# 2 POLICE INCIDENT REPORTS

Police Incident Reports
1 January 1994 - 31 December 2005

TABLE 2.1 Number of incident reports lodged per year, 1994-2006

| Calendar year | Number |
|---|---|
| 1994 | 173,335 |
| 1995 | 172,317 |
| 1996 | 167,033 |
| 1997 | 163,452 |
| 1998 | 182,402 |
| 1999 | 196,209 |
| 2000 | 215,302 |
| 2001 | 220,028 |
| 2002 | 218,570 |
| 2003 | 212,094 |
| 2004 | 208,097 |
| 2005 | 200,216 |
| 2006 | 197,214 |

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## TABLE 2.2 Number of offences per incident report

| Number of offences | Number | Percentage |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 150,730 | 76.4 |
| 2 | 35,432 | 18.0 |
| 3 | 7,540 | 3.8 |
| 4 | 2,175 | 1.1 |
| 5 | 745 | 0.4 |
| 6 – 10 | 540 | 0.3 |
| 11- 15 | 30 | 0.0 |
| 16 – 20 | 14 | 0.0 |
| 21 and over | 8 | 0.0 |
| Total | 197,214 | 100.0 |

All offences and all counts of the same offence listed on the incident report are included.

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## TABLE 2.3 Major offence recorded per incident report

| Offence Group | Report Year | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Offences against the person (excl. sexual offences) | 16,155 | 17,262 | 16,178 | 18,502 | 19,528 | 19,581 | 17,849 | 16,448 | 17,202 | 17,641 |
| Sexual offences* | 1,630 | 1,770 | 1,673 | 1,815 | 1,896 | 1,991 | 2,230 | 2,155 | 2,079 | 1,943 |
| Robbery and extortion | 1,150 | 1,651 | 1,464 | 1,649 | 1,618 | 1,568 | 1,375 | 1,271 | 1,199 | 1,233 |
| Offences against property | 113,142 | 130,190 | 139,888 | 148,876 | 148,970 | 145,268 | 138,145 | 131,307 | 120,061 | 117,078 |
| Driving offences | 10,105 | 10,141 | 17,471 | 20,070 | 23,262 | 24,226 | 26,528 | 30,338 | 32,141 | 29,302 |
| Drug offences | 2,465 | 2,343 | 2,553 | 2,456 | 2,769 | 2,415 | 2,340 | 2,360 | 1,988 | 2,193 |
| Offences against good order | 18,082 | 18,331 | 16,087 | 20,684 | 20,832 | 22,183 | 21,701 | 22,761 | 24,489 | 26,856 |
| Other offences | 723 | 714 | 895 | 1,250 | 1,153 | 1,338 | 1,926 | 1,457 | 1,057 | 968 |
| Total | 163,452 | 182,402 | 196,209 | 215,302 | 220,028 | 218,570 | 212,094 | 208,097 | 200,216 | 197,214 |

The major or most serious offence recorded per report is determined on the basis of the maximum statutory penalty associated with each offence with ties being separated by JANCO levels.
* In June 2003 the Criminal Law Consolidation Act was amended to abolish the time limit for the prosecution of certain sexual offences.