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POLICE OFFICER QUARTERLY STRENGTH STATISTICS SCOTLAND, 30 JUNE 2009

Scotland's Chief Statistician today published the latest quarterly figures on the number of police officers employed by Scottish Forces. The main findings are:

- There were 17,278 police officers (full-time equivalent) in Scotland on 30 June 2009, the highest level ever recorded.
- This total includes 16,684 police officers deployed in the eight Scottish Police Forces (including Additional Regular Police), and 594 on secondment or central service.
- Police officer numbers have increased by 230 full-time equivalent (FTE) officers (+1.4%) in the last quarter, from 31 March 2009, and by 940 (+5.8%) in the last year, from 30 June 2008.

Chart 1- Police Officer Strength in Scotland, 2003-09

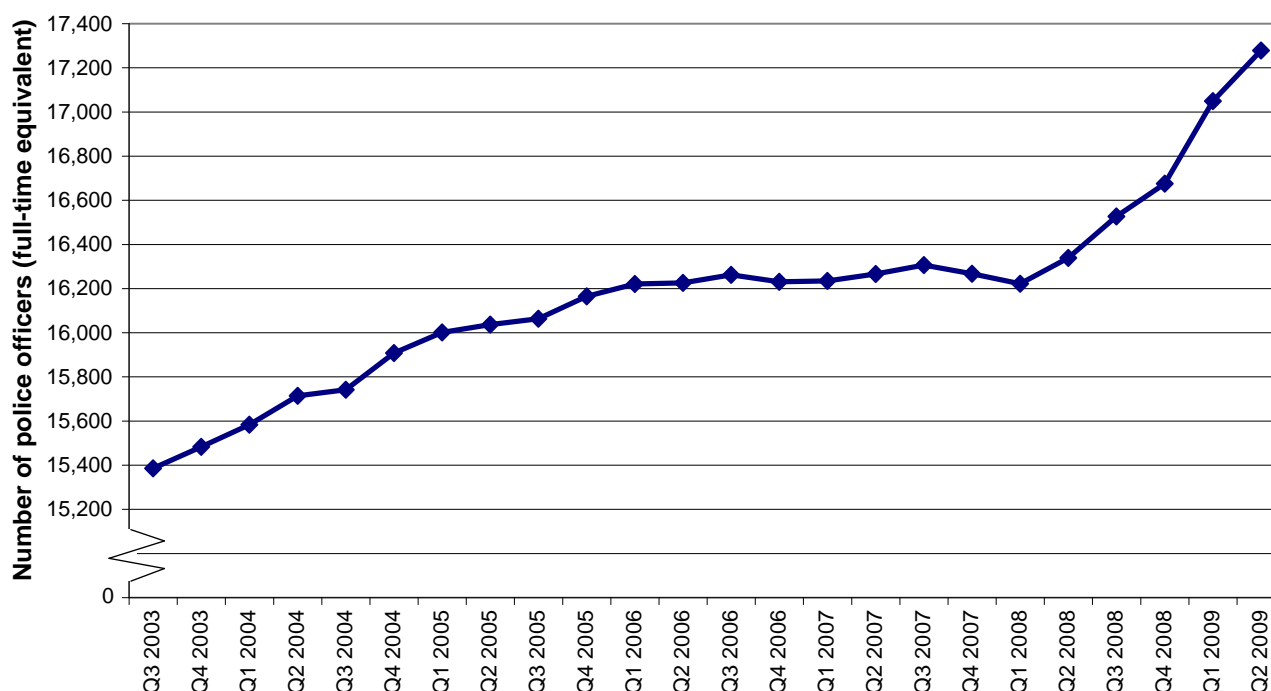


Table 1 - Number of Police Officers (Full-time Equivalent) in Scotland¹ by Police Force and Deployment², 30 June 2009

Deployment²	Central Scotland Police	Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary	Fife Constabulary	Grampian Police	Lothian and Borders Police	Northern Constabulary	Strathclyde Police	Tayside Police	Scotland³
Police Officers in force	795	458	1,054	1,477	2,793	769	8,048	1,146	16,539
Additional Regular Police	2	42	0	10	36	0	39	15	145
Central Service	1	11	8	12	46	1	149	2	230
SCDEA/SPSA	27	4	5	25	64	7	153	19	304
Secondments	16	2	11	8	15	0	0	9	61
Total³	840	517	1,078	1,532	2,954	777	8,390	1,191	17,278

1. All figures are expressed in terms of full-time equivalent (FTE) police officers, rounded to the nearest whole number.

2. For definitions of the deployment categories, see Note 2.

3. Scotland and force totals may not equal the sum of the parts due to rounding.

Table 2 - Number of Police Officers (Full-time Equivalent) in Scotland^{1,2} by Police Force, 2003-09

Quarter ^{3,4}	Central Scotland Police	Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary	Fife Constabulary	Grampian Police	Lothian and Borders Police	Northern Constabulary	Strathclyde Police	Tayside Police	Scotland ⁵
Q3 2003	745	481	945	1,280	2,708	671	7,404	1,151	15,385
Q4 2003	756	486	956	1,311	2,717	676	7,431	1,150	15,483
Q1 2004	760	489	980	1,338	2,748	683	7,430	1,156	15,583
Q2 2004	765	480	986	1,353	2,766	698	7,517	1,148	15,714
Q3 2004	777	474	988	1,358	2,771	692	7,527	1,154	15,741
Q4 2004	795	478	987	1,373	2,785	705	7,615	1,169	15,908
Q1 2005	832	480	996	1,354	2,803	702	7,668	1,166	16,001
Q2 2005	824	481	1,005	1,382	2,793	710	7,679	1,163	16,036
Q3 2005	830	477	1,001	1,372	2,808	709	7,703	1,164	16,063
Q4 2005	827	496	1,022	1,368	2,823	704	7,769	1,155	16,164
Q1 2006	883	505	1,037	1,352	2,818	699	7,767	1,159	16,221
Q2 2006	883	497	1,041	1,351	2,813	698	7,788	1,156	16,226
Q3 2006	865	500	1,036	1,407	2,791	716	7,770	1,175	16,261
Q4 2006	865	496	1,035	1,400	2,783	697	7,782	1,173	16,230
Q1 2007	828	497	1,059	1,374	2,793	707	7,822	1,154	16,234
Q2 2007	825	496	1,057	1,410	2,799	707	7,804	1,167	16,265
Q3 2007	826	499	1,064	1,418	2,809	719	7,800	1,172	16,306
Q4 2007	815	502	1,059	1,440	2,829	713	7,735	1,174	16,267
Q1 2008	832	510	1,061	1,470	2,836	724	7,619	1,169	16,221
Q2 2008	836	516	1,058	1,466	2,868	732	7,687	1,175	16,339
Q3 2008	852	518	1,063	1,473	2,869	742	7,824	1,185	16,526
Q4 2008	836	517	1,066	1,483	2,891	747	7,955	1,180	16,675
Q1 2009	842	519	1,074	1,513	2,928	772	8,204	1,197	17,048
Q2 2009	840	517	1,078	1,532	2,954	777	8,390	1,191	17,278

1. All figures are expressed in terms of full-time equivalent (FTE) police officers, rounded to the nearest whole number.

2. Figures include all police officers employed by the force, including those on SPC training, secondment, central service, long-term sick leave and maternity/adoption leave, but excluding those on career breaks.

3. Figures are as at the end of the respective quarter - Q1 = 31 March, Q2 = 30 June, Q3 = 30 September and Q4 = 31 December.

4. Full-time equivalent figures have only been available from September 2003.

5. Scotland totals may not equal the sum of the parts due to rounding.

NOTES

1. The first publication of police quarterly strength statistics as Official Statistics was published on 2 December 2008. Prior to this publication, figures were collated by the Scottish Government and released through responses to Parliamentary Questions and by depositing the figures in the Scottish Parliamentary Library.
2. The following definitions apply to Table 1:
 - Police Officers in force - includes all officers employed by the force as well as those on Scottish Police College (SPC) training, long-term sick leave and maternity/adoption leave.
 - Central Service - includes all officers seconded to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary for Scotland (HMICS), Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland (ACPOS), Scottish Government or similar posts.
 - SCDEA/SPSA - includes all officers seconded to the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA), Scottish Police College, Forensic Services, and the Scottish Police Services Authority (SPSA).
 - Secondments - includes all officers on secondments not otherwise covered, such as to local authorities.
 - Additional Regular Police - officers at ports and airports paid either wholly or partially by the port/airport authority and additional officers either wholly or partially funded by the local authority or an external body.
3. These figures include all police officers employed by the eight Scottish police forces, but do not include police officers employed in Scotland by the British Transport Police, Ministry of Defence Police or the Civil Nuclear Constabulary.
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