

STATISTICS RELATING TO THE SECURITY SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND

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Statistics Relating to the Security Situation in Northern Ireland 2003/04

Summary

Deaths due to the Security Situation

- During 2003/04 there were seven security related deaths, eight fewer than in the previous year.

Security-Related Incidents

- The number of shooting incidents decreased by 40.5% from 348 in 2002/03 to 207 in 2003/04. There was also a 60.1% decrease in the number of bombing incidents over the same period (from 178 in 2002/03 to 71 in 2003/04).

Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives Finds

- There were 148 firearms and 19,017 rounds of ammunition found during 2003/04. In addition, 92.1kg of explosives were recovered during the year.

Paramilitary-style Attacks

- During 2003/04 there were 298 casualties as a result of paramilitary-style attacks (i.e. both shootings and assaults), eleven fewer than in the previous year.
- Paramilitary-style **shootings** accounted for 149 casualties, 102 (68.5%) of which were attributed to loyalists and 47 (31.5%) to republicans.
- Paramilitary-style **assaults** accounted for the remaining 149 victims with around two thirds of such casualties (67.8%) attributed to loyalists and around a third (32.2%) attributed to republicans.
- In comparison with the previous year, the number of casualties of paramilitary-style shootings decreased by 16 (from 165 in 2002/03 to 149 in 2003/04) whereas the number of casualties of paramilitary-style assaults increased by 5 (from 144 in 2002/03 to 149 in 2003/04).

Persons Charged with Terrorist and Serious Public Order Offences

- A total of 279 persons were charged with such offences during 2003/04 compared with 359 during 2002/03.

Parade Statistics

- In total, there were 2,978 parades during 2003/04. Loyalist parades accounted for 2,361 (79.3%) of these while nationalist parades accounted for 172 (5.8%).
- Twenty two parades (0.7%) were re-routed during the year and conditions were imposed on a further 103 (3.5%).
- There were 32 parades (1.1%) at which disorder occurred.

Deaths due to the Security Situation 1994/95 – 2003/04

Chart 1: Deaths Due to the Security Situation 1994/95 – 2003/04

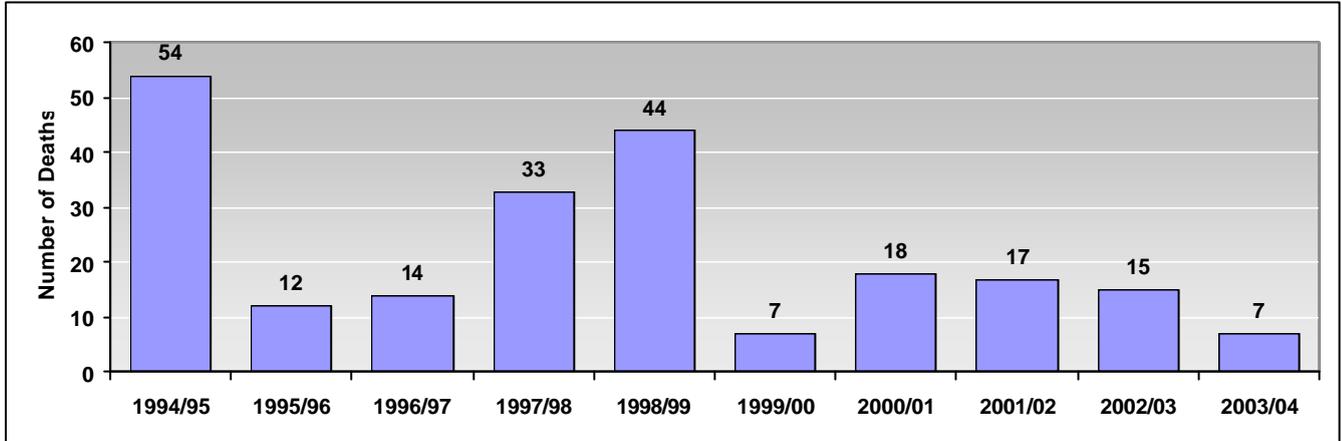


Table 1: Deaths Due to the Security Situation 1994/95 – 2003/04

	Police	Police Reserve	Army	UDR/RIR ¹	Civilian	Totals
1994/95	2	-	1	2	49	54
1995/96	-	-	-	-	12	12
1996/97	-	-	2	-	12	14
1997/98	3	1	-	-	29	33
1998/99	1	-	1	-	42	44
1999/00	-	-	-	-	7	7
2000/01	-	-	-	-	18	18
2001/02	-	-	-	-	17	17
2002/03	-	-	-	-	15	15
2003/04	-	-	-	-	7	7

¹Figures include Royal Irish Regiment (Home Service Battalions).

Security-Related Incidents 1994/95 – 2003/04

Chart 2: Shooting and Bombing Incidents 1994/95 – 2003/04

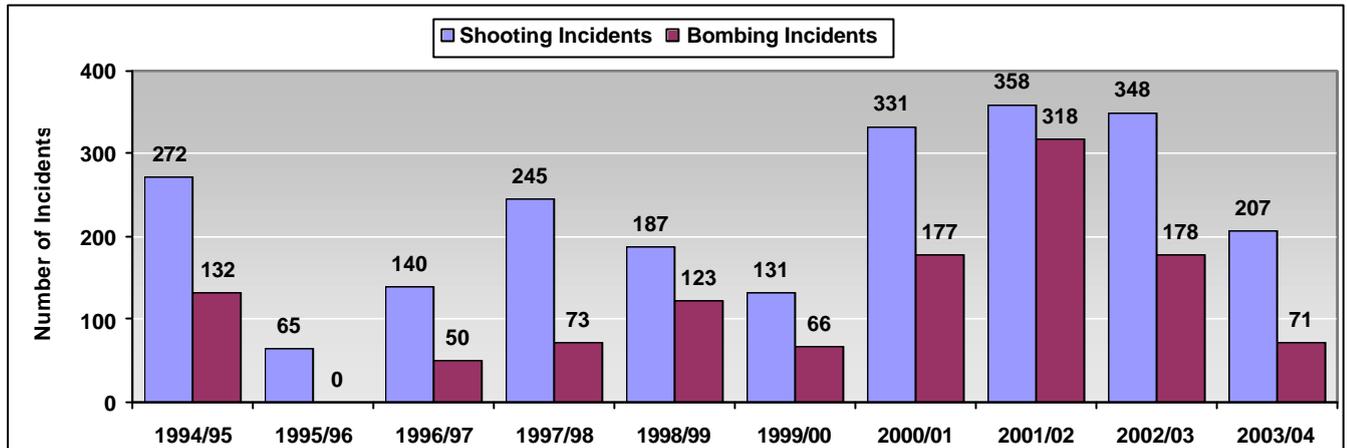


Table 2: Security-Related Incidents 1994/95 – 2003/04

	Shooting Incidents ¹	Bombings ²		Incendiarities ³	
		Incidents	Devices Used	Incidents	Devices Used
1994/95	272	132	146	20	24
1995/96	65	-	-	7	7
1996/97	140	50	65	7	7
1997/98	245	73	91	6	6
1998/99	187	123	229	20	20
1999/00	131	66	86	5	5
2000/01	331	177	206	9	22
2001/02	358	318	407	5	6
2002/03	348	178	226	8	8
2003/04	207	71	80	3	3

¹ The following types of shooting incidents are included:

- Shots fired by terrorists
- Shots fired by the security forces
- Paramilitary-style attacks involving shootings
- Shots heard (and later confirmed)
- Other violent incidents where shots are fired (eg armed robbery)

² An individual bombing incident may involve one or more explosive devices. Incidents recorded include explosions and defusings (devices used). Incidents involving hoax devices, petrol bombings or incendiaries are excluded.

³ Incidents recorded include explosions and defusings (devices used).

Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-Style Attacks 1994/95 - 2003/04

Chart 3: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Shootings 1994/95 – 2003/04

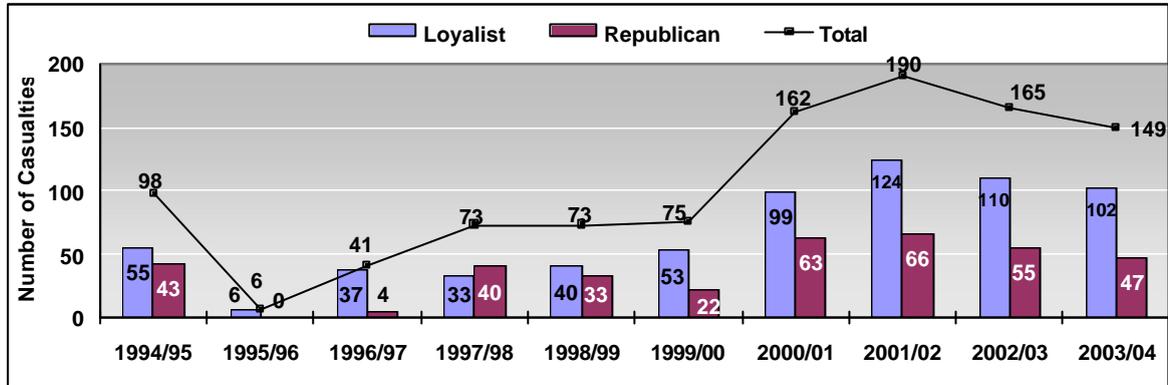


Chart 4: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Assaults 1994/95 – 2003/04

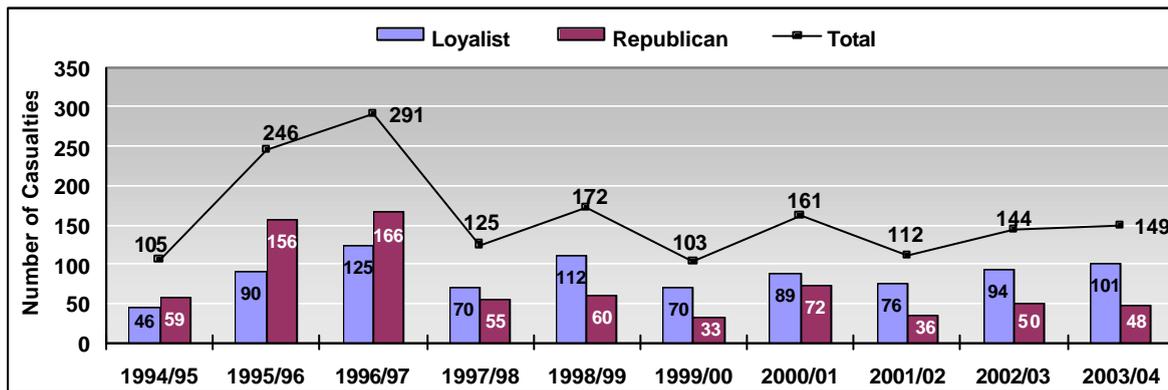


Table 3: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-Style Attacks 1994/95 - 2003/04

	Shootings			Assaults ¹			Total Casualties (Shootings and Assaults)
	Total	By Loyalist Groups	By Republican Groups	Total	By Loyalist Groups	By Republican Groups	
1994/95	98	55	43	105	46	59	203
1995/96	6	6	--	246	90	156	252
1996/97	41	37	4	291	125	166	332
1997/98	73	33	40	125	70	55	198
1998/99	73	40	33	172	112	60	245
1999/00	75	53	22	103	70	33	178
2000/01	162	99	63	161	89	72	323
2001/02	190	124	66	112	76	36	302
2002/03	165	110	55	144	94	50	309
2003/04	149	102	47	149	101	48	298

¹ Beatings

Table 4: Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives Finds

	Firearms	Ammunition (rounds)	Explosives (kgs)
1994/95	139	7,998	448.4
1995/96	116	18,372	6.4
1996/97	103	12,043	2,462.5
1997/98	97	9,984	661.7
1998/99	104	13,416	778.4
1999/00	110	12,414	240.4
2000/01	134	12,970	98.9
2001/02	96	9,241	96.2
2002/03	129	18,549	19.9
2003/04	148	19,017	92.1

Table 5: Persons Charged¹ with Terrorist and Serious Public Order Offences 1994/95 – 2003/04

	Persons Charged
1994/95	262
1995/96	476
1996/97	591
1997/98	423
1998/99	441
1999/00	288
2000/01	269
2001/02	315
2002/03	359
2003/04	279

¹Statistics refer to charges brought against a person after the original period of detention (including extensions). Any subsequent changes, additions, deletions to the original charges are not included.

Table 6: Parade Statistics 2003/04

	Loyalist ¹	Nationalist ²	Other	Total
Total parades	2,361	172	445	2,978
Legal parades	2,358	166	445	2,969
Illegal parades	3	6	0	9
Of the total:				
Parades re-routed	22	0	0	22
Parades with other conditions imposed	99	3	1	103
Parades at which disorder occurred	29	2	1	32
Parades banned	0	0	0	0

¹'Loyalist' parades include those organised by the Orange Order, the Royal Black Preceptory and the Apprentice Boys as well as band parades/contests or protest marches involving the loyalist community.

²'Nationalist' parades includes parades organised by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Irish National Foresters as well as band parades/contests or protest marches involving the nationalist community.