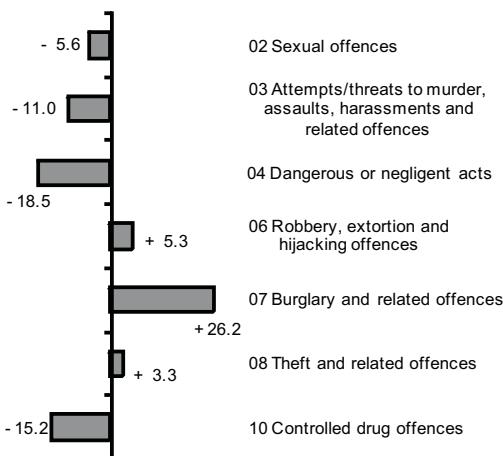




Figure 1: Percentage change between Q3 2008 and Q3 2009 for selected offence groups



Recorded Crime

Quarter 3 2009

Burglaries rise by over a quarter

When comparing Quarter 3 2009 (Q3 2009) with Quarter 3 2008, Group 07 *Burglary and Related Offences* increased by 26.2%. Other offence groups which increased over this time period are Group 05 *Kidnapping and Related Offences*, Group 06 *Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences* and Group 08 *Theft and Related Offences*. There are notable decreases in Group 03 *Attempts or Threats to Murder, Assaults, Harassments and Related Offences*, and Group 10 *Controlled Drug Offences*.

When comparing the 12-month period ending in Q3 2009 with Q3 2008 a decrease of over 18% was observed in the number of recorded Group 04 *Dangerous or Negligent Acts Offences*. See figure 1.

Group 01 - Homicides

There were 12 recorded *Murder* and *Manslaughter* offences in Q3 2009, representing no change on the same quarter in 2008. For the 12-month period ending in Q3 2009, there was a slight increase (+1.7%) in the number of *Murder* and *Manslaughter* offences recorded when compared with the same period ending in Q3 2008, from 59 to 60. The decrease in the number of *Dangerous driving leading to death* offences from 8 in Q3 2008 to 2 in Q3 2009 may be due to the fact that all road collision investigations for this period have not yet concluded, which will result in some being reclassified as homicide. Figure 2 provides an indication of the trends in the annualised (i.e. the 12-month running total to the end of a quarter) figures for all offence types within this group.

Group 02 - Sexual Offences

The number of offences in this group decreased slightly from 337 in Q3 2008 to 318 in Q3 2009. However, when considering the 12-month period ending in Q3 2009, there were 378 *Rape of a male or female* offences recorded and 104 *Defilement of a boy or girl less than 17 years old* offences, which are increases of 8.3% and 40.5% respectively on the figures for the corresponding period ending in Q3 2008.

Group 03 - Attempts/Threats to Murder, Assaults, Harassments and Related Offences

The number of *Murder-threats* increased by over a quarter from 44 in Q3 2008 to 56 in Q3 2009. *Harassment and related offences* fell from 636 to 565 between Q3 2008 and the corresponding quarter in 2009. The largest number of offences in this group were recorded under *Other assault*, which fell from 12,464 in the 12-month period ending in September 2008 to 11,496 in the 12-months ending in September 2009.

Group 04 - Dangerous or Negligent Acts

In Q3 2009, recorded *Dangerous or Negligent Acts* offences have decreased by over 18% to 3,716 when compared with Q3 2008. This decrease mainly relates to *Driving/In charge of a vehicle while over legal alcohol limit* offences, which have decreased from 4,136 (Q3 2008) to 3,387 (Q3 2009). When considering the twelve-month total for the period ending in Q3 2009, there were 17,011 recorded Group 04 offences. This is a decrease of 15.2% on the corresponding period ending in Q3 2008.

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Figure 2: Annualised total homicide offences, Q3 2007 to Q3 2009

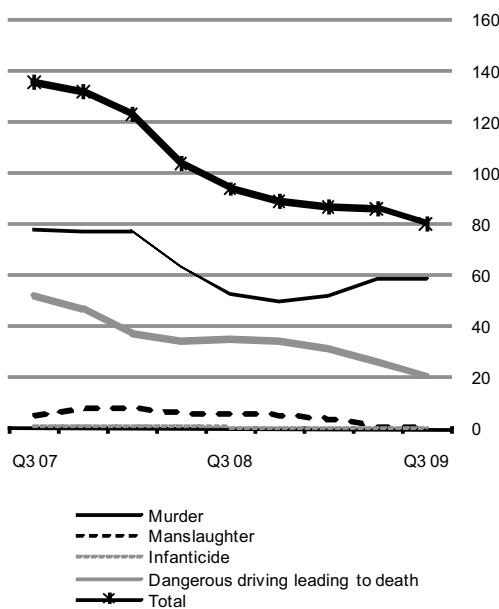
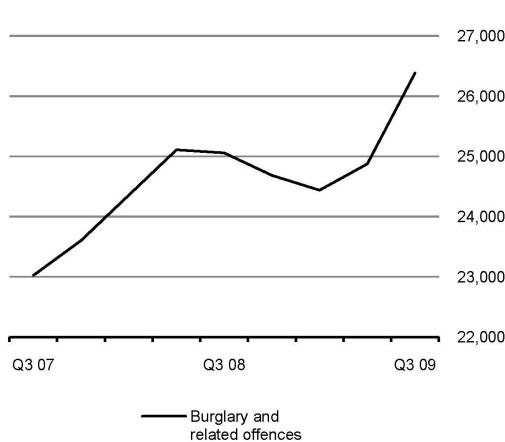


Figure 3: Annualised total burglary and related offences, Q3 2007 to Q3 2009



Group 05 - Kidnapping and Related Offences

It is important to note that a new offence type *Human trafficking offences* was added to this category, which will affect the total number of offences recorded in this group. Comparing figures for Q3 2008 with Q3 2009, *Abduction of person under 16 years of age* increased from 3 to 11.

Group 06 - Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences

The quarterly figure for *Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences* rose by 5.3%, from 567 in Q3 2008 to 597 in Q3 2009. There were 994 recorded offences of *Robbery of an establishment or institution* in the 12-month period ending in September 2009, a rise of 13.0% on the corresponding period ending in September 2008.

Group 07 - Burglary and Related Offences

In Q3 2009, there were 7,047 recorded *Burglary (not aggravated)* offences representing an increase of 1,492 (+26.9%) on the number recorded in Q3 2008. *Aggravated burglaries* increased by over half (+50.8%) between Q3 2008 and Q3 2009, from 63 to 95. For the 12-month period ending in Q3 2009, recorded *Aggravated burglary* offences increased by 24.0% to 372 when compared with the corresponding period ending in Q3 2008. The annualised totals for *Burglary and Related Offences* have been increasing continuously since Q1 2009. See figure 3.

Group 08 - Theft and Related Offences

Other thefts, handling stolen property offences increased from 9,867 in Q3 2008 to 10,893 in Q3 2009, an increase of over 10%. The annualised figure for *Theft from shop* rose by 796 (+4.0%) from 19,919 to 20,715 in the 12-month period prior to the end of Q3 2009.

Group 09 - Fraud, Deception and Related Offences

There were 1,123 recorded *Fraud, Deception and Related Offences* in Q3 2009. This is a decrease of 194 (-14.7%) on the same period in Q3 2008. In the 12-month period ending in Q3 2009, *Fraud, Deception and Related Offences* decreased by 11.6% when compared with the corresponding period ending in Q3 2008, from 5,663 to 5,006.

Group 10 - Controlled Drug Offences

In Q3 2009, there were 5,797 recorded *Controlled Drug Offences*, a decrease of 15.2% on the Q3 2008 total. There were 4,421 recorded offences of *Possession of Drugs for Personal Use* offences in Q3 2009, a decrease of 18.6% on the corresponding figures in Q3 2008.

Group 11 - Weapons and Explosives Offences

There were 1,003 offences in Group 11 - *Weapons and Explosives Offences*, in Q3 2009, a decrease of 2.3% on Q3 2008. *Possession of a firearm* offences fell from 149 in Q3 2008 to 104 in Q3 2009, a decrease of 30.2%. The number of *Explosives, chemical weapons* offences rose from 36 for the twelve-month period ending in Q3 2008 to 55 for the same period ending in Q3 2009, an increase of over 52%.

Group 12 - Damage to Property and to the Environment

Recorded *Arson* offences have risen by 50.9% from 542 in Q3 2008 to 818 in Q3 2009. The largest number of offences recorded in this group was for *Criminal damage (not arson)*. These offences have decreased by 2.6% to 9,791 in Q3 2009.

Group 13 - Public Order and other Social Code Offences

Recorded *Public Order and Other Social Code Offences* fell by 8.1% from 15,824 in Q3 2008 to 14,536 in Q3 2009. The most frequently occurring offences in this group were under *Disorderly conduct*, which have fallen from 13,698 in Q3 2008 to 12,563 in Q3 2009. This is equivalent to approximately 140 *Disorderly conduct* offences a day in Q3 2009.

Group 15 - Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime

There were 2,088 *Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime* recorded in Q3 2009, a decrease of 43.0% when compared with the same period in 2008.

Tables

Table 1 Recorded crime Incidents classified by offence group, Quarter 3 (Q3) and annualised total¹, 2008 and 2009

ICCSq offence group	Q3				Annualised total to Q3			
	2008	2009	Change	% Change	2008	2009	Change	% Change
01 Homicide offences	20	14	- 6	- 30.0	94	80	- 14	- 14.9
01a Murder	12	12	0	0.0	53	59	+ 6	+ 11.3
01b Manslaughter	0	0	0	-	6	1	- 5	- 83.3
01c Infanticide	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-
01d Dangerous driving leading to death	8	2	- 6	- 75.0	35	20	- 15	- 42.9
02 Sexual offences	337	318	- 19	- 5.6	1,404	1,407	+ 3	+ 0.2
02a Rape of a male or female	109	102	- 7	- 6.4	349	378	+ 29	+ 8.3
02b Defilement of a boy or girl less than 17 years old	18	20	+ 2	+ 11.1	74	104	+ 30	+ 40.5
02c Sexual offence involving mentally impaired person	0	0	0	-	6	7	+ 1	+ 16.7
02d Aggravated sexual assault	6	2	- 4	- 66.7	10	11	+ 1	+ 10.0
02e Sexual assault (not aggravated)	182	183	+ 1	+ 0.5	887	837	- 50	- 5.6
02f Other sexual offences	22	11	- 11	- 50.0	78	70	- 8	- 10.3
03 Attempts or threats to murder, assaults, harassments and related offences	4,831	4,300	-531	- 11.0	19,268	17,967	-1,301	- 6.8
03a Murder-attempt	6	2	- 4	- 66.7	11	5	- 6	- 54.5
03b Murder-threat	44	56	+ 12	+ 27.3	193	214	+ 21	+ 10.9
03c Assault causing harm, poisoning	901	951	+ 50	+ 5.5	3,879	3,798	- 81	- 2.1
03d Other assault	3,244	2,726	- 518	- 16.0	12,464	11,496	- 968	- 7.8
03e Harassment and related offences	636	565	- 71	- 11.2	2,721	2,454	- 267	- 9.8
04 Dangerous or negligent acts	4,560	3,716	-844	- 18.5	20,069	17,011	-3,058	- 15.2
04a Dangerous driving causing serious bodily harm	2	1	- 1	- 50.0	18	14	- 4	- 22.2
04b Driving/In charge of a vehicle while over legal alcohol limit	4,136	3,387	-749	- 18.1	18,547	15,291	-3,256	- 17.6
04c Driving/In charge of a vehicle under the influence of drugs	201	128	- 73	- 36.3	598	837	+239	+ 40.0
04f Endangerment with potential for serious harm or death	13	12	- 1	- 7.7	55	55	0	0.0
04g Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty	145	129	- 16	- 11.0	562	550	- 12	- 2.1
04h Unseaworthy/dangerous use of boat or ship	0	1	+ 1	-	2	3	+ 1	+ 50.0
04i False alarm/interference with aircraft or air transport facilities	9	8	- 1	- 11.1	44	29	- 15	- 34.1
04j Endangering traffic offences	54	50	- 4	- 7.4	243	232	- 11	- 4.5
05 Kidnapping and related offences	21	39	+ 18	+ 85.7	85	133	+ 48	+ 56.5
05a False imprisonment	14	13	- 1	- 7.1	59	49	- 10	- 16.9
05b Abduction of person under 16 years of age	3	11	+ 8	+266.7	22	38	+ 16	+ 72.7
05c Human trafficking offences	4	15	+ 11	+275.0	4	46	+ 42	+1,050.0
06 Robbery, extortion and hijacking offences	567	597	+ 30	+ 5.3	2,339	2,380	+ 41	+ 1.8
06a Robbery of an establishment or institution	182	196	+ 14	+ 7.7	880	994	+114	+ 13.0
06b Robbery of cash or goods in transit	12	6	- 6	- 50.0	28	20	- 8	- 28.6
06c Robbery from the person	333	361	+ 28	+ 8.4	1,299	1,243	- 56	- 4.3
06d Blackmail or extortion	6	5	- 1	- 16.7	23	16	- 7	- 30.4
06e Carjacking, hijacking/unlawful seizure of aircraft/vessel	34	29	- 5	- 14.7	109	107	- 2	- 1.8

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

Table 1 (contd.) Recorded crime incidents classified by offence group, Quarter 3 (Q3) and annualised total¹, 2008 and 2009

ICCSq offence group	Q3				Annualised total to Q3			
	2008	2009	Change	%	2008	2009	Change	%
				Change				Change
07 Burglary and related offences	5,747	7,255	+1,508	+ 26.2	25,058	26,383	+1,325	+ 5.3
07a Aggravated burglary	63	95	+ 32	+ 50.8	300	372	+ 72	+ 24.0
07b Burglary (not aggravated)	5,555	7,047	+1,492	+ 26.9	24,342	25,615	+1,273	+ 5.2
07c Possession of an article (with intent to burgle, steal, demand)	129	113	- 16	- 12.4	416	396	- 20	- 4.8
08 Theft and related Offences	19,349	19,991	+642	+ 3.3	77,107	77,222	+115	+ 0.1
08a Theft/Taking of vehicle and related offences	3,695	3,285	-410	- 11.1	14,275	13,689	-586	- 4.1
08b Theft from person	748	683	- 65	- 8.7	3,276	2,734	-542	- 16.5
08c Theft from shop	5,039	5,130	+ 91	+ 1.8	19,919	20,715	+796	+ 4.0
08d Other thefts, handling stolen property	9,867	10,893	+1,026	+ 10.4	39,637	40,084	+447	+ 1.1
09 Fraud, deception and related offences	1,317	1,123	-194	- 14.7	5,663	5,006	-657	- 11.6
09a Fraud, deception and related offences	1,317	1,123	-194	- 14.7	5,663	5,006	-657	- 11.6
10 Controlled drug offences	6,833	5,797	-1,036	- 15.2	22,326	22,804	+478	+ 2.1
10a Importation of drugs	18	9	- 9	- 50.0	66	52	- 14	- 21.2
10b Cultivation or manufacture of drugs	91	79	- 12	- 13.2	199	253	+ 54	+ 27.1
10c Possession of drugs for sale or supply	1,109	1,077	- 32	- 2.9	4,229	4,102	-127	- 3.0
10d Possession of drugs for personal use	5,431	4,421	-1,010	- 18.6	17,126	17,580	+454	+ 2.7
10e Other drug offences	184	211	+ 27	+ 14.7	706	817	+111	+ 15.7
11 Weapons and explosives offences	1,027	1,003	- 24	- 2.3	4,019	4,003	- 16	- 0.4
11a Explosives, chemical weapons offences	14	17	+ 3	+ 21.4	36	55	+ 19	+ 52.8
11b Discharging a firearm	56	55	- 1	- 1.8	248	246	- 2	- 0.8
11c Possession of a firearm	149	104	- 45	- 30.2	485	398	- 87	- 17.9
11d Offensive weapons offences (nec)	778	805	+ 27	+ 3.5	2,987	3,006	+ 19	+ 0.6
11e Fireworks offences	30	22	- 8	- 26.7	263	298	+ 35	+ 13.3
12 Damage to property and to the environment	10,655	10,641	- 14	- 0.1	44,885	43,267	-1,618	- 3.6
12a Arson	542	818	+276	+ 50.9	2,216	2,840	+624	+ 28.2
12b Criminal damage (not arson)	10,054	9,791	-263	- 2.6	42,413	40,204	-2,209	- 5.2
12c Litter offences	59	32	- 27	- 45.8	256	223	- 33	- 12.9
13 Public order and other social code offences	15,824	14,536	-1,288	- 8.1	62,610	58,027	-4,583	- 7.3
13a Disorderly conduct	13,698	12,563	-1,135	- 8.3	54,078	50,304	-3,774	- 7.0
13b Trespass offences	965	974	+ 9	+ 0.9	3,641	3,608	- 33	- 0.9
13c Liquor licensing offences	954	811	-143	- 15.0	3,975	3,318	-657	- 16.5
13d Prostitution offences	18	18	0	0.0	125	101	- 24	- 19.2
13e Regulated betting or money, collection or trading offences	116	126	+ 10	+ 8.6	433	432	- 1	- 0.2
13f Other social code offences (nec)	73	52	- 21	- 28.8	358	272	- 86	- 24.0
15 Offences against Government, justice procedures and organisation of crime	3,660	2,088	-1,572	- 43.0	13,112	11,012	-2,100	- 16.0
15a Offences against government and its agents (nec)	72	114	+ 42	+ 58.3	400	493	+ 93	+ 23.3
15b Organisation of crime and conspiracy to commit crime	3	0	- 3	-100.0	10	8	- 2	- 20.0
15c Perverting the course of justice	43	31	- 12	- 27.9	183	142	- 41	- 22.4
15d Offences while in custody, breach of court orders	3,542	1,943	-1,599	- 45.1	12,519	10,369	-2,150	- 17.2

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

Table 2.1a Recorded crime incidents, Group 01 to Group 05, Q1 2006 to Q4 2007

Table 2.1b Recorded crime incidents, Group 01 to Group 05, Q1 2008 to Q3 2009

ICCSq offence group	2008					2009		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3
01 Homicide offences	23	25	20	21	89	21	24	14
01a Murder	13	8	12	17	50	15	15	12
01b Manslaughter	1	3	0	1	5	0	0	0
01c Infanticide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
01d Dangerous driving leading to death	9	14	8	3	34	6	9	2
02 Sexual offences	437	340	337	293	1,407	419	377	318
02a Rape of a male or female	79	80	109	74	342	114	88	102
02b Defilement of a boy or girl less than 17 years old	27	17	18	20	82	42	22	20
02c Sexual offence involving mentally impaired person	1	3	0	3	7	2	2	0
02d Aggravated sexual assault	0	2	6	5	13	1	3	2
02e Sexual assault (not aggravated)	311	221	182	177	891	238	239	183
02f Other sexual offences	19	17	22	14	72	22	23	11
03 Attempts or threats to murder, assaults, harassments and related offences	4,754	4,986	4,831	4,581	19,152	4,526	4,560	4,300
03a Murder-attempt	0	3	6	1	10	2	0	2
03b Murder-threat	52	57	44	48	201	54	56	56
03c Assault causing harm, poisoning	979	996	901	974	3,850	904	969	951
03d Other assault	2,962	3,199	3,244	2,932	12,337	2,915	2,923	2,726
03e Harassment and related offences	761	731	636	626	2,754	651	612	565
04 Dangerous or negligent acts	5,190	5,022	4,560	4,815	19,587	4,243	4,237	3,716
04a Dangerous driving causing serious bodily harm	8	5	2	2	17	8	3	1
04b Driving/In charge of a vehicle while over legal alcohol limit	4,824	4,617	4,136	4,363	17,940	3,740	3,801	3,387
04c Driving/In charge of a vehicle under the influence of drugs	134	155	201	238	728	253	218	128
04f Endangerment with potential for serious harm/death	12	16	13	9	50	25	9	12
04g Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty	118	171	145	132	566	147	142	129
04h Unseaworthy/dangerous use of boat or ship	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	1
04i False alarm/interference with aircraft or air transport facilities	8	15	9	9	41	6	6	8
04j Endangering traffic offences	85	42	54	62	243	64	56	50
05 Kidnapping and related offences	18	16	21	22	77	38	34	39
05a False imprisonment	11	12	14	10	47	16	10	13
05b Abduction of person under 16 years of age	7	4	3	9	23	11	7	11
05c Human trafficking offences	n/a	n/a	4	3	7	11	17	15

Table 2.2a Recorded crime incidents, Group 06 to Group 12, Q1 2006 to Q4 2007

ICCSq offence group	2006					2007				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
06 Robbery, extortion and hijacking offences	634	649	584	619	2,486	573	468	565	565	2,171
06a Robbery of an establishment or institution	335	304	211	254	1,104	241	150	185	238	814
06b Robbery of cash or goods in transit	8	8	7	8	31	7	4	2	7	20
06c Robbery from the person	264	309	342	335	1,250	304	300	356	296	1,256
06d Blackmail or extortion	1	4	4	2	11	6	6	4	4	20
06e Carjacking, hijacking/unlawful seizure of aircraft/vessel	26	24	20	20	90	15	8	18	20	61
07 Burglary and related offences	7,107	5,572	5,847	6,262	24,788	5,878	5,087	5,798	6,840	23,603
07a Aggravated burglary	74	63	81	66	284	63	46	74	72	255
07b Burglary (not aggravated)	6,993	5,458	5,685	6,134	24,270	5,742	4,974	5,638	6,698	23,052
07c Possession of an article (with intent to burgle, steal, demand)	40	51	81	62	234	73	67	86	70	296
08 Theft and related offences	19,050	18,529	18,965	17,956	74,500	18,105	18,841	19,397	18,847	75,190
08a Theft/Taking of vehicle and related offences	3,637	3,428	3,201	3,395	13,661	3,453	3,253	3,391	3,434	13,531
08b Theft from person	859	915	967	857	3,598	738	694	801	708	2,941
08c Theft from shop	4,502	4,536	4,749	4,666	18,453	4,506	4,702	4,671	4,986	18,865
08d Other thefts, handling stolen property	10,052	9,650	10,048	9,038	38,788	9,408	10,192	10,534	9,719	39,853
∞ 09 Fraud, deception and related offences	984	954	1,122	1,116	4,176	1,560	1,304	1,485	1,509	5,858
09a Fraud, deception and related offences	984	954	1,122	1,116	4,176	1,560	1,304	1,485	1,509	5,858
10 Controlled drug offences	3,187	3,693	3,598	3,756	14,234	3,966	4,863	5,191	4,534	18,554
10a Importation of drugs	12	9	12	10	43	15	10	13	16	54
10b Cultivation or manufacture of drugs	12	23	37	20	92	25	41	58	37	161
10c Possession of drugs for sale or supply	681	728	769	840	3,018	896	916	880	910	3,602
10d Possession of drugs for personal use	2,341	2,761	2,633	2,735	10,470	2,849	3,691	4,062	3,406	14,008
10e Other drug offences	141	172	147	151	611	181	205	178	165	729
11 Weapons and explosives offences	646	694	816	963	3,119	734	829	920	1,112	3,595
11a Explosives, chemical weapons offences	9	4	17	131	161	5	9	6	6	26
11b Discharging a firearm	60	70	82	86	298	89	79	84	74	326
11c Possession of a firearm	103	101	106	114	424	91	111	102	120	424
11d Offensive weapons offences (nec)	474	519	610	598	2,201	545	629	708	695	2,577
11e Fireworks offences	0	0	1	34	35	4	1	20	217	242
12 Damage to property and to the environment	10,932	10,684	10,936	11,033	43,585	10,747	10,775	10,614	11,150	43,286
12a Arson	352	369	477	443	1,641	394	547	487	570	1,998
12b Criminal damage (not arson)	10,554	10,279	10,427	10,549	41,809	10,306	10,169	10,081	10,532	41,088
12c Litter offences	26	36	32	41	135	47	59	46	48	200

Table 2.2b Recorded crime incidents, Group 06 to Group 12, Q1 2008 to Q3 2009

ICCSq offence group	2008					2009		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3
06 Robbery, extortion and hijacking offences	655	552	567	525	2,299	684	574	597
06a Robbery of an establishment or institution	267	193	182	227	869	332	239	196
06b Robbery of cash or goods in transit	4	5	12	5	26	6	3	6
06c Robbery from the person	354	316	333	263	1,266	316	303	361
06d Blackmail or extortion	7	6	6	3	22	5	3	5
06e Carjacking, hijacking/unlawful seizure of aircraft/vessel	23	32	34	27	116	25	26	29
07 Burglary and related offences	6,632	5,839	5,747	6,466	24,684	6,387	6,275	7,255
07a Aggravated burglary	82	83	63	97	325	97	83	95
07b Burglary (not aggravated)	6,438	5,651	5,555	6,291	23,935	6,208	6,069	7,047
07c Possession of an article (with intent to burgle, steal, demand)	112	105	129	78	424	82	123	113
08 Theft and related offences	18,830	20,081	19,349	18,603	76,863	18,683	19,945	19,991
08a Theft/Taking of vehicle and related offences	3,577	3,569	3,695	3,466	14,307	3,587	3,351	3,285
08b Theft from person	761	1,059	748	718	3,286	666	667	683
08c Theft from shop	4,789	5,105	5,039	5,165	20,098	5,046	5,374	5,130
08d Other thefts, handling stolen property	9,703	10,348	9,867	9,254	39,172	9,384	10,553	10,893
09 Fraud, deception and related offences	1,402	1,435	1,317	1,256	5,410	1,345	1,282	1,123
09a Fraud, deception and related offences	1,402	1,435	1,317	1,256	5,410	1,345	1,282	1,123
10 Controlled drug offences	5,241	5,718	6,833	5,613	23,405	5,627	5,767	5,797
10a Importation of drugs	20	12	18	17	67	18	8	9
10b Cultivation or manufacture of drugs	29	42	91	56	218	53	65	79
10c Possession of drugs for sale or supply	1,123	1,087	1,109	983	4,302	990	1,052	1,077
10d Possession of drugs for personal use	3,893	4,396	5,431	4,373	18,093	4,359	4,427	4,421
10e Other drug offences	176	181	184	184	725	207	215	211
11 Weapons and explosives offences	930	950	1,027	1,109	4,016	965	926	1,003
11a Explosives, chemical weapons offences	6	10	14	20	50	11	7	17
11b Discharging a firearm	69	49	56	50	224	72	69	55
11c Possession of a firearm	93	123	149	92	457	101	101	104
11d Offensive weapons offences (nec)	753	761	778	687	2,979	770	744	805
11e Fireworks offences	9	7	30	260	306	11	5	22
12 Damage to property and to the environment	11,748	11,332	10,655	10,891	44,626	10,879	10,856	10,641
12a Arson	527	577	542	509	2,155	740	773	818
12b Criminal damage (not arson)	11,154	10,673	10,054	10,312	42,193	10,086	10,015	9,791
12c Litter offences	67	82	59	70	278	53	68	32

Table 2.3a Recorded crime incidents, Group 13 and Group 14, Q1 2006 to Q4 2007

ICCSq offence group	2006					2007				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
13 Public order and other social code offences	12,516	13,813	15,084	15,204	56,617	13,784	15,332	15,797	15,673	60,586
13a Disorderly conduct	10,300	11,370	12,737	12,829	47,236	11,431	12,842	13,251	13,676	51,200
13b Trespass offences	491	640	622	602	2,355	660	795	806	741	3,002
13c Liquor licensing offences	1,436	1,492	1,368	1,413	5,709	1,200	1,369	1,480	987	5,036
13d Prostitution offences	37	22	25	23	107	30	35	22	22	109
13e Regulated betting/money collection/trading offences	75	103	135	104	417	121	161	122	134	538
13f Other social code offences (nec)	177	186	197	233	793	342	130	116	113	701
15 Offences against Government, justice procedures and organisation of crime	2,301	2,417	2,181	2,583	9,482	2,953	2,722	2,631	2,698	11,004
15a Offences against government and its agents (nec)	62	47	47	82	238	108	80	134	80	402
15b Organisation of crime and conspiracy to commit crime	9	3	5	2	19	2	3	4	1	10
15c Perverting the course of justice	48	60	85	56	249	57	39	43	54	193
15d Offences while in custody, breach of court orders	2,182	2,307	2,044	2,443	8,976	2,786	2,600	2,450	2,563	10,399

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Table 2.3b Recorded crime incidents, Group 13 and Group 14, Q1 2008 to Q3 2009

ICCSq offence group	2008					2009		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3
13 Public order and other social code offences	15,391	15,722	15,824	14,884	61,821	13,753	14,854	14,536
13a Disorderly conduct	13,201	13,503	13,698	13,019	53,421	11,872	12,850	12,563
13b Trespass offences	906	1,029	965	775	3,675	874	985	974
13c Liquor licensing offences	1,078	956	954	855	3,843	826	826	811
13d Prostitution offences	37	48	18	33	136	29	21	18
13e Regulated betting/money collection/trading offences	75	108	116	116	415	96	94	126
13f Other social code offences (nec)	94	78	73	86	331	56	78	52
15 Offences against Government, justice procedures and organisation of crime	3,234	3,520	3,660	2,876	13,290	3,164	2,884	2,088
15a Offences against government and its agents (nec)	123	125	72	75	395	178	126	114
15b Organisation of crime and conspiracy to commit crime	2	4	3	3	12	2	3	0
15c Perverting the course of justice	47	39	43	41	170	38	32	31
15d Offences while in custody, breach of court orders	3,062	3,352	3,542	2,757	12,713	2,946	2,723	1,943

Background Notes

Introduction The Crime Incidents, Quarter 3 2009 release provides provisional figures for the number of offences recorded by An Garda Síochána based on the Irish Crime Classification System (ICCS) but excluding elements of Group 4 (*Dangerous or negligent acts*), and all of Groups 14 (*Road and traffic offences (Not elsewhere classified or nec)*) and Group 16 (*Offences not elsewhere classified*). Figures are provided from Quarter 1 2006 to Quarter 3 2009. The information supplied in this report refers only to crime incidents known to An Garda Síochána and recorded as such in the Garda PULSE (Police Using Leading Systems Effectively) system. Because of timing issues with respect to the extraction of data, figures may be revised subsequent to this publication.

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. Another important feature of a recorded offence is that it is based on the date reported to, or that it became known to, the Gardaí. This has major implications for some offence types. Notable amongst these are sexual offences, as it has often been the case that such incidents have been reported to An Garda Síochána many years (sometimes decades) after the event(s). Thus a sexual assault, which occurred in 1960, would be included in the statistics for 2006 if it was first reported in that year.

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.

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 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 or credit card fraud and burglary. Under certain circumstances, the cheque or 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.

ICCSq Offence Groups

01 Homicide offences	01a Murder 01b Manslaughter 01c Infanticide 01d Dangerous driving leading to death	Murder Manslaughter Infanticide Manslaughter (traffic fatality) Dangerous driving causing death
02 Sexual offences	02a Rape of a male or female 02b Defilement of a boy or girl less than 17 years old 02c Sexual offence involving mentally impaired person 02d Aggravated sexual assault 02e Sexual assault (not aggravated) 02f Other sexual offences	Rape of a male or female Rape Section 4 Unlawful carnal knowledge / Criminal law (Sexual Offences Act) 2006 Buggery Sexual offence involving mentally impaired person Aggravated sexual assault Sexual assault Incest Child pornography offences Child pornography – obstruction of warrant Gross indecency
03 Attempts or threats to murder, assaults, harassments and related offences	03a Murder-attempt 03b Murder-threat 03c Assault causing harm, poisoning 03d Other assault 03e Harassment and related offences	Murder-attempt Murder-threat Assault causing harm Poisoning Assault or obstruction of Garda/official, resisting arrest Minor assault Coercion Harassment, stalking, threats Demanding payment of debt causing alarm Menacing phone calls Incitement to hatred offences
04 Dangerous or negligent acts	04a Dangerous driving causing serious bodily harm 04b Driving/In charge of a vehicle while over legal alcohol limit 04c Driving/In charge of a vehicle under the influence of drugs 04f Endangerment with potential for serious harm or death 04g Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty 04h Unseaworthy/dangerous use of boat or ship 04i False alarm/interference with aircraft or air transport facilities 04j Endangering traffic offences	Dangerous driving causing serious bodily harm Driving/In charge of a vehicle while over legal alcohol limit Driving/In charge of a vehicle under the influence of drugs Endangerment with potential for serious harm or death Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty Unseaworthy/dangerous use of boat or ship False alarm/interference with aircraft or air transport facilities Endangering traffic offences
05 Kidnapping and related offences	05a False imprisonment 05b Abduction of person under 16 years of age 05c Human trafficking offences	False imprisonment Abduction of person under 16 years of age Human trafficking offences

06 Robbery, extortion and hijacking offences	06a Robbery of an establishment or institution 06b Robbery of cash or goods in transit 06c Robbery from the person 06d Blackmail or extortion 06e Carjacking, hijacking/unlawful seizure of aircraft/vessel	Robbery of an establishment or institution Robbery of cash or goods in transit Robbery from the person Blackmail or extortion Carjacking, hijacking/unlawful seizure of aircraft/vessel
07 Burglary and related offences	07a Aggravated burglary 07b Burglary (not aggravated) 07c Possession of an article (with intent to burgle, steal, demand)	Aggravated burglary Burglary (not aggravated) Possession of an article (with intent to burgle, steal, demand)
08 Theft and related Offences	08a Theft/Taking of vehicle and related offences 08b Theft from person 08c Theft from shop 08d Other thefts, handling stolen property	Theft/Unauthorised taking of vehicle Interfering with vehicle (with intent to steal item or vehicle) Theft from person Theft from shop Theft from vehicle Theft/ Unauthorised taking of a pedal cycle Theft of, or interference with, mail Handling or possession of stolen property Theft of other property
09 Fraud, deception and related offences	09a Fraud, deception and related offences	Fraud, deception, false pretence offences Forging an instrument to defraud Possession of an article for use in fraud, Falsification of accounts Offences under the Companies Act Offences under the Investment Intermediaries Offences under the Stock Exchange Act Money laundering Embezzlement Fraud against the European Union Importation/Sale/Supply of tobacco Counterfeiting notes and coins Bad debts criminal (Debtors Ireland) Corruption (involving public office holder)
10 Controlled drug offences	10a Importation of drugs 10b Cultivation or manufacture of drugs 10c Possession of drugs for sale or supply 10d Possession of drugs for personal use 10e Other drug offences	Importation of drugs Cultivation or manufacture of drugs Possession of drugs for sale or supply Possession of drugs for personal use Forged or altered prescription offences obstruction under the Drugs Act
11 Weapons and explosives offences	11a Explosives, chemical weapons offences 11b Discharging a firearm 11c Possession of a firearm 11d Offensive weapons offences (nec) 11e Fireworks offences	Causing an explosion Making of explosives Possession of explosives Chemical weapons offences Discharging a firearm Possession of a firearm Possession of offensive weapons (not firearms) Fireworks offences (for sale, igniting etc.)

12 Damage to property and to the environment	12a Arson 12b Criminal damage (not arson) 12c Litter offences	Arson Criminal damage (not arson) Litter offences
13 Public order and other social code offences	13a Disorderly conduct 13b Trespass offences 13c Liquor licensing offences 13d Prostitution offences 13e Regulated betting or money, collection or trading offences 13f Other social code offences (nec)	Affray/Riot/Violent disorder Public order offences Drunkenness offences Air rage-disruptive or drunken behaviour on aircraft Forcible entry and occupation (not burglary) Trespass on lands or enclosed areas Liquor licensing offences Registered clubs offences Special restaurant offences Brothel keeping Organisation of prostitution Prostitution, including soliciting etc. Offences under the Betting Acts Collecting money without permit, unauthorised collection Offences under Gaming and Lotteries Acts Permit/License offences for casual/street trading Allowing a child (under 16 years) to beg Bigamy Bestiality Indecency Begging
15 Offences against Government, justice procedures and organisation of crime	15a Offences against government and its agents (nec) 15b Organisation of crime and conspiracy to commit crime 15c Perverting the course of justice 15d Offences while in custody, breach of court orders	Treason Breaches of Offences Against the State Acts Breaches of Official Secrets Act Impersonating member of An Garda Síochána Electoral offences including personation Public mischief-annoying phone calls, wasting police time Criminal Assets Bureau offences Non compliance with Garda direction Criminal organisation offences (organised crime) Conspiracy to commit a crime Perjury Interfering with a jury (embracery) Assisting offenders Public mischief, pervert course of justice, Escape or help to escape from custody Prison offences Breach of Domestic Violence Order (protection, safety, barring) Breach of order under Family Law Act Breach of bail Failure to comply under Sex Offenders Act Other failure to comply with court order, jury