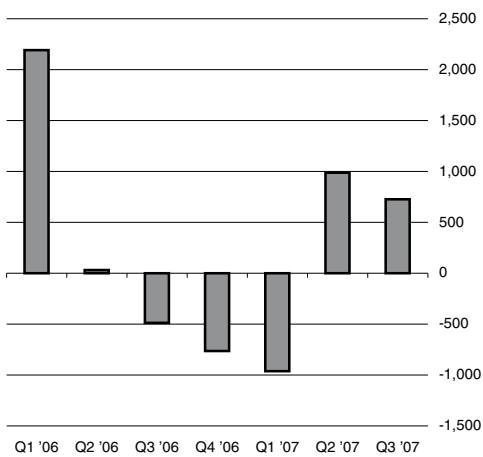




## Headline Crime Statistics

### Quarter 3 2007

**Change in number of headline offences since previous year**



**Total Headline Offences**

	2006	2007	Change	% Change
<b>Third Quarter Annualised Total<sup>1</sup></b>	103,943	103,929	-14	0.0
<b>Third Quarter</b>	25,930	26,657	727	2.8

<sup>1</sup> The annualised figure for a given quarter is the total number of headline crimes recorded in the 12 months prior to the end of that quarter.

### Sharp increase in number of recorded murders

In the third quarter of 2007 there were 21 instances of *Murder* recorded by the Gardai, an increase of 7 (+50%) on the corresponding period in 2006. There were no recorded instances of *Manslaughter* in Quarter 3, 2007 compared with 5 in the same quarter last year. *Murder attempts and threats* also increased significantly from 19 in the third quarter of 2006 to 51 in the most recent quarter.

In the 12-month period ending in the third quarter of 2007, the number of *Murders* increased by 11 (from 56 to 67) over the corresponding period ending in the third quarter of 2006 while the number of *Manslaughter* incidents fell by 8 (from 11 to 3) over the same period. See table 2.

There were 1,119 offences recorded as *Assault* in the third quarter of 2007, which represents a decrease of 9.3% on the same quarter of 2006. In the 12-month period ending in September, 2007, the total number of recorded *Assault* offences was 4,835, an increase of 287 (+6.3%) over the previous 12 months.

The results also show reductions in recorded offences classified as *Sexual Offences* (-8.1%), *Thefts* (-0.4%), *Burglaries* (-10.4%) and *Robberies* (-8.9%) in the 12-month period ending in Quarter 3, 2007. Over the same 12-month period there were increases in offences classified under *Arson* (+18.8%), *Drugs* (+28.8%) and *Frauds* (+30.1%). *Other Headline Offences* rose by 21.9%.

When analysed according to headline offence group the following trends can be observed between 2006 and 2007.

#### Group 01 - Homicides

The total number of *Homicide*-related offences rose from 38 in quarter 3, 2006 to 73 in quarter 3, 2007, an increase of just over 92%. The number of *Murder/manslaughter* offences increased slightly from 19 in the third quarter of 2006 to 21 in the most recent quarter. In the 12-month period ending in Q3, 2007, there were 156 incidents of *Murder attempts/threats*, compared to 101 incidents of this type in the same 12-month period ending in Q3, 2006 representing an increase of just under 55%.

#### Group 02 - Assaults

In the 12-month period ending in Q3, 2007, there was an increase in all offences which were classified under *Assaults*. There was an increase of 3% (from 3,813 to 3,926) in *Assault causing harm* in the 12-month period to the end of quarter 3 2007. The 12-month figure for *Abduction* to quarter 3 2007 was 34, an increase of 11 (+47.8%) on the 23 recorded for the same period ending quarter 3, 2006.

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### Group 03 - Sexual Offences

There were 1,548 *Sexual offences* recorded by the Gardaí in the 12-month period ending in the third quarter of 2007, compared with 1,684 in the 12-months to the same quarter last year, a decline of just over 8%. Incidents of *Rape of a Female* over the same period fell from 335 to 296 (-11.6%) while *Sexual assaults* fell by 98 or just under 11%.

### Group 04 - Arson

There were 504 recorded incidents of *Arson* in Q3, 2007, an increase of 28 (+5.9%) on the same quarter last year. In the 12-month period ending in quarter 3, 2007, there were 1,912 incidents of *Arson*, compared with 1,609 over the previous 12 months, an increase of 18.8%.

### Group 05 - Drugs

All offences in this category showed increases over the year. Overall, recorded headline drug offences in the 12-month period ending in Q3, 2007 rose by 967 (+28.8). The largest offence type in this category, *Possession of drugs for sale or supply*, increased by 737 (+26.2%) while recorded *Cultivation, manufacture or importation of drugs* offences increased by 68 (+54.8 %) over the same 12 month period.

### Group 06 - Thefts

Offences in this category accounted for just over 56% of all headline offences in the 12-month period ending in the third quarter of 2007. Recorded *Thefts from person* were down by 18.2% (from 3,868 to 3,165) over the 12-month period.

### Group 07 - Burglaries

Recorded offences categorised as *Burglary* accounted for 23,095 or 22.2% of the total of 103,929 headline offences in the 12-month period ending quarter 3, 2007. This represents a drop of 2,695 (-10.4%) from the previous 12 months.

### Group 08 - Robberies

In the 12-month period ending in the third quarter of 2007, there were 212 (-8.9%) fewer incidents of recorded *Robbery* than in the previous 12 months. Within this category there were decreases in offences of *Robbery of an establishment/institution* (-28.1%) and *Robbery of cash/goods in transit* (-32.3%). However, instances of recorded *Robbery from the person* increased by 122 or just over 10% over the same period.

### Group 09 - Frauds

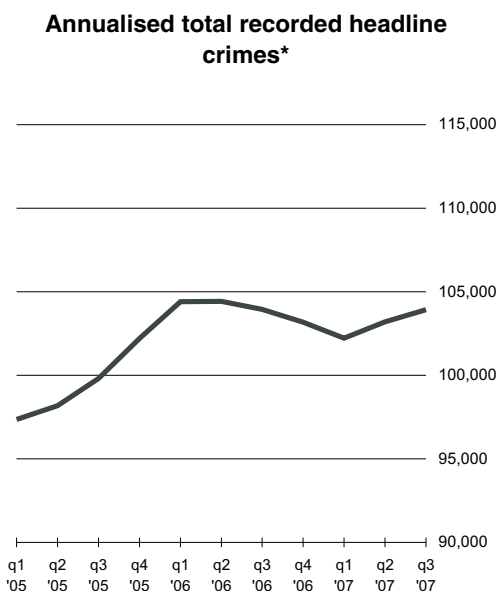
There were 5,338 recorded incidents in this category in the 12-month period ending in the third quarter of 2007, representing an increase of 1,236 (+30.1%) from the previous 12-month period.

### Group 10 - Other Headline Offences

Within the category of Other Headline Offences, the largest absolute change was in recorded instances of *Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty*. Offences of this type increased from 276 to 521 in the 12-month period to the end of quarter 3 2007.

### Slight reduction in annualised total Headline crime

The annualised totals (i.e. the 12-month running total to the end of a quarter) increased consistently from the first quarter of 2005 to the second quarter of 2006. In the 12-month period ending the first quarter of 2005, the total number of offences recorded was 97,352, compared to 104,429 in the second quarter of 2006, representing an increase of over 7%. Subsequently, there was a steady decrease in the annualised number of recorded crimes to 102,215 in the first quarter of 2007, a decrease of just over 2%. Provisional figures for year ending the third quarter of 2007 indicate a slight increase to 103,929. See table 1b and graph opposite.



\*The annualised figure for a given quarter is the total number of headline crimes recorded in the 12 months prior to end of that quarter

**Table 1a Headline Offences - quarter 3 (Q3) and annualised total<sup>1</sup> to quarter 3, 2006/2007**

	Q3				Annualised Total to Q3			
	2006	2007	Change	% Change	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Murder/Manslaughter:	19	21	2	10.5	67	70	3	4.5
<i>of which: murder</i>	14	21	7	50.0	56	67	11	19.6
<i>manslaughter</i>	5	0	-5	-100.0	11	3	-8	-72.7
Rape of a female	86	85	-1	-1.2	335	296	-39	-11.6
Rape section 4	15	9	-6	-40.0	70	65	-5	-7.1
Unlawful carnal knowledge	11	17	6	54.5	50	50	0	0.0
Aggravated sexual assault	5	5	0	0.0	10	21	11	110.0
Sexual assault	209	194	-15	-7.2	923	825	-98	-10.6
False imprisonment	13	17	4	30.8	60	60	0	0.0
Abduction	5	9	4	80.0	23	34	11	47.8
Assault causing harm	1,040	938	-102	-9.8	3,813	3,926	113	3.0
Theft from person	973	827	-146	-15.0	3,868	3,165	-703	-18.2
Theft from M.P.V.	3,313	3,938	625	18.9	13,634	14,282	648	4.8
Theft from shop	4,752	4,657	-95	-2.0	18,210	18,545	335	1.8
Theft of a pedal cycle	95	74	-21	-22.1	384	203	-181	-47.1
Theft (other)	5,356	5,304	-52	-1.0	20,820	20,542	-278	-1.3
Burglary	5,681	5,590	-91	-1.6	25,258	22,540	-2,718	-10.8
Aggravated burglary	79	74	-5	-6.3	294	251	-43	-14.6
Robbery of an establishment / institution	211	185	-26	-12.3	1,153	829	-324	-28.1
Robbery of cash / goods in transit	7	2	-5	-71.4	31	21	-10	-32.3
Robbery from the person	342	362	20	5.8	1,191	1,313	122	10.2
Arson	476	504	28	5.9	1,609	1,912	303	18.8
Possession of drugs for sale or supply	771	877	106	13.7	2,813	3,550	737	26.2
Possession of firearms	104	105	1	1.0	393	421	28	7.1
Discharging a firearm	82	83	1	1.2	299	337	38	12.7
Other headline offences:	2,285	2,780	495	21.7	8,635	10,671	2,036	23.6
<i>of which:</i>								
<i>Dangerous driving causing death or serious bodily harm, manslaughter (traffic fatality)</i>	15	8	-7	-46.7	81	60	-21	-25.9
<i>Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty</i>	64	166	102	159.4	276	521	245	88.8
<i>Murder attempts and threats</i>	19	51	32	168.4	101	156	55	54.5
<i>Harassment and endangerment</i>	112	112	0	0.0	434	579	145	33.4
<i>Deception and false pretences</i>	689	736	47	6.8	2,279	3,118	839	36.8
<i>Forgery/false instruments offences</i>	350	549	199	56.9	1,443	1,889	446	30.9
<i>Cultivation, manufacture or importation of drugs</i>	49	69	20	40.8	124	192	68	54.8
<i>Obstruction under Drugs Act</i>	113	145	32	28.3	422	584	162	38.4
<i>Handling, possession of stolen property</i>	380	401	21	5.5	1,470	1,481	11	0.7
<i>Miscellaneous other offences</i>	494	543	49	9.9	2,005	2,091	86	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,930</b>	<b>26,657</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>103,943</b>	<b>103,929</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> The annualised figure for a given quarter is the total number of headline crimes recorded in the 12 months prior to end of that quarter.

**Table 1b Headline Offences 2004-2007, starting in 2004**

	2004					2005				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Murder/Manslaughter:	12	11	12	11	46	9	18	20	18	65
<i>of which: murder</i>	8	9	8	11	36	7	15	17	14	53
<i>manslaughter</i>	4	2	4	.	10	2	3	3	4	12
Rape of a female	111	79	95	61	346	92	87	103	84	366
Rape section 4	17	18	9	20	64	22	29	14	15	80
Unlawful carnal knowledge	26	28	40	12	106	38	16	29	11	94
Aggravated sexual assault	5	5	3	1	14	.	3	3	1	7
Sexual assault	448	204	223	173	1,048	442	227	244	231	1,144
False imprisonment	14	7	16	8	45	16	11	7	16	50
Abduction	10	9	7	4	30	3	8	6	6	23
Assault causing harm	1,077	930	987	899	3,893	1,041	885	932	854	3,712
Theft from person	1,557	1,463	1,399	1,293	5,712	1,035	1,134	1,330	1,120	4,619
Theft from M.P.V.	3,231	3,408	3,591	2,987	13,217	2,901	3,115	3,641	3,310	12,967
Theft from shop	3,865	3,475	3,570	3,982	14,892	3,891	4,009	4,166	4,420	16,486
Theft of a pedal cycle	79	99	143	92	413	94	114	147	138	493
Theft (other)	4,929	4,883	5,144	4,527	19,483	4,845	5,154	5,373	4,950	20,322
Burglary	6,877	5,485	5,971	6,098	24,431	6,362	5,947	6,469	7,129	25,907
Aggravated burglary	80	68	64	70	282	65	67	65	78	275
Robbery of an establishment / institution	282	232	242	320	1,076	357	295	198	302	1,152
Robbery of cash / goods in transit	22	15	9	15	61	13	9	14	8	44
Robbery from the person	442	416	326	294	1,478	286	275	301	276	1,138
Arson	360	413	362	371	1,506	316	282	407	412	1,417
Possession of drugs for sale or supply	514	545	581	559	2,199	701	721	613	630	2,665
Possession of firearms	120	96	94	64	374	91	141	118	85	435
Discharging a firearm	83	78	60	70	291	64	75	84	88	311
Other headline offences:	2,529	1,968	1,841	1,899	8,237	2,114	2,141	2,132	2,047	8,434
<i>of which:</i>										
<i>Dangerous driving causing death or serious bodily harm, manslaughter (traffic fatality)</i>	29	20	11	16	76	28	22	14	13	77
<i>Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty</i>	43	55	57	40	195	46	85	85	52	268
<i>Murder attempts and threats</i>	10	11	17	11	49	12	22	40	27	101
<i>Harassment and endangerment</i>	150	126	95	75	446	128	106	130	95	459
<i>Deception and false pretences</i>	568	409	405	451	1,833	461	510	504	577	2,052
<i>Forgery/false instruments offences</i>	405	313	306	267	1,291	393	389	340	331	1,453
<i>Cultivation, manufacture or importation of drugs</i>	11	29	21	13	74	24	23	20	19	86
<i>Obstruction under Drugs Act</i>	96	66	96	75	333	101	105	122	81	409
<i>Handling, possession of stolen property</i>	452	395	378	338	1,563	415	382	384	300	1,481
<i>Miscellaneous other offences</i>	765	544	455	613	2,377	506	497	493	552	2,048
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,690</b>	<b>23,935</b>	<b>24,789</b>	<b>23,830</b>	<b>99,244</b>	<b>24,798</b>	<b>24,763</b>	<b>26,416</b>	<b>26,229</b>	<b>102,206</b>

**Table 1b - continued Headline Offences 2004-2007, starting in 2004**

	2006					2007		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3
Murder/Manslaughter:	14	16	19	19	68	11	19	21
<i>of which: murder</i>	13	15	14	19	61	11	16	21
<i>manslaughter</i>	1	1	5	.	7	.	3	.
Rape of a female	91	74	86	64	315	69	78	85
Rape section 4	23	17	15	8	63	23	25	9
Unlawful carnal knowledge	20	8	11	9	48	13	11	17
Aggravated sexual assault	4	.	5	7	16	3	6	5
Sexual assault	293	190	209	205	897	231	195	194
False imprisonment	17	14	13	11	55	17	15	17
Abduction	6	6	5	8	25	8	9	9
Assault causing harm	993	926	1,040	1,052	4,011	944	992	938
Theft from person	859	916	973	863	3,611	757	718	827
Theft from M.P.V.	3,657	3,354	3,313	3,119	13,443	3,392	3,833	3,938
Theft from shop	4,500	4,538	4,752	4,670	18,460	4,503	4,715	4,657
Theft of a pedal cycle	64	87	95	47	293	31	51	74
Theft (other)	5,393	5,121	5,356	4,760	20,630	5,226	5,252	5,304
Burglary	6,991	5,457	5,681	6,126	24,255	5,808	5,016	5,590
Aggravated burglary	74	63	79	66	282	65	46	74
Robbery of an establishment / institution	336	304	211	254	1,105	240	150	185
Robbery of cash / goods in transit	8	8	7	8	31	7	4	2
Robbery from the person	264	309	342	335	1,250	304	312	362
Arson	353	368	476	438	1,635	401	569	504
Possession of drugs for sale or supply	682	730	771	842	3,025	902	929	877
Possession of firearms	103	101	104	117	425	91	108	105
Discharging a firearm	60	69	82	86	297	89	79	83
Other headline offences:	2,185	2,118	2,285	2,350	8,938	2,892	2,649	2,780
<i>of which:</i>								
<i>Dangerous driving causing death or serious bodily harm, manslaughter (traffic fatality)</i>	24	29	15	11	79	19	22	8
<i>Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty</i>	74	86	64	79	303	100	176	166
<i>Murder attempts and threats</i>	36	19	19	29	103	42	34	51
<i>Harassment and endangerment</i>	128	99	112	121	460	181	165	112
<i>Deception and false pretences</i>	478	535	689	677	2,379	963	742	736
<i>Forgery/false instruments offences</i>	413	349	350	328	1,440	537	475	549
<i>Cultivation, manufacture or importation of drugs</i>	24	32	49	30	135	41	52	69
<i>Obstruction under Drugs Act</i>	105	123	113	131	472	138	170	145
<i>Handling, possession of stolen property</i>	386	404	380	345	1,515	383	352	401
<i>Miscellaneous other offences</i>	517	442	494	599	2,052	488	461	543
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,990</b>	<b>24,794</b>	<b>25,930</b>	<b>25,464</b>	<b>103,178</b>	<b>26,027</b>	<b>25,781</b>	<b>26,657</b>

**Table 2 Headline Offences classified by headline offence group, quarter 3 (Q3) and annualised total to quarter 3 2006/2007**

	Q3				Annualised total to Q3			
	2006	2007	Change	% Change	2006	2007	Change	% Change
<b>Group 01 - Homicides</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>34.3</b>
Murder/Manslaughter:	19	21	2	10.5	67	70	3	4.5
<i>of which: murder</i>	14	21	7	50.0	56	67	11	19.6
<i>manslaughter</i>	5	0	-5	-100.0	11	3	-8	-72.7
Murder attempts and threats	19	51	32	168.4	101	156	55	54.5
Other headline homicide offences	0	1	1	-100.0	1	1	0	0.0
<b>Group 02 - Assaults</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>-115</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>4,548</b>	<b>4,835</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>6.3</b>
Assault causing harm	1,040	938	-102	-9.8	3,813	3,926	113	3.0
False imprisonment	13	17	4	30.8	60	60	0	0.0
Abduction	5	9	4	80.0	23	34	11	47.8
Harassment and endangerment	112	112	0	0.0	434	579	145	33.4
Other headline assault offences	64	43	-21	-32.8	218	236	18	8.3
<b>Group 03 - Sexual Offences</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>1,548</b>	<b>-136</b>	<b>-8.1</b>
Sexual assault	209	194	-15	-7.2	923	825	-98	-10.6
Unlawful carnal knowledge	11	17	6	54.5	50	50	0	0.0
Rape Section 4	15	9	-6	-40.0	70	65	-5	-7.1
Aggravated sexual assault	5	5	0	0.0	10	21	11	110.0
Rape of a female	86	85	-1	-1.2	335	296	-39	-11.6
Other headline sexual offences	76	71	-5	-6.6	296	291	-5	-1.7
<b>Group 04 - Arson</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>18.8</b>
Arson	476	504	28	5.9	1,609	1,912	303	18.8
<b>Group 05 - Drugs</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>3,359</b>	<b>4,326</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>28.8</b>
Possession of drugs for sale or supply	771	877	106	13.7	2,813	3,550	737	26.2
Cultivation, manufacture or importation of drugs	49	69	20	40.8	124	192	68	54.8
Obstruction under Drugs Act	113	145	32	28.3	422	584	162	38.4
<b>Group 06 - Thefts</b>	<b>14,901</b>	<b>15,237</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>58,543</b>	<b>58,335</b>	<b>-208</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Theft from person	973	827	-146	-15.0	3,868	3,165	-703	-18.2
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Handling, possession of stolen property	380	401	21	5.5	1,470	1,481	11	0.7
Other headline theft offences	32	36	4	12.5	157	117	-40	-25.5
<b>Group 07 - Burglaries</b>	<b>5,841</b>	<b>5,752</b>	<b>-89</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>25,790</b>	<b>23,095</b>	<b>-2,695</b>	<b>-10.4</b>
Burglary	5,681	5,590	-91	-1.6	25,258	22,540	-2,718	-10.8
Aggravated burglary	79	74	-5	-6.3	294	251	-43	-14.6
Other headline burglary offences	81	88	7	8.6	238	304	66	27.7
<b>Group 08 - Robberies</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>2,375</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>-212</b>	<b>-8.9</b>
Robbery of an establishment / institution	211	185	-26	-12.3	1,153	829	-324	-28.1
Robbery of cash / goods in transit	7	2	-5	-71.4	31	21	-10	-32.3
Robbery from the person	342	362	20	5.8	1,191	1,313	122	10.2
<b>Group 09 - Frauds</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>5,338</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>30.1</b>
Deception and false pretences	689	736	47	6.8	2,279	3,118	839	36.8
Forgery/false instruments offences	350	549	199	56.9	1,443	1,889	446	30.9
Other headline fraud offences	69	101	32	46.4	380	331	-49	-12.9
<b>Group 10 - Other Headline Offences</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>21.9</b>
Possession of firearms	104	105	1	1.0	393	421	28	7.1
Discharging a firearm	82	83	1	1.2	299	337	38	12.7
Dangerous driving causing death or serious bodily harm, manslaughter (traffic fatality)	15	8	-7	-46.7	81	60	-21	-25.9
Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty	64	166	102	159.4	276	521	245	88.8
Other headline offences	172	203	31	18.0	715	811	96	13.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,930</b>	<b>26,657</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>103,943</b>	<b>103,929</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> The annualised figure for a given quarter is the total number of headline crimes recorded in the 12 months prior to end of that quarter.



## Background Notes

**Introduction** The Headline Crime Statistics release provides provisional figures for the number of headline incidents recorded by An Garda Síochána. A retrospective quarterly series is given to the year 2004. Because of timing issues with respect to the extraction of data (which normally occurs a week after the end of a quarter) figures for the previous quarter are prone to subsequent revision. Also, because of other issues (particularly classification and counting procedures covered below) all data can be revised. This release gives the up-to-date situation for all periods covered.

**Crime recording** Incidents reported or which become known to members of An Garda Síochána are recorded when, on the balance of probability, a Garda determines that a criminal offence defined by law has taken place and there is no credible evidence to the contrary. If it is subsequently determined that a criminal offence did not take place the criminal offence recorded is invalidated and is not counted in the statistics. If a person makes a report and subsequently withdraws it by stating that the criminal act did not take place then this too is invalidated unless there is evidence to suggest that by reasonable probability the offence has taken place. For criminal offences where victim confirmation is required (e.g. assault, fraud), a criminal offence is recorded only where the victim confirms the offence or where there is evidence to suggest that by reasonable probability it occurred.

**Crime classification** A criminal offence is classified as a particular offence type at the initial recording of that offence. However, upon investigation, it may later become apparent that an alternative offence type should be used. In this event, the record is amended to reflect this. Re-classification on the basis of court proceedings only occurs in relation to homicide offences. A murder offence is reclassified as manslaughter when a charge of manslaughter commences or when a murder charge results in a conviction for manslaughter. It is also possible, though more rare, that an incident originally classified as manslaughter may be re-classified as murder. Also, a re-classification to a homicide offence occurs when, for example, a serious assault has been recorded and, some time later, the victim dies as a consequence of the assault.

**Headline offences** The quarterly figures consist of Headline Offences only, which is part of the classification used by the Gardaí since the year 2000. Included in the headline category are 99 offence types in all, which, in the Garda Annual Report come under the following headings: Homicides, Assaults, Sexual Offences, Arson, Drugs, Thefts, Burglaries, Robberies, Frauds and Other Headline Offences.

**General counting rules** Crime counting rules are applied to all criminal offences for the purposes of the statistics. The following are the main rules relevant to the quarterly headline figures:

**Primary Offence Rule:** Where two or more criminal offences are disclosed in a single episode, it is the primary criminal offence that is counted. The primary offence is that offence which the greater penalty may apply. Where offences have similar penalties, offences against the person take precedence over offences against property for the purpose of determining the primary offence.

**One Offence Counts Per Victim:** One offence counts per victim involved with the exceptions of cheque/credit card fraud and burglary. Under certain circumstances, the cheque/credit card exception necessitates that a series of these offences counts as one crime where the originating bank ultimately suffers the loss. The burglary exception dictates that one burglary offence is counted where property belonging to two or more victims is stolen (or damaged) during a single burglary.

**Continuous Series Involving the Same Victim and Same Offender:** A continuous series of offences against the same victim involving the same offender counts as one offence.

Further information can be obtained from the publications/annual report section on the website of An Garda Síochána - [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie)

## Complete list of headline offences included in each group title

<b>Homicide</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Murder</li> <li>Murder – attempt</li> <li>Abortion</li> <li>Manslaughter</li> <li>Infanticide</li> <li>Murder – threats</li> <li>Procuring or assisting in abortion</li> </ul>
<b>Assault</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assault causing harm</li> <li>Coercion</li> <li>Harassment</li> <li>Poisoning</li> <li>Assault/obstruction/resist arrest - Peace Officer</li> <li>Endangerment</li> <li>False imprisonment</li> <li>Abduction</li> </ul>
<b>Sexual Offences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sexual assault</li> <li>Sexual offence involving mentally impaired person</li> <li>Gross indecency</li> <li>Buggery</li> <li>Unlawful carnal knowledge</li> <li>Rape section 4</li> <li>Bestiality</li> <li>Aggravated sexual assault</li> <li>Indecency</li> <li>Rape of a female</li> <li>Incest</li> <li>Brothel keeping</li> <li>Prostitution</li> <li>Sex offenders act</li> </ul>
<b>Arson</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arson</li> </ul>
<b>Drugs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultivate or manufacture of drugs</li> <li>Importation</li> <li>Obstruction under drugs act</li> <li>Possession of drugs for sale or supply</li> </ul>
<b>Thefts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theft from person</li> <li>Theft from M.P.V. (mechanically propelled vehicle)</li> <li>Theft of M.P.V.</li> <li>Theft of a pedal cycle</li> <li>Theft from shop</li> <li>Blackmail / extortion</li> <li>Theft (other)</li> <li>Handling/possession of stolen property</li> <li>Post office offences</li> </ul>
<b>Burglaries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burglary</li> <li>Forcible entry</li> <li>Possession of an article with intent</li> <li>Aggravated burglary</li> </ul>
<b>Robberies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robbery of an establishment/institution</li> <li>Robbery of cash/goods in transit</li> <li>Robbery from the person</li> </ul>



<b>Frauds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fraud/deception</li> <li>False pretences</li> <li>Falsification of accounts</li> <li>Companies act offences</li> <li>Investment intermediaries act offences</li> <li>Stock exchange act offences</li> <li>Money laundering</li> <li>Forgery/false instruments offences</li> <li>Corruption</li> <li>Embezzlement</li> <li>European Communities' fraud</li> <li>Counterfeiting notes and coins</li> <li>Possession of an article (fraud)</li> <li>Criminal Assets Bureau offences</li> </ul>
<b>Other Headline Offences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Affray/riot/violent disorder</li> <li>Personation</li> <li>Pub mischief and sim off - Sc 12a CL Act and Sc 13.1 PO Act</li> <li>Prohibition/incitement to hatred - Section 2 of 1989 Act</li> <li>Air navigation transport-section 28, 33(5), 43 of 1988 Act</li> <li>Destroying-disposing of a dead body</li> <li>Manslaughter (traffic fatality)</li> <li>Endangering traffic - section 14 NFOAP Act 1997</li> <li>Hijacking-unlawful seizure of a vehicle/aircraft/vessel</li> <li>Dangerous driving causing death</li> <li>Dangerous driving causing serious bodily harm</li> <li>Fisheries act - penalty excess District Court Jurisdiction</li> <li>Broadcasting/radio - Section 9/10 Broadcasting Act 1990</li> <li>Child pornography - Section 3/4/5&amp;6 of Child Pornography Act</li> <li>Concealment of birth</li> <li>Misprision of felony</li> <li>Conspiracy</li> <li>Embracery</li> <li>Bad debts criminal (Debtors Ireland)</li> <li>Abandoning a child</li> <li>Child neglect and cruelty</li> <li>Bigamy</li> <li>Escape (rescue) from custody</li> <li>Prison break</li> <li>Possession of firearms</li> <li>Discharging a Firearm</li> <li>Causing an explosion</li> <li>Making of explosives</li> <li>Possession of explosives</li> <li>Offences against the State</li> <li>Treason</li> <li>Official Secrets Act</li> <li>Chemical weapons</li> <li>Perjury</li> <li>Employment permit – employer</li> </ul>