



Making Northern Ireland Safer For Everyone Through Professional, Progressive Policing

POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND
Stop and Search Statistics
2008/09

1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009

TABLE OF CONTENTS

PACE/ Terrorism Act/ Justice and Security Act - Stop and Search Statistics

Number of persons stopped and searched/questioned by each legislative power: 2007/08 - 2008/09	Page 3
Number of persons stopped and searched/questioned by each legislative power by Area and District: 1st April 2008 - 31st March 2009	Page 4
Number of persons stopped and searched/stopped and questioned under PACE, Terrorism Act and Justice and Security Act: 2007/08 - 2008/09	Page 5
Number of persons stopped and searched under PACE by reason for search by Area and District: 1st April 2008 - 31st March 2009	Page 6
Number of persons stopped and searched/stopped and questioned and subsequent arrests: 1st April 2008 - 31st March 2009	Page 7

* those persons stopped and searched/questioned under a combination of legislative powers will be included in the two relevant tables (i.e. there will be some duplication)

Key Statistics - 1st April 2008 - 31st March 2009

- Between 1st April 2008 and 31st March 2009, 30,047 people were stopped and searched/questioned. This is an increase of 11,035 (58.0%) from the 19,012 stopped and searched/questioned in 2007/08.
- The number of people stopped and searched under PACE was 30.3% higher in 2008/09 (20,011) compared with 2007/08 (15,362).
- There were 9,548 people stopped and searched under Section 44 of TACT in 2008/09 which is an increase of 6,190 from the 3,358 people stopped and searched in 2007/08. 56 persons were stopped and searched in 2008/09 under Section 43 of the Terrorism Act.
- There were 4 times as many people stopped and questioned under JSA S21 in 2008/09 (112 people) compared with that of 2007/08 (28 people). There was also an increase in the number of persons stopped and searched under JSA S24 with 374 people stopped and searched in 2008/09 compared with 251 in 2007/08 (an increase of 49.0%)

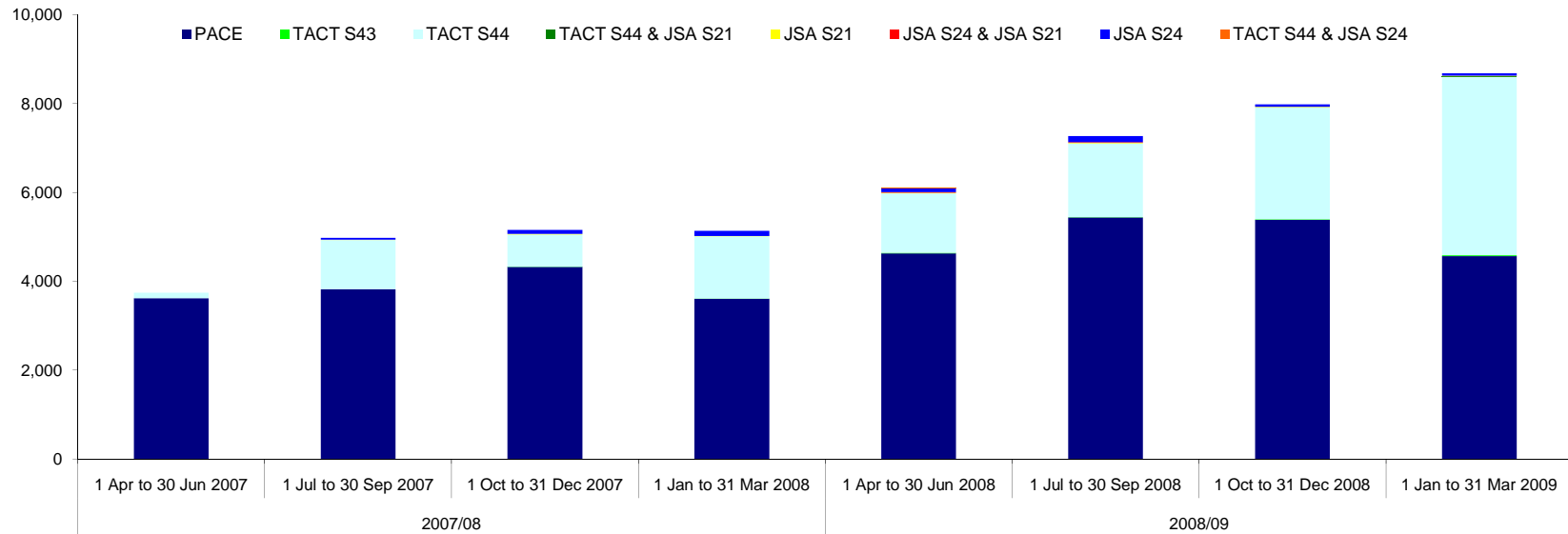
Data Quality: These figures are derived from the PACE 1/TA stop and search form that is completed by police officers. Local Police Districts capture the information from the forms in a spreadsheet and forward this to Central Statistics Unit on a quarterly basis. CSU ensures all returns are forwarded and performs a range of validation checks before publishing the data.

Number of persons stopped and searched/stopped and questioned by each legislative power: 2007/08 to 2008/09

	2007/08					2008/09				
	1 Apr to 30 Jun 2007	1 Jul to 30 Sep 2007	1 Oct to 31 Dec 2007	1 Jan to 31 Mar 2008	2007/08 Total	1 Apr to 30 Jun 2008	1 Jul to 30 Sep 2008	1 Oct to 31 Dec 2008	1 Jan to 31 Mar 2009	2008/09 Total
Number of persons stopped and searched under PACE	3,616	3,818	4,324	3,604	15,362	4,626	5,437	5,380	4,568	20,011
Number of persons stopped and searched under TACT S43	-	-	4	9	13	16	9	13	18	56
Number of persons stopped and searched under TACT S44	124	1,112	722	1,400	3,358	1,339	1,657	2,524	4,006	9,526
Number of persons stopped and searched/questioned under TACTS44 and JSA Section 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	20
Number of persons stopped and searched/questioned under TACTS44 and JSA Section 24	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Number of persons stopped and questioned under JSA Section 21	N/A	6	14	8	28	14	13	14	19	60
Number of persons stopped and searched/questioned under JSA Section 24 and JSA Section 21	-	-	-	-	-	14	18	-	-	32
Number of persons stopped and searched under JSA Section 24	N/A	39	95	117	251	95	136	55	54	340
Total Persons stopped and searched/questioned*	3,740	4,975	5,159	5,138	19,012	6,106	7,270	7,986	8,685	30,047

* The above table presents the number of stop and search/questions by each legislation including those stop and searches which have used multiple legislations e.g. TACT S44 and JSA S21.

Number of persons stopped and searched/ stopped and questioned under PACE, Terrorism Act and Justice and Security Act - Trend Information



Number of persons stopped and searched/questioned by each legislative power by Area and District: 1st April 2008 - 31st March 2009

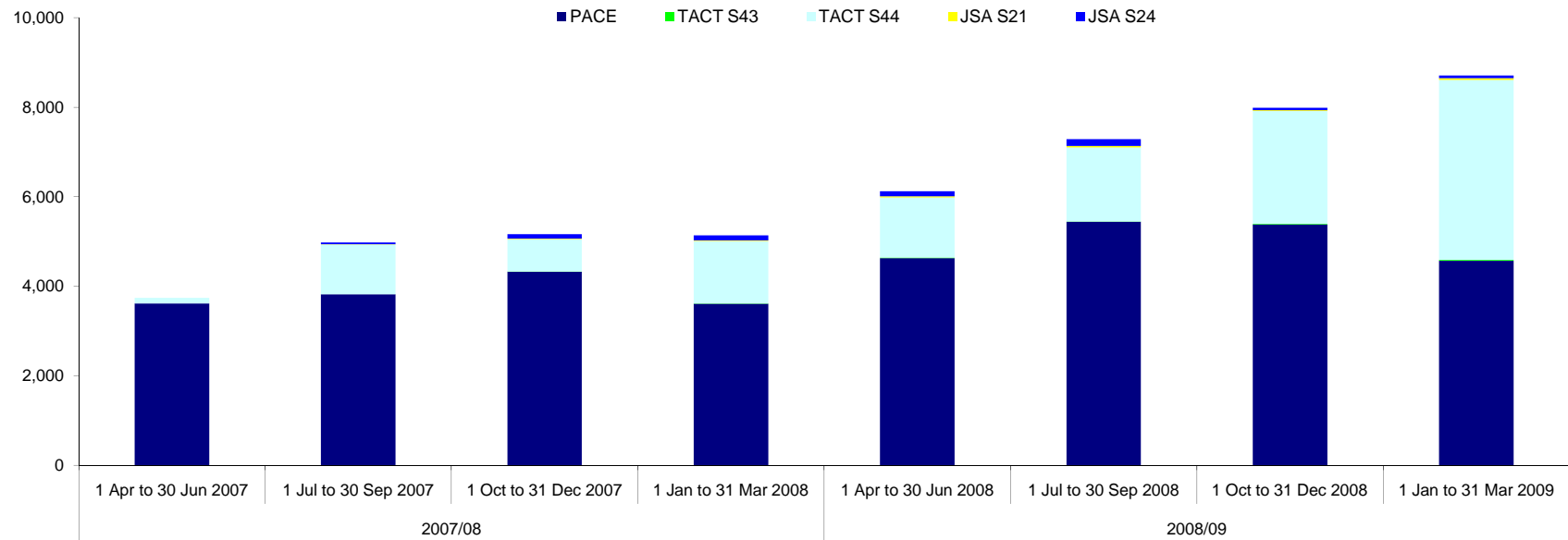
	PACE	TACT S43	TACT S44	TACT S44 & JSA S21	TACT S44 & JSA S24	JSA S21	JSA S24 & JSA S21	JSA S24	TOTAL PERSONS*	
North Belfast	2,021	8	837	13	-	4	-	21	2,904	North Belfast
West Belfast	974	1	281	7	-	4	-	33	1,300	West Belfast
A District Total	2,995	9	1,118	20	-	8	-	54	4,204	A District Total
East Belfast	748	7	904	-	-	2	-	3	1,664	East Belfast
South Belfast	2,142	5	990	-	-	7	-	17	3,161	South Belfast
B District Total	2,890	12	1,894	-	-	9	-	20	4,825	B District Total
Ards	215	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	221	Ards
Castlereagh	198	-	30	-	-	-	-	3	231	Castlereagh
Down	398	1	173	-	-	5	-	2	579	Down
North Down	403	-	92	-	-	-	-	-	495	North Down
C District Total	1,214	1	300	-	-	5	-	6	1,526	C District Total
Antrim	1,244	-	372	-	-	2	-	16	1,634	Antrim
Carrickfergus	767	4	387	-	-	-	-	10	1,168	Carrickfergus
Lisburn	1,791	4	689	-	-	3	-	18	2,505	Lisburn
Newtownabbey	716	-	306	-	-	4	-	7	1,033	Newtownabbey
D District Total	4,518	8	1,754	-	-	9	-	51	6,340	D District Total
Armagh	381	1	164	-	-	-	-	22	568	Armagh
Banbridge	238	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	246	Banbridge
Craigavon	1,156	5	507	-	-	4	-	28	1,700	Craigavon
Newry and Mourne	680	4	330	-	-	1	-	47	1,062	Newry and Mourne
E District Total	2,455	10	1,009	-	-	5	-	97	3,576	E District Total
Cookstown	384	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	402	Cookstown
Dungannon	662	-	259	-	2	12	32	34	1,001	Dungannon
Fermanagh	347	4	215	-	-	2	-	8	576	Fermanagh
Omagh	666	-	116	-	-	1	-	13	796	Omagh
F District Total	2,059	4	608	-	2	15	32	55	2,775	F District Total
Foyle	547	-	422	-	-	-	-	2	971	Foyle
Limavady	525	-	202	-	-	-	-	2	729	Limavady
Magherafelt	213	1	69	-	-	-	-	7	290	Magherafelt
Strabane	174	1	1,919	-	-	7	-	17	2,118	Strabane
G District Total	1,459	2	2,612	-	-	7	-	28	4,108	G District Total
Ballymena	1,108	10	107	-	-	2	-	13	1,240	Ballymena
Ballymoney	106	-	6	-	-	-	-	2	114	Ballymoney
Coleraine	861	-	96	-	-	-	-	10	967	Coleraine
Larne	243	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	252	Larne
Moyle	103	-	13	-	-	-	-	4	120	Moyle
H District Total	2,421	10	231	-	-	2	-	29	2,693	H District Total
NI Overall	20,011	56	9,526	20	2	60	32	340	30,047	NI Overall

Number of persons stopped and searched/stopped and questioned under PACE, Terrorism Act and Justice and Security Act: 2007/08 - 2008/09

	2007/08					2008/09				
	1 Apr to 30 Jun 2007	1 Jul to 30 Sep 2007	1 Oct to 31 Dec 2007	1 Jan to 31 Mar 2008	2007/08 Total	1 Apr to 30 Jun 2008	1 Jul to 30 Sep 2008	1 Oct to 31 Dec 2008	1 Jan to 31 Mar 2009	2008/09 Total
Number of persons stopped and searched under PACE	3,616	3,818	4,324	3,604	15,362	4,626	5,437	5,380	4,568	20,011
Number of persons stopped and searched under TACT S43	N/A	N/A	4	9	13	16	9	13	18	56
Number of persons stopped and searched under TACT S44	124	1,112	722	1,400	3,358	1,341	1,657	2,524	4,026	9,548
Number of persons stopped and questioned under JSA Section 21	N/A	6	14	8	28	28	31	14	39	112
Number of persons stopped and searched under JSA Section 24	N/A	39	95	117	251	111	154	55	54	374
Total Stop and Search/Questions*	3,740	4,975	5,159	5,138	19,012	6,122	7,288	7,986	8,705	30,101

* Please note that this is not the total number of persons stopped and searched/questioned as a stop and search/question can be carried out under two different legislations e.g. TACT S44 and JSAS21

Frequency of use of PACE, Terrorism Act and Justice and Security Act powers - Trend Information



Number of persons stopped and searched under PACE by reason for search by Area and District: 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009

	Stolen property	Drugs	Firearms etc	Offensive weapon	Going equipped	Others	Not specified	TOTAL PERSONS*	
North Belfast	182	1,092	39	198	459	130	-	2,021	North Belfast
West Belfast	111	373	25	93	378	102	-	974	West Belfast
A District Total	293	1,465	64	291	837	232	-	2,995	A District Total
East Belfast	106	273	12	55	170	138	-	748	East Belfast
South Belfast	394	580	22	201	611	417	1	2,142	South Belfast
B District Total	500	853	34	256	781	555	1	2,890	B District Total
Ards	16	78	6	9	16	91	4	215	Ards
Castlereagh	26	83	10	2	46	41	1	198	Castlereagh
Down	59	211	8	34	93	33	-	398	Down
North Down	28	135	3	16	25	195	4	403	North Down
C District Total	129	507	27	61	180	360	9	1,214	C District Total
Antrim	120	747	8	130	232	96	-	1,244	Antrim
Carrickfergus	61	460	2	39	152	97	-	767	Carrickfergus
Lisburn	311	769	43	99	470	269	-	1,791	Lisburn
Newtownabbey	97	291	9	108	167	87	-	716	Newtownabbey
D District Total	589	2,267	62	376	1,021	549	-	4,518	D District Total
Armagh	70	206	3	22	87	37	3	381	Armagh
Banbridge	35	111	-	10	44	43	-	238	Banbridge
Craigavon	117	765	13	74	127	83	5	1,156	Craigavon
Newry and Mourne	89	372	17	18	72	113	7	680	Newry and Mourne
E District Total	311	1,454	33	124	330	276	15	2,455	E District Total
Cookstown	20	277	3	5	17	65	-	384	Cookstown
Dungannon	46	425	5	69	62	54	2	662	Dungannon
Fermanagh	24	201	2	33	31	54	5	347	Fermanagh
Omagh	30	567	3	12	21	39	-	666	Omagh
F District Total	120	1,470	13	119	131	212	7	2,059	F District Total
Foyle	65	268	4	32	24	150	6	547	Foyle
Limavady	41	367	1	18	73	43	-	525	Limavady
Magherafelt	19	101	3	28	22	53	-	213	Magherafelt
Strabane	33	77	2	5	18	49	1	174	Strabane
G District Total	158	813	10	83	137	295	7	1,459	G District Total
Ballymena	131	622	9	124	100	141	-	1,108	Ballymena
Ballymoney	10	62	-	6	2	26	-	106	Ballymoney
Coleraine	59	517	12	81	44	155	-	861	Coleraine
Larne	10	142	-	37	44	24	-	243	Larne
Moyle	6	54	2	4	13	24	-	103	Moyle
H District Total	216	1,397	23	252	203	370	-	2,421	H District Total
NI Overall	2,316	10,226	266	1,562	3,620	2,849	39	20,011	NI Overall

*Note: As a person can be stopped/ searched for more than one reason, the number of stop/ searches by reason does not sum to the total number of persons stopped/searched

Number of persons stopped and searched/stopped and questioned and subsequent arrests: 1st April 2008 - 31st March 2009

	TOTAL PERSONS	TOTAL ARRESTS
North Belfast	2,904	174
West Belfast	1,300	91
A District Total	4,204	265
East Belfast	1,664	75
South Belfast	3,161	296
B District Total	4,825	371
Ards	221	17
Castlereagh	231	16
Down	579	47
North Down	495	26
C District Total	1,526	106
Antrim	1,634	117
Carrickfergus	1,168	37
Lisburn	2,505	138
Newtownabbey	1,033	80
D District Total	6,340	372
Armagh	568	50
Banbridge	246	28
Craigavon	1,700	56
Newry and Mourne	1,062	61
E District Total	3,576	195
Cookstown	402	35
Dungannon	1,001	66
Fermanagh	576	28
Omagh	796	35
F District Total	2,775	164
Foyle	971	76
Limavady	729	36
Magherafelt	290	29
Strabane	2,118	16
G District Total	4,108	157
Ballymena	1,240	116
Ballymoney	114	6
Coleraine	967	124
Larne	252	18
Moyle	120	12
H District Total	2,693	276
NI Overall	30,047	1,906

^ Please note that some people may have been stopped and searched and subsequently arrested under a combination of Powers (see page 3)