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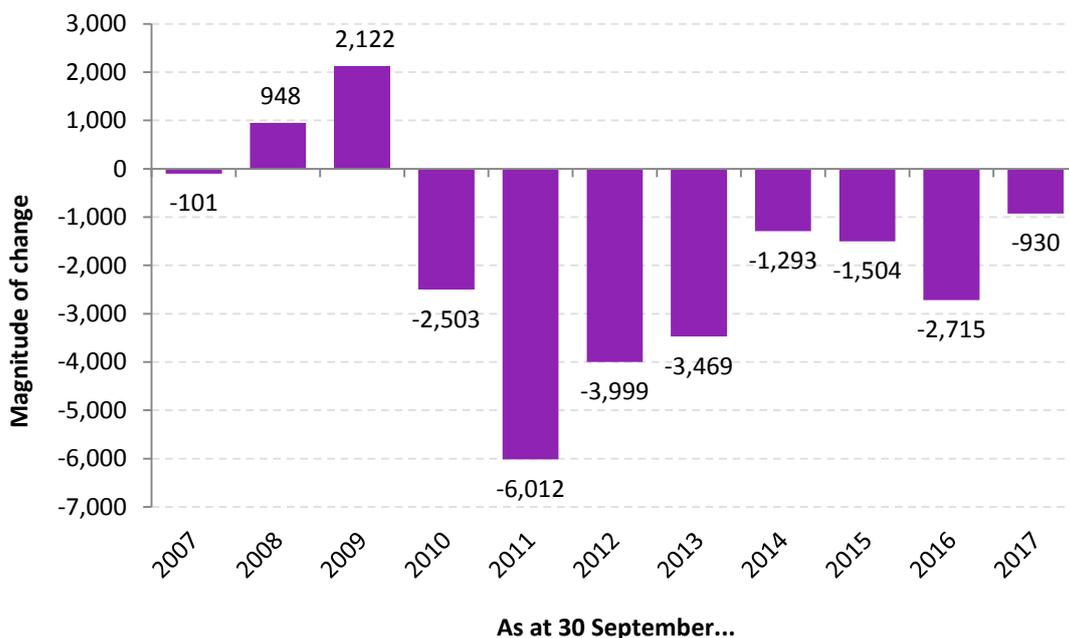
This bulletin contains statistics on the police workforce in the 43 police forces in England and Wales, plus the British Transport Police, as at 30 September 2017.

It also contains statistics on misconduct and criminal investigations involving police workers in the year ending 31 March 2017.

Total Workforce (excluding British Transport Police)

- There were 198,388 workers (FTE) employed by the 43 police forces in England and Wales on 30 September 2017, a small increase of 180 (or 0.1%) compared with the previous year (198,208 workers).
- As at 30 September 2017, there were 121,929 police officers, a small decrease of 930 officers compared with the previous year. This was a smaller fall than those seen in the previous seven years (see chart below). This is the lowest number of officers since comparable records began in 1996.

Change in the number of police officers as at 30 September 2007 to 2017, compared with the previous year, England and Wales



- The number of police community support officers have also fallen since 30 September 2016 (down 4.7%), whilst the number of police staff (up 2.0%) and designated officers (up 9.3%) have risen over the same period.

Misconduct and criminal investigations (year ending 31 March 2017)

- These data have been designated as **Experimental Statistics**, to reflect the fact that they are new data and will be developed further in future years.
- In the year ending 31 March 2017, the 43 territorial police forces in England and Wales assessed 42,604 cases involving officers or staff following a public complaint or conduct matter.
- Of these, 3,243 cases were investigated as misconduct or gross misconduct, and proceedings were recommended in 1,663 cases:
 - 945 were referred to a misconduct meeting; and
 - 718 required a misconduct hearing or special case hearing (where gross misconduct is involved, or an individual who has previously received a final written warning for misconduct was the subject)
- There were 393 dismissals in the year ending 31 March 2017, 291 of which related to officers and 102 to staff.
- Separate to these misconduct proceedings there were 195 criminal investigations, 168 of which related to police officers and 27 to police staff; of which 108 officers and 22 staff members were found guilty after a criminal investigation.

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