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# POLICE INCIDENT REPORTS



Police Incident Reports  
1 January 1994 - 31 December 2004

TABLE 2.1 Number of incident reports lodged per year, 1994-2004

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

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TABLE 2.2 Number of offences per incident report

Number of offences	Number	Percentage
1	156,384	75.1
2	40,029	19.2
3	8,034	3.9
4	2,272	1.1
5	791	0.4
6 – 10	545	0.3
11- 15	31	0.0
16 – 20	3	0.0
21 and over	8	0.0
Total	208,097	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								
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Offences against the person (excl. sexual offences)	15,991	16,155	17,262	16,178	18,502	19,528	19,581	17,849	16,448
Sexual offences*	1,776	1,630	1,770	1,673	1,815	1,896	1,991	2,230	2,155
Robbery and extortion	1,299	1,150	1,651	1,464	1,649	1,618	1,568	1,375	1,271
Offences against property	117,733	113,142	130,190	139,888	148,876	148,970	145,268	138,145	131,307
Driving offences	8,147	10,105	10,141	17,471	20,070	23,262	24,226	26,528	30,338
Drug offences	2,653	2,465	2,343	2,553	2,456	2,769	2,415	2,340	2,360
Offences against good order	18,671	18,082	18,331	16,087	20,684	20,832	22,183	21,701	22,761
Other offences	763	723	714	895	1,250	1,153	1,338	1,926	1,457
<b>Total</b>	<b>167,033</b>	<b>163,452</b>	<b>182,402</b>	<b>196,209</b>	<b>215,302</b>	<b>220,028</b>	<b>218,570</b>	<b>212,094</b>	<b>208,097</b>

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.

