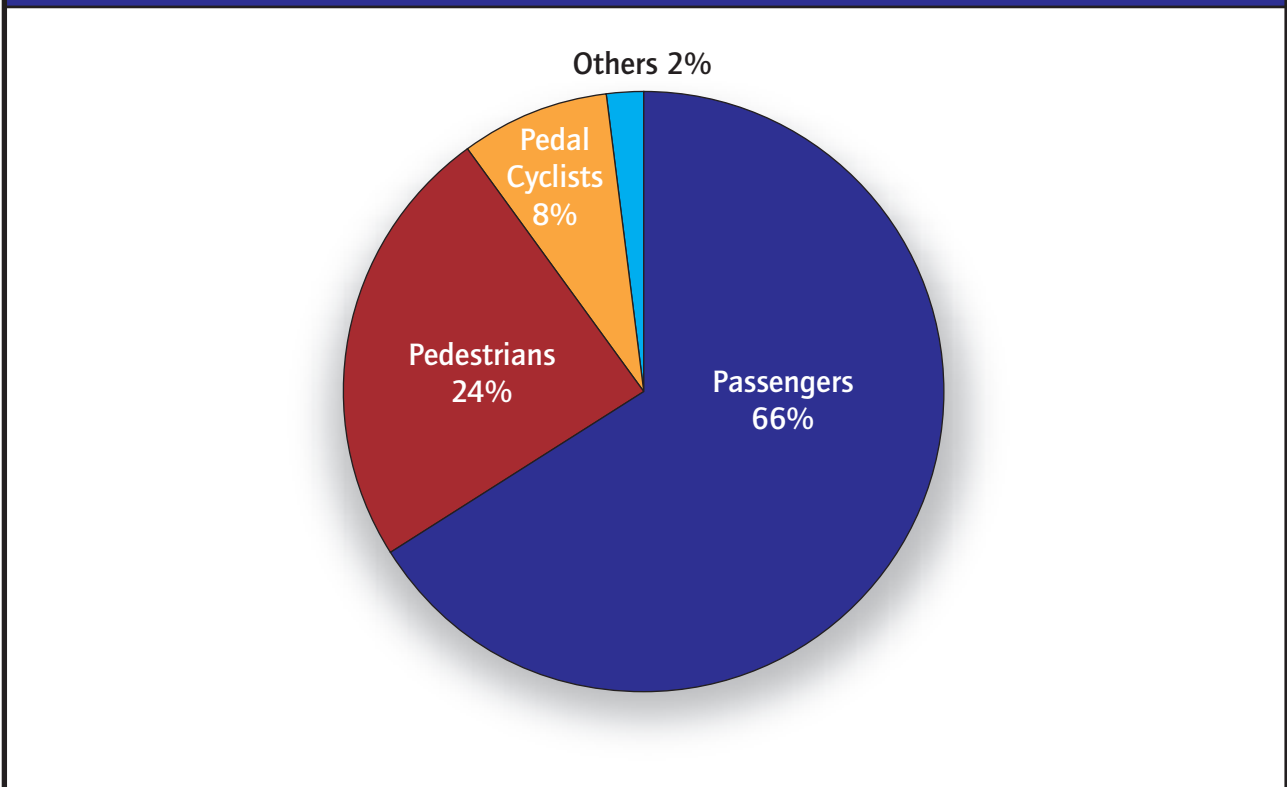


Table 6.5: Injury Road Traffic Collisions and Casualties 1995/96 – 2004/05

	Number of Injury Collisions	Casualties			
		Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total Casualties
1995/96	6,690	139	1,543	9,910	11,592
1996/97	7,325	153	1,645	11,237	13,035
1997/98	7,081	143	1,526	10,912	12,581
1998/99	7,460	150	1,462	11,682	13,294
1999/00	7,827	150	1,573	12,170	13,893
2000/01	8,361	163	1,801	12,620	14,584
2001/02	7,133	153	1,638	10,812	12,603
2002/03	6,569	158	1,487	9,901	11,546
2003/04	6,109	142	1,258	9,022	10,422
2004/05	5,240	140	1,128	7,478	8,746

Table 6.6: Injury Road Traffic Collisions Involving Child Casualties (under 16) 1995/96 - 2004/05

	Number of Injury Collisions	Child Casualties			
		Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total Casualties
1995/96	1,385	18	248	1,448	1,714
1996/97	1,419	14	273	1,578	1,865
1997/98	1,398	16	248	1,488	1,752
1998/99	1,472	15	218	1,641	1,874
1999/00	1,402	20	201	1,546	1,767
2000/01	1,376	12	226	1,566	1,804
2001/02	1,201	12	219	1,297	1,528
2002/03	1,039	15	173	1,248	1,436
2003/04	947	10	158	1,086	1,254
2004/05	790	11	124	873	1,008

Table 6.7: Most Common Principal Factors in Injury Road Traffic Collisions - 2004/05

Principal Factor	Casualties				
	Number of Injury Collisions	Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total Casualties
Inattention	1,492	9	163	2,303	2,475
Emerging from minor road/ driveway without care	580	8	118	848	974
Excessive speed having regard to the conditions	497	24	202	659	885
Alcohol or drugs (all road users)	346	38	132	482	652
Crossing or entering road junction without care	344	9	56	490	555
Overtaking without care	233	5	54	323	382
Turning right without care	215	6	73	315	394
Pedestrian heedless of traffic	200	10	64	148	222

Table 6.8: Most Common Principal Factors in Injury Road Traffic Collisions Involving Child Casualties (under 16) 2004/05

Principal Factor	Child Casualties				
	Number of Injury Collisions	Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total Casualties
Inattention	217	0	17	265	282
Emerging from minor road/ driveway without care	84	1	7	107	115
Pedestrian heedless of traffic	82	1	22	62	85
Excessive speed having regard to conditions	61	1	10	66	77
Walk/run movement masked	60	0	12	49	61

Table 6.9: Injury Road Traffic Collision Casualties by Severity of Injury and Type of Road User 2000/01 – 2004/05

Type of Road User ¹	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Fatalities					
Pedestrians	30	37	26	29	24
Drivers of motor vehicles	86	59	62	54	62
Motor cyclists	7	12	21	17	24
Pedal cyclists	5	1	3	2	2
Passengers	34	43	43	37	26
Pillion passengers	0	0	1	1	1
Other road users	1	1	2	2	1
Totals	163	153	158	142	140
Serious Injuries					
Pedestrians	267	276	236	205	180
Drivers of motor vehicles	774	710	643	522	479
Motor cyclists	139	148	166	145	151
Pedal cyclists	52	40	27	32	27
Passengers	546	439	395	334	275
Pillion passengers	14	7	14	8	9
Other road users	9	18	6	12	7
Totals	1,801	1,638	1,487	1,258	1,128
Slight Injuries					
Pedestrians	821	652	607	569	474
Drivers of motor vehicles	6,375	5,532	5,073	4,580	3,905
Motor cyclists	315	254	284	305	292
Pedal cyclists	205	156	141	155	131
Passengers	4,821	4,134	3,739	3,378	2,633
Pillion passengers	21	28	19	12	10
Other road users	62	56	38	23	33
Totals	12,620	10,812	9,901	9,022	7,478
All Casualties					
Pedestrians	1,118	965	869	803	678
Drivers of motor vehicles	7,235	6,301	5,778	5,156	4,446
Motor cyclists	461	414	471	467	467
Pedal cyclists	262	197	171	189	160
Passengers	5,401	4,616	4,177	3,749	2,934
Pillion passengers	35	35	34	21	20
Other road users	72	75	46	37	41
Totals	14,584	12,603	11,546	10,422	8,746

¹ 'Passengers' include pedal cycle passengers. 'Other road users' include drivers/riders and passengers of 'other vehicles' (e.g. tractors, invalid carriages, horse-drawn vehicles).

Table 6.10: Child Casualties (under 16) in Injury Road Traffic Collisions by Severity of Injury, Type of Road User and Age Group 2003/04 and 2004/05

Type of Road User ¹	2003/04				2004/05			
	Under 5	5-10	11-15	Totals	Under 5	5-10	11-15	Totals
Fatalities								
Pedestrians	1	3	2	6	2	0	1	3
Pedal cyclists	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Passengers	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	5
Others	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	2
Totals	1	3	6	10	5	2	4	11
Serious Injuries								
Pedestrians	12	31	32	75	14	29	28	71
Pedal cyclists	1	4	7	12	0	7	1	8
Passengers	11	20	29	60	8	11	20	39
Others	0	4	7	11	0	1	5	6
Totals	24	59	75	158	22	48	54	124
Slight Injuries								
Pedestrians	27	87	82	196	13	82	75	170
Pedal cyclists	5	29	33	67	1	32	35	68
Passengers	152	302	357	811	110	248	269	627
Others	0	2	10	12	0	0	8	8
Totals	184	420	482	1,086	124	362	387	873
All Child Casualties								
Pedestrians	40	121	116	277	29	111	104	244
Pedal cyclists	6	33	41	80	1	39	37	77
Passengers	163	322	387	872	120	260	291	671
Others	0	6	19	25	1	2	13	16
Totals	209	482	563	1,254	151	412	445	1,008

¹ 'Passengers' include pedal cycle passengers.

'Others' include drivers of motor vehicles, riders and pillion passengers on motor cycles and drivers/riders and passengers of 'other vehicles' (e.g. tractors, invalid carriages and horse-drawn vehicles etc.).

Table 6.11: Casualties in Injury Road Traffic Collisions by Severity of Injury and District Command Unit 2003/04 and 2004/05

	2003/04				2004/05			
	Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total	Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total
Antrim	13	47	229	289	5	34	204	243
Ards	2	43	309	354	8	65	279	352
Armagh	4	54	266	324	8	45	241	294
Ballymena	6	30	264	300	2	54	321	377
Ballymoney	2	27	108	137	6	26	149	181
Banbridge	5	36	257	298	5	32	164	201
Carrickfergus	1	24	147	172	1	10	83	94
Castlereagh	1	28	277	306	1	22	213	236
Coleraine	3	45	260	308	4	39	158	201
Cookstown	3	26	202	231	3	28	206	237
Craigavon	2	42	330	374	0	51	317	368
Down	6	42	273	321	3	40	284	327
Dungannon and South Tyrone	6	52	290	348	8	52	255	315
East Belfast	0	36	354	390	0	39	347	386
Fermanagh	12	60	294	366	10	54	279	343
Foyle	4	52	482	538	8	61	491	560
Larne	7	48	126	181	4	24	121	149
Limavady	1	36	187	224	7	45	144	196
Lisburn	13	84	770	867	11	63	460	534
Magherafelt	2	35	224	261	8	22	205	235
Moyle	2	18	73	93	2	15	72	89
Newry and Mourne	22	81	444	547	13	54	239	306
Newtownabbey	6	31	303	340	2	29	278	309
North Belfast	3	39	440	482	4	52	372	428
North Down	3	56	324	383	3	37	316	356
Omagh	5	50	220	275	5	29	209	243
South Belfast	1	65	676	742	5	45	424	474
Strabane	2	16	188	206	2	26	165	193
West Belfast	5	55	705	765	2	35	482	519
Totals	142	1,258	9,022	10,422	140	1,128	7,478	8,746

Injury Road Traffic Collisions - Definitions

Collisions

Collisions involving personal injury occurring on the public highway (including footpaths) in which a vehicle is involved. Collisions are categorised as either 'Fatal', 'Serious' or 'Slight' according to the most severely injured casualty.

Killed

Died within 30 days from injuries received in a collision.

Serious Injury

An injury for which a person is detained in hospital as an 'in-patient', or any of the following injuries whether or not the person is detained in hospital: fractures, concussion, internal injuries, crushings, burns, severe cuts and lacerations or severe general shock requiring medical treatment.

Slight Injury

An injury of a minor character such as a sprain, bruise or cut not judged to be severe, or slight shock requiring roadside attention.

Casualty

A person who sustains a slight, serious or fatal injury.

Children

Persons under 16 years of age.

Drivers of motor vehicles

Drivers of hackneys, cars, motor caravans, LGVs, HGVs, cars used as taxis, minibuses and buses

Motorcyclists

Drivers/riders of mopeds and motorcycles. Includes riders of two-wheeled motor vehicles, motorcycle combinations, scooters and mopeds.

Pedal cyclists

Drivers/riders of pedal cycles. Includes children riding toy cycles on the carriageway and the first rider of a tandem.

Passengers

Occupants of vehicles other than the driver or rider. Passengers of hackneys, cars, motor caravans, LGVs, HGVs, cars used as taxis, minibuses, buses and pedal cycles.

Pillion passengers

Passenger on a moped or motorcycle.

Other road users

Drivers and passengers of invalid/3 wheelers, tractors, ridden horses, other motor vehicles and other non motor vehicles.

Pedestrians

Include:

- Children on scooters, roller skates or skateboards;
- Children riding toy cycles on the footpath;
- Persons pushing bicycles or other vehicles or operating pedestrian-controlled vehicles;
- Persons leading or herding animals;
- Occupants of prams or wheelchairs;
- People who alight safely from vehicles and are subsequently injured;
- Persons pushing or pulling a vehicle;
- Persons other than cyclists holding on to the back of a moving vehicle.

7. Statistics Relating to the Security Situation

Summary

Figure 7.1 Deaths Due to the Security Situation
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7. Statistics Relating to the Security Situation Summary

Deaths due to the Security Situation

- During 2004/05 there were four security related deaths, three fewer than in the previous year.

Security-Related Incidents

- The number of shooting incidents decreased by 19.3% from 207 in 2003/04 to 167 in 2004/05. There was also a 32.4% decrease in the number of bombing incidents over the same period (from 71 in 2003/04 to 48 in 2004/05).
- There were 29 incendiary incidents during 2004/05. This was substantially higher than in the previous year (3 incidents).

Paramilitary-style Attacks

- During 2004/05 there were 209 casualties as a result of paramilitary-style attacks (i.e. both shootings and assaults), 89 fewer than in the previous year.
- Paramilitary-style **shootings** accounted for 93 casualties, 76 (81.7%) of which were attributed to loyalists and 17 (18.3%) to republicans.
- Paramilitary-style **assaults** accounted for the remaining 116 victims with around three-fifths of such casualties (61.2%) attributed to loyalists and around two-fifths (38.8%) attributed to republicans.
- In comparison with the previous year, the number of casualties of paramilitary-style shootings decreased by 56 (37.6%) and the number of casualties of paramilitary-style assaults decreased by 33 (22.1%).

Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives Finds

- There were 81 firearms and 23,822 rounds of ammunition found during 2004/05. In addition, 26.5kg of explosives were recovered during the year.

Persons Charged with Terrorist and Serious Public Order Offences

- A total of 242 persons were charged with such offences during 2004/05 compared with 279 during 2003/04.

Parade Statistics

- In total, there were 3,045 parades during 2004/05. Loyalist parades accounted for 2,371 (77.9%) of these while nationalist parades accounted for 198 (6.5%).
- Thirty-one parades (1.0%) were re-routed during the year and conditions were imposed on a further 93 (3.1%).
- There were 27 parades (0.9%) at which disorder occurred.

Figure 7.1: Deaths Due to the Security Situation 1995/96 - 2004/05

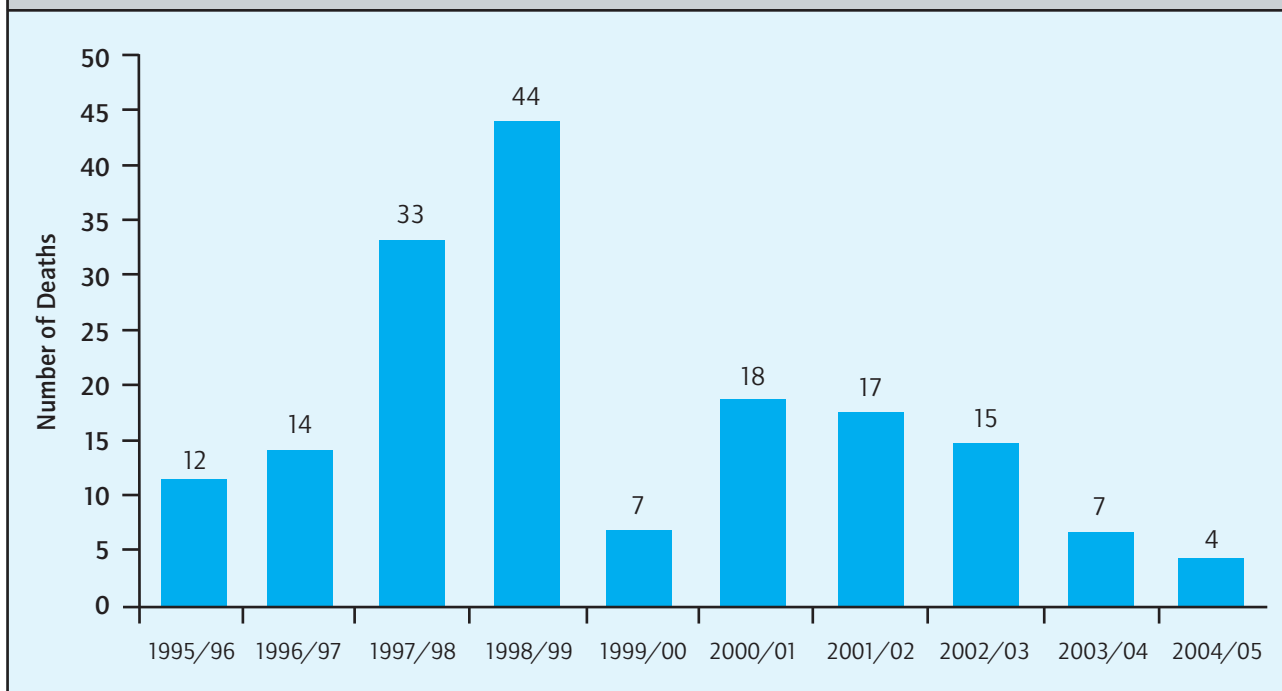


Table 7.2: Deaths Due to the Security Situation 1995/96 - 2004/05

	Police	Police Reserve	Army	UDR/RIR ¹	Civilian	Totals
1995/96	0	0	0	0	12	12
1996/97	0	0	2	0	12	14
1997/98	3	1	0	0	29	33
1998/99	1	0	1	0	42	44
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

¹ Figures include Royal Irish Regiment (Home Service Battalions).

Figure 7.3: Shooting and Bombing Incidents 1995/96 – 2004/05

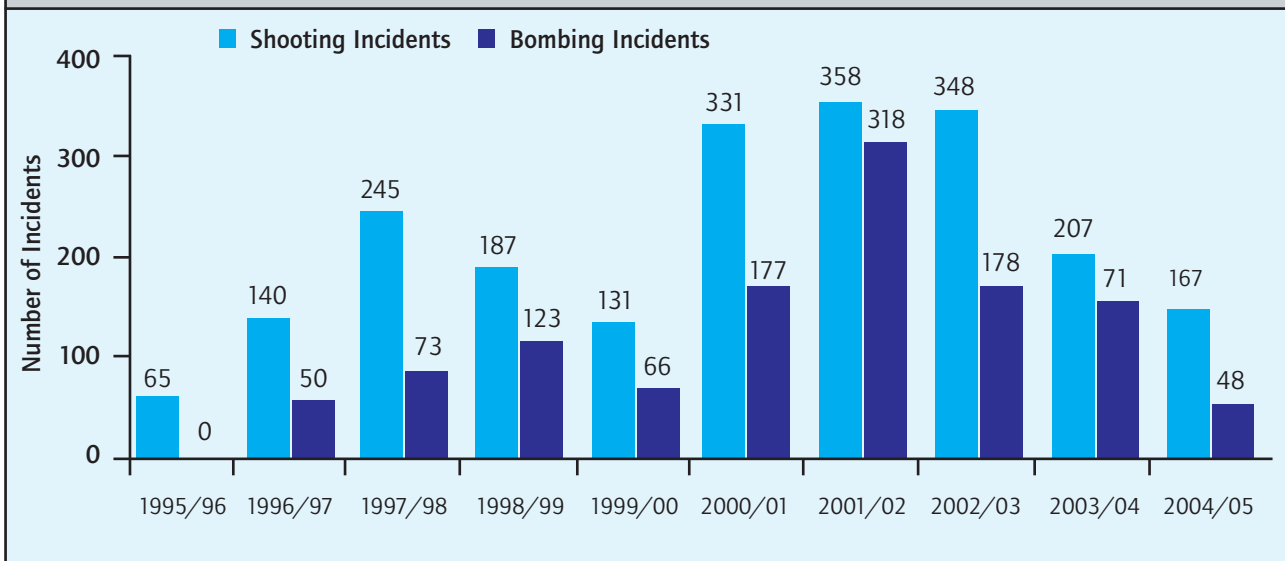


Table 7.4: Security-Related Incidents 1995/96 – 2004/05

	Shooting Incidents ¹	Bombings ²		Incendiarities ³	
		Incidents	Devices Used	Incidents	Devices Used
1995/96	65	0	0	7	7
1996/97	140	50	65	7	7
1997/98	245	73	91	6	6
1998/99	187	123	229	20	20
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

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)
- Other violent incidents where shots are fired (eg armed robbery)

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 incendiarities are excluded.

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

Figure 7.5: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Shootings 1995/96 – 2004/05

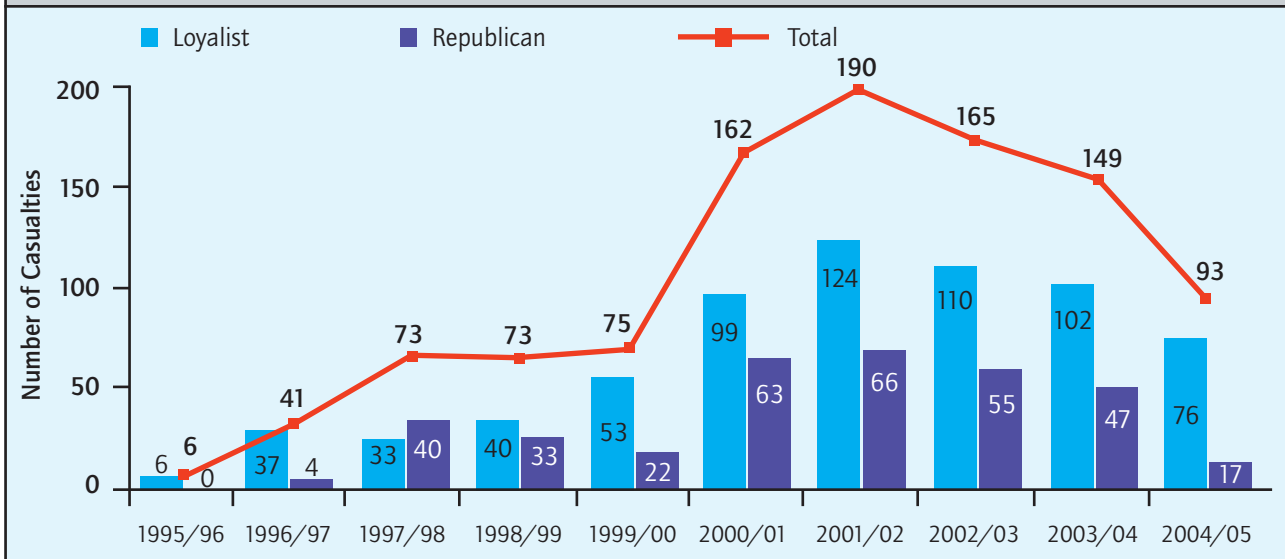


Figure 7.6: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Assaults 1995/96 – 2004/05

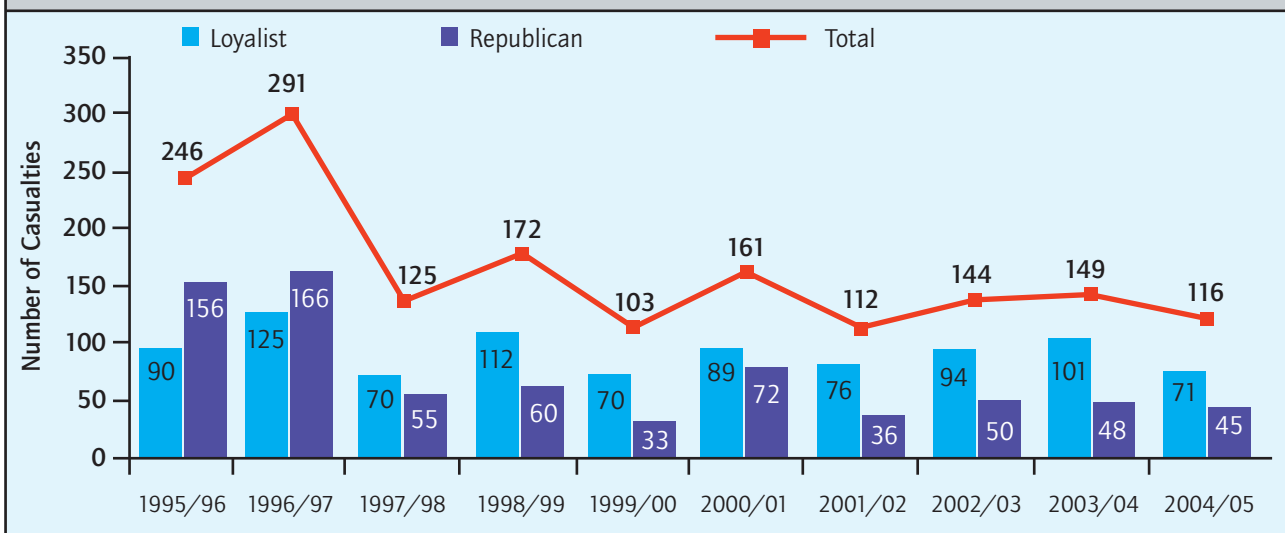


Table 7.7: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Attacks 1995/96 – 2004/05

	Shootings			Assaults			Total Casualties (Shootings and Assaults)
	Total	By Loyalist Groups	By Republican Groups	Total	By Loyalist Groups	By Republican Groups	
1995/96	6	6	0	246	90	156	252
1996/97	41	37	4	291	125	166	332
1997/98	73	33	40	125	70	55	198
1998/99	73	40	33	172	112	60	245
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

Table 7.8: Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives Finds 1995/96 - 2004/05

	Firearms	Ammunition (rounds)	Explosives (kgs)
1995/96	116	18,372	6.4
1996/97	103	12,043	2,462.5
1997/98	97	9,984	661.7
1998/99	104	13,416	778.4
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

Table 7.9: Persons Charged¹ with Terrorist and Serious Public Order Offences 1995/96 - 2004/05

	Persons Charged
1995/96	476
1996/97	591
1997/98	423
1998/99	441
1999/00	288
2000/01	273
2001/02	317
2002/03	359
2003/04	279
2004/05	242

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.

Table 7.10: Parade Statistics 2004/05

	Loyalist ¹	Nationalist ²	Other	Total
Total parades	2,371	198	476	3,045
Legal parades	2,369	196	476	3,041
Illegal parades	2	2	0	4
Of the total:				
Parades re-routed	30	1	0	31
Parades with other conditions imposed	90	3	0	93
Parades at which disorder occurred	25	2	0	27
Parades banned	0	0	0	0

¹ 'Loyalist' parades include those organised by the Orange Order, the Royal Black Preceptory and the Apprentice Boys as well as band parades/contests or protest marches involving the loyalist community.

² 'Nationalist' parades includes parades organised by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Irish National Foresters as well as band parades/contests or protest marches involving the nationalist community.

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