

Request:

The number of PSNI officers who were injured in the line of duty in the last 5 years (from 1 Jan 2021-31 Dec 2025)

Response – 3778 Police Officers

a) A breakdown of the above by each calendar year requested

Year	Number of Police Officers
2021	1383
2022	1420
2023	1715
2024	1430
2025	1403

b) How many PSNI officers sustained injuries as the result of an assault in the last 5 years (from 1 Jan 2021-31 Dec 2025)

Response – 2039 Police Officers

c) A breakdown of the above by each calendar year requested

Year	Number of Police Officers
2021	673
2022	726
2023	726
2024	664
2025	639

d) What were the other most common sources of injury for PSNI officers in the last 5 years (from 1 Jan 2021-31 Dec 2025) after assault eg sprains or broken bones; some form of contact with an animal, such as dog bites; contact with something either sharp, rough or pointed; a needle stick injury, stab wound or exposure to a body fluid; slips, trips and/or falls, which resulted in injuries; road traffic collision

Type of Injury	Total
Abrasion	714
Bite from either Person or Animal	246
Bruise	783
Burn/Scald/Singe	9
Crush Internal Injury	4
Fracture/Dislocation	40

Laceration	108
Other	973
Pain/Headache	1051
Puncture/Cut	142
Respiratory Disorder	2
Strain/Sprain	230
Stress	35
Swelling	192
Whiplash	7
Not Provided	191

e) A breakdown of the above by each calendar year requested

2021

Type of Injury	Total
Abrasion	138
Bite from either Person or Animal	50
Bruise	163
Burn/Scald/Singe	2
Fracture/Dislocation	10
Laceration	24
Other	172
Pain/Headache	176
Puncture/Cut	26
Strain/Sprain	44
Stress	4
Swelling	44
Not Provided	47

2022

Type of Injury	Total
Abrasion	164
Bite from either Person or Animal	59
Bruise	165
Fracture/Dislocation	8
Laceration	17
Other	221
Pain/Headache	195
Puncture/Cut	33
Strain/Sprain	39
Stress	4
Swelling	41
Not Provided	43

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2023

Type of Injury	Total
Abrasion	129
Bite from either Person or Animal	53
Bruise	178
Burn/Scald/Singe	2
Fracture/Dislocation	12
Laceration	30
Other	182
Pain/Headache	232
Puncture/Cut	33
Respiratory Disorder	1
Strain/Sprain	41
Stress	9
Swelling	48
Whiplash	1
Not Provided	53

2024

Type of Injury	Total
Abrasion	154
Bite from either Person or Animal	45
Bruise	142
Burn/Scald/Singe	3
Crush/Internal Injury	2
Fracture/Dislocation	5
Laceration	17
Other	197
Pain/Headache	238
Puncture/Cut	27
Strain/Sprain	41
Stress	11
Swelling	29
Whiplash	4
Not Provided	25

2025

Type of Injury	Total
Abrasion	129
Bite from either Person or Animal	39
Bruise	135
Burn/Scald/Singe	2
Crush/Internal Injury	2
Fracture/Dislocation	5
Laceration	20
Other	201
Pain/Headache	210
Puncture/Cut	23
Respiratory Disorder	1
Strain/Sprain	65
Stress	7
Swelling	30
Whiplash	2
Not Provided	23