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Introduction

- Statistics on Arrests and the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) in this bulletin are presented on a financial year basis. All statistics on fixed penalty notices, written warnings, vehicle defect rectification scheme (VDRS) notices and breath tests provided in this bulletin are presented on a calendar year basis.
- The bulletin draws together statistics on the following topics:
 - arrests for notifiable offences;
 - stops and searches under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE);
 - breath tests;
 - police action in relation to motoring offences.

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- Chapters 1 and 2 contain an ethnic breakdown of persons stopped and searched and those arrested. However, a more detailed commentary and analysis will appear later this year in *Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System*. This is published by the Ministry of Justice under section 95 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991.

Link: <http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/raceandcjs.htm>

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- arrests where the age of the offender is not reported; and
- stops and searches of unattended vehicles.

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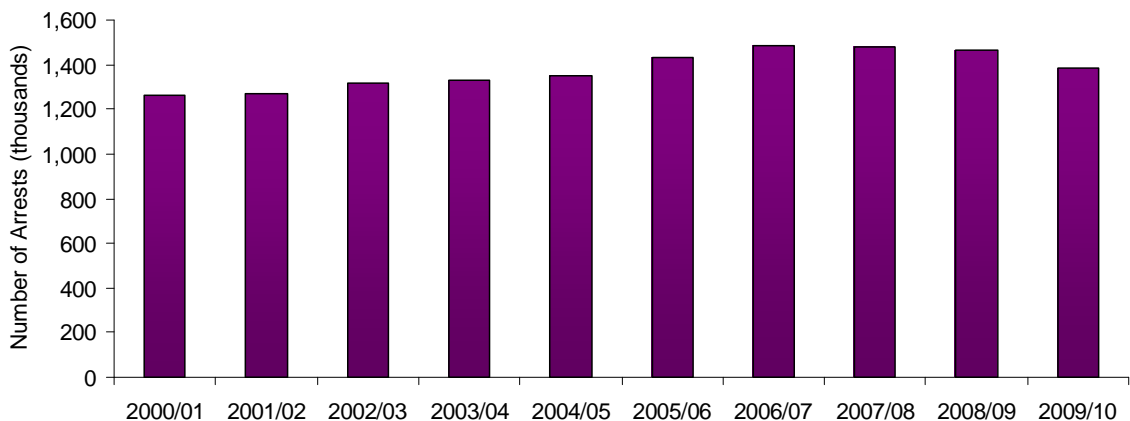
1 Arrests and detentions

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1.1 SUMMARY

- The number of persons arrested for recorded crime (notifiable offences) fell by five per cent between 2008/09 and 2009/10, to 1,386,030. Recorded crime decreased by eight per cent over the same period.
- A two per cent decrease in arrests for offences of violence against the person offences compares with a fall of four per cent in the number of recorded violence against the person offences.
- Arrests for offences of violence against the person fell for the fourth consecutive year from a ten-year peak of 488,100 in 2006/07 to 456,900 in 2009/10.
- Arrests of 10 to 17 year olds fell by 12 per cent in 2009/10 to 241,737.
- In 2009/10, 4,224* persons were detained by the police for more than 24 hours and then released without charge. A like-for-like comparison of police forces that provided data for both 2008/09 and 2009/10 shows a fall of four per cent on the 2008/09 figure.

Figure 1a Number of arrests, England and Wales, 2000/01 to 2009/10



1.2 INTRODUCTION

This chapter covers police powers of arrest. The statistics presented in this chapter relate to arrests for notifiable offences only, which form the basis of recorded crime statistics. The data presented in this chapter are drawn from returns from the 43 local police forces in England and Wales, and cover trends in arrest rates in England and Wales from 2000/01 to 2009/10, as well as breakdowns by offence group, sex and self-defined ethnicity.

Figures on arrests reported to the Home Office reflect police activity and should not be used to infer levels of crime committed by offenders, or their specific characteristics. Figures for recorded crime for 2009/10 are available on the Home Office website at the following web link <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/hosb1210>

* Figure excludes Cheshire, West Midlands and Hampshire, as these forces were unable to submit data for 2009/10.

1.3 ARRESTS BY OFFENCE GROUP

The number of arrests has fallen for the third successive year.

- In 2009/10, a total of 1,386,030 persons were arrested for recorded crime offences, a fall of five per cent (76,109 arrests) when compared to 2008/09. Total recorded crime over the same period fell by eight per cent to 4,338,604 offences.

The 76,109 fall in arrests is accounted for by falls in seven of the nine offence groups.

- The three largest percentage decreases recorded were for criminal damage, a fall of 12 per cent (down 16,257 arrests), theft and handling stolen goods down ten per cent (31,794 arrests), and 'other offences' also down ten per cent (21,665 arrests).
- Around a third of all arrests were for violence against the person offences (33%) in 2009/10, one percentage point higher than 2008/09.
- Arrests for fraud and forgery fell by four per cent in 2009/10 after rises in the previous two years.
- Arrests for robbery fell in 2009/10 by six per cent (2,001 arrests) to 32,698.

There were increases in arrests for two offence groups in 2009/10.

- For the second consecutive year, arrests for sexual offences increased, and showed the largest percentage increase in 2009/10 at nine per cent (an increase of 3,147 arrests). Figures on sexual offences are heavily influenced by the willingness of victims to report. Over the last year, police forces have reported taking some additional steps to improve their recording of sexual offences following best practice that the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) has been promoting within forces over the last two years.
- Arrests for drug offences have been increasing for a number of years with 84,800 recorded arrests in 2004/05 rising to 121,010 arrests in 2009/10.

Arrests for property offences (burglary, theft, fraud and forgery, and criminal damage) accounted for 39 per cent of all arrests for recorded crime offences in 2009/10, down from 41 per cent of arrests in 2008/09. In total, the number of arrests for these offences fell by nine per cent to 544,652, the fourth consecutive year a fall has been reported.

Figure 1b Change in number of arrests by offence group, England and Wales, 2008/09 to 2009/10



(1) Examples of offences covered in the 'other' category include public order offences, immigration offences, public health offences and perverting the course of justice.

Table 1a Persons arrested for recorded crime (notifiable offences) by type of offence and sex, 2000/01–2009/10

Numbers (thousands)		England and Wales								
Sex and year	Total	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Burglary	Theft & handling stolen goods	Fraud & forgery	Criminal damage	Drug offences	Other
Males										
2000/01	1,066.3	222.4	23.0	28.0	97.7	348.2	30.1	117.3	97.4	102.2
2001/02	1,066.3	221.5	24.3	32.1	97.8	343.5	29.1	115.4	101.5	101.1
2002/03	1,100.6	241.8	27.8	31.5	98.7	326.3	28.1	118.0	114.7	113.8
2003/04	1,109.6	278.6	29.1	30.5	98.3	302.6	28.2	128.1	97.8	116.4
2004/05	1,120.5	328.3	29.6	28.9	88.1	280.4	28.3	139.2	72.5	125.3
2005/06	1,182.1	369.3	31.1	31.3	89.9	277.1	26.1	147.0	76.3	133.9
2006/07	1,230.7	400.9	31.2	36.4	92.1	263.4	21.6	145.8	77.1	162.1
2007/08	1,223.4	389.6	31.2	32.3	86.6	250.3	23.5	132.7	90.8	186.2
2008/09 ¹	1,215.0	381.1	32.7	31.2	88.4	249.8	26.0	122.0	100.5	183.1
2009/10	1,154.0	375.4	35.9	29.7	84.9	224.2	24.6	107.7	106.6	164.9
Females										
2000/01	198.0	37.1	1.1	3.2	8.9	94.5	10.9	14.4	13.9	14.0
2001/02	205.6	37.9	0.9	3.8	9.5	97.0	10.5	15.2	15.1	15.7
2002/03	212.5	42.2	1.0	4.3	10.2	93.7	10.5	16.2	16.4	17.9
2003/04	220.9	53.5	0.9	4.2	10.6	89.7	10.2	18.1	15.2	18.4
2004/05	232.9	66.8	0.9	4.0	9.6	86.9	9.6	21.6	12.2	21.3
2005/06	247.7	78.9	1.0	4.1	9.2	86.6	9.3	22.6	12.3	23.7
2006/07	251.5	87.2	0.9	4.4	8.8	80.2	7.8	22.1	12.1	28.1
2007/08	251.9	88.1	0.8	4.0	8.0	77.4	8.3	20.2	13.7	31.4
2008/09 ¹	247.1	83.0	1.0	3.5	8.0	77.6	8.5	18.3	14.9	32.4
2009/10	232.1	81.5	1.0	3.0	7.0	71.4	8.5	16.4	14.4	29.0
Persons										
2000/01	1,264.2	259.5	24.1	31.2	106.5	442.7	41.1	131.7	111.3	116.2
2001/02	1,271.9	259.4	25.2	35.9	107.3	440.5	39.6	130.6	116.6	116.8
2002/03	1,313.1	284.0	28.9	35.8	108.9	419.9	38.6	134.1	131.1	131.8
2003/04	1,330.4	332.1	30.0	34.7	108.9	392.3	38.4	146.2	113.1	134.9
2004/05	1,353.4	395.2	30.4	32.8	97.7	367.2	37.8	160.8	84.8	146.6
2005/06	1,429.8	448.3	32.1	35.4	99.1	363.7	35.4	169.6	88.6	157.6
2006/07	1,482.2	488.1	32.1	40.8	100.9	343.6	29.4	168.0	89.2	190.1
2007/08	1,475.3	477.7	32.0	36.3	94.6	327.8	31.8	152.9	104.5	217.6
2008/09 ¹	1,462.1	464.1	33.7	34.7	96.4	327.4	34.5	140.3	115.3	215.5
2009/10	1,386.0	456.9	36.9	32.7	91.9	295.6	33.1	124.1	121.0	193.9
2009/10 - 2008/09										
Total change	-76.1	-7.2	3.1	-2.0	-4.6	-31.8	-1.4	-16.3	5.7	-21.7
(%)	-5	-2	9	-6	-5	-10	-4	-12	5	-10

1. Figures for North Yorkshire and North Wales for 2008/09 have been revised since the 2008/09 police powers bulletin.

1.4 ARRESTS BY SEX AND AGE

Table 1b shows arrests for different offence groups by sex and age group.

- In 2009/10, 83 per cent of those arrested for recorded crime offences were males, the same proportion as the previous four years.

Arrests for both males and females fell in 2009/10.

- Male arrests have declined by 61,058 (5%) to 1,153,954. Female arrests fell by 15,051(6%) to 232,076.

In recent years, arrests for violence against the person have exceeded those for theft, for both men and women.

- As in the previous three years, more females were arrested for offences of violence against the person in 2009/10 (81,490 arrests) than for theft and handling stolen goods (71,438 arrests).
- For males, it is the fifth consecutive year that arrests for offences of violence against the person (375,426 arrests) exceeded those in the theft category (224,187 arrests).

The total arrests for all age categories across both sexes fell in 2009/10.

- Arrests for under 18s accounted for 17 per cent of total arrests in 2009/10, down from 19 per cent in 2008/09.
- Arrests of 10 to 17 year olds fell by 12 per cent to 241,737, and those of 18 to 20 year olds fell by five per cent to 208,262. Arrests of those aged 21 and over fell three per cent to 934,443 in 2009/10.
- The number of arrests of 10 to 17 and 18 to 20 year olds for violence against the person offences fell by nine per cent and three per cent respectively in 2009/10, while the number of persons aged 21 and over arrested for violence against the person offences rose slightly (up 0.4%).
- The other offence categories which showed the highest falls in arrests for 10 to 17 year olds were criminal damage (down 21%) and fraud and forgery (down 16%).
- Arrests for sexual offences amongst 10 to 17 year olds saw the most significant rise in arrests of eight per cent, following the ACPO best practice guidance on recording sexual offences described on page 11.
- For the first time since the arrests collection began, violence against the person offences have overtaken theft and handling as the most prevalent offence group for arrestees aged 10 to 17 (26% of all arrests for that age group), violence against the person remains the most prevalent offence group for arrests of those in the 18 to 20 and 21 and over age groups (30% and 35% respectively). Arrests in both categories, however, fell by five and ten per cent respectively.

Further detail and analysis of gender issues are published by the Ministry of Justice as part of their 'Women and the Criminal Justice System' series. A link to previous editions of this bulletin is provided below:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/womencriminaljusticesystem-archive.htm>

Table 1b Persons arrested for recorded crime (notifiable offences) by type of offence, sex and age group, 2008/09 and 2009/10

Numbers	England and Wales																		
	Males							Females											
	Persons							Persons											
Year and notifiable offence group	Under 10 ¹	Aged 10-17	Aged 18-20	Aged 21 and over	Age unknown	All ages	Under 10 ¹	Aged 10-17	Aged 18-20	Aged 21 and over	Age unknown	All ages	Under 10 ¹	Aged 10-17	Aged 18-20	Aged 21 and over	Age unknown	All ages	
2009/10																			
Violence against the person	11	47,577	52,212	275,194	432	375,426	2	16,056	10,925	54,392	115	81,490	13	63,633	63,137	329,586	547	456,916	
Sexual offences	1	4,621	3,734	27,472	28	35,856	-	122	91	816	-	1,029	1	4,743	3,825	28,288	28	36,885	
Robbery	2	12,462	6,650	10,561	18	29,693	-	1,472	498	1,032	3	3,005	2	13,934	7,148	11,593	21	32,698	
Burglary	4	23,022	16,426	45,403	40	84,895	-	1,946	1,205	3,811	4	6,966	4	24,968	17,631	49,214	44	91,861	
Theft & handling stolen goods	6	42,346	32,960	148,698	177	224,187	2	17,534	8,369	45,468	65	71,438	8	59,880	41,329	194,166	242	295,625	
Fraud and forgery	-	1,071	2,719	20,829	21	24,640	-	496	1,001	6,958	8	8,463	-	1,567	3,720	27,787	29	33,103	
Criminal damage	1	28,314	19,799	59,492	107	107,713	-	4,960	2,198	9,171	21	16,350	1	33,274	21,997	68,663	128	124,063	
Drug offences	2	14,424	18,065	74,106	50	106,647	-	1,252	1,802	11,295	14	14,363	2	15,676	19,867	85,401	64	121,010	
Other	6	19,866	25,858	118,796	371	164,897	1	4,196	3,750	20,949	76	28,972	7	24,062	29,608	139,745	447	193,869	
Total	33	193,703	178,423	780,551	1,244	1,153,954	5	48,034	29,839	153,892	306	232,076	38	241,737	208,262	934,443	1,550	1,386,030	
2008/09²																			
Violence against the person	16	51,495	54,071	274,575	980	381,137	2	18,145	10,955	53,577	304	82,983	18	69,640	65,026	328,152	1,284	464,120	
Sexual offences	2	4,264	3,215	25,147	110	32,738	-	121	87	788	4	1,000	2	4,385	3,302	25,935	114	33,738	
Robbery	2	12,952	6,807	11,433	40	31,234	-	1,677	498	1,284	6	3,465	2	14,629	7,305	12,717	46	34,699	
Burglary	5	24,426	16,085	47,760	161	88,437	-	2,194	1,294	4,480	21	7,989	5	26,620	17,379	52,240	182	96,426	
Theft & handling stolen goods	13	50,240	35,973	163,105	509	249,840	9	20,016	8,879	48,435	240	77,579	22	70,256	44,852	211,540	749	327,419	
Fraud and forgery	-	1,326	3,047	21,576	65	26,014	-	550	965	6,989	23	8,527	-	1,876	4,012	28,565	88	34,541	
Criminal damage	10	35,794	22,301	63,593	290	121,988	1	6,081	2,481	9,718	51	18,332	11	41,875	24,782	73,311	341	140,320	
Drug offences	3	14,328	17,013	68,955	187	100,486	-	1,370	1,884	11,562	40	14,856	3	15,698	18,897	80,517	227	115,342	
Other	18	23,316	29,418	129,706	680	183,138	2	4,974	4,335	22,976	109	32,396	20	28,290	33,753	152,682	789	215,534	
Total	69	218,141	187,930	805,850	3,022	1,215,012	14	55,128	31,378	159,809	798	247,127	83	273,269	219,308	965,659	3,820	1,462,139	

1. Persons who, after further investigation, were found to be under the legal age limit for arrest of ten years.

2. Figures for North Yorkshire and North Wales for 2008/09 have been revised since the 2008/09 police powers bulletin.

1.5 ARRESTS RESULTING FROM STOP AND SEARCH

In England and Wales in 2009/10, eight per cent of arrests for notifiable offences resulted from a stop and search under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE), the same rate as in 2008/09. For the Metropolitan Police the figure was 16 per cent, a fall of two percentage points on 2008/09. Further breakdown of arrests resulting from stop and searches can be found in Chapter 2 of this publication.

Table 1c Proportion of total arrests for recorded crime (notifiable offences) resulting from a stop and search under s1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and other legislation, 2000/01-2009/10

Year	Percentages		England and Wales
	Metropolitan Police	Other forces	England and Wales
2000/01	15	6	8
2001/02	17	7	8
2002/03	20	7	9
2003/04	15	6	7
2004/05	13	6	7
2005/06	17	6	7
2006/07	17	6	7
2007/08	19	6	8
2008/09	18	6	8
2009/10	16	6	8

1.6 ARRESTS: GEOGRAPHIC PATTERNS

Nine police forces recorded increases in the number of arrests for recorded crime offences in 2009/10, while 34 recorded decreases (Table 1.01).

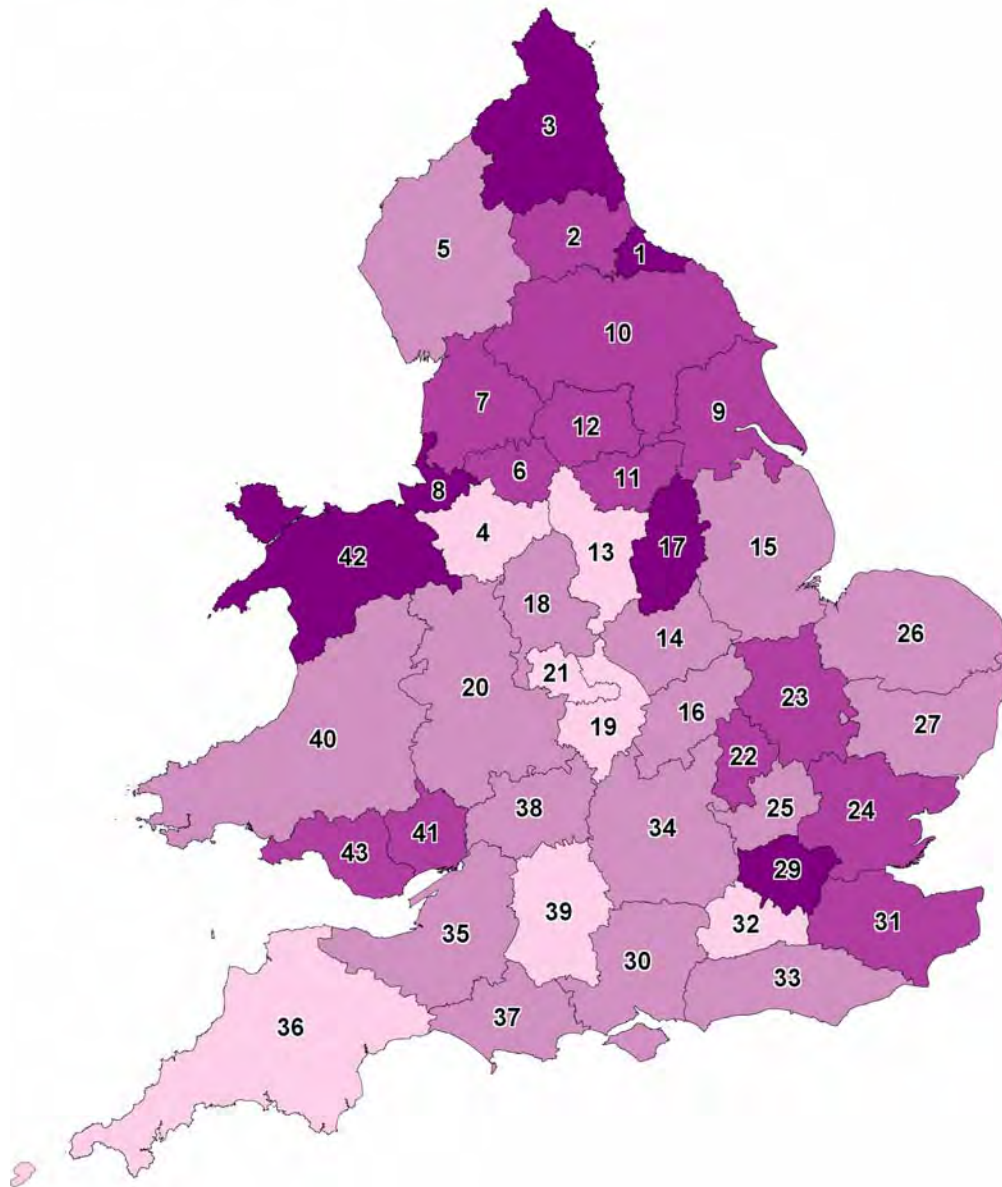
- The largest percentage increases reported were in Wiltshire (up 12%), followed by the Metropolitan Police (up 6%) and Humberside (up 5%).
- The largest percentage falls were recorded in the West Midlands (down 18%), followed by Gloucestershire and West Mercia (both down 17%).
- The Metropolitan Police recorded 12,933 more arrests for recorded crime offences in 2009/10 than in 2008/09, an increase of six per cent. In 2009/10, 17 per cent of arrests in England and Wales took place in the Metropolitan Police force area, an increase of one percentage point from 2008/09.

Figure 1c shows arrests rates by population at police force area level.

- The rates range from 13 per 1,000 population in Surrey to 38 per 1,000 in Cleveland. The rate for England and Wales as a whole was 25 per 1,000 population.

Figure 1c Arrests: rates per 1,000 population at police force area level, 2009/10

- 30 arrests and above
- more than 25 but less than 30 arrests
- more than 20 but less than 25 arrests
- less than 20 arrests



North West Region

- 4. Cheshire
- 5. Cumbria
- 6. Greater Manchester
- 7. Lancashire
- 8. Merseyside

West Midlands Region

- 18. Staffordshire
- 19. Warwickshire
- 20. West Mercia
- 21. West Midlands

Yorkshire and the Humber Region

- 9. Humberside
- 10. North Yorkshire
- 11. South Yorkshire
- 12. West Yorkshire

East Midlands Region

- 13. Derbyshire
- 14. Leicestershire
- 15. Lincolnshire
- 16. Northamptonshire
- 17. Nottinghamshire

North East Region

- 1. Cleveland
- 2. Durham
- 3. Northumbria

Wales

- 40. Dyfed-Powys
- 41. Gwent
- 42. North Wales
- 43. South Wales

South West Region

- 35. Avon and Somerset
- 36. Devon and Cornwall
- 37. Dorset
- 38. Gloucestershire
- 39. Wiltshire

London Region

- 29. Metropolitan Police (including City of London)

South East Region

- 30. Hampshire
- 31. Kent
- 32. Surrey
- 33. Sussex
- 34. Thames Valley

East of England Region

- 22. Bedfordshire
- 23. Cambridgeshire
- 24. Essex
- 25. Hertfordshire
- 26. Norfolk
- 27. Suffolk

1.7 ARRESTS BY ETHNICITY

- Whilst some ethnic breakdowns are provided in this bulletin for the first time, detailed figures and analysis will continue to be the responsibility of the Ministry of Justice and will be published as part of their publication 'Statistics on Race in the Criminal Justice System'. A link to previous editions of this bulletin is provided below:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/raceandcjs-archive.htm>

During an arrest, a suspect is asked to define his ethnicity. These are grouped in this chapter into White, Black (or Black British), Asian (or Asian British), Chinese or other ethnic group, Mixed ethnicity and ethnicity not stated.

Table 1d Number and proportion of arrests by ethnicity, 2008/09 and 2009/10

Number of arrests	England and Wales					
	2009-10			2008-09		
	England and Wales	Of which:		England and Wales	Of which:	
Metropolitan Police		Other forces	Metropolitan Police		Other forces	
Self-defined ethnicity						
White	1,103,889	117,682	986,207	1,178,536	113,089	1,065,447
Black or Black British	111,000	65,022	45,978	111,271	61,876	49,395
Asian or Asian British	78,131	27,482	50,649	78,422	24,804	53,618
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	20,261	9,050	11,211	20,931	8,254	12,677
Mixed	40,121	14,054	26,067	40,256	12,869	27,387
Not stated	32,628	7,526	25,102	32,723	6,991	25,732
Total	1,386,030	240,816	1,145,214	1,462,139	227,883	1,234,256

Proportion of arrests (%)¹

Self-defined ethnicity	2009-10			2008-09		
	England and Wales	Of which:		England and Wales	Of which:	
		Metropolitan Police	Other forces		Metropolitan Police	Other forces
White	80	49	86	81	50	86
Black or Black British	8	27	4	8	27	4
Asian or Asian British	6	11	4	5	11	4
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	1	4	1	1	4	1
Mixed	3	6	2	3	6	2
Not stated	2	3	2	2	3	2
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

1. The percentages calculated in this table include 'not stated' ethnicities, therefore they are not comparable with those in Figure 1d.

The proportions of arrests by ethnicity in 2009/10 in England and Wales were as follows:

Eighty per cent of those arrested in 2009/10 defined themselves as white. A further 8 per cent defined themselves as Black or Black British, and 9 per cent Asian or Asian British.

The proportion of arrests by ethnicity was similar in 2009/10 as for 2008/09. The proportion of arrests for persons defined as White decreased by one percentage point whilst for those defined as Asian the proportion increased by one percentage point, with the others remaining broadly the same.

Table 1d splits the England and Wales arrests figures into the Metropolitan Police area and the rest of England and Wales. Any differences reflect in part the different proportions of ethnic groups in the overall population (including visitors) in these areas.

- For 2009/10 they show lower proportions of White arrestees in the Metropolitan Police force (49% of all arrests) compared with England and Wales as a whole (80%).
- The picture is reversed for other ethnic groups. In particular the proportion of Black and Black British arrestees in the Metropolitan Police area (27% of all arrestees) is higher than in England and Wales (8%). Similarly the proportion of Asian and Asian British arrestees in the Metropolitan Police (11%) exceeds that of England and Wales (6%).

1.8 POLICE DETENTION

- The overall number of persons detained for more than 24 hours (up to a maximum of 96 hours) under PACE and subsequently released without charge was 4,224 (Table 1.08) during 2009/10. A like-for-like comparison of selected police forces who provided data for both 2008/09 and 2009/10 shows a fall of four per cent on the 2008/09 figure**.
- Ninety-four per cent of those detained for more than 24 hours during 2009/10 were released within 36 hours, up from 88 per cent in 2008/09.

Table 1.08 shows figures on police detentions, by police force area, where the person is detained for more than 24 hours and subsequently released.

Box 1a **Police detention**

Under section 42 of PACE, detention in police custody before charge on the authority of a police officer is normally limited to 24 hours except where the alleged offence is an indictable one, where the maximum is 36 hours. From 20 January 2004, new powers were introduced which enabled a superintendent or above to authorise continued detention for up to 36 hours for all arrestable offences. Additionally, the police can apply to magistrates for warrants of further detention, extending the maximum detention period to 96 hours. With effect from 1 January 2006 the offence coverage was revised to include all indictable offences.

Persons detained under warrant of further detention

Warrants of further detention (issued by magistrates) under PACE, which authorise detention without charge, were applied for on 582 occasions during 2009/10.

In all years since 1999/00, almost all applications have been granted.

- In 2009/10, 66 per cent of those detained under warrant were charged, a fall of five percentage points on the previous year.

Table 1.08 shows the periods for which the warrants of further detention were granted, including any extensions. For 2009/10 only, it also shows the time spent in custody under the warrants. Tables 1.09 and 1.10 show data on the number of persons detained and warrants issued/granted from 2000/01 to 2009/10.

The data in Tables 1.09 to 1.11 are provided for each year from 2000/01. These totals should not be used to make direct comparisons as figures are not available for all police forces over time (see footnotes on tables).

Box 1b **Charges following detention**

Figures on police detention are reported to the Home Office for the purposes of monitoring whether police forces are using their powers of further detention appropriately, rather than to ascertain charging rates. As a result, no figures on the number of persons charged after being held for less than 36 hours with no warrant applied for are collected.

Figures on charging rates when a person is held for more than 36 hours under warrant are collected because, in these instances, persons can be held in police custody for up to 96 hours and it is important to monitor charging rates when persons are held for extended periods of time.

* Figure excludes Cheshire, West Midlands and Hampshire, which were unable to submit data for 2009/10.

** A number of forces have been excluded from calculations made on this page to allow a like-for-like comparison between the two years to be calculated. See Table 1.07.

Table 1.01 Persons arrested for recorded crime (notifiable offences) by sex and police force area, 2008/09 and 2009/10

Police force area	Numbers and percentage changes						England and Wales		
	Males		Females		Persons		Arrest rate per 1,000 population (persons) ¹	Change 2008/09 - 2009/10	
	2008/09	2009/10	2008/09	2009/10	2008/09	2009/10		Number	%
Cleveland	17,932	17,760	3,671	3,474	21,603	21,234	38	-369	-2
Durham	14,970	14,669	3,376	3,120	18,346	17,789	29	-557	-3
Northumbria	44,968	40,548	10,848	9,503	55,816	50,051	35	-5,765	-10
North East Region	77,870	72,977	17,895	16,097	95,765	89,074	34	-6,691	-7
Cheshire	16,930	16,152	3,484	2,868	20,414	19,020	19	-1,394	-7
Cumbria	9,895	8,769	2,507	2,130	12,402	10,899	22	-1,503	-12
Greater Manchester	63,701	58,490	12,797	10,982	76,498	69,472	27	-7,026	-9
Lancashire	37,081	35,598	7,591	7,237	44,672	42,835	30	-1,837	-4
Merseyside	36,080	36,678	7,194	6,844	43,274	43,522	32	248	1
North West Region	163,687	155,687	33,573	30,061	197,260	185,748	27	-11,512	-6
Humberside	20,052	21,275	3,817	3,893	23,869	25,168	27	1,299	5
North Yorkshire ²	17,751	17,082	4,111	3,931	21,862	21,013	26	-849	-4
South Yorkshire	31,371	28,189	6,309	5,296	37,680	33,485	25	-4,195	-11
West Yorkshire	57,993	53,041	12,536	11,315	70,529	64,356	29	-6,173	-9
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	127,167	119,587	26,773	24,435	153,940	144,022	27	-9,918	-6
Derbyshire	19,344	16,931	3,767	2,995	23,111	19,926	20	-3,185	-14
Leicestershire	19,247	19,456	2,888	2,947	22,135	22,403	23	268	1
Lincolnshire	16,009	13,487	3,246	2,766	19,255	16,253	23	-3,002	-16
Northamptonshire	13,218	12,558	2,223	2,134	15,441	14,692	21	-749	-5
Nottinghamshire	30,297	27,249	6,149	5,740	36,446	32,989	31	-3,457	-9
East Midlands Region	98,115	89,681	18,273	16,582	116,388	106,263	24	-10,125	-9
Staffordshire	21,724	20,425	4,158	4,087	25,882	24,512	23	-1,370	-5
Warwickshire	8,754	7,509	1,525	1,330	10,279	8,839	17	-1,440	-14
West Mercia	23,845	19,919	4,980	4,077	28,825	23,996	20	-4,829	-17
West Midlands	52,542	43,792	11,118	8,110	63,660	51,902	20	-11,758	-18
West Midlands Region	106,865	91,645	21,781	17,604	128,646	109,249	20	-19,397	-15
Bedfordshire	14,147	12,971	2,522	2,393	16,669	15,364	25	-1,305	-8
Cambridgeshire	17,411	16,498	3,556	3,461	20,967	19,959	26	-1,008	-5
Essex	43,206	36,357	10,177	8,556	53,383	44,913	26	-8,470	-16
Hertfordshire	18,991	19,366	4,101	4,027	23,092	23,393	21	301	1
Norfolk	15,719	14,293	3,035	2,835	18,754	17,128	20	-1,626	-9
Suffolk	13,208	12,750	2,642	2,439	15,850	15,189	21	-661	-4
East of England Region	122,682	112,235	26,033	23,711	148,715	135,946	24	-12,769	-9
London, City of	3,338	2,845	491	440	3,829	3,285	286	-544	-14
Metropolitan Police	193,382	202,913	34,501	37,903	227,883	240,816	31	12,933	6
London Region	196,720	205,758	34,992	38,343	231,712	244,101	31	12,389	5
Hampshire	35,634	36,673	7,777	8,056	43,411	44,729	24	1,318	3
Kent	36,085	34,263	7,638	7,431	43,723	41,694	25	-2,029	-5
Surrey	13,097	11,959	2,550	2,381	15,647	14,340	13	-1,307	-8
Sussex	31,813	30,506	7,641	7,005	39,454	37,511	24	-1,943	-5
Thames Valley	49,830	44,294	10,180	8,967	60,010	53,261	24	-6,749	-11
South East Region	166,459	157,695	35,786	33,840	202,245	191,535	23	-10,710	-5
Avon and Somerset	27,652	28,041	5,943	6,222	33,595	34,263	21	668	2
Devon and Cornwall	22,391	22,976	4,117	4,309	26,508	27,285	16	777	3
Dorset	13,802	12,755	2,672	2,448	16,474	15,203	21	-1,271	-8
Gloucestershire	12,608	10,495	3,157	2,570	15,765	13,065	22	-2,700	-17
Wiltshire	7,324	8,057	1,370	1,676	8,694	9,733	15	1,039	12
South West Region	83,777	82,324	17,259	17,225	101,036	99,549	19	-1,487	-1
England Total	1,143,342	1,087,589	232,365	217,898	1,375,707	1,305,487	25	-70,220	-5
Dyfed-Powys	9,863	9,500	2,117	2,101	11,980	11,601	23	-379	-3
Gwent	14,171	12,353	2,563	2,250	16,734	14,603	26	-2,131	-13
North Wales ²	20,237	18,164	3,819	3,850	24,056	22,014	32	-2,042	-8
South Wales	27,399	26,348	6,263	5,977	33,662	32,325	26	-1,337	-4
Wales Total	71,670	66,365	14,762	14,178	86,432	80,543	27	-5,889	-7
England and Wales	1,215,012	1,153,954	247,127	232,076	1,462,139	1,386,030	25	-76,109	-5

1. Arrest rate high for City of London police due to very small resident population within the force.

2. Figures for North Yorkshire and North Wales for 2008/09 have been revised since the 2008/09 police powers bulletin.

Table 1.02 Number and proportion of persons arrested for recorded crime (notifiable offences) in each police force area by sex and age group, 2009/10¹

Police force area	England and Wales												
	Number of arrests	Males				Females				Persons			
		10-17	18-20	21 and over	all ages	10-17	18-20	21 and over	all ages	10-17	18-20	21 and over	all ages
Cleveland	21,234	12	13	58	84	2	2	12	16	15	15	69	100
Durham	17,789	15	14	53	82	4	2	11	18	19	16	64	100
Northumbria	50,051	15	14	53	81	4	2	12	19	19	16	65	100
North East Region	89,074	14	14	54	82	4	2	12	18	18	16	66	100
Cheshire	19,020	11	14	60	85	2	2	11	15	13	16	70	100
Cumbria	10,899	14	13	53	80	4	3	13	20	18	16	66	100
Greater Manchester	69,472	15	13	56	84	3	2	11	16	19	15	66	100
Lancashire	42,835	16	13	54	83	4	2	11	17	20	15	65	100
Merseyside	43,522	17	14	53	84	3	2	11	16	20	16	64	100
North West Region	185,748	15	13	55	84	3	2	11	16	19	15	66	100
Humberside	25,168	14	12	58	85	3	2	10	15	17	15	68	100
North Yorkshire	21,013	14	14	54	81	4	3	12	19	18	17	65	100
South Yorkshire	33,485	15	14	56	84	4	2	10	16	18	16	66	100
West Yorkshire	64,356	15	13	54	82	4	2	11	18	19	15	65	100
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	144,022	15	13	55	83	4	2	11	17	18	16	66	100
Derbyshire	19,926	15	13	57	85	3	2	10	15	19	15	67	100
Leicestershire	22,403	13	14	59	87	2	2	9	13	16	16	68	100
Lincolnshire	16,253	11	13	59	83	4	2	11	17	15	15	70	100
Northamptonshire	14,692	14	13	58	85	3	2	10	15	17	15	68	100
Nottinghamshire	32,989	14	13	56	83	3	2	12	17	17	15	68	100
East Midlands Region	106,263	13	13	58	84	3	2	10	16	17	15	68	100
Staffordshire	24,512	13	14	56	83	3	2	11	17	16	16	66	100
Warwickshire	8,839	10	15	59	85	3	2	10	15	13	18	69	100
West Mercia	23,996	13	14	56	83	4	2	11	17	17	16	67	100
West Midlands	51,902	11	12	61	84	3	2	11	16	13	15	72	100
West Midlands Region	109,249	12	13	59	84	3	2	11	16	15	15	69	100
Bedfordshire	15,364	13	13	58	84	3	2	10	16	16	15	68	100
Cambridgeshire	19,959	13	12	57	83	4	2	11	17	17	14	69	100
Essex	44,913	15	13	53	81	5	2	12	19	20	15	65	100
Hertfordshire	23,393	15	13	55	83	4	2	11	17	18	16	66	100
Norfolk	17,128	12	12	59	83	3	2	11	17	15	14	71	100
Suffolk	15,189	12	14	58	84	3	2	11	16	15	16	68	100
East of England Region	135,946	14	13	56	83	4	2	11	17	18	15	67	100
London, City of	3,285	5	7	74	87	1	1	11	13	6	9	85	100
Metropolitan Police	240,816	15	11	58	84	3	2	11	16	18	13	69	100
London Region	244,101	15	11	58	84	3	2	11	16	17	13	69	100
Hampshire	44,729	15	14	54	82	4	2	12	18	19	16	65	100
Kent	41,694	16	13	53	82	4	2	11	18	20	15	64	100
Surrey	14,340	11	14	58	83	3	2	11	17	14	17	69	100
Sussex	37,511	12	12	57	81	4	2	12	19	16	14	70	100
Thames Valley	53,261	13	13	57	83	3	2	11	17	16	15	69	100
South East Region	191,535	14	13	55	82	4	2	12	18	18	15	67	100
Avon and Somerset	34,263	14	13	55	82	4	2	12	18	18	15	67	100
Devon and Cornwall	27,285	11	13	60	84	3	2	11	16	14	16	70	100
Dorset	15,203	12	14	57	84	3	2	11	16	15	16	68	100
Gloucestershire	13,065	11	13	56	80	4	3	12	20	15	16	68	100
Wiltshire	9,733	12	14	57	83	4	2	11	17	16	16	68	100
South West Region	99,549	12	13	57	83	4	2	11	17	16	16	68	100
England Total	1,305,487	14	13	56	83	3	2	11	17	17	15	67	100
Dyfed-Powys	11,601	16	13	53	82	4	3	12	18	19	16	64	100
Gwent	14,603	14	15	56	85	3	2	10	15	17	17	66	100
North Wales	22,014	13	14	55	83	4	3	11	17	17	17	66	100
South Wales	32,325	13	13	55	82	4	3	12	18	17	15	67	100
Wales Total	80,543	14	14	55	82	4	3	11	18	18	16	66	100
England and Wales	1,386,030	14	13	56	83	3	2	11	17	17	15	67	100

1. Arrests of those under the age of ten and 'age unknown' have been excluded due to low figures.

Table 1.03 Number and proportion of persons (all ages) arrested for recorded crime (notifiable offences) in each police force area by offence group, 2009/10

Police force area	England and Wales									
	Total notifiable offences [=100%]	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drugs offences	Other offences
Cleveland	21,234	31	1	2	11	30	0	10	9	7
Durham	17,789	33	3	1	8	25	2	13	6	9
Northumbria	50,051	31	2	1	7	26	3	13	8	8
North East Region	89,074	31	2	1	8	27	2	12	8	8
Cheshire	19,020	38	3	2	7	22	2	9	8	10
Cumbria	10,899	43	2	1	7	24	1	14	7	1
Greater Manchester	69,472	34	3	4	9	22	2	9	9	10
Lancashire	42,835	32	1	1	7	27	2	13	12	5
Merseyside	43,522	31	2	2	7	22	2	7	21	6
North West Region	185,748	34	2	2	8	23	2	9	12	7
Humberside	25,168	24	3	1	8	17	1	8	5	33
North Yorkshire	21,013	36	2	1	8	26	3	10	8	5
South Yorkshire	33,485	36	2	2	8	24	2	10	9	7
West Yorkshire	64,356	33	2	3	11	24	2	9	7	8
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	144,022	33	2	2	9	23	2	9	7	12
Derbyshire	19,926	40	4	3	7	20	2	10	8	6
Leicestershire	22,403	25	3	2	8	17	2	7	6	30
Lincolnshire	16,253	27	3	1	5	25	1	9	6	23
Northamptonshire	14,692	28	3	3	9	21	2	8	6	20
Nottinghamshire	32,989	27	3	3	8	21	1	9	8	21
East Midlands Region	106,263	29	3	2	7	20	2	9	7	20
Staffordshire	24,512	41	3	2	6	20	2	10	7	9
Warwickshire	8,839	37	3	2	7	22	2	10	8	9
West Mercia	23,996	29	4	2	6	20	2	8	6	25
West Midlands	51,902	39	1	2	5	21	2	10	10	9
West Midlands Region	109,249	37	3	2	5	21	2	10	8	13
Bedfordshire	15,364	27	2	3	5	17	2	8	5	29
Cambridgeshire	19,959	28	3	2	6	22	3	9	6	23
Essex	44,913	30	2	1	5	23	2	10	6	18
Hertfordshire	23,393	37	2	2	5	22	4	9	13	7
Norfolk	17,128	29	3	1	5	22	2	10	6	22
Suffolk	15,189	27	3	1	6	18	2	8	5	30
East of England Region	135,946	30	3	2	5	21	3	9	7	20
London, City of	3,285	19	1	1	3	36	18	5	10	7
Metropolitan Police	240,816	31	3	5	5	19	3	6	11	18
London Region	244,101	31	3	5	5	19	3	6	11	18
Hampshire	44,729	40	3	2	6	19	2	9	7	12
Kent	41,694	31	3	1	7	22	3	10	8	15
Surrey	14,340	38	2	2	7	21	4	8	6	11
Sussex	37,511	26	3	2	5	17	2	8	7	30
Thames Valley	53,261	30	3	2	6	20	2	8	9	20
South East Region	191,535	32	3	2	6	20	3	9	8	18
Avon and Somerset	34,263	35	3	2	7	22	1	12	8	10
Devon and Cornwall	27,285	48	3	1	6	16	2	9	10	6
Dorset	15,203	37	3	1	6	22	3	10	7	10
Gloucestershire	13,065	35	2	1	7	25	3	10	10	7
Wiltshire	9,733	46	3	2	8	20	3	2	5	9
South West Region	99,549	40	3	2	7	21	2	9	8	8
England Total	1,305,487	33	3	2	7	21	2	9	9	14
Dyfed-Powys	11,601	32	4	1	7	22	2	16	15	1
Gwent	14,603	27	3	1	7	20	1	9	8	24
North Wales	22,014	44	3	1	6	20	1	12	5	8
South Wales	32,325	40	2	2	8	22	2	10	8	7
Wales Total	80,543	37	3	1	7	21	2	11	8	9
England and Wales	1,386,030	33	3	2	7	21	2	9	9	14

Table 1.04 Number and proportion of persons aged 10-17 arrested for recorded crime (notifiable offences) in each police force area by offence group, 2009/10

Number and percentages											England and Wales
Police force area	Total notifiable offences [=100%]	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drugs offences	Other offences	
Cleveland	3,079	26	1	2	14	30	0	18	4	5	
Durham	3,399	30	2	1	10	25	1	21	2	7	
Northumbria	9,570	30	2	2	9	26	1	20	4	6	
North East Region	16,048	29	2	2	10	27	1	20	4	6	
Cheshire	2,520	32	2	3	12	22	1	14	5	8	
Cumbria	1,929	34	1	1	12	24	0	22	3	1	
Greater Manchester	13,018	27	2	7	13	23	1	12	7	8	
Lancashire	8,621	28	1	2	10	30	1	21	5	3	
Merseyside	8,726	27	1	3	12	22	1	12	18	4	
North West Region	34,814	28	2	4	12	25	1	15	9	5	
Humberside	4,277	18	2	2	14	20	0	13	3	27	
North Yorkshire	3,725	30	2	2	10	30	1	18	4	3	
South Yorkshire	6,029	29	2	4	11	28	1	15	5	5	
West Yorkshire	12,444	24	2	7	18	27	0	12	4	6	
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	26,475	25	2	5	15	27	1	14	4	8	
Derbyshire	3,719	33	2	8	11	22	0	15	5	4	
Leicestershire	3,494	21	2	6	13	20	0	13	4	19	
Lincolnshire	2,408	22	2	1	8	31	0	15	4	16	
Northamptonshire	2,432	21	2	8	16	22	1	13	3	15	
Nottinghamshire	5,634	22	2	6	12	23	0	14	5	14	
East Midlands Region	17,687	24	2	6	12	23	0	14	4	13	
Staffordshire	3,979	31	3	5	11	23	1	15	3	7	
Warwickshire	1,166	34	2	3	11	23	1	16	3	6	
West Mercia	4,134	28	3	3	10	22	0	14	3	17	
West Midlands	6,909	32	1	7	7	23	1	16	7	6	
West Midlands Region	16,188	31	2	5	9	23	1	15	5	9	
Bedfordshire	2,489	26	2	7	9	20	0	13	4	19	
Cambridgeshire	3,458	27	2	3	10	25	0	14	4	13	
Essex	9,050	26	1	3	8	28	0	17	5	11	
Hertfordshire	4,298	26	1	5	8	30	2	13	11	5	
Norfolk	2,547	24	3	2	8	28	0	16	3	16	
Suffolk	2,312	23	2	4	12	24	0	13	3	19	
East of England Region	24,154	26	2	4	9	27	1	15	6	12	
London, City of	191	10	1	9	6	41	6	5	12	10	
Metropolitan Police	42,468	21	2	14	7	23	1	7	11	14	
London Region	42,659	21	2	14	7	23	1	7	11	14	
Hampshire	8,494	32	2	3	10	26	1	13	5	8	
Kent	8,537	23	2	2	11	27	1	16	5	13	
Surrey	2,070	31	2	5	9	28	1	12	3	9	
Sussex	5,933	24	3	3	9	25	0	13	5	18	
Thames Valley	8,685	23	2	7	10	24	1	13	7	14	
South East Region	33,719	26	2	4	10	26	1	14	5	13	
Avon and Somerset	6,226	28	2	5	11	21	0	16	7	10	
Devon and Cornwall	3,719	43	3	2	10	18	1	15	5	3	
Dorset	2,336	30	2	1	9	27	1	18	4	8	
Gloucestershire	1,990	27	1	3	8	33	1	16	7	5	
Wiltshire	1,527	38	3	5	13	26	1	3	2	8	
South West Region	15,798	33	2	3	10	23	1	15	6	7	
England Total	227,542	26	2	6	10	25	1	14	7	10	
Dyfed-Powys	2,255	27	2	1	10	24	1	24	10	0	
Gwent	2,546	17	2	3	15	24	0	14	4	21	
North Wales	3,803	38	2	1	10	22	0	19	1	6	
South Wales	5,591	33	2	3	10	27	0	16	5	5	
Wales Total	14,195	30	2	2	11	25	0	18	4	7	
England and Wales	241,737	26	2	6	10	25	1	14	6	10	

Table 1.05 Number and proportion of persons aged 18-20 arrested for recorded crime (notifiable offences) in each police force area by offence group, 2009/10

Police force area	England and Wales									
	Total notifiable offences [=100%]	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drugs offences	Other offences
Cleveland	3,200	30	1	2	11	26	0	13	8	9
Durham	2,927	31	2	1	9	24	1	18	3	11
Northumbria	8,102	31	2	2	8	23	3	16	9	7
North East Region	14,229	31	2	2	9	24	2	16	8	8
Cheshire	3,107	34	2	3	9	19	1	10	10	13
Cumbria	1,751	45	1	1	7	19	1	16	8	1
Greater Manchester	10,267	31	2	6	11	20	2	9	9	10
Lancashire	6,436	31	1	2	7	23	3	15	14	4
Merseyside	6,799	27	1	2	8	18	2	7	28	6
North West Region	28,360	31	2	3	9	20	2	11	15	8
Humberside	3,654	23	2	2	10	15	1	9	5	33
North Yorkshire	3,524	36	2	2	11	23	2	12	7	5
South Yorkshire	5,329	35	1	2	9	22	1	12	9	8
West Yorkshire	9,934	28	2	5	15	22	2	10	8	9
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	22,441	30	2	3	12	21	2	11	8	12
Derbyshire	2,927	38	3	3	8	21	1	13	7	5
Leicestershire	3,591	23	2	3	9	17	1	7	7	29
Lincolnshire	2,516	25	2	1	5	22	0	10	6	28
Northamptonshire	2,245	23	2	4	11	20	1	11	6	23
Nottinghamshire	4,973	24	2	3	10	19	1	12	8	21
East Midlands Region	16,252	26	2	3	9	20	1	11	7	21
Staffordshire	3,965	39	2	3	7	18	1	13	6	10
Warwickshire	1,569	34	2	4	12	20	2	11	6	11
West Mercia	3,823	28	3	2	7	17	1	11	6	25
West Midlands	7,531	36	1	3	6	20	2	11	11	9
West Midlands Region	16,888	35	2	3	7	19	2	12	8	13
Bedfordshire	2,358	24	1	5	7	16	1	9	6	31
Cambridgeshire	2,747	26	2	3	7	20	2	12	6	22
Essex	6,816	27	2	2	8	23	2	12	7	18
Hertfordshire	3,660	34	1	2	7	19	4	11	15	7
Norfolk	2,450	25	2	2	7	20	1	13	7	23
Suffolk	2,470	25	2	2	8	17	1	11	5	29
East of England Region	20,501	27	2	2	7	20	2	11	8	20
London, City of	284	15	2	4	5	36	13	5	12	8
Metropolitan Police	31,398	26	2	7	7	19	3	6	13	18
London Region	31,682	25	2	7	7	20	3	6	13	18
Hampshire	7,124	38	3	3	8	17	1	10	7	13
Kent	6,353	29	2	3	8	21	2	12	9	15
Surrey	2,374	32	2	4	10	22	3	10	6	12
Sussex	5,417	25	2	3	7	16	1	9	7	29
Thames Valley	8,016	27	2	4	8	18	1	10	11	20
South East Region	29,284	30	2	3	8	18	2	10	8	18
Avon and Somerset	5,174	33	2	3	9	19	1	14	7	13
Devon and Cornwall	4,332	49	2	2	7	14	2	11	7	6
Dorset	2,505	36	2	2	7	20	2	12	7	12
Gloucestershire	2,091	33	2	2	10	23	2	11	10	6
Wiltshire	1,569	38	3	5	12	21	2	2	5	13
South West Region	15,671	38	2	3	9	19	1	11	7	10
England Total	195,308	30	2	4	8	20	2	10	10	14
Dyfed-Powys	1,867	30	3	1	9	21	2	18	15	2
Gwent	2,435	25	2	1	8	18	1	11	8	26
North Wales	3,716	42	2	1	7	18	1	16	4	9
South Wales	4,936	40	2	2	9	20	2	11	7	7
Wales Total	12,954	36	2	2	8	19	1	13	8	11
England and Wales	208,262	30	2	3	8	20	2	11	10	14

Table 1.06 Number and proportion of persons aged 21 and over arrested for recorded crime (notifiable offences) in each police force area by offence group, 2009/10

Police force area	England and Wales									
	Total notifiable offences [=100%]	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drugs offences	Other offences
Cleveland	14,746	32	1	1	10	31	0	8	10	7
Durham	11,451	34	3	1	7	25	2	10	8	9
Northumbria	32,378	31	2	1	6	27	4	10	9	8
North East Region	58,575	32	2	1	7	28	3	10	9	8
Cheshire	13,391	40	3	1	5	22	2	8	8	10
Cumbria	7,140	44	2	1	6	25	1	11	8	1
Greater Manchester	46,113	36	4	2	7	22	3	7	9	10
Lancashire	27,777	33	1	1	6	28	3	9	14	5
Merseyside	27,991	33	2	2	5	23	3	6	21	6
North West Region	122,412	36	3	1	6	24	3	8	13	8
Humberside	17,215	25	3	1	6	16	2	6	6	35
North Yorkshire	13,759	38	3	1	7	25	3	8	9	5
South Yorkshire	22,124	38	3	1	7	23	3	9	10	7
West Yorkshire	41,960	37	3	2	7	23	3	8	8	9
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	95,058	35	3	1	7	22	3	8	8	13
Derbyshire	13,269	43	5	1	6	19	3	8	9	6
Leicestershire	15,293	27	4	1	6	16	2	6	6	33
Lincolnshire	11,318	29	3	1	5	24	2	7	7	23
Northamptonshire	10,001	31	3	2	6	21	3	7	6	21
Nottinghamshire	22,366	29	3	1	6	20	2	7	8	22
East Midlands Region	72,247	31	4	1	6	20	2	7	7	22
Staffordshire	16,256	43	4	1	5	20	3	8	8	9
Warwickshire	6,102	39	4	1	5	22	3	8	9	9
West Mercia	16,022	29	4	1	5	20	2	6	6	27
West Midlands	37,422	41	2	1	4	21	2	9	10	10
West Midlands Region	75,802	39	3	1	4	21	3	8	8	13
Bedfordshire	10,475	28	3	1	4	17	3	7	5	31
Cambridgeshire	13,729	28	3	1	4	21	3	7	6	26
Essex	29,013	32	3	1	4	22	3	8	6	21
Hertfordshire	15,417	40	2	1	4	21	5	8	13	7
Norfolk	12,113	30	3	1	5	21	2	8	7	23
Suffolk	10,384	28	3	1	4	17	2	7	5	32
East of England Region	91,131	32	3	1	4	20	3	7	7	22
London, City of	2,804	20	1	1	3	36	19	5	10	7
Metropolitan Police	166,655	34	3	2	4	18	4	6	10	19
London Region	169,459	34	3	2	4	18	4	6	10	19
Hampshire	29,098	43	4	1	5	17	3	7	8	13
Kent	26,780	34	4	1	5	20	4	8	9	15
Surrey	9,896	40	3	1	6	20	5	7	7	11
Sussex	26,101	26	3	1	4	16	3	6	7	33
Thames Valley	36,532	33	3	1	5	19	3	7	8	21
South East Region	128,407	35	4	1	5	18	3	7	8	20
Avon and Somerset	22,858	38	4	1	6	23	1	10	8	10
Devon and Cornwall	19,224	49	3	1	5	16	2	7	11	6
Dorset	10,345	39	4	1	5	22	3	8	8	10
Gloucestershire	8,915	38	3	1	6	23	3	8	10	8
Wiltshire	6,631	50	4	1	6	19	3	2	6	9
South West Region	67,973	42	3	1	5	20	2	8	9	8
England Total	881,064	35	3	1	5	21	3	7	9	15
Dyfed-Powys	7,478	33	4	1	5	22	3	13	17	1
Gwent	9,614	30	4	1	5	19	2	8	8	24
North Wales	14,490	46	3	1	5	20	1	10	6	8
South Wales	21,797	42	2	1	7	21	3	8	10	7
Wales Total	53,379	40	3	1	6	20	2	9	9	10
England and Wales	934,443	35	3	1	5	21	3	7	9	15

Table 1.07 Number and proportion of persons arrested for recorded crime (notifiable offences) in each police force area by self-defined ethnicity, 2008/09 and 2009/10

Police force area	2009/10							2008/09						
	Total notifiable offences	White	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	Not stated	Total notifiable offences	White	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	Not stated
	[=100%]							[=100%]						
Cleveland	21,234	95	1	3	1	1	0	21,603	95	1	3	1	1	0
Durham	17,789	97	0	1	1	0	1	18,346	97	0	1	1	0	1
Northumbria	50,051	95	1	2	0	0	1	55,816	95	1	2	0	0	1
North East Region	89,074	96	1	2	1	0	1	95,765	95	1	2	1	0	1
Cheshire	19,020	95	1	1	1	1	1	20,414	95	1	1	1	1	1
Cumbria	10,899	98	1	1	0	0	0	12,402	98	0	1	0	0	0
Greater Manchester	69,472	82	5	7	3	1	2	76,498	83	5	6	3	1	2
Lancashire	42,835	91	1	5	2	0	1	44,672	92	0	5	2	0	1
Merseyside	43,522	92	2	1	1	1	3	43,274	90	2	1	1	1	4
North West Region	185,748	89	3	4	2	1	2	197,260	89	3	4	2	1	2
Humberside	25,168	94	1	2	1	1	1	23,869	94	1	2	1	1	1
North Yorkshire (1)	21,013	77	1	1	0	1	21	21,862	94	1	1	0	1	4
South Yorkshire	33,485	88	5	4	1	1	0	37,680	88	5	4	1	1	0
West Yorkshire	64,356	76	4	11	4	1	4	70,529	79	4	10	3	1	3
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	144,022	82	3	6	2	1	5	153,940	86	3	6	2	1	2
Derbyshire	19,926	88	3	5	2	1	0	23,111	89	3	5	2	1	0
Leicestershire	22,403	76	6	13	3	1	0	22,135	76	6	13	3	2	1
Lincolnshire	16,253	96	1	1	1	1	1	19,255	96	1	1	1	1	1
Northamptonshire	14,692	86	7	3	3	1	1	15,441	85	7	3	3	1	1
Nottinghamshire	32,989	84	6	4	4	1	1	36,446	84	6	4	4	1	1
East Midlands Region	106,263	85	5	5	3	1	0	116,388	85	5	5	3	1	1
Staffordshire	24,512	89	2	5	2	1	1	25,882	89	3	4	2	1	1
Warwickshire	8,839	88	3	4	3	1	1	10,279	90	3	4	2	0	1
West Mercia	23,996	93	2	3	1	0	0	28,825	93	2	3	1	1	0
West Midlands	51,902	63	13	14	5	2	2	63,660	65	12	14	5	2	2
West Midlands Region	109,249	77	7	9	3	1	1	128,646	78	7	9	3	1	1
Bedfordshire	15,364	71	10	12	5	1	0	16,669	70	11	13	5	1	1
Cambridgeshire	19,959	84	4	5	3	1	4	20,967	83	4	4	3	1	6
Essex	44,913	89	5	2	2	1	1	53,383	88	5	2	2	1	1
Hertfordshire	23,393	78	7	4	4	1	6	23,092	79	6	4	4	1	6
Norfolk	17,128	93	3	1	1	1	1	18,754	92	2	1	1	1	2
Suffolk	15,189	89	4	2	3	1	1	15,850	89	5	1	3	1	2
East of England Region	135,946	85	5	4	3	1	2	148,715	85	5	4	3	1	2
London, City of	3,285	57	18	12	4	4	5	3,829	53	20	13	4	4	6
Metropolitan Police	240,816	49	27	11	6	4	3	227,883	50	27	11	6	4	3
London Region	244,101	49	27	11	6	4	3	231,712	50	27	11	6	4	3
Hampshire	44,729	90	3	2	2	1	2	43,411	90	3	2	2	1	2
Kent	41,694	84	4	3	1	2	6	43,723	83	4	3	1	2	6
Surrey	14,340	86	4	4	2	1	3	15,647	85	5	4	2	1	3
Sussex	37,511	85	5	3	2	1	5	39,454	84	5	3	2	1	6
Thames Valley	53,261	77	8	9	4	1	1	60,010	78	8	8	4	1	2
South East Region	191,535	84	5	4	3	1	3	202,245	83	5	4	2	1	4
Avon and Somerset	34,263	88	6	2	3	1	1	33,595	88	6	2	3	1	1
Devon and Cornwall	27,285	96	1	1	1	0	1	26,508	95	1	1	1	1	1
Dorset	15,203	91	3	2	2	1	2	16,474	91	2	1	2	1	3
Gloucestershire	13,065	86	4	2	2	1	5	15,765	86	4	1	2	1	5
Wiltshire	9,733	89	4	2	3	1	2	8,694	89	3	2	3	2	2
South West Region	99,549	90	4	1	2	1	2	101,036	90	4	1	2	1	2
England Total	1,305,487	79	8	6	3	2	2	1,375,707	80	8	6	3	1	2
Dyfed-Powys	11,601	98	0	0	0	0	0	11,980	98	0	1	0	0	0
Gwent	14,603	94	2	3	1	1	0	16,734	94	2	2	2	1	0
North Wales (1)	22,014	97	1	0	0	0	1	24,056	97	0	1	0	0	1
South Wales	32,325	90	2	2	1	1	3	33,662	87	3	2	1	1	6
Wales Total	80,543	94	2	1	1	1	2	86,432	93	2	1	1	1	3
England and Wales	1,386,030	80	8	6	3	1	2	1,462,139	81	8	5	3	1	2

(1) Figures for North Yorkshire and North Wales for 2008/09 have been revised since the 2008/09 police powers bulletin.

Table 1.08 Persons detained for more than 24 hours under Part IV of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, by police force area, 2009/10

Numbers	England and Wales									
	Persons detained for more than 24 hours and subsequently released					Warrants of further detention				
	Total	Police detention		Detained under warrant of further detention	Applied for	Refused	Granted			
		Over 24 & up to 36 hours	More than 36 hours				Total	Charged	Not charged	
Indictable offences		Indictable offences								
Police force area										
Cleveland	30	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durham	20	20	-	-	5	-	5	5	-	-
Northumbria	10	10	-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
North East Region	60	60	-	-	5	-	5	5	5	-
Cheshire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cumbria	24	22	-	2	5	1	4	2	2	2
Greater Manchester	539	525	-	14	99	-	99	82	14	14
Lancashire	97	84	-	13	43	-	43	30	13	13
Merseyside	25	24	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1
North West Region	685	655	-	30	148	1	147	114	30	30
Humberside	141	127	-	14	35	1	34	20	14	14
North Yorkshire	32	23	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Yorkshire	45	33	-	12	35	-	35	23	12	12
West Yorkshire	129	119	-	10	28	-	28	16	10	10
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	347	302	9	36	98	1	97	59	36	36
Derbyshire	101	99	-	2	7	-	7	5	2	2
Leicestershire	83	78	-	5	9	-	9	4	5	5
Lincolnshire	21	21	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
Northamptonshire	45	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nottinghamshire	157	145	-	12	18	1	17	5	12	12
East Midlands Region	407	388	-	19	35	1	34	15	19	19
Staffordshire	43	42	1	-	6	2	4	4	-	-
Warwickshire	39	39	-	-	9	-	9	9	-	-
West Mercia	108	96	-	12	27	-	27	15	12	12
West Midlands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Midlands Region	190	177	1	12	42	2	40	28	12	12
Bedfordshire	35	34	-	1	3	2	1	-	1	1
Cambridgeshire	24	24	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	-
Essex	366	361	1	4	6	1	5	1	4	4
Hertfordshire	-	-	-	-	9	-	9	9	-	-
Norfolk	45	40	-	5	11	-	11	6	5	5
Suffolk	35	31	2	2	8	-	8	6	2	2
East of England Region	505	490	3	12	39	3	36	24	12	12
London, City of	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Metropolitan Police	967	887	66	14	73	12	61	47	14	14
London Region	971	891	66	14	73	12	61	47	14	14
Hampshire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kent	35	26	-	9	22	-	22	13	9	9
Surrey	13	8	2	3	9	-	9	6	3	3
Sussex	95	93	-	2	6	-	6	4	2	2
Thames Valley	110	100	1	9	19	-	19	10	9	9
South East Region	253	227	3	23	56	-	56	33	23	23
Avon and Somerset	594	589	-	5	17	-	17	12	5	5
Devon and Cornwall	50	50	-	-	18	-	18	18	-	-
Dorset	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gloucestershire	5	-	-	5	7	-	7	2	5	5
Wiltshire	15	15	-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South West Region	664	654	-	10	42	-	42	32	10	10
England Total	4,082	3,844	82	156	538	20	518	357	156	156
Dyfed-Powys	62	47	10	5	20	2	18	13	5	5
Gwent	61	53	7	1	7	-	7	6	1	1
North Wales	16	10	3	3	3	-	3	-	3	3
South Wales	3	-	-	3	14	-	14	11	3	3
Wales Total	142	110	20	12	44	2	42	30	12	12
England and Wales	4,224	3,954	102	168	582	22	560	387	168	168
Percentage changes based on selected police forces¹										
2009/10	4,148	3,896	90	162	565	22	543	376	162	162
2008/09	4,308	3,786	364	158	570	30	540	382	158	158
Percentage change (08/09 to 09/10)	-4	3	-75	3	-1	-27	1	-2	3	3

.. Data not available

1. Calculations exclude police forces who were unable to provide data for both 2008/09 and/or 2009/10, the police forces excluded are:

Cheshire, Dorset, Hampshire, Northumbria, North Yorkshire, West Midlands, Wiltshire, North Wales and South Wales.

Table 1.09 Persons detained for whom a warrant of further detention issued by a magistrate was granted, by period of warrant and time in custody under warrant, 2000/01 to 2009/10

Numbers	England and Wales ¹					
	Total period of magistrates' warrant applied for including any extensions (following police detention) ²					
Year	Up to 12 hours (totalling up to 48 hours)	Over 12 and up to 24 hours (totalling up to 60 hours)	Over 24 and up to 36 hours (totalling up to 72 hours)	Over 36 and up to 48 hours (totalling up to 84 hours)	Over 48 and up to 60 hours (totalling up to 96 hours)	Total
2000/01	14	72	120	26	87	319
2001/02	10	77	102	28	100	317
2002/03	8	45	127	19	95	294
2003/04	20	39	102	33	110	304
2004/05	4	37	215	35	124	415
2005/06	13	53	198	50	174	488
2006/07 ³	54	45	234	32	98	463
2007/08	34	77	341	19	115	586
2008/09	12	78	339	25	107	561
2009/10	14	88	313	23	122	560
Of which in 2009/10:						
Time in custody under warrant issued by magistrate						
Up to 12 hours (totalling up to 48 hours)	14	35	29	5	0	83
Over 12 and up to 24 hours (totalling up to 60 hours)	*	53	75	0	13	141
Over 24 and up to 36 hours (totalling up to 72 hours)	*	*	209	9	18	236
Over 36 and up to 48 hours (totalling up to 84 hours)	*	*	*	9	12	21
Over 48 and up to 60 hours (totalling up to 96 hours)	*	*	*	*	79	79

1. Excludes data for the five police forces for which no data were supplied in Table 1.07.

2. This table is based on the maximum time period that the police can hold suspects for indictable offences without a court warrant, which is 36 hours.

3. Excludes three warrants where the exact period of detention is unknown.

* Not applicable

Table 1.10 Persons detained for more than 24 hours and subsequently released under Part IV of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, as amended, 2000/01 to 2009/10

Numbers and percentages		England and Wales		
Persons detained for more than 24 hours and released without charge				
Year	Total	Released from police detention (%)		Detained under warrant of further detention
2000/01	525	449	86	76
2001/02	505	453	90	52
2002/03	633	559	88	74
2003/04 ^{1,2}	621	527	85	94
2004/05 ³	1,132	1,041	92	91
2005/06 ³	2,463	2,350	96	113
2006/07 ³	1,826	1,685	92	141
2007/08 ³	3,590	3,428	95	162
2008/09 ³	4,358	4,195	96	163
2009/10 ³	4,224	4,056	96	168

1. From 1 April 2003 to 19 January 2004, Part IV of PACE remained unamended. For this period data for seven police forces are not available.

2. As from 20 January 2004, new provisions were introduced to Part IV of PACE. Data for 23 police forces are not available for the short period up to 31 March 2004.

3. Data for the police forces listed below are not included in the totals from 2004/05 to 2008/09, these forces are:

2004/05: Leicestershire, City of London, Nottinghamshire, Gwent

2005/06: Leicestershire, Gwent

2006/07: South Wales

2007/08: Cheshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Metropolitan Police, South Wales

2008/09: Cheshire, Hampshire, West Midlands, North Wales, South Wales

2009/10: Cheshire, Dorset, Hampshire, West Midlands

Table 1.11 Warrants of further detention under PACE and persons charged, 2000/01 to 2009/10

Numbers and percentages					England and Wales		
Year	Warrants of further detention						
	Applied for	Refused	Granted		Of those granted		
			Total granted	Percentage granted (%)	Charged	Not charged	Percentage charged (%)
2000/01	326	7	319	98%	243	76	76%
2001/02 ¹	325	8	317	98%	264	52	83%
2002/03 ³	302	8	294	97%	220	74	75%
2003/04 ^{1,3}	304	-	304	100%	209	94	69%
2004/05 ³	423	8	415	98%	324	91	78%
2005/06 ^{2,3}	525	10	515	98%	375	113	73%
2006/07 ³	470	4	466	99%	325	141	70%
2007/08 ³	612	26	586	96%	424	162	72%
2008/09 ³	591	30	561	95%	398	163	71%
2009/10 ³	582	22	560	96%	387	168	69%

1. The outcome of one application is not known.

2. Full data for two police forces not available.

3. The following police forces were not able to provide breakdowns of warrants for the years shown below, these forces are:

2002/03 South Yorkshire, Staffordshire

2003/04 Essex, Greater Manchester, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Surrey, Gwent

2004/05 Leicestershire, City of London, Nottinghamshire, Gwent

2005/06 Leicestershire, Gwent

2006/07 South Wales

2007/08 Cheshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Metropolitan Police, South Wales

2008/09 Cheshire, Hampshire, West Midlands, North Wales, South Wales

2009/10 Cheshire, Dorset, Hampshire, Northumbria, West Midlands, Wiltshire

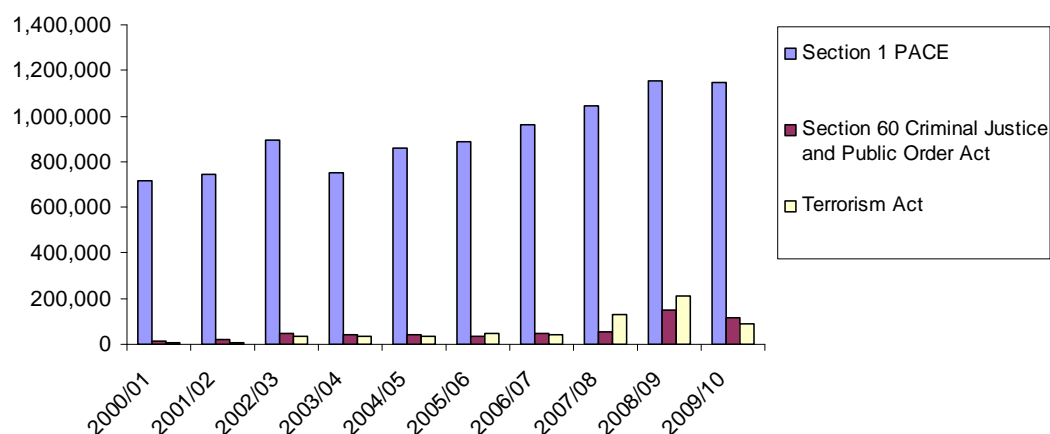
2 Stops and searches

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2.1 SUMMARY

- The police have the power to stop and search persons and vehicles under various legislation. These are summarised in Box 2a on the next page. Under these powers, the police stopped and searched 1,360,167 persons and/or vehicles in 2009/10, a decrease of ten per cent on 2008/09.
- The total above comprises:
 - 1,150,153 searches under section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) in 2009/10, a decrease of 0.3 per cent on 2008/09.
 - 118,446 stops and searches in anticipation of violence (under section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994), a decrease of 21 per cent on last year.
 - 91,568 stops and searches in order to prevent acts of terrorism (under section 44 of the Terrorism Act 2000), a decrease of 56 per cent on 2008/09.
- Additionally, the police carried out 21 road checks, one less than in 2008/09.
- They also carried out 85 intimate searches, mostly for drugs, in 2009/10, 13 per cent less than in 2008/09.
- The British Transport Police (BTP) made an additional 45,745 searches in 2009-10. This is the first year that stops and searches made by the BTP have been collected. In order that England and Wales figures for 2009-10 are comparable with previous years, BTP figures have been **excluded** from the analysis within this chapter this year unless otherwise stated.

Figure 2a Number of stops and searches by type of search, England and Wales (excluding BTP), 2000/01 to 2009/10



2.2 INTRODUCTION

This chapter covers stops and searches under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) and other legislation. It also covers other police powers under PACE.

Under sections 5, 50 and 55 of the Act, there is a statutory requirement for Chief Police Officers to collect and publish statistics monitoring their use. These provisions cover stops and searches of persons or vehicles, road checks, detention of persons, and intimate searches of persons.

The tables included within the text (Tables 2a to 2g) cover trends in national totals. Further tables for 2009/10, mainly by police force area, appear at the end of the chapter (Tables 2.01 to 2.08).

Figures on stops and searches and resultant arrests reported to the Home Office reflect police activity and should not be used to infer levels of crime committed by offenders. Figures for recorded crime for 2009/10 are available on the Home Office website at the following web link <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/hosb1210>

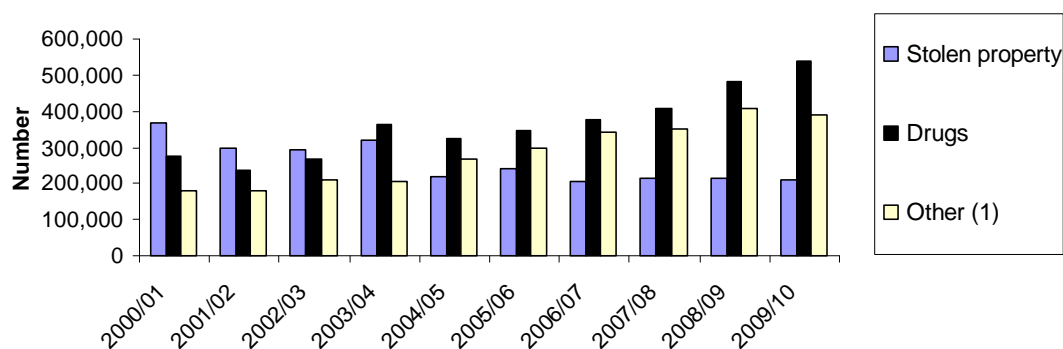
Box 2a Main stop and search powers covered in Chapter 2			
<i>Power</i>	<i>What police can search for</i>	<i>Who, what and where the police can search</i>	<i>Where published in bulletin Chapter 2</i>
STOP AND SEARCH: <i>Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, s1</i>	Stolen property; going equipped to steal; offensive weapons, including bladed or sharply pointed articles; other items, including prohibited possession of fireworks; criminal damage (articles made, adapted or intended for use by destroying or damaging property)	<i>Persons and vehicles; where there is public access</i>	<i>Section 2.3</i>
STOP AND SEARCH: <i>Firearms Act 1968, s47</i>	Firearms	<i>Persons and vehicles, in a public place (or anywhere in the case of reasonable suspicion of offences of carrying firearms with criminal intent or trespassing with firearms)</i>	<i>Section 2.3</i>
STOP AND SEARCH: <i>Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, s23</i>	Controlled drugs	<i>Persons and vehicles; anywhere</i>	<i>Section 2.3</i>
STOP AND SEARCH IN ANTICIPATION OF VIOLENCE: <i>Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, as amended by s8 of the Knives Act 1997</i>	Offensive weapons or dangerous instruments to prevent incidents of serious violence or to deal with the carrying of such items	<i>Persons and vehicles; anywhere within an authorised locality</i>	<i>Section 2.4</i>
STOP AND SEARCH IN ORDER TO PREVENT ACTS OF TERRORISM: <i>Terrorism Act 2000, s44(1,2)</i>	Articles which could be used for a purpose connected with the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism	<i>Vehicles, driver and passengers (s44(1)); anywhere within an area authorised by the Home Secretary</i>	<i>Section 2.5</i>
		<i>Pedestrians (s44(2)); anywhere within an area authorised by the Home Secretary</i>	<i>Section 2.5</i>

2.3 STOPS AND SEARCHES UNDER SECTION 1 OF PACE

Extent and trends

- Overall stops and searches under section 1 of PACE decreased in number in 2009/10 for the first time in six years. The police stopped and searched 1,150,153 persons and/or vehicles under section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) in 2009/10, 0.3 per cent fewer than in 2008/09.
- The articles most commonly searched for in 2009/10 were drugs (almost half – 48% of the total compared with 47% in 2008/09), and stolen property (18% in both 2008/09 and 2009/10).
- In 2009/10, stops and searches increased in three of the seven categories of reason for search. The largest percentage increases were recorded for searches for going equipped (up 11% to 147,151) and drugs (up 3% to 550,452). In comparison, stops and searches for criminal damage fell by 23 per cent to 21,543 and for firearms fell by 17 per cent to 9,909.
- Of the 1,150,153 searches under section 1 of PACE in 2009/10, 1,141,839 were of persons and 8,314 of vehicles. A breakdown of all searches of persons and vehicles under this power, broken down by police force area, can be found in Tables 2.06a and 2.06b.
- The British Transport Police carried out a further 27,100 stop and searches under section 1 of PACE. The most common reason for searches was for drugs which accounted for about two-thirds of all searches.

Figure 2b Number of stops and searches by reason for search, England and Wales (excluding BTP) 2000/01 to 2009/10



1. Includes stops and searches for firearms, offensive weapons, going equipped, criminal damage and other.

Table 2a Searches of persons or vehicles under section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and other legislation, and resultant arrests, by reason for search and reason for arrest, England and Wales (excluding BTP) 2000/01-2009/10

Numbers (thousands)		England and Wales						
Searches made by reason for search								
Year	Stolen property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive weapons	Going equipped	Criminal damage ¹	Other ²	Total
2000/01	295.9	236.9	7.9	47.4	89.1	*	36.8	714.1
2001/02	292.1	267.1	8.6	54.3	82.0	*	37.0	741.0
2002/03	320.9	363.1	9.9	62.6	93.2	*	45.5	895.3
2003/04	219.5	326.2	10.9	59.8	88.4	0.3	44.3	749.4
2004/05	241.5	351.3	12.7	76.4	108.4	13.0	58.1	861.5
2005/06	204.6	377.9	13.3	77.5	102.8	28.1	74.2	888.7
2006/07	213.7	406.5	13.0	96.3	117.6	33.8	79.2	962.9
2007/08 ³	213.1	481.1	14.5	98.9	120.5	32.4	85.3	1,045.8
2008/09	211.0	536.6	12.0	139.0	132.9	28.0	94.0	1,153.5
2009/10	211.2	550.5	9.9	119.6	147.2	21.5	90.3	1,150.2
2009/10 - 2008/09								
Total change	0.1	13.9	-2.1	-19.4	14.3	-6.5	-3.7	-3.3
Percentage change (%)								
	0.1	3	-17	-14	11	-23	-4	-0.3
Number of arrests made by reason for arrest and the proportion of searches resulting in an arrest								
Year	Stolen property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive weapons	Going equipped	Criminal damage ¹	Other ²	Total
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
2000/01	31.8 11	33.3 14	0.8 10	7.0 15	5.7 6	*	16.8 46	95.4 13
2001/02	31.3 11	35.8 13	0.9 10	8.2 15	5.9 7	*	16.7 45	98.7 13
2002/03	33.3 10	43.9 12	1.0 10	9.3 15	6.5 7	*	20.3 45	114.3 13
2003/04	26.2 12	35.6 11	0.9 9	8.2 14	6.7 8	0.0 14	17.3 39	95.1 13
2004/05	26.3 11	29.8 8	1.4 11	9.5 12	7.0 6	1.3 10	19.2 33	95.8 11
2005/06	24.2 12	30.4 8	1.4 11	9.7 13	6.5 6	1.9 7	23.5 32	102.7 12
2006/07	25.1 12	33.0 8	1.4 11	10.5 11	7.1 6	3.0 9	30.7 39	111.1 12
2007/08 ³	30.1 14	43.6 9	1.5 10	12.5 13	8.7 7	3.0 9	20.2 24	119.6 11
2008/09	27.7 13	40.6 8	1.2 10	12.8 9	8.0 6	2.6 9	19.5 21	112.4 10
2009/10	26.2 12	39.7 7	1.0 10	12.2 10	8.7 6	2.2 10	17.4 19	107.4 9
2009/10 - 2008/09								
Total change	-1.5	-1.0	-0.2	-0.5	0.6	-0.4	-2.0	-4.9
Percentage change (%)								
	-5	-2	-14	-4	8	-16	-10	-4

1. The category of stops and searches for items used to cause criminal damage was introduced under section 1(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003.

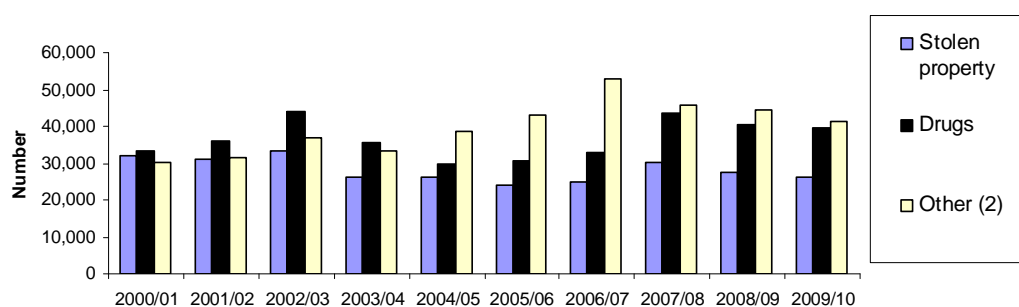
2. Includes searches under other powers such as searches for fireworks and searches under section 43 of the Terrorism Act 2000.

3. Figures updated since 2007/08 bulletin to include newly available breakdowns from Avon and Somerset.

Resultant arrests

- In 2009/10 the number of arrests following a stop and search fell for the second consecutive year by five per cent to 107,444, bringing the proportion of people arrested following a stop and search in 2009/10 down one percentage point to nine per cent.
- The largest numbers of arrests resulting from stops and searches in 2009/10 were for drugs (39,662), stolen property (26,241) and 'other' offences (17,436). 'Other' offences include searches for items not covered in the main categories, for example searches under section 43 of the Terrorism Act 2000 and fireworks offences. Arrest rates differed according to the reason for a stop/search: 'other offences' was the highest category at 19 per cent and 'going equipped' was lowest, at six per cent.
- Of the 27,100 section 1 searches made by the British Transport Police, 1,646 (6%) resulted in arrest. The highest resultant arrest rate was for searches relating to firearms (22%), whilst the lowest was for following arrests for drugs (4%).

Figure 2c Number of arrests following stops and searches under section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) by reason for arrest¹, England and Wales (excluding BTP) 2000/01 to 2009/10



1. A search for one type of article may result in a different category of article being found, and in this event, the reason for the arrest will be tabulated according to the type of article found.
2. Includes stops and searches for firearms, offensive weapons, going equipped, criminal damage and other.

2.4 STOPS AND SEARCHES UNDER SECTION 60 OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC ORDER ACT 1994

The Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 introduced new powers to stop and search vehicles and persons (see Box 2a). Section 60 enables stops and searches to be made in anticipation of violence.

Table 2b shows the number of stops and searches from 2000/01 through to 2009/10, the number of persons found to be carrying offensive weapons or dangerous instruments, arrests for offensive weapons and arrests for other reasons (e.g. a class A drug is found). Information for 2009/10 by police force area is given in Table 2.03.

- There were 118,446 such searches carried out in 2009/10, down 21 per cent.
- Section 60 searches in 2008/09 were nearly three times the number of searches in 2007/08. This large increase in searches in 2008/09 coincided with Operation Blunt 2 which commenced in London on 19 May 2008, as well as the Home Office Tackling Knives Action Plan Initiative, launched in June 2008, both aimed at reducing knife crime.
- The proportion of stops and searches resulting in an arrest under section 60 powers varied across the forces; overall, two per cent led to an arrest in 2009/10, one percentage point less than in 2008/09.
- Of the 118,446 searches under section 60 of PACE in 2009/10, 118,112 were of persons and 334 of vehicles. A breakdown of all searches of persons and vehicles under this power, broken down by police force area, can be found in Tables 2.06c and 2.06d.
- Thirty-nine forces are recorded as having used stops and searches in anticipation of violence in 2009/10 (compared to 41 forces in 2008/09). Devon and Cornwall, Dorset, Gloucestershire and Staffordshire were the police forces who did not use the power in 2009/10.
- The British Transport Police made a further 1,527 searches in anticipation of violence, 93 (6%) of which resulted in arrests. Of these arrests, 50 (54%) were for arrest for possession of an offensive weapon, whilst 43 (46%) were arrested for other reasons.

Table 2b Searches of persons or vehicles under section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 and resultant arrests, England and Wales (excluding BTP) 2000/01-2009/10

Numbers	England and Wales			
	Stops and searches in anticipation of violence			
Year	Total searches	Number of persons found to be carrying offensive weapons or dangerous instruments	Arrests for offensive weapons	Arrests for other reasons
2000/01	11,330	357	309	411
2001/02	18,900	1,367	203	485
2002/03	44,400	1,568	356	2,143
2003/04	40,400	550	299	1,248
2004/05	41,600	286	256	958
2005/06	36,300	542	192	1,522
2006/07	44,700	724	256	1,369
2007/08 ^{1,2}	53,319	759	311	1,758
2008/09	150,172	1,185	544	3,736
2009/10	118,446	864	384	2,490
2009/10 - 2008/09				
Total change	-31,726	-321	-160	-1,246
Percentage change (%)	-21	-27	-29	-33

1. Figures updated since 2007/08 police powers bulletin.

2. Figures for 2007/08 onwards unrounded, figures for previous years are rounded.

Box 2b Terrorism Act 2000 (Remedial) Order 2011 and new section 47A Schedule 6B of the Terrorism Act

The Home Secretary announced on 26 January 2011 the findings from the review of counter-terrorism and security powers. One of the recommendations of the review was that stop and search powers under sections 44 to 47 of the Terrorism Act 2000 should be repealed and replaced with a much more limited power.

This recommendation was based on the Government's commitments to introduce safeguards against the misuse of terrorism legislation, and in order to bring the powers into line with the European Convention of Human Rights, following the European Court of Human Rights ruling in the case of Gillan and Quinton v United Kingdom.

The recommendation is being implemented by provisions in the Protection of Freedoms Bill which was introduced to Parliament on 11 February 2011. The review also recommended that consideration be given to whether the new counter-terrorism stop and search powers should be available more quickly than the Protection of Freedoms Bill would allow. On 1 March 2011 the Home Secretary announced that she had concluded that the police do need the powers more quickly than the Bill would allow.

The Home Secretary has therefore made a "remedial order" under section 10 of the Human Rights Act 1998 to make immediate changes to the legislation. The new powers contained in that order are supported by a robust statutory Code of Practice.

The remedial order replaces sections 44 to 47 of the Terrorism Act 2000 with a more targeted and proportionate power. The provisions in the order will cease to have effect on the coming into force of the similar provisions in the Protection of Freedoms Bill – in other words, the order makes temporary provision while the Protection of Freedoms Bill is being taken through Parliament. The order came into force on 18 March 2011.

Section 47A and Schedule 6B of the Terrorism Act 2000 introduce replacement stop and search provisions. An authorisation for the use of the new stop and search powers can only be given under section 47A where the person giving it reasonably suspects an act of terrorism will take place and considers the powers are necessary to prevent such an act. An authorisation can last for no longer and cover no greater an area than is necessary to prevent such an act. This represents a significantly higher threshold for giving an authorisation than the "expediency" test under section 44 of the 2000 Act.

2.5 STOPS AND SEARCHES UNDER SECTION 44 OF THE TERRORISM ACT 2000

- This section deals with searches carried out under section 44 of the Terrorism Act 2000. Subject to confirmation by the Home Secretary within a 48-hour period, police forces were able to apply to carry out such stops and searches within a particular area during an agreed period without the need of reasonable suspicion. The majority of those police forces that regularly authorised the use of section 44 ceased using the power following the Home Secretary's statement on 8 July 2010*. Further details can be found in Box 2b.
- These powers are differentiated from searches under section 43 of the Terrorism Act 2000, where the officer will not need such authorisation but instead reasonable suspicion that the suspect is a terrorist. These searches are grouped under "other" section 1 searches (see section 2.3 and Tables 2.01 and 2.02).
- Table 2c shows the number of section 44 searches carried out from 2000/01 to 2009/10 together with the number of resultant arrests. Although many of the arrests were not under the Terrorism Act, they did include arrests for terrorist-related matters and other serious crimes. In 2009/10, 12 of the 43 forces carried out stops and searches to prevent acts of terrorism, compared with 15 in 2008/09.

* A full text of this statement can be found at the following link:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/parliamentary-business/oral-statements/stop-and-search-statement/?view=Standard&pubID=821759>

- In 2009/10, there were 91,568 searches, a decrease of 56 per cent on the 2008/09 figure of 210,013.
- Two (0.02% of these searches resulted in arrests connected with terrorism, down from ten (0.04%) in 2008/09. A further 436 (0.5%) resulted in arrests for other reasons, down from 1,239 (0.6%).
- Of all searches, 96 per cent were conducted by the Metropolitan Police in 2009/10, compared with 94 per cent in 2008/09. The Metropolitan Police recorded a fall in searches of 109,748 in 2009/10 (down 56%).
- Of the 91,568 searches under the Terrorism Act in 2009/10, 85,311 were of persons and 6,257 vehicles. A breakdown of all searches of persons and vehicles under this power, broken down by police force area, can be found in Table 2.06e.
- The British Transport Police made a further 17,118 stops and searches under section 44 of the Terrorism Act, none of which resulted in arrests in connection with terrorism. Seventy-nine resultant arrests (0.5% of searches) were made for other reasons.
- Quarterly figures for stops and searches under the Terrorism Act 2000 (including data relating to section 43 searches under the Terrorism Act 2000) appear in the Home Office Statistical Bulletin 'Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and subsequent legislation: Arrests, outcomes and stops & searches'. Links to the annual bulletin and the quarterly update can be found in the web link below:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/research-statistics/counter-terrorism>

Table 2c Searches of pedestrians, vehicles and occupants under sections 44(1) and 44(2) of the Terrorism Act 2000¹ and resultant arrests, England and Wales (excluding BTP), 2000/01-2009/10

Numbers	England and Wales				
	Stops and searches in order to prevent acts of terrorism				
	Total searches ¹	Resultant arrests			
		Total arrests	of which:	Arrests for terrorism offences ²	Arrests for other reasons
Year					
2000/01	6,400	45		1	44
2001/02	10,200	189		20	169
2002/03	32,100	380		19	361
2003/04	33,800	491		19	472
2004/05	37,000	468		64	404
2005/06	50,000	563		105	458
2006/07 ³	42,800	495		28	467
2007/08 ^{2,3}	126,500	1,234		19	1,215
2008/09	210,200	1,249		10	1,239
2009/10	91,568	438		2	436
2009/10 to 2008/09					
Total change	-118,632	-811		-8	-803
Percentage change (%)	-56	-65		-80	-65

1. Formerly sections 13A and 13B of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 and repealed under the Terrorism Act 2000 (which came into force on 19 February 2001).

2. Figure for terrorism arrests in 2007/08 is amended since 2007/08 bulletin due to a data revision by the Metropolitan Police.

3. Figures amended since 2007/08 bulletin.

2.6 GEOGRAPHICAL PATTERNS IN STOP AND SEARCH

Table 2.05 gives 2009/10 figures for all stops and searches by police force area and searches per thousand population.

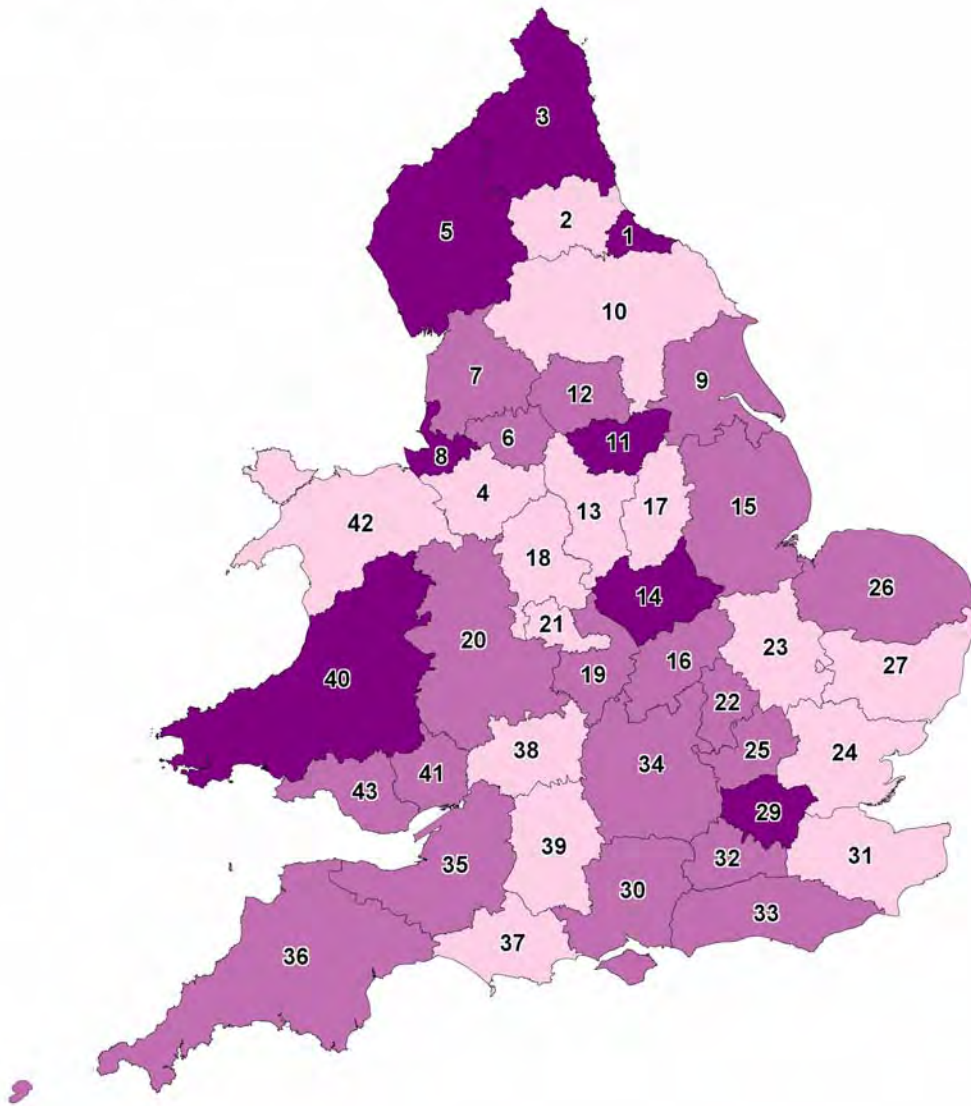
- Roughly two-thirds (66%) of all stops and searches in England and Wales were conducted by six police forces: Metropolitan, Merseyside, Thames Valley, Greater Manchester, Northumbria and West Yorkshire. The Metropolitan Police accounted for nearly half (49%) of the national total of all stops and searches.
- The police forces with the highest proportion of arrests to searches in 2009/10 were City of London at 31 per cent and Bedfordshire at 30 per cent. Leicestershire had the lowest proportion at five per cent. The England and Wales rate stood at 15 per cent.

Figure 2d shows stop and search rates per 1,000 of the population by police force area for 2009/10. Wide variations between police forces are apparent.

- The rates range from five searches per 1,000 population in Cheshire to 87 in the Greater London area (comprising of the Metropolitan Police and City of London Police). The rate for England and Wales as a whole was 25 searches per 1,000 population.

Figure 2d Stops and searches per 1,000 population by police force area (excluding BTP), 2009/10

- 20 searches and above
- more than 10 but less than 20 searches
- less than 10 searches



North West Region

- 4. Cheshire
- 5. Cumbria
- 6. Greater Manchester
- 7. Lancashire
- 8. Merseyside

Wales

- 40. Dyfed-Powys
- 41. Gwent
- 42. North Wales
- 43. South Wales

West Midlands Region

- 18. Staffordshire
- 19. Warwickshire
- 20. West Mercia
- 21. West Midlands

South West Region

- 35. Avon and Somerset
- 36. Devon and Cornwall
- 37. Dorset
- 38. Gloucestershire
- 39. Wiltshire

Yorkshire and the Humber Region

- 9. Humberside
- 10. North Yorkshire
- 11. South Yorkshire
- 12. West Yorkshire

London Region

- 29. Metropolitan Police (including City of London)

East Midlands Region

- 13. Derbyshire
- 14. Leicestershire
- 15. Lincolnshire
- 16. Northamptonshire
- 17. Nottinghamshire

South East Region

- 30. Hampshire
- 31. Kent
- 32. Surrey
- 33. Sussex
- 34. Thames Valley

North East Region

- 1. Cleveland
- 2. Durham
- 3. Northumbria

East of England Region

- 22. Bedfordshire
- 23. Cambridgeshire
- 24. Essex
- 25. Hertfordshire
- 26. Norfolk
- 27. Suffolk

2.7 ETHNIC PATTERNS IN STOP AND SEARCH

- Whilst some ethnic breakdowns are provided in this bulletin for the first time, detailed figures and analysis will continue to be the responsibility of the Ministry of Justice and will be published as part of their annual publication 'Statistics on Race in the Criminal Justice System'. A link to previous editions of this bulletin is provided below:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/raceandcjs-archive.htm>

- During a stop and search, a suspect is asked to define their ethnicity. These are grouped in this chapter into White, Black (or Black British), Asian (or Asian British), Chinese or other ethnic group, Mixed ethnicity and ethnicity not stated. Sixty-four per cent of all stops and searches conducted by the police were on persons defining themselves as White, 16 per cent on Black, 11 per cent on Asian, three per cent Mixed, and one per cent Chinese or other ethnicity. Five per cent did not state their ethnicity.
- The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) accounted for 49 per cent of all stops and searches nationwide and have therefore been separately identified within Tables 2d and 2e. Fifty per cent of all stops and searches conducted by the Metropolitan Police were on ethnic minority suspects, compared to 13 per cent across all other forces. This in part is explained by both the high population density and the high ethnic minority population within the Metropolitan Police area.
- The proportion of searches conducted on ethnic minority suspects varied across the different types of searches. Twenty-eight per cent of all section 1 stops were conducted on those defining themselves in ethnic minority groups, compared with 55 per cent of section 60 searches and 35 per cent of section 44 searches.
- The Metropolitan Police conducted 77 per cent of all section 60 stops and searches and 41 per cent of these searches were conducted on Black suspects. This, in part, explains the high proportion of ethnic minority section 60 searches.
- Having been searched, White suspects were most likely to be arrested (arrests followed 9% of searches), whilst Asian and Black suspects were less likely to be arrested (6% and 7% respectively). Other ethnic groups mirrored the overall average of eight per cent.
- Sixty-two per cent of stops and searches made by the British Transport Police were conducted on White suspects, ten per cent on Black suspects, nine per cent on Asian suspects, five per cent on other or Mixed ethnicity suspects. Fourteen per cent of suspects searched by the British Transport Police did not state their ethnicity.

Table 2d Proportion of stops and searches¹ by self-defined ethnic group, England and Wales (excluding BTP), 2008/09 and 2009/10

Percentages		2009-10							2008-09						
		White	Black or Black British	Asian or Asian British	Chinese or Other	Mixed	Not stated	Total	White	Black or Black British	Asian or Asian British	Chinese or Other	Mixed	Not stated	Total
Section 1	E&W excl. MPS	84	4	6	0	2	3	100	83	4	6	0	2	4	100
	MPS	45	29	14	2	4	6	100	44	29	13	2	4	100	
England & Wales		67	15	10	1	3	4	100	67	15	9	1	3	5	100
Section 60	E&W excl. MPS	83	7	5	1	3	2	100	85	6	4	2	1	2	100
	MPS	27	41	20	1	5	6	100	29	40	17	4	2	8	100
England & Wales		40	33	16	1	4	5	100	42	32	14	4	1	7	100
Section 44	E&W excl. MPS	74	5	13	2	2	4	100	80	5	9	2	2	4	100
	MPS	59	11	18	4	2	5	100	58	12	16	2	5	7	100
England & Wales		60	11	17	4	2	5	100	60	11	16	2	4	7	100
All searches	E&W excl. MPS	84	4	6	1	2	3	100	83	4	6	1	2	4	100
	MPS	44	28	15	2	4	6	100	45	27	14	3	4	8	100
England & Wales		64	16	11	1	3	5	100	64	16	10	2	3	6	100

1. All calculations based on Table 2.05 excluding vehicle-only searches.

2. All figures exclude the British Transport Police in order that comparisons with 2008-09 can be made.

Table 2e Proportion of stops and searches¹ resulting in arrests by self-defined ethnic group, England and Wales (excluding BTP), 2008/09 and 2009/10

Percentages		2009-10							2008-09							
		White	Black or British	Asian British	Chinese or Ethnic Group	Other	Mixed	Not stated	Total	White	Black or British	Asian British	Chinese or Ethnic Group	Other	Mixed	Not stated	Total
Section 1	E&W excl. MPS	11	11	8	12	9	10	10	11	11	9	13	10	10	11	11
	MPS	8	8	6	10	10	8	8	9	9	7	10	10	7	8	8
England & Wales		10	9	7	11	9	9	9	10	9	8	11	10	8	10	
Section 60	E&W excl. MPS	3	3	3	2	3	4	3	4	3	4	1	22	3	4	
	MPS	2	3	1	4	3	2	2	2	3	2	1	7	2	2	
England & Wales		3	3	1	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	1	8	2	3	
Section 44	E&W excl. MPS	0	2	1	2	5	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	
	MPS	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	
England & Wales		0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	
All searches	E&W excl. MPS	10	10	8	12	9	10	10	10	10	8	10	10	10	10	
	MPS	6	7	5	7	8	6	6	6	7	4	6	7	5	6	
England & Wales		9	7	6	8	8	8	8	9	7	5	7	8	6	8	

1. All calculations based on Table 2.05 excluding vehicle-only searches.
 2. All figures exclude the British Transport Police in order that comparisons with 2008-09 can be made.

2.8 ROAD CHECKS UNDER SECTION 4 OF PACE

Table 2f shows the number of road checks under section 4 of PACE, by reason for check and numbers of resultant arrests.

- In 2009/10, 21 road checks were carried out, one fewer than in 2008/09.
- An average of 283 vehicles were stopped in each road check in 2009/10, compared with 305 in 2008/09.
- The total number of vehicles recorded as having been stopped was 5,940 in 2009/10 compared to 6,700 in 2008/09 and 7,200 in 2007/08.
- The number of arrests made as a result of road checks is relatively low and in 2009/10 three arrests resulted from a road check, two fewer than in 2008/09. No arrests were connected with the reason for the road check.

Table 2f Road checks under section 4 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, by reason for road check and result, England and Wales (excluding BTP) 2000/01–2009/10

Numbers		England and Wales							
		Road checks					Number of arrests resulting		
		To ascertain whether a vehicle was carrying a person who:							
Year	Total road checks ¹	Had committed an indictable offence ²	Had witnessed an indictable offence ²	Was intending to commit an indictable offence ²	Was unlawfully at large	Number of vehicles stopped ³	Number of road obstructions	Connected with the reason for the road check	Not Connected with the reason for the road check
2000/01	181	72	84	22	3	17,900	162	3	34
2001/02	95	18	76	-	1	14,800	132	2	8
2002/03 ⁴	77	15	62	-	-	32,000	102	-	5
2003/04 ⁵	68	17	48	2	1	7,500	102	1	6
2004/05 ⁴	63	11	49	1	2	12,500	88	2	4
2005/06 ⁴	69	8	43	16	2	11,300	180	29	62
2006/07 ⁴	38	6	31	1	-	7,000	43	49	10
2007/08 ⁴	27	1	26	-	-	7,200	41	1	4
2008/09 ⁶	22	5	17	-	-	6,700	36	1	4
2009/10 ⁶	21	3	18	-	-	5,940	28	-	3

1. Where there was more than one reason for a road check, each reason has been counted: components therefore do not sum to totals.
 2. With effect from 1 January 2006 the Serious and Organised Crimes and Police Act 2005 (SOCAP) amended the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 by substituting references to 'arrestable offence' and 'serious arrestable offence' with 'indictable offence'.
 3. Rounded due to estimation in some forces.
 4. Data for one police force not available.
 5. Data for two police forces not available.
 6. Data for four police forces not available.

2.9 INTIMATE SEARCHES UNDER SECTION 55 OF PACE

- During 2009/10, 85 intimate searches were carried out, 13 fewer than the figure of 98 recorded in 2008/09.
- Drugs accounted for 88 per cent of known reasons for intimate searches in 2009/10 compared to 89 per cent in 2008/09.
- In 2009/10, class A drugs (mainly heroin, other opiate drugs, LSD and cocaine) were found during 13 per cent of the intimate searches made for drugs compared to eight per cent in 2008/09.

Table 2g Intimate searches made under section 55 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 by person conducting the search, reason for search and outcome, England and Wales (excluding BTP), 2000/01–2009/10

Year	Numbers					England and Wales			
	Total searches	Search conducted: ¹			Reasons for searches ²				
		by suitably qualified person	in presence of suitably qualified person	by police officer	by designated civilian officer	Drugs		Other harmful articles	
					Searches made ³	Class A drugs found	Searches made ³	Harmful articles found	
2000/01	131	126	3	2	*	112	21	14	1
2001/02	102	102	-	-	*	88	18	6	2
2002/03	172	160	6	-	*	157	61	9	2
2003/04	81	68	7	6	*	72	11	9	1
2004/05 ⁴	92	67	12	13	-	80	11	11	1
2005/06 ⁴	99	86	6	7	-	78	11	12	-
2006/07 ⁴	104	94	2	8	-	64	4	38	1
2007/08 ⁴	117	106	7	3	-	90	7	20	3
2008/09	98	92	1	4	1	87	7	9	-
2009/10	85	80	-	5	-	75	10	10	-

1. Includes only searches where data on who conducted the search are available.

2. Persons may be searched for both drugs and harmful articles.

3. Includes only searches where data on the outcome of the search are available.

4. Data revised since 2007/08 bulletin.

Box 2c Description of intimate searches

Intimate searches involve a physical search of the body orifices, and therefore exclude strip searches. They may only be carried out if there are reasonable grounds for believing that a person who has been arrested and is detained may have concealed anything which could be used to cause physical injury; or, in the case of suspected couriers or dealers only, a class A drug (as defined in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971). In the case of searches for drugs, a registered doctor or nurse can carry out the search. Searches for harmful articles are by suitably qualified persons, unless this is not practicable when a constable will carry out the search.

Table 2.01 Searches of persons or vehicles under section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and other legislation, by police force area and reason for search, 2009/10

Numbers	England and Wales							
	Searches made by reason for search							Total
Police force area	Stolen property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive weapons	Going equipped	Criminal damage	Other(1)	
Cleveland	2,836	8,037	96	2,237	8,131	519	2,796	24,652
Durham	1,126	1,686	95	539	1,011	204	1,289	5,950
Northumbria	7,884	13,088	243	4,156	6,310	2,161	5,390	39,232
North East Region	11,846	22,811	434	6,932	15,452	2,884	9,475	69,834
Cheshire	1,338	904	50	668	1,585	162	492	5,199
Cumbria	2,693	4,929	105	726	1,073	424	582	10,532
Greater Manchester	9,569	17,195	451	2,864	7,124	725	2,149	40,077
Lancashire	6,233	10,160	219	2,673	2,941	797	610	23,633
Merseyside	2,952	28,054	232	2,744	4,034	1,033	5,426	44,475
North West Region	22,785	61,242	1,057	9,675	16,757	3,141	9,259	123,916
Humberstone	2,352	3,014	78	980	2,409	251	542	9,626
North Yorkshire	1,833	2,850	97	387	692	127	499	6,485
South Yorkshire	5,281	14,684	305	2,564	3,897	1,675	140	28,546
West Yorkshire	5,957	13,313	203	1,972	4,521	646	10,369	36,981
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	15,423	33,861	683	5,903	11,519	2,699	11,550	81,638
Derbyshire	1,833	3,839	125	596	962	272	923	8,550
Leicestershire	7,820	12,794	211	1,767	3,789	247	417	27,045
Lincolnshire	3,167	3,855	182	798	1,877	-	647	10,526
Northamptonshire	1,968	4,440	90	1,105	3,515	705	60	11,883
Nottinghamshire	864	2,914	55	311	971	-	741	5,856
East Midlands Region	15,652	27,842	663	4,577	11,114	1,224	2,788	63,860
Staffordshire	1,358	3,896	30	495	1,324	-	618	7,721
Warwickshire	2,482	3,022	66	525	1,141	261	206	7,703
West Mercia	2,905	5,776	170	1,073	1,351	245	387	11,907
West Midlands	2,596	8,570	128	1,891	6,203	-	19	19,407
West Midlands Region	9,341	21,264	394	3,984	10,019	506	1,230	46,738
Bedfordshire	1,373	2,501	110	847	1,974	162	191	7,158
Cambridgeshire	891	2,745	44	391	2,046	132	129	6,378
Essex	1,579	4,270	39	513	1,826	29	1,059	9,315
Hertfordshire	1,687	7,941	63	779	2,028	121	568	13,187
Norfolk	3,132	6,443	164	924	1,891	650	165	13,369
Suffolk	921	2,457	78	318	464	80	212	4,530
East of England Region	9,583	26,357	498	3,772	10,229	1,174	2,324	53,937
London, City of	1,728	2,222	105	186	246	73	18	4,578
Metropolitan Police	87,002	256,306	4,745	74,450	51,250	5,689	11,479	490,921
London Region	88,730	258,528	4,850	74,636	51,496	5,762	11,497	495,499
Hampshire	3,358	12,962	168	1,099	2,950	344	1,088	21,969
Kent	2,958	8,336	108	1,060	1,034	420	1,191	15,107
Surrey	3,309	7,299	156	667	1,435	461	646	13,973
Sussex	4,250	7,880	208	40	67	-	6,347	18,792
Thames Valley	8,402	21,201	233	3,029	8,674	710	566	42,815
South East Region	22,277	57,678	873	5,895	14,160	1,935	9,838	112,656
Avon and Somerset	4,870	8,649	90	587	966	156	1,198	16,516
Devon and Cornwall	740	2,150	36	274	338	258	20,278	24,074
Dorset	1,466	3,661	37	468	771	209	-	6,612
Gloucestershire	902	3,166	65	356	795	184	42	5,510
Wiltshire	1,154	2,772	26	383	687	151	651	5,824
South West Region	9,132	20,398	254	2,068	3,557	958	22,169	58,536
England Total	204,769	529,981	9,706	117,442	144,303	20,283	80,130	1,106,614
Dyfed-Powys	554	5,808	36	88	22	70	5,747	12,325
Gwent	2,018	3,768	46	496	721	278	2,094	9,421
North Wales	993	3,070	57	356	563	156	877	6,072
South Wales	2,819	7,825	64	1,244	1,542	756	1,471	15,721
Wales Total	6,384	20,471	203	2,184	2,848	1,260	10,189	43,539
England and Wales (excluding BTP)	211,153	550,452	9,909	119,626	147,151	21,543	90,319	1,150,153
British Transport Police	2,623	18,079	41	1,132	2,838	-	2,387	27,100

Table 2.02 Arrests resulting from searches of persons or vehicles under section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and other legislation, by police force area and reason for search, 2009/10

Numbers	England and Wales							
	Arrests made by reason for arrest							
Police force area	Stolen property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive weapons	Going equipped	Criminal damage	Other	Total
Cleveland	763	866	14	616	781	123	361	3,524
Durham	194	179	11	99	70	22	113	688
Northumbria	1,565	2,556	45	746	468	275	2,524	8,179
North East Region	2,522	3,601	70	1,461	1,319	420	2,998	12,391
Cheshire	259	69	7	154	145	25	140	799
Cumbria	331	364	4	77	35	34	131	976
Greater Manchester	624	1,231	40	241	219	118	1,040	3,513
Lancashire	814	893	13	468	185	93	98	2,564
Merseyside	477	2,811	30	301	109	14	1,576	5,318
North West Region	2,505	5,368	94	1,241	693	284	2,985	13,170
Humberside	339	339	8	110	89	29	211	1,125
North Yorkshire	223	268	14	49	48	5	29	636
South Yorkshire	653	958	24	208	168	88	-	2,099
West Yorkshire	712	961	33	331	379	67	718	3,201
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	1,927	2,526	79	698	684	189	958	7,061
Derbyshire	175	266	11	65	44	9	201	771
Leicestershire	492	353	11	163	179	11	30	1,239
Lincolnshire	411	288	10	100	70	-	481	1,360
Northamptonshire	204	242	9	60	146	7	-	668
Nottinghamshire	98	320	3	42	78	-	32	573
East Midlands Region	1,380	1,469	44	430	517	27	744	4,611
Staffordshire	200	338	6	64	80	-	144	832
Warwickshire	281	198	2	36	39	34	238	828
West Mercia	597	598	27	171	103	21	61	1,578
West Midlands	204	298	7	63	34	11	678	1,295
West Midlands Region	1,282	1,432	42	334	256	66	1,121	4,533
Bedfordshire	417	700	22	250	458	55	275	2,177
Cambridgeshire	109	247	4	47	141	10	9	567
Essex	186	232	2	49	96	2	50	617
Hertfordshire	303	505	10	108	148	7	30	1,111
Norfolk	408	439	17	135	133	36	14	1,182
Suffolk	110	166	13	38	29	1	4	361
East of England Region	1,533	2,289	68	627	1,005	111	382	6,015
London, City of	174	88	4	20	12	11	161	470
Metropolitan Police	10,866	15,918	528	6,274	3,322	606	1,744	39,258
London Region	11,040	16,006	532	6,294	3,334	617	1,905	39,728
Hampshire	261	693	6	72	49	22	407	1,510
Kent	436	640	7	91	98	34	65	1,371
Surrey	354	447	10	55	76	34	312	1,288
Sussex	28	60	3	27	12	-	3,034	3,164
Thames Valley	430	1,165	24	197	165	23	614	2,618
South East Region	1,509	3,005	50	442	400	113	4,432	9,951
Avon and Somerset	532	717	9	81	67	18	82	1,506
Devon and Cornwall	292	465	5	70	31	105	475	1,443
Dorset	224	362	5	74	56	21	-	742
Gloucestershire	88	226	4	48	52	12	8	438
Wiltshire	116	360	5	42	45	13	173	754
South West Region	1,252	2,130	28	315	251	169	738	4,883
England Total	24,950	37,826	1,007	11,842	8,459	1,996	16,263	102,343
Dyfed-Powys	211	612	7	37	13	57	643	1,580
Gwent	321	281	1	80	42	29	205	959
North Wales	156	221	5	32	44	11	63	532
South Wales	603	722	8	258	99	78	262	2,030
Wales Total	1,291	1,836	21	407	198	175	1,173	5,101
England and Wales (excluding BTP)	26,241	39,662	1,028	12,249	8,657	2,171	17,436	107,444
British Transport Police	356	796	9	96	227	-	162	1,646

Table 2.03 Searches of persons or vehicles under section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 and resultant arrests, England and Wales, 2009/10

Numbers	England and Wales			
	Stops and searches in anticipation of violence			
Police force area	Searches	Number of persons found to be carrying offensive weapons or dangerous instruments	Arrests for offensive weapons	Arrests for other reasons
Cleveland	51	2	4	9
Durham	22	4	4	-
Northumbria	272	36	1	30
North East Region	345	42	9	39
Cheshire	59	17	-	-
Cumbria	314	4	4	5
Greater Manchester	2,463	4	4	45
Lancashire	3,639	11	11	98
Merseyside	15,811	136	20	459
North West Region	22,286	172	39	607
Humberside	7	-	-	-
North Yorkshire	6	-	-	-
South Yorkshire	668	2	1	11
West Yorkshire	314	32	27	8
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	995	34	28	19
Derbyshire	55	52	1	-
Leicestershire	196	-	12	14
Lincolnshire	58	2	2	5
Northamptonshire	76	5	4	4
Nottinghamshire	366	276	25	1
East Midlands Region	751	335	44	24
Staffordshire	-	-	-	-
Warwickshire	657	9	1	2
West Mercia	200	6	3	7
West Midlands	815	1	1	9
West Midlands Region	1,672	16	5	18
Bedfordshire	192	-	-	4
Cambridgeshire	8	-	-	1
Essex	143	-	-	-
Hertfordshire	11	-	-	1
Norfolk	21	-	-	-
Suffolk	13	-	-	-
East of England Region	388	-	-	6
London, City of	123	1	1	2
Metropolitan Police	90,869	257	253	1,740
London Region	90,992	258	254	1,742
Hampshire	277	-	1	11
Kent	102	1	1	4
Surrey	19	-	-	1
Sussex	58	-	-	4
Thames Valley	114	-	-	3
South East Region	570	1	2	23
Avon and Somerset	150	3	3	2
Devon and Cornwall	-	-	-	-
Dorset	-	-	-	-
Gloucestershire	-	-	-	-
Wiltshire	13	1	-	1
South West Region	163	4	3	3
England Total	118,162	862	384	2,481
Dyfed-Powys	2	-	-	-
Gwent	8	-	-	3
North Wales	211	2	-	2
South Wales	63	-	-	4
Wales Total	284	2	-	9
England and Wales (excluding BTP)	118,446	864	384	2,490
British Transport Police	1,527	50	50	43

Table 2.04 Searches of vehicles and occupants under section 44(1) and searches of pedestrians under section 44(2) of the Terrorism Act 2000 and resultant arrests, by police force area, 2009/10

Numbers	England and Wales								
	Stops and searches of vehicles and occupants in order to prevent acts of terrorism under section 44(1)			Stops and searches of pedestrians in order to prevent acts of terrorism under section 44(2)			All stops and searches in order to prevent acts of terrorism under section 44		
	Police force area	Arrests in connection with terrorism		Searches	Arrests in connection with terrorism		Searches	Arrests in connection with terrorism	
Searches		Arrests for other reasons	Searches		Arrests for other reasons	Searches		Arrests for other reasons	
North East Region	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cheshire	17	-	-	4	-	-	21	-	-
Cumbria	65	-	1	-	-	-	65	-	1
Greater Manchester	63	-	-	88	1	5	151	1	5
Merseyside	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
North West Region	149	-	1	92	1	5	241	1	6
North Yorkshire	103	-	-	51	-	-	154	-	-
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	103	-	-	51	-	-	154	-	-
East Midlands Region	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Midlands Region	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Essex	304	-	-	90	-	-	394	-	-
East of England Region	304	-	-	90	-	-	394	-	-
London, City of	1,033	-	5	357	-	4	1,390	-	9
Metropolitan Police	55,195	1	229	32,497	-	177	87,692	1	406
London Region	56,228	1	234	32,854	-	181	89,082	1	415
Hampshire	38	-	-	20	-	1	58	-	1
Sussex	1,198	-	6	83	-	2	1,281	-	8
Thames Valley	135	-	6	10	-	-	145	-	6
South East Region	1,371	-	12	113	-	3	1,484	-	15
South West Region	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
England Total	58,155	1	247	33,200	1	189	91,355	2	436
South Wales	201	-	-	12	-	-	213	-	-
Wales Total	201	-	-	12	-	-	213	-	-
England and Wales (excluding BTP)	58,356	1	247	33,212	1	189	91,568	2	436
British Transport Police	2,808	-	3	14,310	-	76	17,118	-	79

Table 2.05 Number of persons and vehicles searched under stop and search powers and resultant arrests by police force area and population, 2009/10

Numbers	England and Wales									
	s1 searches	s60 searches	s44 searches	All searches	Searches per thousand population	s1 resultant arrests	s60 resultant arrests	s44 resultant arrests	All resultant arrests	Arrest rate across all searches
Police force area										
Cleveland	24,652	51	-	24,703	44	3,524	13	-	3,537	14%
Durham	5,950	22	-	5,972	10	688	4	-	692	12%
Northumbria	39,232	272	-	39,504	28	8,179	31	-	8,210	21%
North East Region	69,834	345	-	70,179	27	12,391	48	-	12,439	18%
Cheshire	5,199	59	21	5,279	5	799	-	-	799	15%
Cumbria	10,532	314	65	10,911	22	976	9	1	986	9%
Greater Manchester	40,077	2,463	151	42,691	16	3,513	49	6	3,568	8%
Lancashire	23,633	3,639	-	27,272	19	2,564	109	-	2,673	10%
Merseyside	44,475	15,811	4	60,290	45	5,318	479	-	5,797	10%
North West Region	123,916	22,286	241	146,443	21	13,170	646	7	13,823	9%
Humberside	9,626	7	-	9,633	10	1,125	-	-	1,125	12%
North Yorkshire	6,485	6	154	6,645	8	636	-	-	636	10%
South Yorkshire	28,546	668	-	29,214	22	2,099	12	-	2,111	7%
West Yorkshire	36,981	314	-	37,295	17	3,201	35	-	3,236	9%
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	81,638	995	154	82,787	16	7,061	47	-	7,108	9%
Derbyshire	8,550	55	-	8,605	9	771	1	-	772	9%
Leicestershire	27,045	196	-	27,241	28	1,239	26	-	1,265	5%
Lincolnshire	10,526	58	-	10,584	15	1,360	7	-	1,367	13%
Northamptonshire	11,883	76	-	11,959	17	668	8	-	676	6%
Nottinghamshire	5,856	366	-	6,222	6	573	26	-	599	10%
East Midlands Region	63,860	751	-	64,611	15	4,611	68	-	4,679	7%
Staffordshire	7,721	-	-	7,721	7	832	-	-	832	11%
Warwickshire	7,703	657	-	8,360	16	828	3	-	831	10%
West Mercia	11,907	200	-	12,107	10	1,578	10	-	1,588	13%
West Midlands	19,407	815	-	20,222	8	1,295	10	-	1,305	6%
West Midlands Region	46,738	1,672	-	48,410	9	4,533	23	-	4,556	9%
Bedfordshire	7,158	192	-	7,350	12	2,177	4	-	2,181	30%
Cambridgeshire	6,378	8	-	6,386	8	567	1	-	568	9%
Essex	9,315	143	394	9,852	6	617	-	-	617	6%
Hertfordshire	13,187	11	-	13,198	12	1,111	1	-	1,112	8%
Norfolk	13,369	21	-	13,390	16	1,182	-	-	1,182	9%
Suffolk	4,530	13	-	4,543	6	361	-	-	361	8%
East of England Region	53,937	388	394	54,719	9	6,015	6	-	6,021	11%
London, City of ¹	4,578	123	1,390	6,091	530	470	3	9	482	8%
Metropolitan Police	490,921	90,869	87,692	669,482	86	39,258	1,993	407	41,658	6%
London Region	495,499	90,992	89,082	675,573	87	39,728	1,996	415	42,139	6%
Hampshire	21,969	277	58	22,304	12	1,510	12	1	1,523	7%
Kent	15,107	102	-	15,209	9	1,371	5	-	1,376	9%
Surrey	13,973	19	-	13,992	13	1,288	1	-	1,289	9%
Sussex	18,792	58	1,281	20,131	13	3,164	4	8	3,176	16%
Thames Valley	42,815	114	145	43,074	19	2,618	3	6	2,627	6%
South East Region	112,656	570	1,484	114,710	14	9,951	25	15	9,991	9%
Avon and Somerset	16,516	150	-	16,666	10	1,506	5	-	1,511	9%
Devon and Cornwall	24,074	-	-	24,074	14	1,443	-	-	1,443	6%
Dorset	6,612	-	-	6,612	9	742	-	-	742	11%
Gloucestershire	5,510	-	-	5,510	9	438	-	-	438	8%
Wiltshire	5,824	13	-	5,837	9	754	1	-	755	13%
South West Region	58,536	163	-	58,699	11	4,883	6	-	4,889	8%
England Total	1,106,614	118,162	91,355	1,316,131	25	102,343	2,865	438	105,646	8%
Dyfed-Powys	12,325	2	-	12,327	24	1,580	-	-	1,580	13%
Gwent	9,421	8	-	9,429	17	959	3	-	962	10%
North Wales	6,072	211	-	6,283	9	532	2	-	534	8%
South Wales	15,721	63	213	15,997	13	2,030	4	-	2,034	13%
Wales Total	43,539	284	213	44,036	15	5,101	9	-	5,110	12%
England and Wales (excluding BTP)	1,150,153	118,446	91,568	1,360,167	25	107,444	2,874	438	110,756	8%
British Transport Police	27,100	1,527	17,118	45,745	n/a	1,646	93	79	1,818	4%

¹ Small resident population should be considered when examining City of London figures.

Table 2.06a Number of persons and vehicles searched under section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 by police force area and self-defined ethnicity, 2009/10

Numbers	England and Wales							Total
	Searches by ethnicity							
Police force area	White	Black or Black British	Asian or Asian British	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	Mixed	Not stated	Vehicle only	
Cleveland	23,064	167	622	153	142	291	213	24,652
Durham	5,773	11	14	5	10	76	61	5,950
Northumbria	38,052	206	710	36	107	121	-	39,232
North East Region	66,889	384	1,346	194	259	488	274	69,834
Cheshire	4,902	44	94	30	48	81	-	5,199
Cumbria	9,846	28	86	12	31	221	308	10,532
Greater Manchester	30,458	2,982	3,719	366	1,524	869	159	40,077
Lancashire	20,231	221	2,038	44	253	271	575	23,633
Merseyside	42,482	607	232	240	422	417	75	44,475
North West Region	107,919	3,882	6,169	692	2,278	1,859	1,117	123,916
Humberside	8,954	108	168	147	101	139	9	9,626
North Yorkshire	5,795	50	181	26	50	321	62	6,485
South Yorkshire	22,897	1,492	1,898	59	624	1,003	573	28,546
West Yorkshire	27,082	1,430	6,270	244	1,123	690	142	36,981
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	64,728	3,080	8,517	476	1,898	2,153	786	81,638
Derbyshire	7,367	246	513	22	209	111	82	8,550
Leicestershire	16,955	1,521	3,871	54	771	1,017	2,856	27,045
Lincolnshire	10,237	89	70	8	62	38	22	10,526
Northamptonshire	10,112	612	558	54	328	99	120	11,883
Nottinghamshire	4,039	453	307	48	279	664	66	5,856
East Midlands Region	48,710	2,921	5,319	186	1,649	1,929	3,146	63,860
Staffordshire	6,842	163	451	18	181	56	10	7,721
Warwickshire	6,599	244	329	27	293	116	95	7,703
West Mercia	10,515	251	538	10	269	324	-	11,907
West Midlands	8,895	2,445	5,417	167	999	1,484	-	19,407
West Midlands Region	32,851	3,103	6,735	222	1,742	1,980	105	46,738
Bedfordshire	4,443	778	1,105	34	367	378	53	7,158
Cambridgeshire	5,392	162	344	45	120	222	93	6,378
Essex	7,768	427	283	63	300	319	155	9,315
Hertfordshire	10,368	889	905	120	554	295	56	13,187
Norfolk	12,276	391	186	43	158	275	40	13,369
Suffolk	3,811	177	71	54	137	276	4	4,530
East of England Region	44,058	2,824	2,894	359	1,636	1,765	401	53,937
London, City of	2,568	644	577	51	206	531	1	4,578
Metropolitan Police	220,586	140,936	69,827	10,731	19,594	28,032	1,215	490,921
London Region	223,154	141,580	70,404	10,782	19,800	28,563	1,216	495,499
Hampshire	18,483	991	590	210	506	811	378	21,969
Kent	13,174	666	462	69	297	211	228	15,107
Surrey	11,911	571	736	109	327	319	-	13,973
Sussex	15,309	592	671	88	363	1,618	151	18,792
Thames Valley	30,014	2,937	4,380	225	1,937	3,285	37	42,815
South East Region	88,891	5,757	6,839	701	3,430	6,244	794	112,656
Avon and Somerset	11,370	908	170	38	408	3,580	42	16,516
Devon and Cornwall	22,314	284	116	54	199	1,075	32	24,074
Dorset	5,950	331	131	41	108	10	41	6,612
Gloucestershire	4,928	222	124	27	163	46	-	5,510
Wiltshire	5,207	256	105	32	114	110	-	5,824
South West Region	49,769	2,001	646	192	992	4,821	115	58,536
England Total	726,969	165,532	108,869	13,804	33,684	49,802	7,954	1,106,614
Dyfed-Powys	11,824	76	72	28	47	249	29	12,325
Gwent	8,077	215	517	57	148	100	307	9,421
North Wales	5,899	21	37	13	34	61	7	6,072
South Wales	14,597	405	341	59	174	128	17	15,721
Wales Total	40,397	717	967	157	403	538	360	43,539
England and Wales (excluding BTP)	767,366	166,249	109,836	13,961	34,087	50,340	8,314	1,150,153
British Transport Police	18,273	3,316	1,356	307	1,020	2,828	-	27,100

Table 2.06b Number of arrests resulting from searches under section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 by police force area and self-defined ethnicity, 2009/10

Numbers	England and Wales							
	Arrests by ethnicity							Total
Police force area	White	Black or Black British	Asian or Asian British	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	Mixed	Not stated	Vehicle only	
Cleveland	3,328	28	73	15	20	43	17	3,524
Durham	661	3	2	-	2	11	9	688
Northumbria	7,840	65	165	17	30	62	-	8,179
North East Region	11,829	96	240	32	52	116	26	12,391
Cheshire	733	8	22	11	8	17	-	799
Cumbria	903	5	21	4	2	20	21	976
Greater Manchester	2,759	205	289	36	102	80	42	3,513
Lancashire	2,261	31	200	4	26	42	-	2,564
Merseyside	5,059	86	36	33	49	43	12	5,318
North West Region	11,715	335	568	88	187	202	75	13,170
Humberside	1,006	21	25	32	17	24	-	1,125
North Yorkshire	543	4	20	5	7	36	21	636
South Yorkshire	1,779	107	108	12	42	51	-	2,099
West Yorkshire	2,375	135	465	25	108	79	14	3,201
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	5,703	267	618	74	174	190	35	7,061
Derbyshire	649	26	49	3	20	17	7	771
Leicestershire	823	102	189	1	53	71	-	1,239
Lincolnshire	1,328	11	7	1	5	8	-	1,360
Northamptonshire	543	56	30	8	20	5	6	668
Nottinghamshire	370	63	32	9	36	63	-	573
East Midlands Region	3,713	258	307	22	134	164	13	4,611
Staffordshire	728	20	44	4	25	10	1	832
Warwickshire	704	26	44	4	25	18	7	828
West Mercia	1,362	59	65	2	39	51	-	1,578
West Midlands	611	226	282	15	46	115	-	1,295
West Midlands Region	3,405	331	435	25	135	194	8	4,533
Bedfordshire	1,388	233	308	19	99	115	15	2,177
Cambridgeshire	433	19	19	12	13	20	51	567
Essex	501	26	15	4	25	27	19	617
Hertfordshire	855	98	70	14	43	22	9	1,111
Norfolk	1,066	50	18	1	8	39	-	1,182
Suffolk	288	16	8	-	10	38	1	361
East of England Region	4,531	442	438	50	198	261	95	6,015
London, City of	233	80	48	5	25	79	-	470
Metropolitan Police	17,944	11,637	4,401	1,084	1,900	2,185	107	39,258
London Region	18,177	11,717	4,449	1,089	1,925	2,264	107	39,728
Hampshire	1,241	72	27	20	38	69	43	1,510
Kent	1,174	80	32	10	33	27	15	1,371
Surrey	1,100	60	61	16	33	18	-	1,288
Sussex	2,549	140	114	21	65	275	-	3,164
Thames Valley	1,851	217	218	10	114	204	4	2,618
South East Region	7,915	569	452	77	283	593	62	9,951
Avon and Somerset	1,025	93	17	5	29	337	-	1,506
Devon and Cornwall	1,348	16	8	1	8	62	-	1,443
Dorset	663	44	11	7	12	1	4	742
Gloucestershire	398	18	8	-	7	7	-	438
Wiltshire	670	44	8	3	12	17	-	754
South West Region	4,104	215	52	16	68	424	4	4,883
England Total	71,092	14,230	7,559	1,473	3,156	4,408	425	102,343
Dyfed-Powys	1,540	7	7	3	6	17	-	1,580
Gwent	884	17	32	4	4	5	13	959
North Wales	509	5	1	3	6	8	-	532
South Wales	1,912	51	23	4	25	15	-	2,030
Wales Total	4,845	80	63	14	41	45	13	5,101
England and Wales (excluding BTP)	75,937	14,310	7,622	1,487	3,197	4,453	438	107,444
British Transport Police	1,045	272	70	26	62	171	-	1,646

Table 2.06c Number of persons and vehicles searched under section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, by police force area and self-defined ethnicity, 2009/10

Numbers	England and Wales							Vehicle only	Total
	Searches by ethnicity								
Police force area	White	Black or Black British	Asian or Asian British	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	Mixed	Not stated			
Cleveland	48	-	1	-	-	1	1	51	
Durham	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	
Northumbria	271	1	-	-	-	-	-	272	
North East Region	341	1	1	-	-	1	1	345	
Cheshire	58	-	1	-	-	-	-	59	
Cumbria	294	2	-	-	1	17	-	314	
Greater Manchester	954	901	240	19	249	95	5	2,463	
Lancashire	3,098	131	230	9	129	32	10	3,639	
Merseyside	15,152	200	55	100	165	106	33	15,811	
North West Region	19,556	1,234	526	128	544	250	48	22,286	
Humberside	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	
North Yorkshire	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
South Yorkshire	330	121	85	9	40	80	3	668	
West Yorkshire	161	47	61	2	19	23	1	314	
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	503	168	146	11	60	103	4	995	
Derbyshire	37	7	4	-	6	1	-	55	
Leicestershire	108	25	33	-	11	18	1	196	
Lincolnshire	54	-	-	-	1	3	-	58	
Northamptonshire	67	2	1	1	2	3	-	76	
Nottinghamshire	158	47	27	3	24	41	66	366	
East Midlands Region	424	81	65	4	44	66	67	751	
Staffordshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Warwickshire	475	5	2	-	-	24	151	657	
West Mercia	71	11	98	1	11	8	-	200	
West Midlands	135	185	375	10	46	64	-	815	
West Midlands Region	681	201	475	11	57	96	151	1,672	
Bedfordshire	108	27	35	1	10	9	2	192	
Cambridgeshire	4	-	2	-	1	1	-	8	
Essex	121	9	5	3	2	3	-	143	
Hertfordshire	7	2	2	-	-	-	-	11	
Norfolk	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	
Suffolk	12	-	-	-	-	1	-	13	
East of England Region	273	38	44	4	13	14	2	388	
London, City of	46	20	10	2	6	39	-	123	
Metropolitan Police	24,687	37,115	17,710	1,255	4,380	5,662	60	90,869	
London Region	24,733	37,135	17,720	1,257	4,386	5,701	60	90,992	
Hampshire	253	4	2	1	5	11	1	277	
Kent	67	9	13	2	5	6	-	102	
Surrey	17	-	1	-	-	1	-	19	
Sussex	39	1	-	-	1	17	-	58	
Thames Valley	72	18	11	-	3	10	-	114	
South East Region	448	32	27	3	14	45	1	570	
Avon and Somerset	83	6	-	-	-	61	-	150	
Devon and Cornwall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dorset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gloucestershire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wiltshire	10	1	-	-	1	1	-	13	
South West Region	93	7	-	-	1	62	-	163	
England Total	47,052	38,897	19,004	1,418	5,119	6,338	334	118,162	
Dyfed-Powys	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	
Gwent	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	
North Wales	208	-	-	-	-	3	-	211	
South Wales	51	5	4	-	3	-	-	63	
Wales Total	268	5	4	-	3	4	-	284	
England and Wales (excluding BTP)	47,320	38,902	19,008	1,418	5,122	6,342	334	118,446	
British Transport Police	559	462	129	8	106	263	-	1,527	

Table 2.06d Number of arrests resulting from searches under section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, by police force area and self-defined ethnicity, 2009/10

Numbers	England and Wales							Total
	Arrests by ethnicity							
Police force area	White	Black or Black British	Asian or Asian British	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	Mixed	Not stated	Vehicle only	
Cleveland	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	13
Durham	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Northumbria	30	1	-	-	-	-	-	31
North East Region	46	1	-	-	-	-	1	48
Cheshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cumbria	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Greater Manchester	24	14	5	-	3	3	-	49
Lancashire	91	3	7	-	7	1	-	109
Merseyside	453	8	4	2	8	3	1	479
North West Region	577	25	16	2	18	7	1	646
Humberside	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Yorkshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Yorkshire	2	3	4	-	1	2	-	12
West Yorkshire	17	3	9	1	1	4	-	35
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	19	6	13	1	2	6	-	47
Derbyshire	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Leicestershire	15	3	4	-	2	2	-	26
Lincolnshire	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Northamptonshire	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Nottinghamshire	18	3	-	1	-	4	-	26
East Midlands Region	48	7	4	1	2	6	-	68
Staffordshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Warwickshire	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
West Mercia	4	-	4	-	-	2	-	10
West Midlands	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	10
West Midlands Region	9	3	9	-	-	2	-	23
Bedfordshire	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Cambridgeshire	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Essex	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hertfordshire	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Norfolk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suffolk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East of England Region	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	6
London, City of	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	3
Metropolitan Police	553	938	228	45	116	111	2	1,993
London Region	554	939	228	45	116	112	2	1,996
Hampshire	9	1	-	-	-	2	-	12
Kent	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Surrey	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Sussex	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Thames Valley	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
South East Region	21	1	-	-	-	3	-	25
Avon and Somerset	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
Devon and Cornwall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dorset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gloucestershire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wiltshire	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
South West Region	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	6
England Total	1,284	984	270	49	138	136	4	2,865
Dyfed-Powys	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gwent	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
North Wales	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
South Wales	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Wales Total	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
England and Wales (excluding BTP)	1,293	984	270	49	138	136	4	2,874
British Transport Police	44	19	4	1	7	18	-	93

Table 2.06e Searches and resultant arrests of persons and vehicles under section 44 of the Terrorism Act, by police force area and self-defined ethnicity, 2009/10

Police force area	Searches by ethnicity						Arrests in connection with terrorism by ethnicity						Arrests for other reasons by ethnicity											
	White	Black or Black British	Asian or Asian British	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	Mixed	Not stated	Vehicle only	Total	White	Black or Black British	Asian or Asian British	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	Mixed	Not stated	Vehicle only	Total	White	Black or Black British	Asian or Asian British	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	Mixed	Not stated	Vehicle only	Total
North East Region																								
Cheshire	11	-	5	-	-	5	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cumbria	2	1	59	3	-	-	-	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Greater Manchester	74	15	50	4	7	1	-	151	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	5
Merseyside	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North West Region	91	16	114	7	7	6	-	241	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	1	-	6
North Yorkshire	125	-	23	3	1	2	-	154	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	125	-	23	3	1	2	-	154	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Midlands Region	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Midlands Region	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Essex	333	10	24	6	5	11	5	394	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East of England Region	333	10	24	6	5	11	5	394	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
London, City of	897	121	197	30	45	96	4	1,390	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	2	1	-	9
Metropolitan Police	48,337	9,053	14,348	3,649	1,801	4,286	6,218	87,692	-	1	-	1	-	-	159	99	83	27	83	9	21	8	-	406
London Region	49,234	9,174	14,545	3,679	1,846	4,382	6,222	89,082	-	1	-	1	-	-	161	100	85	28	85	11	22	8	-	415
Hampshire	49	-	1	1	-	2	5	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sussex	1,027	52	123	9	14	35	21	1,281	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8
Thames Valley	114	2	16	4	-	8	1	145	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
South East Region	1,190	54	140	14	14	45	27	1,484	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	15
South West Region	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
England Total	50,973	9,254	14,846	3,709	1,873	4,446	6,254	91,355	-	1	-	1	-	172	104	88	28	88	13	23	8	23	8	436
South Wales	192	7	7	-	1	3	3	213	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wales Total	192	7	7	-	1	3	3	213	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
England and Wales (excluding BTP)	51,165	9,261	14,853	3,709	1,874	4,449	6,257	91,568	-	1	-	1	-	172	104	88	28	88	13	23	8	23	8	436
British Transport Police	9,444	903	2,442	726	433	3,170	-	17,118	-	-	-	-	-	33	12	13	3	12	13	3	2	16	-	79

Table 2.07 Road checks under section 4 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, by police force area, reason for road check and result, 2009/10

Police force area	England and Wales								
	Number of road checks					Number of vehicles stopped ¹	Number of arrests resulting		
	Total road checks	To ascertain whether a vehicle was carrying a person who :					Number of roads obstructed	Related to the reason for the road check	Not related to the reason for the road check
		Had committed an indictable offence	Had witnessed an indictable offence	Intending to commit an indictable offence	Was unlawfully at large				
Cleveland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northumbria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North East Region	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cheshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cumbria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Manchester	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lancashire	1	-	1	-	-	223	1	-	-
Merseyside	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North West Region	1	-	1	-	-	223	1	-	-
Humberside	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Yorkshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Yorkshire	3	-	3	-	-	327	4	-	-
West Yorkshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	3	-	3	-	-	327	4	-	-
Derbyshire	4	1	3	-	-	2,113	8	-	-
Leicestershire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lincolnshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northamptonshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nottinghamshire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Midlands Region	4	1	3	-	-	2,113	8	-	-
Staffordshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Warwickshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Mercia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Midlands	1	1	-	-	-	147	2	-	-
West Midlands Region	1	1	-	-	-	147	2	-	-
Bedfordshire	1	-	1	-	-	18	3	-	-
Cambridgeshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Essex	1	1	-	-	-	81	2	-	-
Hertfordshire	3	-	3	-	-	77	-	-	3
Norfolk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suffolk	1	-	1	-	-	260	1	-	-
East of England Region	6	1	5	-	-	436	6	-	3
London, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Metropolitan Police	4	-	4	-	-	2,694	5	-	-
London Region	4	-	4	-	-	2,694	5	-	-
Hampshire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kent	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Surrey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sussex	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thames Valley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South East Region	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Avon and Somerset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Devon and Cornwall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dorset	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gloucestershire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wiltshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South West Region	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
England Total	21	3	18	-	-	5,940	28	-	3
Dyfed-Powys	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gwent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Wales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Wales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wales Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
England and Wales	21	3	18	-	-	5,940	28	-	3

1. Figures estimated for certain forces.

.. Data not available

Table 2.08 Intimate searches made under section 55 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, by police force area, person conducting the search, reason for search and outcome, 2009/10

Number	England and Wales								
	Total persons searched	Search conducted				Reasons for searches ²			
		by suitably qualified person	in presence of suitably qualified person	by police officer	by designated civilian detention officer	Drugs		Other harmful articles	
Police force area					Searches made	Class A drugs found	Searches made	Harmful articles found	
Cleveland	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Durham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northumbria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North East Region	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cheshire	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Cumbria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Manchester	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Lancashire	2	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Merseyside	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North West Region	5	4	-	1	-	3	1	2	-
Humberside	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Yorkshire	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
South Yorkshire	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
West Yorkshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	3	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Derbyshire	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Leicestershire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lincolnshire	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
Northamptonshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nottinghamshire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Midlands Region	3	2	-	1	-	3	1	-	-
Staffordshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Warwickshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Mercia	3	3	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
West Midlands	4	3	-	1	-	3	-	1	-
West Midlands Region	7	6	-	1	-	5	-	2	-
Bedfordshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cambridgeshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Essex	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Hertfordshire	5	5	-	-	-	4	-	1	-
Norfolk	8	8	-	-	-	8	1	-	-
Suffolk	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
East of England Region	15	15	-	-	-	13	1	2	-
London, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Metropolitan Police	5	3	-	2	-	3	-	2	-
London Region	5	3	-	2	-	3	-	2	-
Hampshire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surrey	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Sussex	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thames Valley	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
South East Region	3	3	-	-	-	3	1	-	-
Avon and Somerset	7	7	-	-	-	7	1	-	-
Devon and Cornwall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dorset	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gloucestershire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wiltshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South West Region	7	7	-	-	-	7	1	-	-
England Total	49	44	-	5	-	41	5	8	-
Dyfed-Powys	6	6	-	-	-	6	-	-	-
Gwent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Wales	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
South Wales	29	29	-	-	-	27	5	2	-
Wales Total	36	36	-	-	-	34	5	2	-
England and Wales	85	80	-	5	-	75	10	10	-

1. Data on the reason for search not available in 2 cases.

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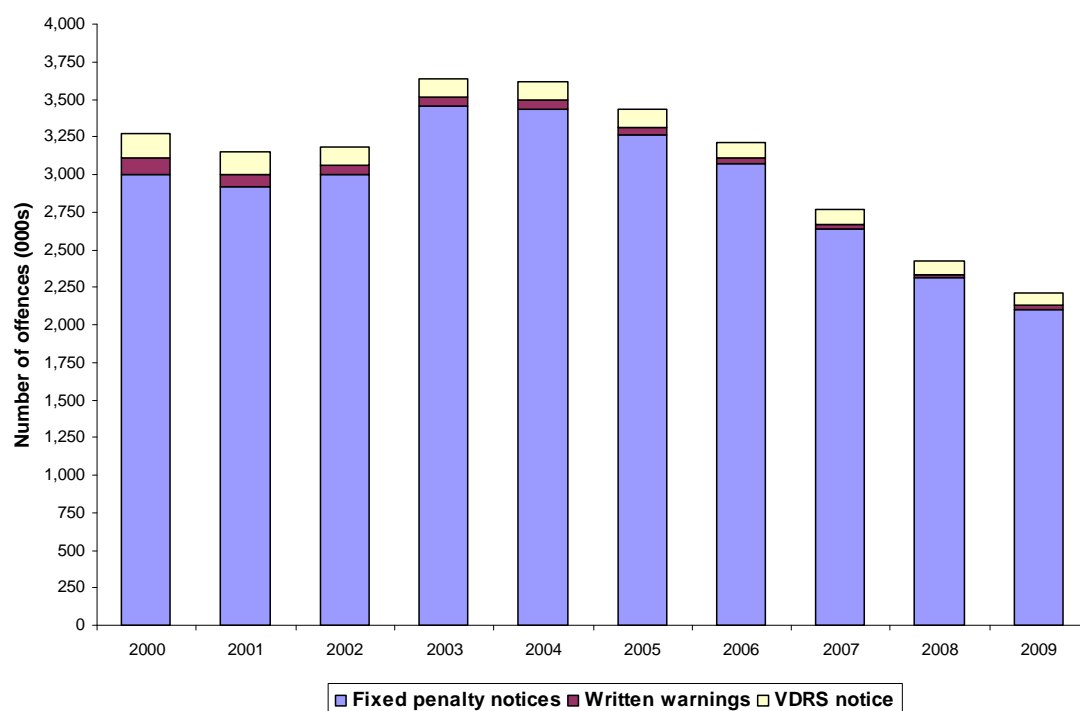
3 Fixed Penalty Notices

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3.1 SUMMARY*

- The number of fixed penalty notices (FPNs) for motoring offences issued by the police (including traffic wardens) in 2009 was 2.1 million, down nine per cent on 2008.
- Speed limit offences comprised just over 1.1 million of these fixed penalty notices, or 54 per cent of all fixed penalty notices issued in 2009.
- From 27 February 2007, the offence of using a handheld mobile phone while driving became an endorsable fixed penalty notice offence, meaning that a person caught is given penalty points on their licence as well as a higher penalty. In 2009, 126,000 fixed penalty notices were issued for this offence, a rise of eight per cent (around 10,000) on 2008.
- Cameras provided evidence for 85 per cent of the 1.1 million fixed penalty notices issued for speeding offences in 2009.
- As well as fixed penalty notices, the police issued 27,000 written warnings for motoring offences and 78,000 Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS) notices in 2009.

Figure 3a Number of fixed penalty notices, written warnings and Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS) notices issued by the police, England and Wales, 2000 to 2009



* Due to the high numbers of FPNs issued, numbers have been rounded to the nearest thousand or million in the text of this chapter

3.2 INTRODUCTION

This chapter covers the use of police powers to issue fixed penalty notices, written warnings and cautions for various motoring offences as well as powers to issue Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme notices. The data presented in this chapter are drawn from returns from police forces in England and Wales.

Table 3a Offences relating to motor vehicles: summary of action taken, 2000 to 2009

		England and Wales						
		Numbers (thousands) and percentage changes						
		Type of action						
Year	Fixed penalty notice		Written warning		VDRS notice ¹		Total	
	Number	change from previous year (%)	Number	change from previous year (%)	Number	change from previous year (%)	Number	change from previous year (%)
2000	2,998	-	108	-	170	-	3,276	-
2001	2,918	-3	87	-20	142	-16	3,147	-4
2002	2,997	3	59	-32	128	-10	3,184	1
2003	3,457	15	57	-2	123	-4	3,637	14
2004	3,435	-1	59	3	126	3	3,619	0
2005	3,264	-5	47	-20	118	-6	3,429	-5
2006	3,074	-6	39	-18	103	-13	3,216	-6
2007	2,637	-14	33	-14	95	-8	2,765	-14
2008	2,310	-12	27	-19	87	-8	2,424	-12
2009	2,103	-9	27	-2	78	-10	2,208	-9

1. Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme.

The number of fixed penalty notices for motoring offences issued by the police (including traffic wardens) in 2009 was 2.1 million, down nine per cent on 2008.

The remaining offences were dealt with by written warnings or Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS) notices. In 2009, there were 27,000 written warnings issued, down two per cent on 2008, and 78,000 VDRS notices, a decrease of ten per cent since 2008. The use of VDRS notices has shown a steady decline since 2004.

Box 3a Coverage of chapter

The coverage of data has changed since the release of the Ministry of Justice publication 'Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles – England and Wales 2006'. Information on court proceedings for motoring offences are still dealt with by the Ministry of Justice and published as a part of their publication 'Criminal Statistics – England and Wales'.

Information on Penalty Charge Notices (see 3.3) issued by local authorities is now dealt with by the Department for Transport.

This is the last year statistics on written warnings and VDRS notices are being published by the Home Office. Please see box 3c for more information.

3.3 FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

The number of fixed penalty notices for motoring offences issued by the police (including traffic wardens) in 2009 was 2.1 million, down nine per cent on 2008. Over the last ten years, the number of fixed penalty notices issued has fluctuated: from 2.1 million in 2001, before rising to 3.5 million in 2003. Since then, the number issued has declined by nearly 1.4 million over six years.

- Over the last year, there were falls in five of the 11 offence groups.
- The largest fall in numerical terms was 'speed limit offences', falling by 111,000 in 2009. This coincides with the extension of the rollout of speed awareness courses to police forces.
- The largest fall in percentage terms was recorded in 'obstruction, waiting and parking offences'. There were 264,000 fixed penalty notices issued by the police for this offence in 2009, a fall of 20 per cent (68,000 offences) since 2008. The fall in this category can be attributed mainly to more local authorities taking on civil enforcement powers, such as penalty charge notices. The issue of a penalty charge notice is a civil procedure, not a criminal procedure enforced by the police. Figures published by the Department for Transport show the estimated number of penalty charge notices issued for 2009/10 was 7.14 million for on-street offences and 1.80 million for off-street offences, compared to 7.42 million and 1.67 million respectively in 2008/09.
- There was a rise in the issue of FPNs for the 'use of handheld mobile phone while driving' offence group in 2009, increasing by eight per cent from 116,000 to 126,000.
- There were increases in six of the 11 offence groups in 2009. The largest increase in percentage terms was 'miscellaneous motoring offences (excluding seat belt offences)' increasing by 41 per cent (1,509 offences). The largest increase in numerical terms was 'vehicle test and condition offences', rising by 22 per cent (13,000 offences) to 69,000 (following a rise of 59 per cent from 2007 to 2008), but accounting for less than four per cent of all FPNs.

Table 3b Fixed penalty notices issued by offence type, 2000 to 2009

Numbers (thousands)		England and Wales									
Offence group	Offence type	2000 ¹	2001 ¹	2002 ¹	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
4(pt)	Careless driving offences (excluding use of handheld mobile phone while driving)	32.2	34.7	32.7	34.9	16.7	12.6	8.9	7.0	2.8	3.4
4(pt)	Use of handheld mobile phone while driving ¹	..	..	..	1.9	74.0	126.6	166.8	122.1	115.9	125.5
7,9,10	Licence, insurance ² and record-keeping offences	49.5	50.3	49.6	67.6	70.0	80.3	88.7	100.8	99.7	86.1
13,15	Vehicle test and condition offences	10.5	9.3	7.9	10.2	12.7	16.5	21.8	35.6	56.8	69.3
16	Speed limit offences	941.7	1,151.1	1,407.3	1,894.8	1,924.4	1,979.9	1,828.5	1,473.8	1,247.0	1,136.0
17-19	Neglect of traffic signs and directions and of pedestrian rights	183.4	175.1	176.9	227.0	219.6	208.6	208.5	203.8	200.1	183.0
20	Obstruction, waiting and parking offences	1,595.4	1,325.0	1,165.0	1,044.3	882.5	573.4	496.3	446.8	331.8	264.1
21,22	Lighting and noise offences	23.0	19.9	20.7	20.1	23.2	19.4	18.9	19.0	20.4	20.9
23,24	Other offences ³	3.9	3.2	3.1	3.7	4.9	5.2	3.9	3.8	4.7	5.8
25(pt)	Miscellaneous motoring offences (excluding seat belt offences)	3.5	5.1	7.9	6.8	4.9	6.7	5.4	3.6	3.7	5.2
25(pt)	Seat belt offences	155.3	144.4	126.4	145.6	201.8	234.6	226.2	220.1	227.0	203.4
Total		2,998.2	2,918.0	2,997.4	3,456.7	3,434.7	3,263.9	3,073.8	2,636.6	2,310.0	2,102.7

1. Introduced as a specific offence as from 1 December 2003.

2. As from June 2003, the offence of having no insurance was added to the road traffic fixed penalty offence system.

3. Includes load offences and offences peculiar to motor cycles.

Figures show that 89 per cent of the fixed penalty notices issued by the police in 2009 were paid while a fine was automatically registered at court in a further eight per cent of cases. There was a small but steady increase in the proportion of fixed penalties paid between 2000 and 2005. Figures have remained relatively stable since 2005.

Table 3c Fixed penalty notices by result, 2000 to 2009

Percentages		England and Wales									
Result	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
Penalty paid	80	82	84	87	88	90	89	90	89	89	
No further action	7	5	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	
Fine registered	12	13	11	10	9	7	7	8	8	8	
Referred for court proceedings	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	
Total notices dealt with (thousands)	2,984	2,980	2,866	3,506	3,377	3,357	3,115	2,649	2,319	2,091	

Fixed penalties are more likely to be paid if the offence is endorsable. In 2009, 97 per cent of fixed penalty notices issued for endorsable offences were paid without further enforcement, compared with 73 per cent (non-endorsable, driver present) and 74 per cent (non-endorsable, driver absent).

Table 3d Percentage of fixed penalty notices paid, by force area and type of notice, 2000 to 2009

Percentages		England and Wales										
Year	Endorsable ¹			Non-endorsable						All notices		
	Metro-politan Police	Other forces	All forces	Driver present			Driver absent ²			Metro-politan Police	Other forces	All forces
				Metro-politan Police	Other forces	All forces	Metro-politan Police	Other forces	All forces			
2000	96.5	97.0	97.0	72.8	73.1	73.1	62.5	71.8	70.7	71.7	81.0	80.1
2001	97.8	98.3	98.3	71.4	72.5	72.5	59.1	70.4	69.1	71.6	82.9	81.9
2002	98.3	98.7	98.7	71.3	73.7	73.4	59.4	70.2	68.8	72.9	85.4	84.3
2003	98.5	99.1	99.1	73.6	71.0	71.3	60.5	70.0	68.2	74.2	88.5	87.0
2004	98.8	98.2	98.2	73.9	73.9	73.9	63.8	72.2	70.6	79.1	89.0	87.9
2005	99.2	98.5	98.6	74.0	76.5	76.3	63.7	72.4	72.1	91.2	90.2	90.3
2006	99.0	97.2	97.4	74.6	76.6	76.4	62.6	72.6	72.3	89.6	89.2	89.2
2007	97.4	98.1	98.0	71.3	74.7	74.4	67.1	73.1	72.8	88.1	89.9	89.8
2008	97.8	97.2	97.2	73.3	74.0	74.0	73.7	73.9	73.9	90.9	89.3	89.4
2009	96.8	96.9	96.9	73.6	73.1	73.1	76.8	73.9	74.0	88.1	89.3	89.3

1. Includes offences detected by automatic cameras for which a conditional offer of a fixed penalty was made and which can only be counted if made substantive, i.e. if paid.

2. For driver absent offences, a notice to owner is issued in the event of non-payment which can act as a reminder.

3.4 TRAFFIC CAMERAS

There were one million fixed penalty notices for traffic light and speeding offences detected by cameras in 2009, falling by 120,000 (11%) from 2008 figures. Speeding offences account for 91 per cent of this figure. Cameras are also used to provide evidence for other offences, such as unauthorised use of a bus lane, but those involving cameras are not separately collected by the Home Office.

Table 3e Fixed penalties¹ for offences detected by cameras, 2000 to 2009

Numbers (thousands)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Speeding offences	599	878	1,135	1,670	1,787	1,824	1,689	1,296	1,048	935
Traffic light offences	52	46	71	115	113	124	120	109	100	92
All offences	651	924	1,206	1,785	1,900	1,948	1,808	1,406	1,147	1,027

1. Paid i.e. no further action.

Box 3b National Safety Camera Programme

The National Safety Camera Programme was launched nationally in August 2001. This funding scheme, allowed fixed penalty income from speeding and red traffic light offences detected by cameras within the scheme to be used to meet the costs of operating the cameras.

On 15 December 2005 the then Secretary of State for Transport announced the ending of the National Safety Camera Programme and netting-off funding arrangement for cameras in England and Wales, with effect from March 2007. Camera funding, activities and partnerships were integrated into the wider road safety delivery process from 1 April 2007. In 2010 and April 2011 further changes to funding arrangements to increase flexibility were introduced.

These initiatives should be borne in mind when interpreting data relating to the use of cameras. For guidance and best practice advice on the deployment of speed cameras from 1 April 2007 please see the Department for Transport's Circular 1/07 – Use of Speed and Red-Light Cameras for Traffic Enforcement: Guidance on Deployment, Visibility And Signing.

3.5 WRITTEN WARNINGS

As well as fixed penalty notices, police officers have the option of issuing written warnings for motoring offences. The use of written warnings for motoring offences reached a peak in 1981, when 326,000 were issued. There has been a steady decline since then.

The number of offences for which written warnings were issued in 2009 was 27,000. After four consecutive years of rapid declines, the number of offences for the last two years has been stable. In 2009, 34 out of the 43 police forces used written warnings for motoring offences. Table 3f shows the numbers of written warnings (including formal cautions) issued.

- In 2009, the largest numbers of written warnings were issued for 'speed limit offences' (5,476 or 21% of written warnings), 'dangerous, careless or drunken driving etc.' (4,338 or 16%), 'unauthorised taking or theft of a motor vehicle' (3,416 or 13%) and 'licence, insurance and record-keeping offences' (3,038 or 11%).

Table 3f Written warnings and cautions by offence group, 2000 to 2009

Numbers (thousands)		England and Wales										
Offence group	Offence type	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
1-4	Dangerous, careless or drunken driving etc. ¹	11.2	9.7	7.5	7.6	6.4	6.3	5.5	4.7	4.6	4.3	
5	Accident offences	2.3	2.3	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.0	0.9	
6	Unauthorised taking or theft of a motor vehicle ¹	6.6	6.7	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.1	4.3	3.4	
7,9-12,14	Licence, insurance and record-keeping offences	22.7	19.0	14.3	13.4	13.4	8.7	7.0	5.5	4.1	3.0	
13,15	Vehicle test and condition offences	16.1	13.5	9.3	9.2	8.1	5.3	4.4	4.0	3.4	2.6	
16	Speed limit offences	24.1	17.5	6.5	6.1	8.1	7.1	5.4	5.0	4.0	5.5	
17-19	Neglect of traffic signs and directions and of pedestrian rights	6.7	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.8	2.2	2.1	1.1	1.4	
20	Obstruction, waiting and parking offences	2.2	1.6	1.5	0.8	2.8	1.9	2.1	2.1	1.3	1.4	
21,22	Lighting and noise offences	7.1	5.1	3.7	4.0	3.2	3.1	2.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	
23	Load offences	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	
24	Offences peculiar to motor cycles	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	
25	Miscellaneous motoring offences	8.2	6.1	4.2	5.1	5.9	4.8	2.9	1.7	1.7	2.2	
	Total	108.4	86.7	58.7	57.3	58.7	47.4	38.9	33.4	27.2	26.5	
	Number of persons (thousands)	92.0	75.4	51.8	50.4	48.2	41.0	31.8	27.0	23.6	23.6	

Box 3c Withdrawal of written warnings and Vehicle Defect Rectification Notices data

Statistics on Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS) Notices and written warnings for motoring offences were withdrawn as National Statistics from 2009. This withdrawal was approved by the National Statistician following a public consultation under National Statistics procedures. A link to the text of the review can be viewed below.

<http://tna.europarchive.org/20100419081706/http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/police-reform/data-burdens-review6acf.html?view=Standard&pubID=611232>

This withdrawal implements a recommendation of the review by David Normington, former Home Office Permanent Secretary, on Reducing the Data Burdens on Police Forces in England and Wales.

(see <http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/police-reform/data-burdens-review2835.pdf>)

3.6 VEHICLE DEFECT RECTIFICATION SCHEME

The police, in the interests of road safety, can prosecute drivers for using a defective vehicle on the road. To avoid unnecessary prosecutions, the Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS) was introduced in 1986 to ensure that faults on vehicles are rectified and suitable for use on public roads.

- Most forces introduced Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme notices during 1986, and up to 1997 approximately 270,000 were issued each year.
- Since 1997, the use of this scheme has declined substantially with 123,000 notices being issued in 2003 before rising to 126,000 in 2004 and then falling to 78,000 in 2009.
- In 2009, 77 per cent (60,000) of VDRS notices were complied with, the same percentage complied with in 2008.

As mentioned in box 3c, this is the last year that the Home Office will be publishing data on VDRS notices.

Table 3g Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS) notices issued¹ and complied with², 2000 to 2009

Numbers (thousands) and percentages		England and Wales	
Year	VDRS notices issued	Notices complied with	% complied with
2000	170	127	75
2001	142	102	72
2002	128	91	71
2003	123	90	73
2004	126	96	76
2005	118	89	75
2006	103	78	75
2007 ³	95	72	76
2008 ³	87	67	77
2009 ⁴	78	60	77

1. A notice may relate to several defects.

2. Vehicle repaired or scrapped within specified period.

3. 2007 and 2008 data are based on estimates where particular forces are unavailable to provide data.

4. Includes all police forces apart from Merseyside who were unable to provide data.

3.7 OTHER FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

In addition to fixed penalty notices for motoring offences, police officers can also issue fixed penalty notices for minor disorder offences under the Penalty Notice for Disorder (PND) scheme.

Examples of offences covered under the scheme are:

- causing harassment, alarm or distress;
- alcohol consumption offences including 'drunk and disorderly' and consumption of alcohol in a designated public place or highway;
- licensing offences involving the illegal sale and purchase of alcohol to persons under 18;
- criminal damage (value under £500);
- retail theft or shoplifting (value under £200);
- possession of cannabis; and
- fireworks offences.

The most recent information on the number of PNDs issued is published in the Ministry of Justice publication, *Criminal Statistics: England and Wales 2009*. A link to the publication is below.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/criminalannual.htm>

Table 3.01 Fixed penalty notices issued for all offences by offence group and police force area, 2009

Police force area	England and Wales																			
	4 (pt)	4 (pt)	7	9	10	13	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25 (pt)	25 (pt)	Total all offences	
	Use offences involving careless driving	Use of handheld while driving	Driving licence-related offences	Vehicle insurance offences	Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	Vehicle test offences	Vehicle or part in dangerous or defective condition	Speed limit offences (other than speeding)	Motorway offences (other than speeding)	Neglect of traffic directions	Neglect of pedestrian rights	Obstruction, waiting and parking offences	Lighting offences	Noise offences	Load offences	Offences peculiar to motor cycles	Offences motor (excluding seat belt offences)	Miscellaneous offences	Seat belt offences	Total all offences
Cleveland	46	1,420	41	137	347	105	463	8,687	-	1,342	138	566	307	8	12	12	3	2,180	15,813	
Durham	15	953	40	64	104	-	95	3,359	7	444	67	3,222	188	6	33	3	-	1,485	10,002	
North East Region	210	8,653	145	201	1,291	105	948	34,391	16	2,689	208	6,676	684	66	6	19	2	1,895	37,921	
Cheshire	165	3,776	97	319	1,412	1,544	373	21,043	231	4,521	413	2,844	507	66	141	34	125	4,174	41,469	
Cumbria	63	1,081	46	-	251	1	201	20,366	45	757	175	542	254	37	37	13	-	2,296	26,164	
Greater Manchester	53	6,123	122	-	2,318	16	1,995	41,817	896	16,871	673	3,361	734	243	59	231	-	15,689	92,325	
Lancashire	126	4,827	186	1,079	1,667	710	425	34,710	168	1,552	189	2,388	519	96	41	10	-	8,100	56,905	
Merseyside	105	6,563	552	1,009	1,681	8,962	1,024	34,963	121	10,036	1,432	18,389	2,436	48	19	12	-	12,982	100,517	
North West Region	512	22,370	1,003	2,407	7,329	11,233	4,018	152,919	1,461	33,737	2,576	27,534	4,450	489	199	385	-	43,251	317,378	
Humber	178	2,672	150	-	873	-	420	24,749	33	3,080	332	7,985	544	26	152	45	1	1,694	42,934	
North Yorkshire	58	2,273	112	285	1,457	442	866	8,425	10	1,162	94	2,647	493	170	262	14	4	4,309	23,103	
South Yorkshire	79	3,403	253	676	1,706	1,848	723	10,526	75	4,617	344	1,363	874	20	152	52	147	7,465	34,323	
West Yorkshire	151	4,708	459	1,178	2,228	3,420	1,032	23,612	391	7,115	420	10,726	719	28	196	48	54	8,675	65,160	
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	466	13,056	974	2,139	6,264	5,710	3,061	67,312	509	15,974	1,190	22,721	2,630	244	762	159	206	22,143	165,520	
Derbyshire	28	1,480	105	250	401	383	192	10,756	16	1,203	76	486	170	17	4	19	14	2,170	17,770	
Leicestershire	24	1,752	140	308	850	723	849	12,889	64	5,114	122	1,643	181	4	130	5	4	1,202	26,014	
Lincolnshire	37	1,626	51	95	588	192	152	16,619	-	1,245	56	13,876	191	25	28	14	8	2,321	39,125	
Northamptonshire	10	1,543	71	336	280	376	100	11,585	10	2,589	40	2,403	88	2	7	13	9	1,629	21,091	
Northamptonshire	61	2,178	104	146	574	428	926	30,906	19	9,451	94	492	315	315	59	2642	59	2,642	48,649	
East Midlands Region	160	8,579	471	1,135	2,840	2,102	2,219	84,765	109	19,602	388	18,900	307	65	247	64	94	9,964	152,649	
Staffordshire	62	1,747	159	783	968	1,290	758	35,027	-	1,546	84	6,165	945	224	62	24	158	3,141	52,505	
Warwickshire	63	1,875	69	290	401	429	241	32,213	59	1,964	19	2,196	213	12	17	15	5	1,421	41,502	
West Mercia	82	3,408	121	440	1,017	851	307	39,871	75	1,742	236	1,544	215	134	3	18	202	3,693	53,999	
West Midlands	79	6,112	229	8	1,270	8	911	40,769	78	11,953	564	12,720	378	35	56	94	205	8,056	83,747	
West Midlands Region	286	13,142	578	1,723	3,656	2,578	2,217	147,900	212	17,205	903	22,625	1,113	405	138	151	570	16,311	231,713	
Bedfordshire	23	1,249	16	-	208	46	96	14,289	10	1,192	94	635	135	10	13	36	1	1,895	19,948	
Cambridgeshire	51	1,964	138	335	933	444	454	14,401	11	1,413	114	4,795	192	18	71	17	9	3,186	28,546	
Essex	298	7,971	328	1,081	1,269	5,293	977	30,423	70	6,456	211	2,310	561	99	142	34	53	15,746	73,322	
Herefordshire	57	3,793	241	1,167	1,989	2,577	234	29,724	72	3,309	93	1,701	123	7	9	26	34	3,431	48,587	
Norfolk	77	2,350	111	523	574	1,026	110	28,474	-	1,060	76	6,721	200	32	30	30	11	3,044	44,449	
Suffolk	65	795	91	549	915	689	227	42,055	42	1,110	66	1,409	237	11	49	18	4	2,694	51,026	
East of England Region	571	18,122	925	3,655	5,888	10,075	2,098	159,366	205	14,540	654	17,571	1,448	177	314	161	112	29,996	265,878	
London, City of	8	499	61	51	693	79	61	1,590	-	1,526	47	209	24	5	3	16	2,881	637	8,390	
Metropolitan Police	158	7,383	2,333	2,172	3,429	1,825	1,674	44,197	176	22,201	434	11,582	3,071	91	185	292	81	16,594	117,878	
London Region	166	7,882	2,394	2,223	4,122	1,904	1,735	45,787	176	23,727	481	11,791	3,095	96	188	308	2,962	17,231	126,268	
Hampshire	138	4,037	346	1,087	1,568	1,196	283	29,460	86	2,534	214	2,233	222	73	44	71	48	4,781	48,421	
Kent	83	4,597	102	473	1,551	1,079	556	25,868	435	1,749	284	849	442	152	497	15	105	5,318	44,155	
Surrey	71	2,605	181	436	1,640	1,745	378	26,401	115	4,447	116	1,377	249	16	15	19	3	2,213	42,027	
Sussex	27	3,623	334	1,065	1,366	2,793	29,710	29,710	72	4,041	211	20,128	281	22	-	29	5	5,288	69,220	
Thames Valley	114	5,629	354	730	1,015	518	430	57,781	33	1,771	169	10,493	469	32	49	22	1	12,408	92,023	
South East Region	433	20,491	1,317	3,791	7,140	7,331	1,925	169,220	678	14,540	994	35,080	1,673	295	605	161	162	30,008	295,846	
Avon and Somerset	31	2,094	178	420	7,861	1,261	393	54,165	62	6,141	760	9,291	422	64	90	34	224	1,919	85,410	
Devon and Cornwall	150	2,860	142	301	6,261	868	575	39,426	38	7,411	228	17,386	426	233	129	27	49	3,567	64,429	
Dorset	38	1,475	109	601	1,008	2,966	231	23,050	-	1,011	103	2,85	124	14	62	36	34	2,368	33,495	
Gloucestershire	50	1,183	37	192	156	651	115	4,339	7	452	54	880	42	2	16	16	-	1,549	9,080	
Wiltshire	55	1,256	92	489	1,096	651	217	51,992	128	3,157	82	403	142	27	99	15	1	1,697	61,492	
South West Region	324	8,868	558	2,003	16,382	5,746	1,531	172,972	128	18,172	1,227	12,577	1,156	344	382	128	308	11,100	253,906	
England Total	3,128	117,163	8,365	19,277	54,912	46,784	19,752	1,034,632	3,494	161,984	8,826	179,263	17,194	2,195	4,192	1,365	4,804	185,564	1,872,894	
Wales	19	1,196	31	197	414	-	294	10,758	11	821	56	9,711	231	33	9	4	146	1,528	25,459	
Gwent	40	1,265	40	281	709	239	324	14,625	20	1,444	94	13,466	317	37	18	12	2	2,709	35,742	
North Wales	124	2,757	59	290	1,033	888	373	27,648	6	726	46	1,516	304	68	39	18	129	9,030	45,054	
South Wales	53	3,135	50	-	397	-	666	48,359	19	4,990	461	60,146	449	43	59	21	125	4,534	123,507	
Wales Total	236	8,353	180	768	2,553	1,127	1,657	101,390	56	7,981	657	84,839	1,301	181	225	55	402	17,801	229,762	
England and Wales	3,364	125,516	8,545	20,045	57,465	47,911	21,409	1,136,022	3,550	169,965	9,483	264,102	18,495	2,376	4,417	1,420	5,206	203,365	2,102,656	

Table 3.02 Fixed penalty notices issued for endorsable offences by offence group and police force area, 2009

Police force area	England and Wales													
	4 (pt) Use of handheld involving careless driving	4 (pt) Use of handheld mobile phone while driving	7 Driving licence- related offences	9 Vehicle insurance offences	15 Vehicle or part in dangerous or defective condition	16 Speed limit offences	17 Motorway offences (other than speeding)	18 Neglect of traffic directions	19 Neglect of pedestrian rights	20 Obstruction, waiting and parking offences	23 Load offences	24 Offences peculiar to motor cycles	25 (pt) Miscellaneous motoring offences	Total all offences 10,935
Cleveland	37	1,420	40	137	133	8,687	-	386	94	-	-	-	-	-
Durham	13	953	41	34	33	3,359	4	198	61	30	1	-	-	4,693
Northumbria	129	2,280	64	64	289	22,345	7	269	186	19	-	-	-	27,433
North East Region	179	4,653	145	201	436	34,391	11	2,654	341	19	30	1	-	43,061
Cheshire	153	3,776	97	183	179	21,043	179	3,433	74	23	3	-	-	29,284
Cumbria	58	1,081	46	179	179	20,366	35	326	160	2	25	-	-	22,278
Greater Manchester	23	6,123	122	-	153	41,817	700	14,433	305	205	-	-	-	63,881
Lancashire	106	4,827	186	232	232	34,710	113	578	163	70	2	-	-	42,068
Merseyside	53	6,563	552	1,079	281	34,983	49	2,347	1,104	102	3	-	-	47,064
North West Region	393	23,370	1,003	2,407	1,038	152,919	1,076	21,117	1,806	425	8	-	-	204,575
Humber	93	2,672	150	202	202	24,749	22	842	290	130	-	-	-	29,154
North Yorkshire	42	2,273	112	285	179	8,425	9	608	72	77	-	-	-	12,082
South Yorkshire	57	3,403	253	676	199	10,526	60	3,003	277	93	-	-	-	18,547
West Yorkshire	112	4,708	459	1,178	366	23,612	241	4,291	389	7	118	-	-	35,496
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	304	13,056	974	2,139	946	67,312	332	8,744	1,028	11	418	15	-	95,279
Derbyshire	26	1,480	105	250	97	10,756	14	170	65	170	-	-	-	12,964
Leicestershire	10	1,752	140	308	288	12,889	36	4,127	106	1	-	-	-	19,668
Lincolnshire	28	1,626	51	95	37	18,619	-	350	43	21	1	-	-	20,873
Northamptonshire	5	1,543	71	336	53	11,585	8	2,117	40	-	-	-	-	15,759
Nottinghamshire	53	2,178	104	146	68	30,906	17	8,315	51	10	-	-	-	41,855
East Midlands Region	122	8,579	471	1,135	543	30,906	75	15,079	311	6	31	2	-	111,119
Staffordshire	51	1,747	159	783	281	35,027	-	435	69	16	-	-	-	38,573
Warwickshire	56	1,875	69	290	74	32,213	46	1,758	16	3	-	-	-	36,400
West Mercia	78	3,408	121	440	256	39,871	64	1,444	225	-	-	-	-	45,907
West Midlands	40	6,112	229	210	473	40,789	73	8,757	475	9	-	-	-	57,181
West Midlands Region	225	13,142	578	1,723	1,084	147,900	183	12,394	785	16	16	1	14	178,061
Bedfordshire	16	1,249	16	-	14	14,289	9	584	75	584	-	-	-	16,287
Cambridgeshire	29	1,964	138	335	147	14,401	6	525	104	2	56	-	-	17,707
Essex	272	7,971	328	1,081	365	30,423	65	5,769	179	2	61	-	-	46,518
Hertfordshire	64	3,793	241	1,167	153	29,724	54	3,309	89	2	2	-	-	38,572
Norfolk	64	2,350	111	523	67	28,474	-	368	48	1	14	-	-	32,023
Suffolk	57	795	91	549	111	42,055	36	682	54	-	-	-	-	44,430
East of England Region	478	18,122	925	3,655	891	159,366	170	11,237	549	6	131	7	-	195,537
London, City of	-	499	61	51	56	1,590	-	1,520	10	-	1	-	-	3,788
Metropolitan Police	79	7,383	2,333	2,172	942	44,197	42	14,799	281	4	15	-	-	72,249
London Region	79	7,882	2,394	2,223	998	45,787	42	16,319	291	4	15	3	-	76,037
Hampshire	98	4,037	346	1,087	243	29,460	77	1,698	148	7	1	-	-	37,204
Kent	60	4,597	102	473	363	25,868	171	635	8	8	-	-	-	32,422
Surrey	46	2,605	181	436	226	26,401	72	3,947	76	1	2	-	-	33,993
Sussex	23	3,623	334	1,065	254	29,710	2	3,627	200	4	-	-	-	38,844
Thames Valley	98	5,629	354	730	231	57,781	28	1,426	145	2	2	-	-	66,475
South East Region	325	20,491	1,317	3,791	1,317	169,220	350	11,333	714	22	50	6	2	208,938
Avon and Somerset	28	2,094	178	420	198	54,165	57	5,309	201	1	-	-	-	62,652
Devon and Cornwall	132	2,860	142	301	317	39,426	34	6,423	218	2	76	-	-	49,931
Dorset	38	1,475	109	601	90	23,050	-	629	88	-	-	-	-	26,080
Gloucestershire	7	1,183	37	192	73	4,339	7	393	32	-	-	-	-	6,263
Wiltshire	41	1,256	92	489	156	51,992	17	2,762	37	2	-	-	-	56,845
South West Region	246	8,868	558	2,003	834	172,972	115	15,516	576	5	76	2	-	201,771
England Total	2,351	117,163	8,365	19,277	8,087	1,034,632	2,354	114,393	6,401	102	1,192	45	16	1,314,376
Dyfed-Powys	13	1,196	31	197	211	10,758	11	384	41	-	-	-	-	12,843
Gwent	30	1,265	40	281	77	14,625	12	894	58	2	-	-	-	17,284
North Wales	113	2,757	59	290	161	27,648	6	518	36	4	-	-	-	31,593
South Wales	43	3,135	50	-	387	48,359	6	3,898	206	3	32	-	-	56,120
Wales Total	199	8,353	180	768	836	101,390	35	5,694	341	9	32	2	1	117,840
England and Wales	2,550	125,516	8,545	20,045	8,923	1,136,022	2,389	120,087	6,742	111	1,224	47	17	1,432,218

Table 3.03 Fixed penalty notices issued for non-endorisable offences by offence group and police force area, 2009

Police force area	England and Wales																	
	4 (pt)	4 (pt) involving careless driving	Use of handheld mobile phone while driving	Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	Vehicle or part in dangerous or defective condition	Vehicle test offences - defective condition	Motorway offences (other than speeding)	Neglect of traffic directions	Neglect of pedestrian rights	Obstruction, waiting and parking offences	Lighting offences	Noise offences	Load offences	Offences peculiar to motor cycles	Miscellaneous motoring offences (excluding seat belt offences)	25 (pt)	25 (pt) Miscellaneous motoring offences (excluding seat belt offences)	Seat belt offences
Cleveland	9	2	-	105	330	566	307	8	12	11	3	2,180	4,878					
Durham	20	104	-	61	3	246	168	6	6	3	3,222	6	5,309					
Northumbria	31	840	-	121	5	629	209	66	6	19	6,657	66	10,488					
North East Region	31	1,291	-	512	5	1,831	684	80	21	33	10,445	80	16,885					
Cheshire	12	1,412	1	1,544	52	1,088	23	2,843	118	31	2,843	66	4,174					
Cumbria	5	251	1	22	10	431	15	540	540	13	254	36	2,296					
Greater Manchester	30	2,318	16	1,842	196	2,438	368	3,361	243	59	2,386	96	15,689					
Lancashire	20	1,667	710	1,933	55	974	519	36	2,396	39	2,396	10	8,100					
Merseyside	52	1,681	8,962	733	72	6,669	328	16,381	2,436	49	21	489	53,453					
North West Region	119	7,329	11,233	2,890	385	12,620	770	4,450	1,080	191	385	4,450	112,803					
Humber	85	873	-	218	11	2,238	42	7,981	544	26	22	26	1,694					
North Yorkshire	16	1,457	442	707	15	554	22	2,647	170	185	4	4	4,309					
South Yorkshire	22	1,706	1,848	524	15	1,614	67	1,363	874	20	20	20	7,465					
West Yorkshire	39	2,228	3,420	666	150	2,824	33	10,719	54	28	28	28	8,675					
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	162	6,264	5,710	2,115	177	7,230	162	22,710	2,630	244	244	244	22,143					
Derbyshire	2	401	95	383	2	1,033	11	485	17	17	4	4	2,170					
Leicestershire	14	850	723	561	28	1,642	181	1,642	130	4	4	4	6,346					
Lincolnshire	9	589	192	115	1	1,387	191	13,874	25	25	4	4	2,321					
Northamptonshire	5	280	376	47	2	472	88	2,402	7	7	9	9	1,629					
Northhamptonshire	8	720	428	858	2	1,136	315	17	68	13	13	13	6,794					
East Midlands Region	38	2,840	1,676	1,133	34	4,523	77	18,894	65	65	62	62	9,964					
Staffordshire	11	968	1,280	477	-	1,111	15	6,161	307	224	23	23	13,932					
Warwickshire	7	401	429	167	13	206	15	2,193	17	17	5	5	3,141					
West Midlands	39	1,177	883	438	1	1,544	16	1,544	184	184	16	16	4,421					
West Midlands Region	61	3,556	2,578	1,133	29	4,811	118	22,609	405	405	150	150	16,311					
Bedfordshire	7	208	46	683	1	608	19	634	135	135	36	36	1,895					
Cambridgeshire	22	933	444	307	5	888	10	4,783	192	18	15	15	3,186					
Essex	26	1,269	5,293	612	5	687	32	2,308	561	99	32	32	53					
Hertfordshire	17	1,989	2,577	81	18	-	4	1,701	123	7	24	24	3,431					
Northfolk	13	574	1,026	43	-	692	28	6,720	200	32	27	27	3,044					
Suffolk	8	915	689	116	6	428	18	1,409	237	11	18	18	2,694					
East of England Region	93	5,688	10,075	1,207	35	3,503	105	17,565	1,448	177	154	154	29,996					
London, City of	8	683	79	5	6	209	24	209	5	5	15	15	637					
Metropolitan Police	79	3,429	1,825	732	134	7,402	153	11,578	3,071	91	170	170	16,594					
London Region	87	4,122	1,904	737	134	7,408	190	11,787	3,095	96	173	173	50,231					
Hampshire	40	1,568	1,196	40	9	836	66	2,226	222	73	43	43	4,781					
Kent	23	1,551	1,079	193	264	1,114	139	841	442	152	487	15	105					
Surrey	25	1,640	1,745	152	43	500	40	1,376	291	22	22	22	2,213					
Sussex	4	1,366	2,793	24	7	414	11	20,124	200	32	27	27	3,044					
Thames Valley	16	1,015	518	199	5	345	24	10,491	469	32	25	25	12,408					
South East Region	108	7,140	7,331	608	328	3,209	280	35,058	1,673	295	555	555	30,008					
Avon and Somerset	3	7,861	1,261	195	5	832	550	9,200	422	64	90	90	1,919					
Devon and Cornwall	18	6,281	2,567	259	4	998	27	1,786	426	233	53	53	3,587					
Dorset	10	1,008	1,414	141	4	382	15	2,865	124	14	36	36	2,368					
Gloucestershire	43	1,556	42	59	-	59	22	880	42	6	6	6	1,549					
Wiltshire	14	1,086	651	61	4	395	45	401	142	27	14	14	1,697					
South West Region	78	16,382	5,746	697	13	2,656	651	12,572	344	344	306	306	11,100					
England Total	777	54,912	46,764	11,665	1,140	47,991	2,425	179,161	17,194	2,195	3,000	3,000	185,564					
Dyfed-Powys	6	414	-	83	-	437	15	9,711	231	33	9	9	1,528					
Gwent	10	709	239	247	8	550	317	13,464	317	118	12	12	2,709					
North Wales	11	1,033	888	212	-	208	304	1,512	230	68	17	17	9,030					
South Wales	10	387	-	279	13	1,092	255	60,143	449	27	20	20	4,534					
Wales Total	37	2,553	1,127	821	21	2,287	316	84,830	1,301	181	193	193	17,801					
England and Wales	814	57,465	47,911	12,486	1,161	49,878	2,741	263,991	18,495	2,376	3,193	3,193	203,365					

Table 3.04 Number of endorsable and non-endorsable fixed penalty notices issued by result and police force area, 2009

Numbers	England and Wales							
	Total endorsable and non-endorsable							
Police force area	Paid within 28 days	Payment accepted after 28 days	Subtotal paid	Process issued	No further action taken	Fine Registration Certificate issued	Outcome not finalised	Total
Cleveland	11,463	2,812	14,275	50	42	1,696	-	16,063
Durham	7,025	1,624	8,649	32	192	1,159	-	10,032
Northumbria	23,771	9,900	33,671	1	1,618	1,761	4	37,055
North East Region	42,259	14,336	56,595	83	1,852	4,616	4	63,150
Cheshire	28,007	9,655	37,662	41	196	3,672	58	41,629
Cumbria	20,564	4,824	25,388	36	142	652	1	26,219
Greater Manchester	65,197	20,542	85,739	334	326	6,611	7	93,017
Lancashire	37,863	14,160	52,023	162	260	4,574	17	57,036
Merseyside	60,691	23,644	84,335	823	1,444	15,210	1,730	103,542
North West Region	212,322	72,825	285,147	1,396	2,368	30,719	1,813	321,443
Humberside	32,218	8,029	40,247	130	722	4,415	25	45,539
North Yorkshire	17,836	2,076	19,912	103	173	3,207	2	23,397
South Yorkshire	24,788	4,454	29,242	169	243	4,666	3	34,323
West Yorkshire	44,449	12,151	56,600	2	1,027	7,492	39	65,160
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	119,291	26,710	146,001	404	2,165	19,780	69	168,419
Derbyshire	13,673	2,740	16,413	1	148	1,201	19	17,782
Leicestershire	15,915	8,290	24,205	96	141	1,729	-	26,171
Lincolnshire	24,573	10,162	34,735	175	503	3,844	8	39,265
Northamptonshire	13,062	6,226	19,288	270	122	1,409	2	21,091
Nottinghamshire	38,137	8,449	46,586	42	66	1,954	1	48,649
East Midlands Region	105,360	35,867	141,227	584	980	10,137	30	152,958
Staffordshire	23,592	5,295	28,887	70	260	1,482	8	30,707
Warwickshire	18,608	21,155	39,763	38	203	1,497	24	41,525
West Mercia	38,510	12,548	51,058	87	223	2,583	8	53,959
West Midlands	60,137	16,860	76,997	252	763	5,500	235	83,747
West Midlands Region	140,847	55,858	196,705	447	1,449	11,062	275	209,938
Bedfordshire	14,209	4,687	18,896	40	77	935	-	19,948
Cambridgeshire	20,863	4,234	25,097	114	342	2,924	69	28,546
Essex	46,136	18,606	64,742	12	706	8,185	188	73,833
Hertfordshire	34,098	10,803	44,901	66	205	3,440	2	48,614
Norfolk	34,150	7,528	41,678	103	654	2,264	1	44,700
Suffolk	38,558	10,321	48,879	234	168	3,198	27	52,506
East of England Region	188,014	56,179	244,193	569	2,152	20,946	287	268,147
London, City of	4,288	2,293	6,581	38	561	1,174	36	8,390
Metropolitan Police	74,158	29,664	103,822	1,178	455	11,908	515	117,878
London Region	78,446	31,957	110,403	1,216	1,016	13,082	551	126,268
Hampshire	35,624	8,110	43,734	118	1,031	3,573	8	48,464
Kent	33,451	6,796	40,247	190	309	3,622	28	44,396
Surrey	31,446	8,144	39,590	113	294	2,094	-	42,091
Sussex	47,797	12,401	60,198	261	1,519	6,318	1,258	69,554
Thames Valley	55,456	19,517	74,973	6	11,431	5,114	500	92,024
South East Region	203,774	54,968	258,742	688	14,584	20,721	1,794	296,529
Avon and Somerset	53,871	23,756	77,627	79	2,076	5,344	286	85,412
Devon and Cornwall	48,793	9,906	58,699	129	1,754	4,025	27	64,634
Dorset	25,601	5,782	31,383	93	150	1,944	80	33,650
Gloucestershire	6,882	1,469	8,351	-	125	791	32	9,299
Wiltshire	43,004	16,975	59,979	4	79	1,450	52	61,564
South West Region	178,151	57,888	236,039	305	4,184	13,554	477	254,559
England Total	1,268,464	406,588	1,675,052	5,692	30,750	144,617	5,300	1,861,411
Dyfed-Powys	11,527	10,128	21,655	55	809	2,758	182	25,459
Gwent	11,979	17,465	29,444	20	1,298	4,417	588	35,767
North Wales	33,536	6,768	40,304	107	241	4,386	38	45,076
South Wales	39,732	60,787	100,519	481	7,437	14,950	143	123,530
Wales Total	96,774	95,148	191,922	663	9,785	26,511	951	229,832
England and Wales	1,365,238	501,736	1,866,974	6,355	40,535	171,128	6,251	2,091,243

Table 3.05 Endorsable fixed penalty notices issued by result and police force area, 2009

Police force area	Paid (payment)		Total paid	Process issued	No further action taken	Fine		Total
	Paid (within 28 days)	accepted after 28 days)				Registration Certificate issued	Outcome not finalised	
Cleveland	8,304	2,134	10,438	15	3	479	-	10,935
Durham	3,725	732	4,457	6	2	228	-	4,693
Northumbria	19,062	6,866	25,928	-	42	557	2	26,529
North East Region	31,091	9,732	40,823	21	47	1,264	2	42,157
Cheshire	19,989	8,112	28,101	6	13	1,152	12	29,284
Cumbria	17,954	4,171	22,125	8	5	139	1	22,278
Greater Manchester	46,355	16,441	62,796	30	10	1,045	-	63,881
Lancashire	28,507	12,109	40,616	38	29	1,384	1	42,068
Merseyside	29,219	15,042	44,261	230	54	2,498	21	47,064
North West Region	142,024	55,875	197,899	312	111	6,218	35	204,575
Humberside	22,687	5,710	28,397	29	27	699	2	29,154
North Yorkshire	10,018	1,097	11,115	27	5	935	-	12,082
South Yorkshire	15,096	2,531	17,627	34	14	870	2	18,547
West Yorkshire	26,382	7,387	33,769	-	86	1,638	3	35,496
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	74,183	16,725	90,908	90	132	4,142	7	95,279
Derbyshire	10,496	2,103	12,599	-	19	345	1	12,964
Leicestershire	11,852	7,253	19,105	57	9	497	-	19,668
Lincolnshire	14,447	5,988	20,435	17	2	419	-	20,873
Northamptonshire	9,927	5,324	15,251	129	10	369	-	15,759
Nottinghamshire	33,801	7,625	41,426	12	1	415	1	41,865
East Midlands Region	80,523	28,293	108,816	215	41	2,045	2	111,119
Staffordshire	19,426	4,204	23,630	22	40	363	3	24,058
Warwickshire	16,483	19,428	35,911	11	33	433	12	36,400
West Mercia	33,693	11,338	45,031	33	24	818	-	45,906
West Midlands	44,036	11,515	55,551	22	4	1,602	2	57,181
West Midlands Region	113,638	46,485	160,123	88	101	3,216	17	163,545
Bedfordshire	11,734	4,325	16,059	13	2	213	-	16,287
Cambridgeshire	14,231	2,850	17,081	18	9	596	3	17,707
Essex	31,478	12,882	44,360	8	149	1,992	9	46,518
Hertfordshire	27,921	9,735	37,656	1	44	871	-	38,572
Norfolk	25,978	5,463	31,441	33	15	534	-	32,023
Suffolk	29,290	8,383	37,673	137	25	735	3	38,573
East of England Region	140,632	43,638	184,270	210	244	4,941	15	189,680
London, City of	2,274	1,376	3,650	6	1	131	-	3,788
Metropolitan Police	49,857	20,096	69,953	360	64	1,869	3	72,249
London Region	52,131	21,472	73,603	366	65	2,000	3	76,037
Hampshire	29,440	6,450	35,890	62	66	1,186	-	37,204
Kent	25,463	5,693	31,156	45	37	1,173	-	32,411
Surrey	26,531	6,998	33,529	18	10	436	-	33,993
Sussex	30,423	7,117	37,540	75	28	1,163	38	38,844
Thames Valley	42,803	15,916	58,719	6	6,684	996	70	66,475
South East Region	154,660	42,174	196,834	206	6,825	4,954	108	208,927
Avon and Somerset	42,086	20,034	62,120	7	8	508	9	62,652
Devon and Cornwall	40,754	8,247	49,001	31	11	886	2	49,931
Dorset	20,851	4,767	25,618	29	13	415	5	26,080
Gloucestershire	5,014	983	5,997	-	18	247	1	6,263
Wiltshire	39,884	16,473	56,357	2	15	451	20	56,845
South West Region	148,589	50,504	199,093	69	65	2,507	37	201,771
England Total	937,471	314,898	1,252,369	1,577	7,631	31,287	226	1,293,090
Dyfed-Powys	4,536	7,722	12,258	12	1	568	4	12,843
Gwent	3,901	12,982	16,883	9	7	373	12	17,284
North Wales	25,319	5,232	30,551	43	8	968	17	31,587
South Wales	12,711	42,518	55,229	15	5	871	-	56,120
Wales Total	46,467	68,454	114,921	79	21	2,780	33	117,834
England and Wales	983,938	383,352	1,367,290	1,656	7,652	34,067	259	1,410,924

Table 3.07 Written warnings for motoring offences by offence group and police force area, 2009

Police force area	England and Wales														
	1	2	3	4 (pt)	4 (pt)	5	6	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Causing death or bodily harm	Dangerous driving	Driving etc. after consuming alcohol or taking drugs	Careless driving	Use of handheld mobile phone while driving	Accident offences	Unauthorised taking of motor vehicle	Driving licence related offences	Vehicle insurance offences	Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	Work record and employment offences	Operator's licence offences	Vehicle test offences	Fraud, forgery etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	Vehicle or part in dangerous or defective condition
Cleveland¹	-	-	-	-	-	106	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durham	-	-	-	-	313	3	42	11	17	4	-	-	14	-	3
Northumbria	-	-	1	299	318	213	164	260	260	91	3	2	232	11	113
North East Region	-	1	1	299	631	216	312	271	226	95	3	2	246	12	116
Cheshire	-	-	-	-	-	1	43	4	6	1	-	-	2	-	6
Cumbria	-	2	-	-	57	25	18	53	52	3	4	1	247	-	5
Greater Manchester	-	1	-	7	5	131	58	12	36	12	4	2	37	1	1
Lancashire	-	-	-	-	4	1	107	14	14	-	-	-	1	5	-
Merseyside	-	1	-	-	29	10	68	24	27	-	-	-	2	-	-
North West Region	-	4	-	8	96	49	367	153	135	4	4	3	289	15	6
Humber	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	17	12	-	-	-	-	-	4
North Yorkshire	-	1	-	-	8	-	30	4	4	-	-	7	19	3	1
South Yorkshire	-	-	-	-	6	26	99	26	31	-	-	-	19	2	1
West Yorkshire	-	-	-	1	4	-	184	-	4	5	-	-	1	-	-
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	-	1	-	1	15	26	371	47	66	5	-	7	39	9	2
Derbyshire	-	-	1	-	5	7	38	13	7	4	6	-	36	3	9
Leicestershire	-	-	-	-	3	1	60	15	1	18	-	-	2	-	-
Lincolnshire	-	-	-	-	3	-	38	3	1	-	-	-	25	-	4
Northamptonshire ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northamptonshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nottinghamshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	263	31	8	22	6	-	63	3	13
East Midlands Region	-	1	-	11	11	8	490	110	66	44	7	-	139	9	75
Staffordshire	-	-	-	5	160	259	16	60	54	2	-	-	89	5	30
Warwickshire	-	1	-	254	482	34	30	50	12	42	7	-	50	4	45
West Mercia ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Midlands ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	374	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Midlands Region	-	1	-	259	642	293	490	110	66	44	7	-	139	9	75
Bedfordshire	-	-	1	149	8	-	37	18	20	35	-	-	14	1	338
Cambridgeshire	-	-	-	1	1	1	36	4	6	6	-	-	12	-	-
Essex	-	1	-	2	2	2	93	5	9	-	-	-	4	-	-
Herefordshire	-	5	-	2	17	15	106	8	13	3	-	-	22	-	15
Herefordshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norfolk ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	17	-	-	-	59	-	2
Suffolk	-	-	-	-	5	2	27	20	17	-	-	-	59	-	2
East of England Region	-	6	1	151	33	19	325	55	65	38	-	-	107	5	355
London, City of	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	32	-	-	1	-	-
Metropolitan Police ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	350	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Metropolitan Police	-	-	-	1	-	-	351	-	1	32	-	-	1	-	-
London Region	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	32	-	-	1	-	-
Hampshire ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kent	-	1	-	3	11	2	157	46	41	4	1	-	50	-	15
Surrey	-	-	-	6	17	2	43	49	89	4	1	-	93	-	10
Sussex	-	6	-	6	490	19	109	39	66	-	-	-	8	-	12
Thames Valley	-	-	-	10	22	5	103	108	108	7	-	-	54	16	14
South East Region	-	7	-	10	540	28	476	229	304	11	2	-	205	29	39
Avon and Somerset	-	3	-	-	-	-	69	3	5	-	-	-	2	-	5
Devon and Cornwall ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dorset	-	-	-	37	3	14	33	39	37	3	-	1	3	2	1
Gloucestershire	1	-	-	83	16	29	14	14	16	-	-	-	8	-	-
Wiltshire	-	-	-	3	3	21	21	32	34	21	1	-	30	30	32
South West Region	1	3	-	88	15	224	224	88	92	24	1	1	43	9	33
England Total	1	23	3	729	2,056	654	3,179	984	963	275	23	13	1,132	91	639
Dyfed-Powys	-	2	1	1	343	68	42	106	114	2	-	-	229	1	19
Gloucestershire	-	1	-	7	7	7	69	15	27	-	-	-	2	3	1
North Wales	-	1	-	10	816	194	52	10	10	1	-	-	4	3	1
South Wales	-	2	-	1,196	451	11	74	37	38	259	53	7	372	3	208
Wales Total	-	5	2	1,197	1,617	280	237	168	189	262	53	7	607	10	229
England and Wales	1	28	5	1,926	3,673	934	3,416	1,152	1,152	537	76	20	1,739	101	868

¹ Cleveland, Devon and Cornwall, Hampshire, Metropolitan Police, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, West Mercia and West Midlands do not issue written warnings.

Table 3.07(continued) Written warnings for motoring offences by offence group and police force area, 2009

Police force area	England and Wales												
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25 (pt)	25 (pt)	Total all offences	No of persons
	Speed limit offences	Motway offences (other than speeding)	Neglect of traffic directions	Neglect of pedestrian rights	Obstruction, wailing and parking offences	Lighting offences	Noise offences	Load offences	Offences peculiar to motor cycles	Miscellaneous motoring offences (excluding seat belt offences)	Seat belt offences		
Cleveland	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	106	103
Durham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	418	114
Northumbria	174	3	277	56	104	136	10	11	27	149	20	2,884	2,867
North East Region	174	3	277	56	104	145	10	11	28	149	20	3,408	2,784
Cheshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	57
Cumbria	11	-	5	3	1	11	-	2	7	1	1	510	440
Greater Manchester	4	10	3	-	4	7	1	-	3	3	18	342	275
Lancashire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	147	132
Merseyside	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	169	131
North West Region	15	10	10	3	5	18	1	3	10	5	19	1,232	1,035
Humberside	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	76
North Yorkshire	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	2	-	99	87
South Yorkshire	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	2	6	222	183
West Yorkshire	48	-	8	-	260	1	-	-	1	1	1	503	482
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	48	-	10	1	251	3	-	-	3	5	7	917	838
Derbyshire	2	-	3	-	2	44	-	1	2	-	-	183	166
Leicestershire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	122	95
Lincolnshire	2	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	2	-	1	84	36
Northamptonshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	44
Nottinghamshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	56
East Midlands Region	4	-	3	-	3	48	-	1	7	-	1	496	397
Staffordshire	2	-	2	-	2	35	-	18	-	-	10	749	590
Warwickshire	1,203	22	57	3	7	271	-	16	3	51	11	2,655	2,576
West Mercia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	66
West Midlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	374	343
West Midlands Region	1,205	22	59	3	9	306	-	34	3	51	21	3,848	3,575
Bedfordshire	397	8	23	-	8	13	2	18	5	87	155	1,337	1,293
Cambridgeshire	5	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	6	11	11	84	72
Essex	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116	112
Hertfordshire	1	1	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	3	222	197
Northfolk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	24
Suffolk	-	-	4	-	4	5	-	-	2	-	4	151	125
East of England Region	403	9	34	-	13	18	2	19	7	98	173	1,936	1,823
London, City of	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	39	1
Metropolitan Police	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	350	346
London Region	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	389	349
Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	63
Kent	16	3	8	-	1	29	1	19	-	17	1	431	368
Surrey	11	1	7	3	1	11	1	-	8	-	-	346	318
Sussex	235	-	97	-	982	5	-	1	4	1	9	2,099	2,063
Thames valley	11	-	3	2	3	5	-	-	9	24	3	489	377
South East Region	273	4	119	9	996	50	2	20	13	50	13	3,429	3,189
Avon and Somerset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	92	65
Devon and Cornwall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72	64
Dorset	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	137	92
Gloucestershire	2	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	4	-	161	148
Wiltshire	2	1	292	1	66	2	-	-	2	1	-	542	486
South West Region	4	1	293	1	-	70	-	-	3	2	8	1,004	855
England Total	2,126	49	805	73	1,382	658	15	88	74	362	262	16,659	14,845
Dyfed-Powys	1	-	1	-	-	18	-	1	-	-	23	672	42
Gwent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	136	112
North Wales	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1,089	919
South Wales	3,349	14	414	33	61	720	9	39	5	270	24	7,649	7,640
Wales Total	3,350	14	415	34	62	738	9	46	6	270	49	9,856	8,713
England and Wales	5,476	63	1,220	107	1,444	1,396	24	134	80	632	311	26,515	23,558

1. Cleveland, Devon and Cornwall, Hampshire, Metropolitan Police, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, West Mercia and West Midlands do not issue written warnings.

Table 3.08 Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme notices issued and complied with by police force area, 2009

Numbers	England and Wales		
	Police force area	Notices issued	Notices complied with % complied with
Cleveland	1,728	1,483	86
Durham	1,305	1,146	88
Northumbria	4,343	3,403	78
North East Region	7,376	6,032	82
Cheshire ¹	164	-	0
Cumbria	2,198	1,884	86
Greater Manchester	2,134	1,712	80
Lancashire	2,765	2,230	81
Merseyside ²	-	-	-
North West Region	7,261	5,826	80
Humberside	3,719	3,494	94
North Yorkshire	974	668	69
South Yorkshire	3,103	2,641	85
West Yorkshire	3,431	2,833	83
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	11,227	9,636	86
Derbyshire	2,218	1,943	88
Leicestershire	2,070	1,758	85
Lincolnshire	1,235	1,017	82
Northamptonshire	875	702	80
Nottinghamshire	1,485	882	59
East Midlands Region	7,883	6,302	80
Staffordshire	865	686	79
Warwickshire	1,280	1,047	82
West Mercia	1,156	1,035	90
West Midlands	2,312	1,749	76
West Midlands Region	5,613	4,517	80
Bedfordshire	630	510	81
Cambridgeshire	1,346	1,183	88
Essex	2,240	1,946	87
Hertfordshire	2,328	1,915	82
Norfolk	2,381	2,097	88
Suffolk	287	249	87
East of England Region	9,212	7,900	86
London, City of	293	219	75
Metropolitan Police	445	306	69
London Region	738	525	71
Hampshire	1,342	-	0
Kent	4,374	3,746	86
Surrey	1,534	1,163	76
Sussex	1,270	1,026	81
Thames Valley	585	462	79
South East Region	9,105	6,397	70
Avon and Somerset ²	-	-	-
Devon and Cornwall	2,591	2,206	85
Dorset	1,495	1,175	79
Gloucestershire	972	763	78
Wiltshire	1,779	1,540	87
South West Region	6,837	5,684	83
England Total	65,252	52,819	81
Dyfed-Powys	5,835	2,057	35
Gwent	1,041	764	73
North Wales	1,158	944	82
South Wales	5,125	3,698	72
Wales Total	13,159	7,463	57
England and Wales	78,411	60,282	77

1. Cheshire were unable to separately identify VDRS notices that were complied with.

2. Merseyside and Avon and Somerset were unable to provide a VDRS return.

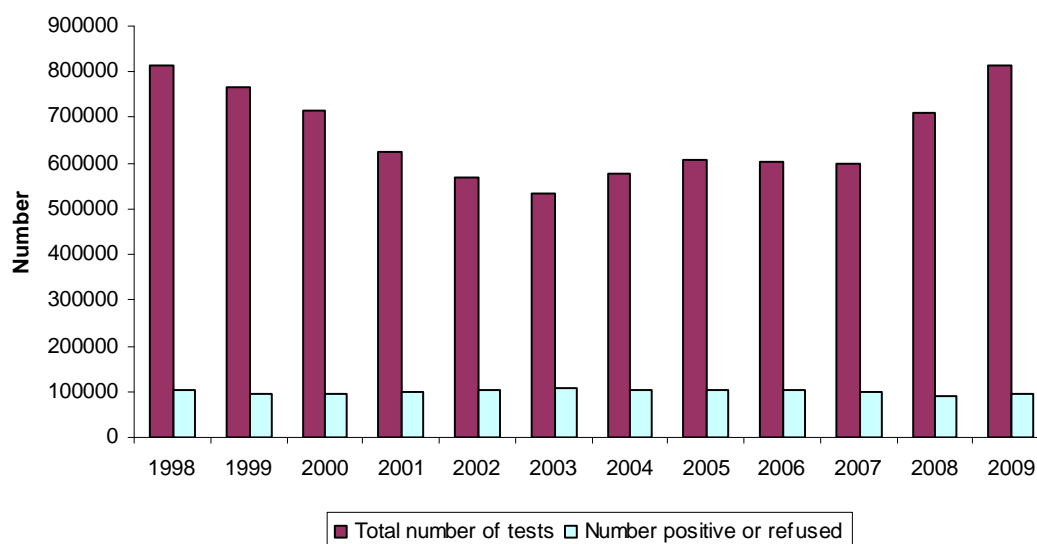
4 Breath tests

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4.1 SUMMARY

- During 2009, there were 813,288 screening breath tests carried out. This is a 14 per cent increase from 711,658 in 2008. This increase coincides with the introduction of new digital recording equipment, which may have streamlined breath test procedures for many forces. Details of this new system can be found in Box 4b.
- The number of positive or refused tests in 2009 increased by three per cent from 91,666 in 2008 to 93,973 in 2009 after a three year decline.
- The proportion of tests that were positive or refused in 2009 was 12 per cent, one percentage point lower than in 2008.

Figure 4a Trend in screening breath tests, England and Wales, 1998 to 2009



Box 4a Screening breath tests: legislation

Under the Road Traffic Act 1988, the police can require a person to take a screening breath test if they have a reasonable cause to suspect that:

- *the person is or has been driving or attempting to drive or is in charge of a motor vehicle on a road or other public place with alcohol in their body (section 6(2) and 6(3));*
- *has committed a moving traffic offence (section 6(4)); or*
- *has been involved in an accident (section 6(5)).*

The subsequent evidential test carried out at the police station can be submitted as evidence in court. The prescribed alcohol limit is 35 micrograms of alcohol per 100ml of breath, which equates with 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100ml of blood.

It is an offence to refuse to take a breath test when required to do so by a police officer unless there is a reasonable excuse. Court penalties for refusing an evidential test are the same as being above the prescribed limit.

Box 4b Introduction of new digital recording equipment

From April 2008, new digital recording equipment started to be gradually implemented by forces to automatically record every breath test carried out. In the past, officers would need to make a manual record of each test carried out.

These devices record the exact breath alcohol readings and result of each test. The results are downloaded to data systems on a monthly basis. The results provide information to inform future policy options.

The introduction of the new system is likely to result in improved data recording by many forces. Negative breath tests may previously have been under-reported and as a result the total number of breath tests reported to the Home Office from 2008 may have increased disproportionately to the numbers of positive/refused tests.

4.2 INTRODUCTION

This chapter covers the use of police powers to conduct roadside breath tests to determine whether motorists are driving with alcohol in their body, beyond the prescribed limit. It examines the regional and seasonal use of such powers, as well as the number of motorists who either fail or refuse breath tests. The data presented in this chapter are drawn from returns from police forces in England and Wales.

4.3 EXTENT AND TRENDS

The number of breath tests carried out this year rose for a second consecutive year, following slight falls in the previous two years.

- During 2009, 813,288 screening breath tests were carried out by police officers. This is an increase of 14 per cent on the total of 711,658 recorded during 2008 (see Box 4b).

The *proportion* of positive or refused tests decreased from 13 per cent in 2008 to 12 per cent in 2009 and is the lowest recorded since 1999 when 94,384 positive or refused tests were made. Furthermore, it is the lowest record of positive or refused tests made over the past 11-year period.

- In 2009, there were 93,973 positive or refused tests, an increase of three per cent from 2008 (91,666).
- The proportion of tests positive or refused in 2009 was, at 12 per cent, one percentage point lower than in 2008 (13%) (See Tables 4a, 4.01, 4.04).

Alcohol-related casualties

Figures for alcohol-related casualties in road accidents are collected and published annually by the Department for Transport. Latest figures for 2009 (Department for Transport, 2010*) show that:

- In 2009, it was estimated that 11,990 reported casualties (5% of all road casualties) occurred when someone was driving whilst over the legal alcohol limit.
- The provisional number of people estimated to have been killed in drink drive accidents was 380 in 2009 (17% of all road fatalities), a decrease of 20 fatalities compared to the final 2008 estimate.
- The provisional number of killed or seriously injured (KSI) casualties in 2009 was 1,860, eight per cent below the final 2008 estimate.
- Provisional figures for the number of slight casualties in 2009 fell eight per cent since 2008, from 10,960 to 10,130.

* Department for Transport (2009): Road Casualties Great Britain: 2009 - Annual Report. Link: <http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/statistics/datatablespublications/accidents/casualtiesqbar/rrcgb2009>

4.4 SEASONAL AND GEOGRAPHIC PATTERNS

Seasonal variations

In 2009, 23 per cent of all screening tests were conducted during December, which coincides with the regular Christmas campaign against drinking and driving. The number of screening tests carried out during December was over three times more than the average number carried out in other months. However, the proportion of screening breath tests which were positive or refused during December stood at five per cent, around a third of the proportion of tests which were positive or refused in the other months.

There was also a large number of screening tests conducted in June compared to other months (13% of total tests). This is due to a rise in summertime campaigns against drinking and driving during this month. Although the number of tests carried out in June was nearly double the amount from the month before, the number of positive or refused tests was almost the same for the two months. This halved the percentage of positive/refused tests in June (8%) from the month before. Table 4.03 includes monthly data on Breath tests conducted in 2009.

Police force areas

Police force areas varied widely in the number of tests carried out in 2009 per 1,000 of the population, from two in West Midlands to 60 in North Wales. Figure 4b illustrates the distribution across England and Wales.

- The four forces with the highest number of tests per population were North Wales, Dyfed-Powys, Gwent, and South Yorkshire.

The rates of tests which were positive or refused per 1,000 of the population were not as varied by force. The number of positive or refused tests carried out ranged from 1.1 in Wiltshire to 2.6 in Staffordshire and North Wales.

- Forces with the highest rates of positive or refused tests per 1,000 of the population were Staffordshire, North Wales, Norfolk and Dyfed-Powys.

Figure 4c shows police force areas by the number of positive or refused tests per 1,000 of the population in 2009.

Box 4c Further analysis by Department for Transport

The Department for Transport (DfT) has started a collection of breath screening tests which includes only those which were undertaken using the new digital testing devices (see box 4b). This collection builds on the Home Office collection by specifically adding information on breath alcohol content, as well as reason for test, time of day, day of week and age and gender profiles of those tested.

The collection is voluntary and not all forces have yet submitted results. The Home Office is discussing with DfT ways of combining the results for future rounds.

Results for 2009 have been published as experimental statistics. They show that:

- The most common reason for a test was a moving traffic offence (36% of all tests), followed by a road traffic collision (29%), suspicion of alcohol (23%) and other, (12%) The other category includes instances such as training exercises.
- A higher proportion of tests conducted at the weekend were positive, at 13 per cent, than in the week (7%).
- Nearly a third (32%) of tests conducted at the weekend occurred between midnight and 05.59, compared with 18 per cent in the week.
- Of drivers tested following a road traffic collision, those in their twenties showed the highest proportion of positive results. Thereafter, the proportion gradually decreased with age.

The full report, 'Provisional Statistics on Breath Alcohol Screening Tests in England and Wales 2009', can be accessed on-line at: www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/statistics/datatablespublications/accidents/

Figure 4b Screening breath tests: rates per 1,000 population at police force area level, 2009

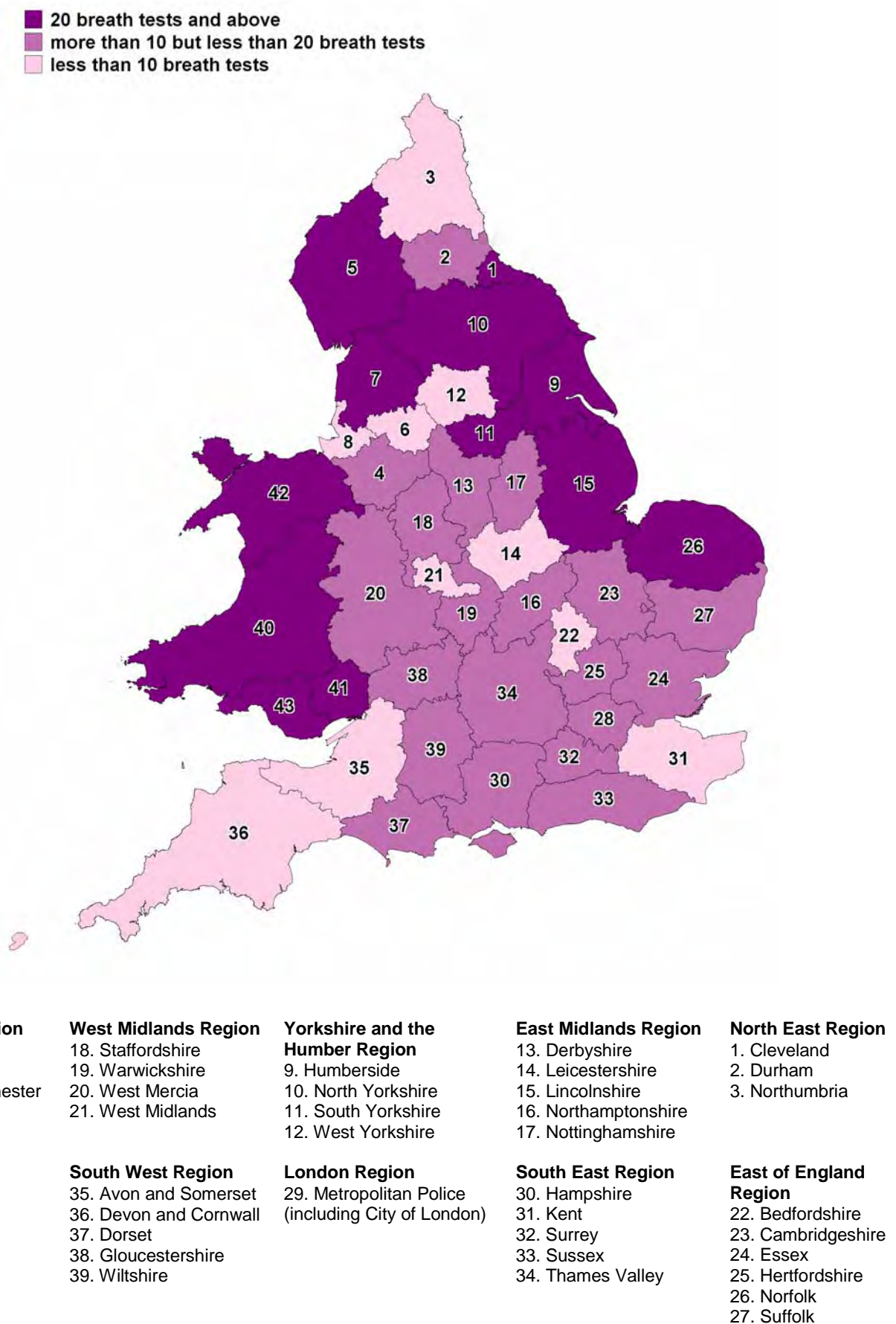
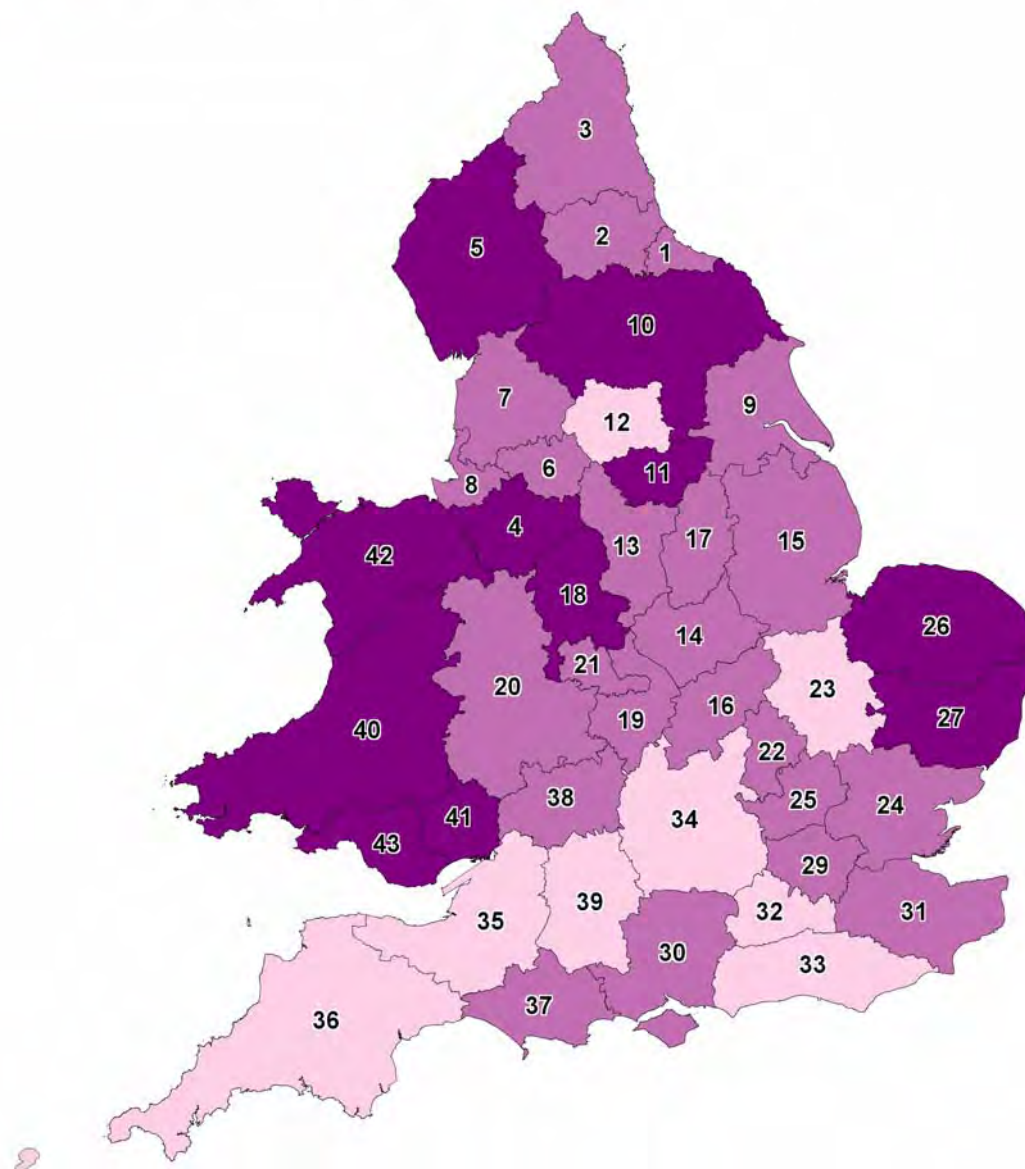


Figure 4c Positive/refused tests: rates per 1,000 population at police force area level, 2009

- 2.0 positive/ refused and above
- more than 1.5 but less than 2.0 positive/ refused
- less than 1.5 positive/ refused



North West Region

- 4. Cheshire
- 5. Cumbria
- 6. Greater Manchester
- 7. Lancashire
- 8. Merseyside

West Midlands Region

- 18. Staffordshire
- 19. Warwickshire
- 20. West Mercia
- 21. West Midlands

Yorkshire and the Humber Region

- 9. Humberside
- 10. North Yorkshire
- 11. South Yorkshire
- 12. West Yorkshire

East Midlands Region

- 13. Derbyshire
- 14. Leicestershire
- 15. Lincolnshire
- 16. Northamptonshire
- 17. Nottinghamshire

North East Region

- 1. Cleveland
- 2. Durham
- 3. Northumbria

Wales

- 40. Dyfed-Powys
- 41. Gwent
- 42. North Wales
- 43. South Wales

South West Region

- 35. Avon and Somerset
- 36. Devon and Cornwall
- 37. Dorset
- 38. Gloucestershire
- 39. Wiltshire

London Region

- 29. Metropolitan Police (including City of London)

South East Region

- 30. Hampshire
- 31. Kent
- 32. Surrey
- 33. Sussex
- 34. Thames Valley

East of England Region

- 22. Bedfordshire
- 23. Cambridgeshire
- 24. Essex
- 25. Hertfordshire
- 26. Norfolk
- 27. Suffolk

Table 4.01 Number of screening breath tests by outcome, 2000 to 2009

Numbers (thousands) and percentages		England and Wales								
Outcome	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total number of tests ¹	714.8	623.9	570.2	534.3	578.0	607.4	601.7	599.8	711.7	813.3
Number positive or refused ²	94.6	99.5	103.5	106.3	103.0	104.3	103.7	97.6	91.7	94.0
% Positive or refused	13	16	18	20	18	17	17	16	13	12

1. Figures for 'total tests' show a large increase from 2007 onwards due to a new digital breath test system being implemented by many forces. Previously with paper reporting, negative breath tests tended to be under-reported by forces and since the introduction of the new digital equipment, the total number of breath tests reported to the Home Office has increased disproportionately from 2007 onwards.

2. Figures for 'positive/refused' from 2000 to 2008 contain some data on prosecutions for failing a breath test where shortfalls were found in the data supplied to the Home Office. The police forces affected are: Dyfed-Powys, Gwent, Essex, Norfolk, Northumbria, South Wales and Staffordshire. As a result of the new digital equipment, only Northumbria replaced their data in 2009 with prosecutions data.

Table 4.02 Screening breath tests by outcome and quarter, 2007, 2008 and 2009

Numbers (thousands) and percentages		England and Wales											
	2007				2008				2009				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Total number of tests	128.6	124.9	140.9	205.4	138.5	161.5	143.8	267.9	150.8	203.6	157.2	301.7	
Number positive or refused ¹	24.4	24.9	24.7	23.5	22.3	22.4	22.5	24.6	22.2	24.6	22.9	24.3	
% Positive or refused	19	20	18	11	16	14	16	9	15	12	15	8	

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Table 4.03 Screening breath tests by outcome and by month, 2009

Numbers and percentages		England and Wales	
Month	Total tests	Positive/refused ¹	% Positive/refused
January	59,780	7,899	13
February	44,330	6,545	15
March	46,724	7,752	17
April	46,524	7,641	16
May	53,463	8,633	16
June	103,596	8,370	8
July	56,083	7,800	14
August	53,415	7,975	15
September	47,657	7,088	15
October	54,087	7,898	15
November	57,694	7,696	13
December	189,935	8,676	5
Total 2009	813,288	93,973	12

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Table 4.04 Screening breath tests by outcome, police force area and 1,000 population, 2008 and 2009

Numbers and percentages		England and Wales								
Police force area	2008					2009				
	Total tests	Total tests per 1,000 pop.	Positive / refused ⁽¹⁾	Positive / refused per 1000 pop.	% Positive / refused	Total tests	Total tests per 1,000 pop.	Positive/ refused ⁽¹⁾	Positive/ refused per 1000 pop.	% Positive/ refused
Cleveland	12,395	22	942	1.7	8	12,796	23	1,088	1.9	9
Durham	7,042	12	863	1.4	12	6,108	10	927	1.5	15
Northumbria ¹	7,222	5	2,253	1.6	31	8,090	6	2,066	1.5	26
North East Region	26,659	10	4,058	1.6	15	26,994	10	4,081	1.6	15
Cheshire	16,179	16	2,544	2.5	16	16,443	16	2,034	2.0	12
Cumbria	13,310	27	697	1.4	5	13,495	27	971	2.0	7
Greater Manchester ²	18,350	7	5,300	2.1	29	14,950	6	4,440	1.7	30
Lancashire	32,484	22	2,353	1.6	7	39,921	28	2,736	1.9	7
Merseyside	12,423	9	2,308	1.7	19	12,562	9	2,169	1.6	17
North West Region	92,746	13	13,202	1.9	14	97,371	14	12,350	1.8	13
Humberside	14,856	16	806	0.9	5	26,894	29	1,342	1.5	5
North Yorkshire	6,762	9	964	1.2	14	18,282	23	1,664	2.1	9
South Yorkshire	17,209	13	3,241	2.5	19	42,232	32	2,828	2.1	7
West Yorkshire	19,979	9	4,481	2.0	22	18,579	8	3,191	1.4	17
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	58,806	11	9,492	1.8	16	105,987	20	9,025	1.7	9
Derbyshire	20,045	20	1,490	1.5	7	12,024	12	1,945	1.9	16
Leicestershire	7,535	8	1,558	1.6	21	9,294	9	1,511	1.5	16
Lincolnshire	17,710	25	1,320	1.9	7	20,697	30	1,320	1.9	6
Northamptonshire	4,342	6	1,291	1.9	30	8,444	12	1,237	1.8	15
Nottinghamshire	7,243	7	1,815	1.7	25	13,452	12	1,795	1.7	13
East Midlands Region	56,875	13	7,474	1.7	13	63,911	14	7,808	1.8	12
Staffordshire	10,703	10	1,587	1.5	15	14,589	14	2,813	2.6	19
Warwickshire	4,069	8	336	0.6	8	7,501	14	1,036	1.9	14
West Mercia	14,188	12	1,624	1.4	11	15,607	13	2,087	1.8	13
West Midlands	6,009	2	4,491	1.7	75	4,812	2	4,087	1.5	85
West Midlands Region	34,969	6	8,038	1.5	23	42,509	8	10,023	1.8	24
Bedfordshire	3,320	6	961	1.6	29	5,447	9	1,094	1.8	20
Cambridgeshire	12,900	17	1,072	1.4	8	10,680	14	953	1.2	9
Essex	33,119	19	2,329	1.4	7	31,825	18	2,730	1.6	9
Hertfordshire	12,291	11	1,783	1.6	15	11,963	11	1,866	1.7	16
Norfolk	8,763	10	1,038	1.2	12	19,510	23	2,103	2.5	11
Suffolk	13,684	19	1,271	1.8	9	13,957	20	1,496	2.1	11
East of England Region	84,077	15	8,454	1.5	10	93,382	16	10,242	1.8	11
London, City of ³	1,153	102	196	17.3	17	3,141	273	304	26.5	10
Metropolitan Police	80,702	11	15,780	2.1	20	83,135	11	13,456	1.7	16
London Region	81,855	11	15,976	2.1	20	86,276	11	13,760	1.8	16
Hampshire	44,044	24	3,964	2.1	9	31,794	17	3,171	1.7	10
Kent	27,991	17	2,322	1.4	8	15,983	10	2,855	1.7	18
Surrey	11,404	10	1,308	1.2	11	12,134	11	1,571	1.4	13
Sussex	30,625	20	1,786	1.1	6	28,665	18	1,922	1.2	7
Thames Valley	28,009	13	2,846	1.3	10	32,931	15	3,013	1.4	9
South East Region	142,073	17	12,226	1.5	9	121,507	14	12,532	1.5	10
Avon and Somerset	14,163	9	2,234	1.4	16	13,822	9	1,974	1.2	14
Devon and Cornwall	11,223	7	2,155	1.3	19	13,462	8	2,329	1.4	17
Dorset	6,263	9	1,405	2.0	22	9,626	14	1,327	1.9	14
Gloucestershire	7,982	14	1,088	1.9	14	8,033	14	1,062	1.8	13
Wiltshire	5,740	9	681	1.0	12	7,389	11	720	1.1	10
South West Region	45,371	9	7,563	1.5	17	52,332	10	7,412	1.4	14
England Total	623,431	12	86,483	1.7	14	690,269	13	87,233	1.7	13
Dyfed-Powys	10,791	21	803	1.6	7	25,684	51	1,221	2.4	5
Gwent	17,944	32	980	1.8	5	26,123	47	1,247	2.2	5
North Wales	29,990	44	1,555	2.3	5	40,823	60	1,785	2.6	4
South Wales	29,502	24	1,845	1.5	6	30,389	24	2,487	2.0	8
Wales Total	88,227	30	5,183	1.7	6	123,019	41	6,740	2.2	5
England and Wales	711,658	13	91,666	1.7	13	813,288	15	93,973	1.7	12

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2. Figures for Greater Manchester Police are estimated.

3. A small resident population should be considered when examining population rates for City of London.

5 Other police powers and procedures

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5.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter reports on statistics published elsewhere by the Home Office and Ministry of Justice on a selection of police powers and procedures. For each series, a brief description is given, together with some key findings, and a link to the web page containing the link to the on-line publication.

5.2 CAUTIONS

Offenders cautioned

The Ministry of Justice collects figures on numbers of offenders cautioned as part of its cautions and convictions series. The statistics cover all criminal offences, not just those included in the recorded crime statistics.

Statistics are published annually in the National Statistics publication *Criminal Statistics, England and Wales*. The report contains breakdowns by offence group, age and sex of offender and police force area. The cautions figures include simple and conditional cautions, and reprimands/final warnings (used for offenders aged 10–17). Separate figures for reprimands/ final warnings are also available.

The most recent National Statistics publication, *Criminal Statistics England and Wales 2009*, can be accessed on-line at: <http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/criminalannual.htm> . Among its main findings are:

- In 2009 there were 290,600 offenders cautioned for all offences – 11 per cent fewer than in 2008.
- Of the cautions issued, 78,700 (27%) were given to juveniles as a reprimand or final warning. This was a three percentage point decrease compared to 2008.

Offences detected by means of a caution

The Home Office's main statistical collection on recorded crime includes offences detected by method of detection. Unlike the offenders cautioned statistics which cover all offences, this collection covers notifiable offences only, which means that most summary offences are excluded. Results focus on sanction detections, where the offender receives some formal sanction. Cautions form one of these methods, and they include simple and conditional cautions, and reprimands/ final warnings for 10- to 17-year-olds.

In recent years the annual National Statistics publication, *Crime in England and Wales* has contained a chapter on detections. This has included statistics on detections and detection rates by offence type, method (including cautions) and police force area.

The latest annual bulletin covers 2009/10 and shows that:

- Of the 1,204,967 offences detected by the police using sanction detections in 2009/10, 269,562 were by means of a caution.
- Cautions accounted for 22 per cent of all sanction detections in 2009/10. Of the other methods, charge/summons accounted for the largest proportion, at 55 per cent.

Crime in England and Wales 2009/10 can be accessed on-line at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/hosb1210/>

5.3 POLICE USE OF WEAPONS

Police use of firearms

The Home Office publishes annual figures for each police force in England and Wales on numbers of police operations in which firearms were authorised; the numbers of authorised firearms officers (AFOs); the numbers of operations involving armed response vehicles; and the numbers of incidents where conventional firearms were used by the police.

Latest figures are for 2008/09 and they show that:

- There were 19,951 police operations in 2008/09 in which a firearm was authorised, an increase of 0.3 per cent on 2007/08.
- There were 6,868 authorised firearms officers in 2008/09, up one per cent on 2007/08.
- The number of operations involving armed response vehicles rose seven per cent to 16,564 in 2008/09.
- The police discharged a conventional firearm in four incidents in 2008/09, down from seven in 2007/08.

These statistics are not National Statistics. They are released each year in the form of a Ministerial statement. The 2008/09 statistics can be accessed on-line at:

<http://tna.europarchive.org/20100419081706/http://www.police.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/Police-firearms-2008-09.html>

Police use of TASER

The Home Office's Centre for Applied Science and Technology (CAST, and formerly the Scientific Development Branch, HOSDB) continues to monitor the use of TASER by all police forces, both by specially trained units and firearm officers.

Latest figures provide statistics on TASER use up to and including 31 March 2010. They show that:

- There were 8,599 uses of TASER, including 2,185 discharges, by authorised firearms officers in England and Wales between 22 April 2004 (the introduction date, excluding the 2003 pilot) and 31 March 2010.
- There were 2,957 uses of TASER, including 511 discharges, in England and Wales by specially trained police units who are not firearms officers, between 1 September 2007 (the date trialling started in ten forces) and 31 March 2010. Following the success of the trial, usage was extended to all forces from 1 December 2008.

These statistics are not National Statistics. They can be accessed on-line at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science/cast/taser-figures-march-2010>

5.4 FOOTBALL-RELATED ARRESTS

Each autumn the Home Office publishes figures on the numbers of arrests and banning orders issued by the police over the course of the previous football season. Latest figures show that:

- Of the 37 million people attending games in 2009/10, the police arrested 3,391 persons for disorder connected to matches, a decrease of ten per cent on 2008/09. Those relating to notifiable offences are included within the arrest totals in Chapter 1.

Statistics on football-related arrests, as well as numbers of banning orders issued by the courts, are available on-line at: www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/football-arrests-banning-orders/ . These statistics are not National Statistics.

5.5 STOP AND ACCOUNT

Figures on stop and account are collected by the Ministry of Justice for the purposes of ethnic monitoring. The provision to collect figures on 'stop and account' and 'stop and search' was a recommendation of the Stephen Lawrence Enquiry, in which the police are required to record details of the reason for the stop, the outcome and the self-defined ethnicity.

Provisional figures for 2008/09 were published in Chapter 3 of *Race and the Criminal Justice System 2008/09*, available on-line at: www.justice.gov.uk/publications/raceandcjs.htm . These are the last figures to be published. From 2011/12, figures for stop and account will not be collected, as the police are no longer required to record the stops that they make.

5.6 FIREARM CERTIFICATES

The Home Office publishes an annual National Statistics bulletin on the issue of firearm and shotgun certificates by the police, as well as the number of firearms dealers registered by the police.

The latest figures show that there were 141,775 firearm certificates on issue on 31 March 2010, an increase of two per cent on the previous year. The corresponding figure for shotgun certificates was 580,653 on issue, up one per cent.

Firearm Certificates England and Wales 2009/10 can be accessed on-line at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/police-research/hosb0511/>

Glossary

Arrest – This refers to the power of police officers to deprive a person of his or her liberty in relation to the investigation and prevention of crime. Police officers have the power to arrest anyone who has committed an offence, is about to commit an offence, or is in the act of committing an offence. They also have the power of arrest when a person is suspected of involvement in an offence.

Breath test – Test conducted by the police to determine whether motorists are driving with alcohol in their body, beyond the prescribed limit.

Detention under PACE – Police officers have the power under **PACE** to detain suspected offenders for up to 36 hours. Police officers also have the power to detain persons for up to 96 hours if they apply to magistrates for a warrant of further detention.

Burglary – When a person enters any building as a trespasser and with intent to commit an offence of theft, grievous bodily harm or unlawful damage. Burglary does not necessarily involve forced entry; it may be through an open window, or by entering the property under false pretences (e.g. impersonating an official). Burglary does not cover theft by a person who is entitled to be in the dwelling at the time of the offence. The dwelling is a house, flat or any connected outhouse or garage. Common areas (e.g. hallways) are not included.

Caution – A caution may be given by the police when there is sufficient evidence for a **conviction** and it is not considered to be in the public interest to instigate criminal proceedings. **Offenders** must admit guilt and consent to a caution in order for one to be given.

Charge – A formal accusation by the police that a person has committed a criminal offence.

Conviction – When a person is found guilty of an offence in a court.

Counting rules – Instructions issued to the police by the Home Office on how the police should count and classify crime. Figures on **arrests** in this publication are based on the counting rules that came into force on 1 April 1998. These rules were updated following the introduction on 1 April 2002 of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) National Crime Recording Standard devised by ACPO in collaboration with Home Office statisticians. A copy of the latest counting rules is available on the Home Office website at <http://homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/research-statistics/crime/counting-rules/>.

Criminal damage – Criminal damage results from any person who without lawful excuse destroys or damages any property belonging to another, intending to destroy or damage any such property or being reckless as to whether any such property would be destroyed or damaged.

Crown court – The courts at which indictable offences are heard.

Endorsable FPNs – See **fixed penalty notices (FPNs)**

Fixed penalty notices (FPNs) – On the spot fines issued to motorists for various motoring offences; for example parking offences, neglect of traffic directions and using a mobile phone while driving. FPNs can be **endorsable** (accompanied by points on a driving licence) or **non-endorable** (with no points added).

Fraud – For offences prior to 15 January 2007, fraud is defined as dishonestly deceiving to obtain either property or a pecuniary advantage. For **offences** after 15 January 2007, fraud is defined as dishonestly making a false representation to obtain property or money for themselves or another.

Government Office Region (GOR) – Government Offices for the Regions were established across England in 1994. The Government Office Regions are the primary classification for the presentation of regional statistics. There are nine GORs in England: North East; North West; Yorkshire and the Humber; East Midlands; West Midlands; East of England; London; South East; South West. In this report analysis by region also includes separate analysis for Wales.

Indictable offence – These **offences** are the most serious breaches of criminal law, and must be tried at the Crown Court.

Intimate search – Searches by police under **PACE** of a person's body cavities when suspected of hiding drugs or offensive weapons upon their person. They may only be carried out if there are reasonable grounds for believing that a person who has been arrested and is detained may have concealed anything which could be used to cause physical injury. Also, in the case of suspected couriers or dealers only, a Class A drug (as defined in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971). In the case of searches for drugs, a registered doctor or nurse can carry out the search. Searches for harmful articles are conducted by suitably qualified people. If this is not practicable, a constable will carry out the search.

Magistrates – Judicial officers at **magistrates' courts** with limited law enforcement and administration authority.

Magistrates' court – The lowest level of court in England and Wales which deals with **summary offences**. A magistrates' court is presided over by a tribunal consisting of two or more (most commonly three) justices of the peace or by a district judge (formerly known as a stipendiary magistrate), and dispenses summary justice, under powers usually limited by statute. The maximum prison sentence that can be imposed at a magistrates' court is six months.

Motor vehicle – The term motor vehicle in this bulletin means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads and includes motorcycles, motor scooters, mechanically propelled invalid carriages, road rollers and tractors.

Non-endorsable FPNs – See **fixed penalty notices (FPNs)**

Notifiable offences – Crimes which are recorded by the police are notified to the Home Office. Also known as **recorded crime**.

Offender – A person found guilty or **cautioned** for breaking the law.

Other offences (offence group for arrests statistics) – Includes **recorded crime** offences not covered by the other arrests categories. Examples of offences included in the category are public order offences, immigration offences, public health offences and perverting the course of justice. For a full list of offences included in the category see **counting rules**.

PACE – Refers to the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, which instituted a legislative framework for the powers of police officers in England and Wales to combat crime, as well as providing codes of practice for the exercise of those powers.

Penalty Notice for Disorder (PND) – On the spot fines issued by the police for minor disorder **offences** such as being drunk and disorderly, wasting police time and littering. Accepting a PND for an offence is not an admission of guilt and does not appear on a person's criminal record.

Population figures – Some of the tables and graphs in this volume use population figures to calculate the number of arrests, searches and breath tests per 1,000 population. The population figures used are mid-2006 population estimates provided by ONS.

Recorded crime – Police recorded crime covers crimes which are recorded by the police and which are notified to the Home Office. All **indictable** and **triable-either-way offences** are included together with certain closely associated **summary offences**. Attempts are also included. See Appendix 3 of the Home Office Bulletin, 'Crime in England and Wales, 2007/08' for a full list of recorded crimes at :

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110218135832/rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs08/hosb0708.pdf>

Road check – The police power under **PACE** to block roads and search vehicles for persons suspected of intending to commit, committing or witnessing an **indictable offence**, or who are unlawfully at large.

Robbery – An incident or **offence** in which force or the threat of force is used either during or immediately prior to a theft or attempted theft.

Sexual offences – Prior to May 2004 there were 15 separate offences included in the recorded crime sexual offences group including the offences of rape and indecent assault. The Sexual Offences Act 2003, which came into force in May 2004, introduced several new offences and repealed some of those which were previously in the series.

Stops and searches – Statutory powers exist under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE), Code A for a police officer to search a person or vehicle without first making an arrest. Other police powers not under PACE include stops and searches in anticipation of violence (under section 60 of Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994) and searches of pedestrians, vehicles and occupants (under sections 44(1) and 44(2) of the Terrorism Act 2000). Searches for drugs are still permitted by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and those for firearms under the Firearms Act 1968.

Summary offence – These offences can be heard at magistrates' courts only and have a maximum penalty of six month's imprisonment.

TASER – A single shot weapon designed to temporarily incapacitate a subject through the use of an electrical current, which temporarily interferes with the body's neuromuscular system. It is laser-sighted and uses cartridges attached to the end of the cartridge bay. The cartridges project a pair of barbs or darts attached to insulated wires. The device delivers a sequence of very high voltage pulses of very short duration through the wires. The normal reaction of a person exposed to the discharge of the Taser is the loss of some voluntary muscle control resulting in the subject falling to the ground or 'freezing' on the spot.

Triable-either-way offence – These offences may be tried either at the Crown Court or a magistrates' court.

Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS) – Refers to the voluntary scheme introduced by police forces between 1982 and 1987, whereby police officers issue VDRS notices to motorists where a vehicle is found in a defective condition. Once the form is issued, the motorist must rectify the defect and submit the vehicle for inspection by an approved garage to avoid prosecution. The result of the inspection is endorsed on the form, which must be returned to the police within 14 days otherwise the motorist will be prosecuted. Alternatively, the driver must scrap the vehicle and produce evidence of this to the police to avoid prosecution.

Vehicle only searches – Searches of unattended vehicles conducted by the police.

Violence against the person – Includes serious violent **offences** where the injury inflicted or intended is life threatening, and offences resulting in death, regardless of intent. The offence group also includes offences involving less serious injury. It also includes certain offences that involve no physical injury, and some involving serious intent.

Warrant of further detention – Where the police need to detain a person beyond 36 hours an application must be made at a magistrates' court, which can issue a warrant of further detention up to 36 hours. Further extensions can be applied for, but any extension granted cannot exceed 36 hours or permit the total period of detention to exceed 96 hours.

ERRATA

Page 18 – The following sentence has been deleted ‘ The pie chart below shows the breakdown of persons arrested in 2009/10 by self-defined ethnicity.’

Page 50 – In table 2.05, last column ‘Arrest rate across all searches’, the following revisions were made.

Police force area	Old percentage	New percentage
Cheshire	16%	15%
Cumbria	10%	9%
Greater Manchester	9%	8%
North West Region	10%	9%
North Yorkshire	12%	10%
Essex	10%	6%
East of England	12%	11%
London, City of	31%	8%
Metropolitan Police	19%	6%
London Region	19%	6%
Sussex	22%	16%
South East Region	10%	9%
England Total	15%	8%
South Wales	14%	13%
England and Wales (excluding BTP)	15%	8%
British Transport Police	41%	4%