

STATISTICS ON POLICE USE OF FIREARMS IN ENGLAND AND WALES 2006-07

The statistics for 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 show that the number of police operations in which firearms were authorised was 18,053.

The police discharged a conventional firearm in 3 incidents.

Armed response vehicles were deployed on 14,530 occasions and there were 6,728 authorised firearms officers in England and Wales.

Full details are set out in the tables below:

NUMBER OF OPERATIONS IN WHICH FIREARMS WERE AUTHORISED						
	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
TOTAL	13991	14827	16657	15981	18891	18053
AVON & SOMERSET	195	262	311	333	247	285
BEDFORDSHIRE	237	301	442	475	575	684
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	114	57	104	241	201	207
CHESHIRE	419	451	397	358	367	340
CLEVELAND	37	170	453	530	657	293
CITY OF LONDON	40	131	364	404	323	239
CUMBRIA	71	77	72	152	112	92
DERBYSHIRE	275	401	369	287	305	223
DEVON & CORNWALL	101	96	112	71	84	80
DORSET	184	193	231	223	263	354
DURHAM	89	83	156	144	291	340
ESSEX	323	312	275	296	432	245
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	165	185	127	176	229	280
GTR MANCHESTER	580	518	507	461	478	481
HAMPSHIRE	198	162	208	237	289	352
HERTFORDSHIRE	112	172	195	185	187	280
HUMBERSIDE	297	187	183	206	362	235
KENT	115	137	207	163	219	170
LANCASHIRE	232	238	318	241	240	410
LEICESTERSHIRE	300	268	295	260	363	334
LINCOLNSHIRE	477	392	386	294	220	157
MERSEYSIDE	1020	628	751	733	669	727
METROPOLITAN	2447	3199	3563	2964	4711	3878
NORFOLK	175	200	178	195	175	153
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	43	138	148	158	137	156
NORTHUMBRIA	1440	1275	1140	977	611	332
NORTH YORKSHIRE	92	100	147	185	183	282
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	384	452	459	408	394	289

SOUTH YORKSHIRE	258	463	484	546	749	737
STAFFORDSHIRE	232	281	255	216	171	250
SUFFOLK	163	270	251	153	202	256
SURREY	245	247	203	151	222	222
SUSSEX	248	204	280	187	190	201
THAMES VALLEY	179	167	195	289	427	264
WARWICKSHIRE	130	149	164	124	180	162
WEST MERCIA	117	91	197	162	122	155
WEST MIDLANDS	822	902	1377	1264	1044	1557
WEST YORKSHIRE	757	604	575	853	1335	1272
WILTSHIRE	45	58	63	88	139	226
DYFED POWYS	28	29	28	51	63	72
GWENT	20	37	40	81	94	133
NORTH WALES	302	259	197	223	350	340
SOUTH WALES	283	281	250	236	279	308

NUMBER OF AUTHORISED FIREARMS OFFICERS (AFOs)						
	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
TOTAL	5776	5763	6096	6243	6584	6728
AVON & SOMERSET	116	84	122	118	117	103
BEDFORDSHIRE	48	53	58	56	59	57
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	56	71	60	60	50	46
CHESHIRE	81	89	75	76	73	80
CLEVELAND	85	80	95	100	100	105
CITY OF LONDON	73	72	86	89	86	45
CUMBRIA	92	87	89	90	89	90
DERBYSHIRE	80	69	70	74	75	69
DEVON & CORNWALL	108	115	132	123	122	132
DORSET	57	59	60	64	62	67
DURHAM	86	102	97	103	100	102
ESSEX	180	184	186	202	205	220
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	71	80	82	93	92	94
GTR MANCHESTER	219	202	205	187	245	217
HAMPSHIRE	87	94	94	92	97	83
HERTFORDSHIRE	46	47	50	53	52	49
HUMBERSIDE	96	96	96	101	92	83
KENT	113	93	90	94	94	98
LANCASHIRE	138	129	122	115	123	103
LEICESTERSHIRE	69	68	51	53	59	67
LINCOLNSHIRE	91	87	78	86	87	75
MERSEYSIDE	78	84	94	93	129	139
METROPOLITAN	1805	1823	2060	2134	2331	2584
NORFOLK	104	109	114	125	119	127
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	51	56	52	50	56	59

NORTHUMBRIA	125	99	90	93	98	92
NORTH YORKSHIRE	66	64	60	56	78	67
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	136	131	138	138	149	146
SOUTH YORKSHIRE	92	100	98	122	116	118
STAFFORDSHIRE	71	63	67	76	70	82
SUFFOLK	90	80	96	88	84	78
SURREY	62	48	53	49	51	45
SUSSEX	120	141	134	130	129	129
THAMES VALLEY	156	180	172	176	180	186
WARWICKSHIRE	50	51	46	53	55	59
WEST MERCIA	125	131	139	141	152	133
WEST MIDLANDS	111	110	124	134	145	175
WEST YORKSHIRE	116	132	140	130	150	148
WILTSHIRE	71	78	80	74	72	69
DYFED POWYS	77	62	58	79	68	72
GWENT	57	60	71	74	86	64
NORTH WALES	83	75	73	65	57	56
SOUTH WALES	138	125	139	134	130	115

NUMBER OF OPERATIONS INVOLVING ARMED RESPONSE VEHICLES (ARVs)						
	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
TOTAL	11574	11848	13218	13137	14355	14530
AVON & SOMERSET	173	215	249	312	167	192
BEDFORDSHIRE	172	269	414	419	534	654
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	43	45	155	172	160	172
CHESHIRE	523	337	356	773	807	793
CLEVELAND	13	63	86	154	285	290
CITY OF LONDON	39	131	364	275	234	183
CUMBRIA	53	45	65	134	90	72
DERBYSHIRE	253	363	312	254	257	183
DEVON & CORNWALL	76	32	94	54	54	76
DORSET	182	180	215	195	246	322
DURHAM	57	66	96	91	256	204
ESSEX	165	176	138	138	155	224
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	140	166	109	121	145	213
GTR MANCHESTER	528	406	440	364	306	214
HAMPSHIRE	116	108	128	167	178	270
HERTFORDSHIRE	81	129	157	155	160	226
HUMBERSIDE	273	170	158	184	335	232
KENT	89	132	193	124	183	373
LANCASHIRE	192	185	273	228	232	383
LEICESTERSHIRE	292	232	269	232	328	313
LINCOLNSHIRE	470	367	355	276	210	147

MERSEYSIDE	974	547	687	677	611	644
METROPOLITAN	1667	2447	2423	2322	2572	2770
NORFOLK	157	186	169	163	149	133
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	25	90	99	89	101	119
NORTHUMBRIA	1349	1204	1063	893	585	299
NORTH YORKSHIRE	60	67	110	144	208	268
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	333	397	404	336	342	256
SOUTH YORKSHIRE	221	280	322	438	632	522
STAFFORDSHIRE	208	241	212	183	154	222
SUFFOLK	116	160	194	119	149	204
SURREY	225	240	190	140	204	209
SUSSEX	189	171	250	163	162	165
THAMES VALLEY	174	167	179	265	355	227
WARWICKSHIRE	104	31	138	102	144	121
WEST MERCIA	100	111	241	152	94	120
WEST MIDLANDS	563	592	975	952	745	518
WEST YORKSHIRE	609	565	543	656	1040	1048
WILTSHIRE	43	39	28	54	124	190
DYFED POWYS	28	29	28	48	55	72
GWENT	16	16	23	74	85	109
NORTH WALES	265	198	153	180	299	295
SOUTH WALES	218	253	161	165	223	283