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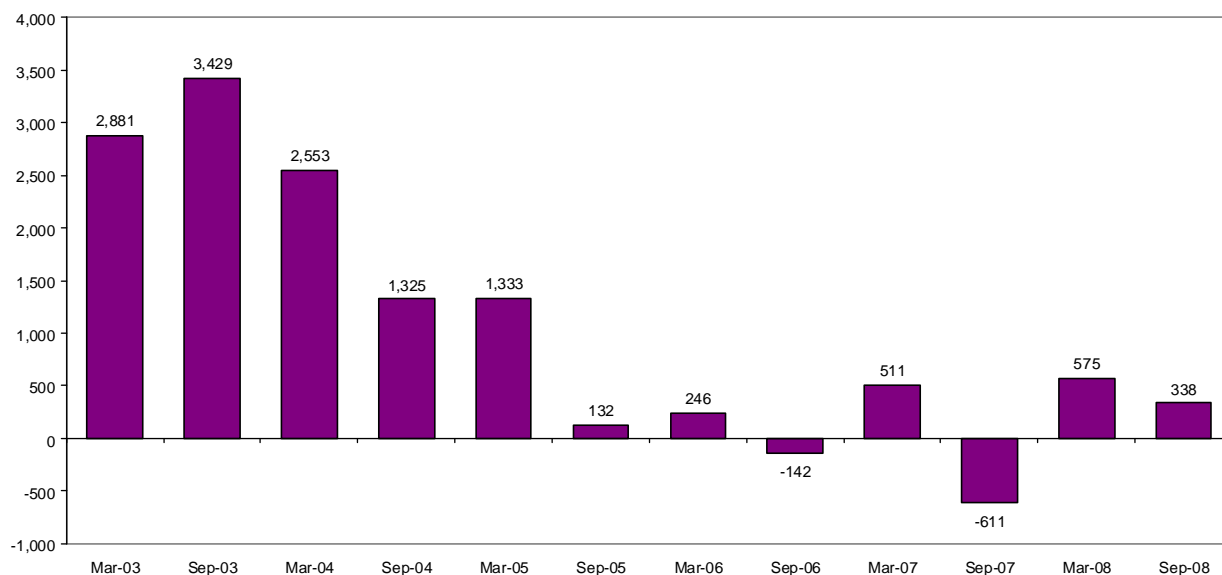
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MAIN POINTS

- There were 142,684 police officers (full-time equivalents) in England and Wales on 30 September 2008.
- This total includes 142,197 police officers in the 43 police forces of England and Wales and 487 officers seconded to central services.
- An additional 2,616 officers represent the British Transport Police across England and Wales.
- Police officer numbers for the 43 English and Welsh forces plus secondments to central services have increased by 953 or 0.7 per cent compared with September 2007 and have increased by 324 or 0.2 per cent compared with March 2008.
- Police staff numbers for the 43 English and Welsh forces stand at 77,979 (full-time equivalents), an increase of 2.6 per cent compared with September 2007, and an increase of 1.3 per cent compared with March 2008.
- There were 15,740 full-time equivalent police community support officers, or PCSOs, in the 43 English and Welsh police forces on 30 September 2008, a rise of 2.3 per cent since September 2007, and a fall of 0.4 per cent since March 2008.
- The total number of Designated Officers (Section 38, excluding PCSOs) in England and Wales was 2,192 (full-time equivalents), an increase of 35.6 per cent since September 2007, reflecting the continued increasing trend to employ specialist officers in investigation, detention and escort roles. This allows police officers to spend more time on frontline policing activities.
- The number of Traffic Wardens in England and Wales on 30 September 2008 has decreased by 22.8 per cent to 499 (full-time equivalents) compared with September 2007, reflecting the continued expansion in the role played by local authorities in parking control.
- Additionally, there were 14,459 special constables (headcount) in the 43 forces of England and Wales, an increase of 3.2 per cent since September 2007, and a decrease of 0.6 per cent since March 2008.

Figure 1: Change in the number of Police Officers¹ (FTE)² from the previous six months



1. Police numbers from 43 England and Wales Forces only. Full-time equivalent rounded to the nearest whole number.
2. Since March 2003 the number of police officers includes those officers on career breaks or maternity/paternity leave.

NOTES

1. The police officer numbers quoted here should be treated as provisional and subject to possible revision in future police service strength publications. Finalised figures will appear in the annual police service strength statistical bulletin, as will further detail and explanation.
2. The figures quoted in this report are for all officers including those officers on career breaks or maternity/paternity leave for a period exceeding 28 days at the end of the reporting period. Figures excluding those officers on career breaks and maternity/paternity leave have also been provided in this report to allow comparison with figures published prior to March 2003 (see Tables 1 and 2).
3. Police staff figures in this bulletin do not include school crossing patrols or contract staff employed by private companies. However, staff on fixed term contracts are included.
4. Designated Officers are persons employed by the police authority who have been chosen by Chief Officers to exercise specific powers which would otherwise only be available to police officers. Designated Police Staff were introduced as part of the Police Reform Act 2002, Section 38 and legislation enables the appropriate designation of skilled police staff to one or more of four roles: Police Community Support Officer, Investigation Officer, Detention Officer, Escort Officer.
5. Secondments from one police force to another are included in the total strength for the destination force and therefore included in the total police officer strength for the 43 forces in England and Wales.
6. Details for the strength of police officers and staff employed by the National Crime Squad (NCS) and the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS) have previously appeared in police service strength bulletins. However from the 30 September 2006 bulletin (SB 04/07) onwards they no longer appear in these publications following the launch of the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) in April 2006, which has amalgamated the NCS, NCIS, and parts of HM Revenue and Customs and the UK Immigration Service. It is not possible to separately identify those officers and staff fulfilling the former functions of NCS and NCIS. The main police officer strength measure includes those officers on career breaks to SOCA, but excludes staff employed by SOCA and also officers seconded to SOCA.
7. Police forces across England and Wales all implemented dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Teams by 31 March 2008, and linked to this is their ongoing commitment to maintain the number of PCSOs at around the 16,000 national target.
8. The Policing Statistics Section would like to acknowledge the assistance of the police force personnel sections and the staff at the Police Data Collection Section in Home Office Statistics for the provision of the data.

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Table 1: Police officer strength by English Government Office Regions and Wales (full-time equivalents) ⁽¹⁾

| English Government Office Regions and Wales | Police officers | | | Police officers less staff on career breaks or maternity/paternity leave (comparable with previously published figures) | | | Police officers | | | |
|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | Strength as at: | | | Strength as at: | | | Change in 12 months | | Change in 6 months | |
| | Sep-07 | Mar-08 | Sep-08 | Sep-07 | Mar-08 | Sep-08 | Sept 07 - Sept 08 | % | 08 - Sept 08 | % |
| | fte | fte | fte | fte | fte | fte | number | % | number | % |
| North East | 7,305 | 7,307 | 7,324 | 7,163 | 7,196 | 7,189 | 19 | 0.3 | 17 | 0.2 |
| Cleveland | 1,710 | 1,692 | 1,705 | 1,672 | 1,663 | 1,689 | -5 | -0.3 | 13 | 0.8 |
| Durham | 1,664 | 1,632 | 1,589 | 1,638 | 1,605 | 1,566 | -76 | -4.5 | -44 | -2.7 |
| Northumbria | 3,931 | 3,983 | 4,030 | 3,853 | 3,928 | 3,933 | 99 | 2.5 | 47 | 1.2 |
| North West | 19,465 | 19,614 | 19,693 | 19,186 | 19,341 | 19,405 | 228 | 1.2 | 79 | 0.4 |
| Cheshire | 2,226 | 2,181 | 2,177 | 2,173 | 2,124 | 2,116 | -50 | -2.2 | -4 | -0.2 |
| Cumbria | 1,269 | 1,246 | 1,240 | 1,254 | 1,228 | 1,225 | -29 | -2.3 | -6 | -0.5 |
| Greater Manchester | 7,926 | 8,034 | 8,102 | 7,810 | 7,931 | 7,992 | 176 | 2.2 | 68 | 0.8 |
| Lancashire | 3,624 | 3,675 | 3,717 | 3,554 | 3,609 | 3,642 | 93 | 2.6 | 42 | 1.1 |
| Merseyside | 4,419 | 4,477 | 4,456 | 4,395 | 4,449 | 4,431 | 37 | 0.8 | -21 | -0.5 |
| Yorkshire and the Humber | 12,792 | 12,848 | 12,666 | 12,673 | 12,691 | 12,523 | -126 | -1.0 | -182 | -1.4 |
| Humberside | 2,248 | 2,243 | 2,168 | 2,226 | 2,216 | 2,147 | -81 | -3.6 | -76 | -3.4 |
| North Yorkshire | 1,623 | 1,581 | 1,515 | 1,606 | 1,560 | 1,491 | -108 | -6.6 | -66 | -4.2 |
| South Yorkshire | 3,238 | 3,201 | 3,120 | 3,216 | 3,172 | 3,090 | -118 | -3.7 | -82 | -2.6 |
| West Yorkshire | 5,683 | 5,822 | 5,864 | 5,625 | 5,744 | 5,795 | 180 | 3.2 | 42 | 0.7 |
| East Midlands | 9,275 | 9,215 | 9,308 | 9,151 | 9,064 | 9,164 | 33 | 0.4 | 93 | 1.0 |
| Derbyshire | 2,079 | 2,095 | 2,118 | 2,061 | 2,076 | 2,092 | 38 | 1.9 | 23 | 1.1 |
| Leicestershire | 2,251 | 2,241 | 2,295 | 2,225 | 2,212 | 2,262 | 44 | 1.9 | 54 | 2.4 |
| Lincolnshire | 1,202 | 1,201 | 1,223 | 1,178 | 1,178 | 1,202 | 20 | 1.7 | 21 | 1.8 |
| Northamptonshire | 1,307 | 1,309 | 1,309 | 1,288 | 1,264 | 1,280 | 2 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Nottinghamshire | 2,435 | 2,369 | 2,363 | 2,400 | 2,334 | 2,329 | -72 | -3.0 | -6 | -0.2 |
| West Midlands | 14,077 | 14,203 | 14,230 | 13,820 | 13,995 | 14,006 | 154 | 1.1 | 28 | 0.2 |
| Staffordshire | 2,293 | 2,269 | 2,210 | 2,271 | 2,229 | 2,193 | -83 | -3.6 | -59 | -2.6 |
| Warwickshire | 1,051 | 1,036 | 1,017 | 1,039 | 1,017 | 999 | -34 | -3.3 | -19 | -1.8 |
| West Mercia | 2,478 | 2,486 | 2,487 | 2,436 | 2,433 | 2,444 | 9 | 0.4 | 1 | 0.0 |
| West Midlands | 8,254 | 8,412 | 8,516 | 8,074 | 8,315 | 8,371 | 262 | 3.2 | 104 | 1.2 |
| Eastern | 11,067 | 11,028 | 11,181 | 10,926 | 10,848 | 11,018 | 114 | 1.0 | 153 | 1.4 |
| Bedfordshire | 1,196 | 1,207 | 1,229 | 1,188 | 1,174 | 1,220 | 32 | 2.7 | 22 | 1.8 |
| Cambridgeshire | 1,372 | 1,379 | 1,391 | 1,354 | 1,358 | 1,360 | 19 | 1.4 | 12 | 0.9 |
| Essex | 3,388 | 3,385 | 3,447 | 3,348 | 3,346 | 3,410 | 58 | 1.7 | 62 | 1.8 |
| Hertfordshire | 2,198 | 2,162 | 2,149 | 2,155 | 2,137 | 2,092 | -49 | -2.2 | -12 | -0.6 |
| Norfolk | 1,565 | 1,578 | 1,647 | 1,546 | 1,526 | 1,633 | 82 | 5.2 | 69 | 4.4 |
| Suffolk | 1,347 | 1,319 | 1,319 | 1,335 | 1,308 | 1,304 | -28 | -2.1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| London | 31,998 | 32,290 | 32,409 | 31,582 | 31,832 | 31,920 | 411 | 1.3 | 119 | 0.4 |
| London, City of | 850 | 830 | 824 | 840 | 817 | 811 | -26 | -3.1 | -7 | -0.8 |
| Metropolitan Police | 31,148 | 31,460 | 31,585 | 30,742 | 31,014 | 31,109 | 437 | 1.4 | 126 | 0.4 |
| South East | 16,834 | 16,834 | 16,977 | 16,538 | 16,500 | 16,668 | 142 | 0.8 | 143 | 0.8 |
| Hampshire | 3,898 | 3,912 | 3,916 | 3,804 | 3,807 | 3,827 | 18 | 0.5 | 3 | 0.1 |
| Kent | 3,700 | 3,718 | 3,767 | 3,644 | 3,644 | 3,695 | 66 | 1.8 | 49 | 1.3 |
| Surrey | 1,938 | 1,944 | 1,935 | 1,892 | 1,904 | 1,882 | -3 | -0.2 | -9 | -0.4 |
| Sussex | 3,088 | 3,075 | 3,126 | 3,057 | 3,032 | 3,092 | 38 | 1.2 | 51 | 1.7 |
| Thames Valley | 4,211 | 4,186 | 4,234 | 4,142 | 4,112 | 4,172 | 23 | 0.5 | 48 | 1.1 |
| South West | 10,923 | 11,016 | 10,921 | 10,764 | 10,847 | 10,770 | -2 | 0.0 | -95 | -0.9 |
| Avon & Somerset | 3,413 | 3,407 | 3,341 | 3,366 | 3,339 | 3,292 | -73 | -2.1 | -66 | -1.9 |
| Devon & Cornwall | 3,473 | 3,529 | 3,527 | 3,429 | 3,486 | 3,495 | 55 | 1.6 | -2 | -0.1 |
| Dorset | 1,514 | 1,518 | 1,504 | 1,477 | 1,482 | 1,463 | -10 | -0.7 | -13 | -0.9 |
| Gloucestershire | 1,311 | 1,353 | 1,347 | 1,293 | 1,338 | 1,322 | 37 | 2.8 | -6 | -0.4 |
| Wiltshire | 1,212 | 1,210 | 1,202 | 1,199 | 1,202 | 1,199 | -10 | -0.8 | -8 | -0.6 |
| Wales | 7,546 | 7,503 | 7,488 | 7,460 | 7,414 | 7,387 | -58 | -0.8 | -15 | -0.2 |
| Dyfed-Powys | 1,187 | 1,194 | 1,193 | 1,171 | 1,181 | 1,176 | 7 | 0.6 | -1 | -0.1 |
| Gwent | 1,483 | 1,487 | 1,470 | 1,472 | 1,474 | 1,462 | -14 | -0.9 | -17 | -1.1 |
| North Wales | 1,575 | 1,579 | 1,574 | 1,564 | 1,566 | 1,555 | -1 | 0.0 | -4 | -0.3 |
| South Wales | 3,302 | 3,244 | 3,251 | 3,252 | 3,194 | 3,195 | -51 | -1.5 | 7 | 0.2 |
| Total of all 43 forces | 141,284 | 141,859 | 142,197 | 139,262 | 139,728 | 140,051 | 913 | 0.6 | 339 | 0.2 |
| Central Service Secondments | 448 | 502 | 487 | 448 | 502 | 487 | 40 | 8.9 | -14 | -2.8 |
| British Transport Police ⁽²⁾ | 2,520 | 2,579 | 2,616 | 2,520 | 2,579 | 2,616 | 97 | 3.8 | 37 | 1.4 |
| Total Police Officer Strength | 144,251 | 144,939 | 145,300 | 142,229 | 142,809 | 143,155 | 1,050 | 0.7 | 361 | 0.2 |
| Total Police Officer Strength (excluding BTP) | 141,731 | 142,360 | 142,684 | 139,710 | 140,230 | 140,539 | 953 | 0.7 | 324 | 0.2 |

(1) This table contains full-time equivalent figures that have been rounded to the nearest whole number. Because of rounding, there may be an apparent discrepancy between totals and the sums of the constituent items.

(2) British Transport Police are currently unable to provide information relating to career breaks or maternity/paternity leave.

Table 2: Police staff⁽¹⁾ strength by English Government Office Regions and Wales (full-time equivalents)⁽²⁾

| English Government Office Regions and Wales | Police staff | | | Police staff less staff on career breaks or maternity/paternity leave (comparable with previously published figures) | | | Police staff | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | Strength as at: | | | Strength as at: | | | Change in 12 months | | Change in 6 months | |
| | Sep-07 | Mar-08 | Sep-08 | Sep-07 | Mar-08 | Sep-08 | Sept 07 - Sept 08 | | 08 - Sept 08 | |
| | fte | fte | fte | fte | fte | fte | number | % | number | % |
| North East | 3,243 | 3,380 | 3,572 | 3,175 | 3,274 | 3,506 | 328 | 10.1 | 192 | 5.7 |
| Cleveland | 741 | 701 | 715 | 728 | 672 | 712 | -26 | -3.5 | 14 | 2.0 |
| Durham | 768 | 816 | 889 | 756 | 793 | 871 | 121 | 15.8 | 73 | 8.9 |
| Northumbria | 1,735 | 1,863 | 1,968 | 1,690 | 1,808 | 1,923 | 233 | 13.4 | 105 | 5.7 |
| North West | 9,573 | 9,842 | 10,058 | 9,379 | 9,572 | 9,839 | 485 | 5.1 | 216 | 2.2 |
| Cheshire | 1,333 | 1,406 | 1,460 | 1,305 | 1,349 | 1,423 | 127 | 9.6 | 54 | 3.9 |
| Cumbria | 754 | 773 | 777 | 740 | 756 | 757 | 23 | 3.1 | 4 | 0.6 |
| Greater Manchester | 3,433 | 3,534 | 3,656 | 3,378 | 3,431 | 3,577 | 223 | 6.5 | 121 | 3.4 |
| Lancashire | 1,842 | 1,927 | 1,962 | 1,788 | 1,861 | 1,916 | 120 | 6.5 | 35 | 1.8 |
| Merseyside | 2,211 | 2,203 | 2,203 | 2,168 | 2,174 | 2,166 | -9 | -0.4 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Yorkshire and the Humber | 7,609 | 7,677 | 7,893 | 7,499 | 7,520 | 7,766 | 284 | 3.7 | 216 | 2.8 |
| Humberside | 1,292 | 1,313 | 1,356 | 1,268 | 1,286 | 1,324 | 64 | 4.9 | 43 | 3.3 |
| North Yorkshire | 1,131 | 1,079 | 1,070 | 1,115 | 1,058 | 1,046 | -61 | -5.4 | -9 | -0.9 |
| South Yorkshire | 2,016 | 2,038 | 2,090 | 1,998 | 2,008 | 2,055 | 74 | 3.7 | 52 | 2.5 |
| West Yorkshire | 3,170 | 3,247 | 3,377 | 3,117 | 3,168 | 3,340 | 207 | 6.5 | 130 | 4.0 |
| East Midlands | 5,396 | 5,563 | 5,672 | 5,291 | 5,412 | 5,568 | 276 | 5.1 | 109 | 2.0 |
| Derbyshire | 1,232 | 1,266 | 1,210 | 1,206 | 1,248 | 1,185 | -22 | -1.8 | -56 | -4.4 |
| Leicestershire | 1,122 | 1,142 | 1,169 | 1,098 | 1,112 | 1,147 | 47 | 4.2 | 27 | 2.4 |
| Lincolnshire | 719 | 760 | 778 | 710 | 736 | 769 | 59 | 8.2 | 18 | 2.4 |
| Northamptonshire | 974 | 1,024 | 1,096 | 964 | 979 | 1,080 | 122 | 12.5 | 72 | 7.1 |
| Nottinghamshire | 1,348 | 1,372 | 1,419 | 1,314 | 1,337 | 1,387 | 71 | 5.3 | 48 | 3.5 |
| West Midlands | 7,098 | 7,020 | 7,165 | 6,944 | 6,817 | 6,991 | 67 | 0.9 | 144 | 2.1 |
| Staffordshire | 1,310 | 1,309 | 1,325 | 1,293 | 1,274 | 1,307 | 15 | 1.2 | 16 | 1.2 |
| Warwickshire | 623 | 629 | 650 | 615 | 610 | 635 | 27 | 4.3 | 22 | 3.4 |
| West Mercia | 1,649 | 1,647 | 1,703 | 1,605 | 1,593 | 1,649 | 54 | 3.3 | 57 | 3.4 |
| West Midlands | 3,515 | 3,436 | 3,486 | 3,432 | 3,340 | 3,400 | -29 | -0.8 | 50 | 1.5 |
| Eastern | 6,985 | 6,959 | 7,134 | 6,851 | 6,813 | 6,987 | 149 | 2.1 | 175 | 2.5 |
| Bedfordshire | 739 | 724 | 733 | 724 | 700 | 719 | -5 | -0.7 | 10 | 1.3 |
| Cambridgeshire | 911 | 892 | 946 | 895 | 872 | 931 | 36 | 3.9 | 54 | 6.0 |
| Essex | 1,944 | 1,986 | 2,062 | 1,920 | 1,948 | 2,036 | 118 | 6.1 | 77 | 3.9 |
| Hertfordshire | 1,504 | 1,490 | 1,499 | 1,460 | 1,464 | 1,440 | -6 | -0.4 | 9 | 0.6 |
| Norfolk | 1,061 | 1,053 | 1,072 | 1,044 | 1,032 | 1,062 | 10 | 1.0 | 18 | 1.7 |
| Suffolk | 825 | 814 | 821 | 810 | 798 | 799 | -4 | -0.5 | 8 | 1.0 |
| London | 14,410 | 14,384 | 14,440 | 14,011 | 13,926 | 13,988 | 30 | 0.2 | 56 | 0.4 |
| London, City of | 308 | 299 | 297 | 305 | 286 | 290 | -11 | -3.7 | -2 | -0.7 |
| Metropolitan Police | 14,102 | 14,085 | 14,143 | 13,706 | 13,640 | 13,697 | 41 | 0.3 | 58 | 0.4 |
| South East | 11,149 | 11,321 | 11,336 | 10,947 | 10,987 | 11,108 | 187 | 1.7 | 15 | 0.1 |
| Hampshire | 2,387 | 2,430 | 2,402 | 2,350 | 2,325 | 2,361 | 15 | 0.6 | -28 | -1.1 |
| Kent | 2,290 | 2,337 | 2,340 | 2,242 | 2,264 | 2,281 | 51 | 2.2 | 3 | 0.1 |
| Surrey | 1,751 | 1,808 | 1,767 | 1,705 | 1,768 | 1,721 | 16 | 0.9 | -41 | -2.2 |
| Sussex | 1,963 | 1,974 | 2,007 | 1,937 | 1,932 | 1,977 | 44 | 2.3 | 33 | 1.7 |
| Thames Valley | 2,758 | 2,772 | 2,819 | 2,714 | 2,698 | 2,768 | 61 | 2.2 | 47 | 1.7 |
| South West | 6,772 | 6,973 | 6,794 | 6,680 | 6,803 | 6,685 | 22 | 0.3 | -179 | -2.6 |
| Avon & Somerset | 2,211 | 2,289 | 2,222 | 2,176 | 2,221 | 2,186 | 10 | 0.5 | -67 | -2.9 |
| Devon & Cornwall | 2,063 | 2,147 | 1,984 | 2,056 | 2,104 | 1,969 | -79 | -3.8 | -164 | -7.6 |
| Dorset | 962 | 959 | 965 | 940 | 923 | 937 | 3 | 0.4 | 7 | 0.7 |
| Gloucestershire | 697 | 700 | 682 | 682 | 684 | 663 | -15 | -2.2 | -18 | -2.5 |
| Wiltshire | 839 | 879 | 941 | 827 | 871 | 931 | 102 | 12.2 | 62 | 7.1 |
| Wales | 3,754 | 3,830 | 3,916 | 3,680 | 3,741 | 3,834 | 162 | 4.3 | 86 | 2.2 |
| Dyfed-Powys | 616 | 625 | 635 | 607 | 612 | 619 | 19 | 3.1 | 10 | 1.5 |
| Gwent | 826 | 855 | 870 | 823 | 842 | 867 | 44 | 5.3 | 15 | 1.8 |
| North Wales | 760 | 774 | 780 | 745 | 761 | 766 | 20 | 2.6 | 6 | 0.7 |
| South Wales | 1,552 | 1,575 | 1,631 | 1,505 | 1,525 | 1,582 | 79 | 5.1 | 56 | 3.5 |
| Total of all 43 forces | 75,989 | 76,948 | 77,979 | 74,459 | 74,863 | 76,272 | 1,990 | 2.6 | 1,031 | 1.3 |
| British Transport Police ⁽³⁾ | 1,037 | 1,181 | 1,231 | 1,037 | 1,181 | 1,231 | 194 | 18.7 | 50 | 4.2 |

(1) Police staff excludes Designated Officers, Police Community Support Officers and Traffic Wardens.

(2) This table contains full-time equivalent figures that have been rounded to the nearest whole number. Because of rounding, there may be an apparent discrepancy between totals and the sums of the constituent items.

(3) British Transport Police are currently unable to provide information relating to career breaks or maternity/paternity leave.

Table 3: Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) strength by English Government Office Regions and Wales (full-time equivalents) ⁽¹⁾

| Police Community Support Officers | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| English Government Office Regions and Wales | Strength as at: | | | Change in 12 months | | Change in 6 months Mar | |
| | Sep-07 | Mar-08 | Sep-08 | Sept 07 - Sept 08 | | 08 - Sept 08 | |
| | fte | fte | fte | number | % | number | % |
| North East | 563 | 585 | 573 | 10 | 1.8 | -12 | -2.1 |
| Cleveland | 153 | 170 | 185 | 32 | 20.9 | 15 | 8.8 |
| Durham | 162 | 162 | 156 | -6 | -4.0 | -6 | -3.7 |
| Northumbria | 248 | 254 | 232 | -15 | -6.1 | -21 | -8.4 |
| North West | 2,008 | 1,910 | 1,955 | -53 | -2.6 | 44 | 2.3 |
| Cheshire | 231 | 231 | 227 | -3 | -1.4 | -4 | -1.6 |
| Cumbria | 102 | 99 | 110 | 8 | 7.5 | 10 | 10.6 |
| Greater Manchester | 808 | 773 | 776 | -32 | -4.0 | 3 | 0.4 |
| Lancashire | 417 | 400 | 400 | -17 | -4.0 | 0 | 0.1 |
| Merseyside | 450 | 407 | 441 | -8 | -1.9 | 34 | 8.4 |
| Yorkshire and the Humber | 1,463 | 1,589 | 1,573 | 110 | 7.5 | -16 | -1.0 |
| Humberside | 227 | 318 | 321 | 94 | 41.4 | 2 | 0.7 |
| North Yorkshire | 186 | 180 | 178 | -8 | -4.5 | -3 | -1.4 |
| South Yorkshire | 332 | 334 | 347 | 15 | 4.5 | 13 | 3.8 |
| West Yorkshire | 719 | 757 | 728 | 9 | 1.3 | -29 | -3.8 |
| East Midlands | 934 | 961 | 988 | 55 | 5.9 | 28 | 2.9 |
| Derbyshire | 158 | 166 | 186 | 28 | 18.0 | 20 | 12.2 |
| Leicestershire | 228 | 212 | 230 | 2 | 0.7 | 18 | 8.4 |
| Lincolnshire | 139 | 165 | 152 | 13 | 9.5 | -13 | -7.9 |
| Northamptonshire | 159 | 159 | 170 | 11 | 7.2 | 11 | 7.2 |
| Nottinghamshire | 251 | 259 | 250 | 0 | 0.0 | -9 | -3.5 |
| West Midlands | 1,341 | 1,362 | 1,360 | 19 | 1.4 | -2 | -0.1 |
| Staffordshire | 225 | 209 | 217 | -8 | -3.6 | 8 | 3.8 |
| Warwickshire | 126 | 133 | 120 | -7 | -5.2 | -13 | -9.8 |
| West Mercia | 267 | 272 | 273 | 6 | 2.2 | 1 | 0.4 |
| West Midlands | 723 | 748 | 751 | 28 | 3.9 | 2 | 0.3 |
| Eastern | 1,350 | 1,412 | 1,399 | 49 | 3.6 | -13 | -0.9 |
| Bedfordshire | 112 | 120 | 116 | 4 | 3.5 | -4 | -3.3 |
| Cambridgeshire | 188 | 197 | 189 | 1 | 0.5 | -8 | -4.3 |
| Essex | 429 | 436 | 437 | 8 | 1.8 | 1 | 0.2 |
| Hertfordshire | 248 | 246 | 248 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.9 |
| Norfolk | 237 | 274 | 272 | 35 | 14.6 | -2 | -0.8 |
| Suffolk | 137 | 140 | 138 | 2 | 1.2 | -2 | -1.1 |
| London | 4,231 | 4,293 | 4,239 | 8 | 0.2 | -54 | -1.3 |
| London, City of | 46 | 46 | 40 | -6 | -13.1 | -6 | -13.1 |
| Metropolitan Police | 4,186 | 4,247 | 4,200 | 14 | 0.3 | -48 | -1.1 |
| South East | 1,652 | 1,804 | 1,762 | 110 | 6.6 | -42 | -2.3 |
| Hampshire | 326 | 324 | 323 | -3 | -1.0 | -1 | -0.3 |
| Kent | 372 | 377 | 356 | -16 | -4.3 | -21 | -5.4 |
| Surrey | 208 | 211 | 202 | -6 | -2.9 | -8 | -3.8 |
| Sussex | 350 | 372 | 356 | 6 | 1.8 | -16 | -4.2 |
| Thames Valley | 395 | 521 | 524 | 129 | 32.6 | 3 | 0.5 |
| South West | 1,161 | 1,191 | 1,213 | 51 | 4.4 | 22 | 1.8 |
| Avon & Somerset | 366 | 377 | 395 | 29 | 7.8 | 18 | 4.7 |
| Devon & Cornwall | 342 | 354 | 364 | 22 | 6.5 | 10 | 2.9 |
| Dorset | 141 | 151 | 145 | 4 | 3.0 | -6 | -3.8 |
| Gloucestershire | 172 | 162 | 171 | -1 | -0.8 | 9 | 5.3 |
| Wiltshire | 140 | 147 | 138 | -2 | -1.7 | -9 | -6.1 |
| Wales | 688 | 698 | 678 | -10 | -1.5 | -20 | -2.9 |
| Dyfed-Powys | 76 | 73 | 73 | -3 | -4.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Gwent | 135 | 139 | 146 | 11 | 8.5 | 7 | 4.9 |
| North Wales | 154 | 159 | 147 | -7 | -4.4 | -12 | -7.5 |
| South Wales | 323 | 327 | 312 | -12 | -3.7 | -15 | -4.6 |
| Total of all 43 forces | 15,391 | 15,805 | 15,740 | 348 | 2.3 | -66 | -0.4 |
| British Transport Police | 263 | 256 | 274 | 11 | 4.2 | 18 | 7.0 |

(1) This table contains full-time equivalent figures that have been rounded to the nearest whole number. Because of rounding, there may be an apparent discrepancy between totals and the sums of the constituent items.

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