



Domestic Abuse Calls For Service Received by Police in Northern Ireland

Management information on domestic abuse calls received by PSNI
during the Christmas and New Year period 2025 to 2026

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This bulletin presents statistics relating to domestic abuse calls received by police during the two week period covering Christmas and the New Year 20th December to 2nd January.

The data contained in this release is management information and has not undergone the rigorous quality assurance checks that would be carried out prior to the publication of official statistics. It is separate to, and is not a replacement for, the official statistics data series on Domestic Abuse Incidents and Crimes Recorded by the Police in Northern Ireland.

The information in this release is sourced from PSNI's Command and Control System and is based on all calls for service which have either been opened or closed on a code that is used to identify potential domestic abuse.

In the two weeks 20th December 2025 to 2nd January 2026:

- There were 1,407 domestic abuse calls received by police, compared with 1,290 in the same period during 2024-2025. [Figure 1]
- The highest number of calls received was on 1st January (116 calls), with the second and third highest numbers received on 25th and 27th December (115 and 114 calls respectively). [Figure 1]
- The number of calls received was higher on most days when compared with the previous two time periods during 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. [Figure 1]
- The daily average number of calls (101) was higher than for the 5 years 2021 to 2025 combined (99) and the 5 years 2016 to 2020 combined (99). [Figure 2]
- The daily average number of calls (101) was higher than the daily average across both the month of December 2025 (92) and across the 2025 calendar year (84). This same pattern has been seen over the last ten years. [Figure 2]
- Over the ten years 2016-2017 to 2025-2026 the number of domestic abuse calls between 20th December and 2nd January has ranged between 1,253 in 2016-2017 and 1,553 in 2019-2020. The latest period records the fourth highest number (1,407).

Points to note when using the domestic abuse calls for service management information

While domestic abuse calls for service are an up-to-date source of information, they are subject to different recording practices from the Domestic Abuse Incident and Crime figures which are published by PSNI's Statistics Branch as Official Statistics. The [definition of domestic abuse \(opens in a new window\)](#) is available through the PSNI website.

The official statistics data series includes domestic abuse incidents that have been identified through sources other than a call for service to police. It also excludes calls for service that were initially identified as potential domestic abuse but which turned out not to meet the domestic abuse definition.

In order to incorporate these requirements and improve completeness and accuracy the official statistics data has a longer processing time. This management information is less complete and should only be used to identify an early indication of trends.

Analysis of the ten calendar years 2016 to 2025 shows that the number of domestic abuse incidents recorded by police is the same as or higher than the number of domestic abuse calls received by police by a ratio of between 1.0 (as seen in 2025) and 1.13 (as seen in 2016). This should be taken into consideration when using the figures in this release.

Figure 1 Number of domestic abuse calls for service received by PSNI on a daily basis between 20th December and 2nd January in each of the latest three time periods

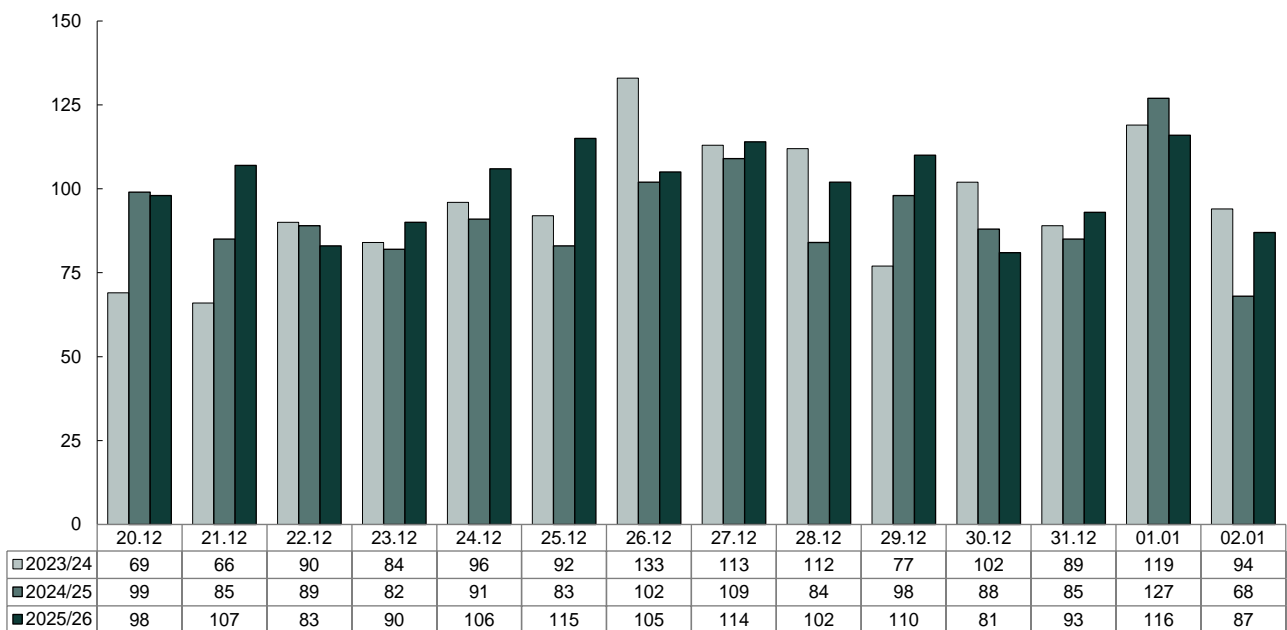


Figure 2 Daily average number of domestic abuse calls received during the Christmas and New Year period 20th December to 2nd January, compared with the December and overall daily averages

