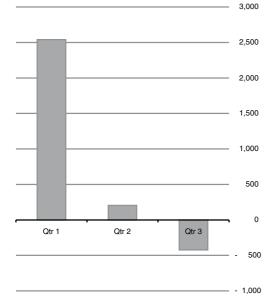


# **Headline Crime Statistics**

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#### **Total Headline Offences**

	2005	2006	Change	% Change
Year to date	75,288	77,610	2,322	3.1
Third Quarter	26,239	25,816	-423	-1.6

### Little change in recorded crime in recent months

There were relatively small year on year changes in the total number of recorded headline offences in the second and third quarters of 2006. The second quarter rose by just over 200 and the preliminary figure for the third quarter was down by approximately 400, compared with the corresponding quarters in 2005. However, this followed a significant increase of over 10% in the first quarter compared with the first quarter of 2005 and, as a result, the number of recorded headline offences increased from 75,288 in the first three quarters of 2005 to 77,610 in the corresponding period of 2006. This represents an increase of 2,322 or 3.1% over the year. *See tables 1a, 1b & graph opposite.* 

When analysed according to headline offence group, the following trends can be observed between 2005 and 2006. *See table 2*.

#### **Group 01 - Homicides**

Offences classified as either *Murder* or *Manslaughter* were down year on year by 1 in the third quarter, but up by 2 overall in the year to date. *Murder attempts and threats* were down significantly from 40 to 19 in the third quarter thus cancelling out the increases recorded in the first half of 2006.

#### Group 02 - Assaults

The dominant headline offence in this group, *Assault causing harm*, was up by 65 (+7.0%) in the third quarter and by 93 (+3.3%) overall in the year to date.

#### **Group 03 - Sexual Offences**

Overall, offences in this group were down by 49 (-10.3%) in the third quarter and by 196 (-12.5%) in the first nine months of 2006.

#### Group 04 - Arson

*Arson* increased consistently by almost a quarter in the year to date with an increase of 95 (+ 23.6%) recorded in the third quarter compared with the corresponding quarter in 2005.

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#### Group 05 - Drugs

There was a sizeable increase of 153 (+25.8%) in the number of *Possession of drugs for sale or supply* offences recorded in the third quarter of 2006 compared with the third quarter of 2005. Overall, drug related offences were up by 203 (+8.6%) in the first nine months of the year.

#### Group 06 - Thefts

Offences in this group account for over half of all recorded headline offences. Within the group, *Theft from person* continued to decline with a year on year fall of 314 (-23.7%) in the third quarter and an accumulated decline of 691 (-19.8%) in the year to date. Compared with the situation in 2005, *Theft from M.P.V.* fell in the third quarter by 313 (-8.6%) but the total recorded so far this year was up by 684 (+7.1%). Recorded *Theft from shop* offences were up by over 14% in both the third quarter and in the year to date. Overall, headline theft offences were up by 2,135 (+5.1%) in the year so far despite a small decline of 96 (-0.6%) in the third quarter.

#### **Group 07 - Burglaries**

In total, offences in this group were down year on year by 713 (-10.9%) in the third quarter and by 481 (-2.5%) over the first nine months.

#### **Group 08 - Robberies**

*Robbery from the person* offences were up by 46 (+15.2%) in the third quarter compared with the third quarter of 2005 and by 73 (+7.3%) in the year to date. There was a decline of a third, from 36 to 24, in the number of *Robbery of cash/goods in transit* offences recorded so far this year compared with 2005.

#### **Group 09 - Frauds**

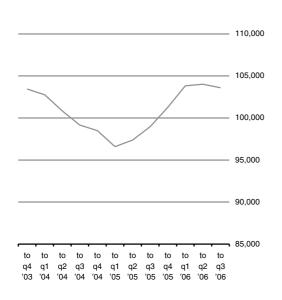
There were significant increases in the number of *Deception and False pretences* offences recorded in 2006, with the number in the third quarter up by 203 (+40.3%) and by 352 (+24.1%) on the year. Other fraud offences, however, were down on the 2005 situation.

#### **Group 10 - Other Headline Offences**

Offences related to firearms were down compared with 2005 while serious driving related offences also fell significantly. Other headline offences recorded as *Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty* fell by 25 (-30.9%) in the third quarter compared with 2005 but there was virtually no change in the total number of these offences recorded so far this year compared with one year ago.

#### Annualised trend in recorded crime continues to increase in 2006

The annualised totals fell consistently from the fourth quarter of 2003 to the first quarter of 2005. In the 12 month period ending the fourth quarter of 2003, the total number of offences recorded was 103,447, compared to 96,602 in first quarter of 2005. This represents a decrease of almost 7%. Subsequently, there was a steady increase in the annualised number of recorded headline crimes to 104,022 in the second quarter of 2006, an increase of almost 8%. Provisional figures for year ending the third quarter of 2006 indicate a slight decrease to 103,599. *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



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Table 1a Headline Offences - 3rd quarter and year to date, 2005/20
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		Third	Quarter			Year	to Date	
	2005	2006	Change	% Change	2005	2006	Change	% Change
Murder/Manslaughter:	17	16	-1	-5.9	44	46	2	4.5
of which: murder	16	14	-2	-12.5	38	44	6	15.8
manslaughter	1	2	1	100.0	6	2	-4	-66.7
Rape of a female	103	99	-4	-3.9	282	274	-8	-2.8
Rape section 4	15	17	2	13.3	67	58	-9	-13.4
Unlawful carnal knowledge	28	9	-19	-67.9	82	47	-35	-42.7
Aggravated sexual assault	3	5	2	66.7	6	11	5	83.3
Sexual assault	245	230	-15	-6.1	901	743	-158	-17.5
False imprisonment	8	14	6	75.0	35	43	8	22.9
Abduction	6	4	-2	-33.3	17	18	1	5.9
Assault causing harm	934	999	65	7.0	2,812	2,905	93	3.3
Theft from person	1,326	1,012	-314	-23.7	3,486	2,795	-691	-19.8
Theft from M.P.V.	3,632	3,319	-313	-8.6	9,633	10,317	684	7.1
Theft from shop	4,138	4,735	597	14.4	11,932	13,640	1,708	14.3
Theft of a pedal cycle	147	113	-34	-23.1	353	293	-60	-17.0
Theft (other)	5,308	5,307	-1	0.0	15,200	15,805	605	4.0
Burglary	6,459	5,673	-786	-12.2	18,710	18,132	-578	-3.1
Aggravated burglary	65	80	15	23.1	195	219	24	12.3
Robbery of an establishment / institution	197	211	14	7.1	849	850	1	0.1
Robbery of cash / goods in transit	14	8	-6	-42.9	36	24	-12	-33.3
Robbery from the person	302	348	46	15.2	862	925	63	7.3
Arson	403	498	95	23.6	1,001	1,248	247	24.7
Possession of drugs for sale or supply	593	746	153	25.8	1,976	2,129	153	7.7
Possession of firearms	115	101	-14	-12.2	341	305	-36	-10.6
Discharging a firearm	84	85	1	1.2	222	216	-6	-2.7
Other headline offences:	2,097	2,187	90	4.3	6,246	6,567	321	5.1
of which:								
Dangerous driving causing death or serious								
bodily harm, manslaughter (traffic fatality)	14	4	-10	-71.4	60	41	-19	-31.7
Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty	81	56	-25	-30.9	212	213	1	0.5
Murder attempts and threats	40	19	-21	-52.5	74	72	-2	-2.7
Harrassment and endangerment	126	100	-26	-20.6	352	335	-17	-4.8
Deception and false pretences	504	707	203	40.3	1,460	1,812	352	24.1
Forgery/false instruments offences	335	299	-36	-10.7	1,097	1,065	-32	-2.9
Cultivation, manufacture or importation of drugs	18	51	33	183.3	64	104	40	62.5
Obstruction under Drugs Act	117	104	-13	-11.1	314	324	10	3.2
Handling, possession of stolen property	376	354	-22	-5.9	1,148	1,109	-39	-3.4
Miscellaneous other offences	486	493	7	1.4	1,465	1,492	27	1.8
Total	26,239	25,816	-423	-1.6	75,288	77,610	2,322	3.1

### Table 1b Headline Offences 2003-2006, starting in 2003

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			2003					2004		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Murder/Manslaughter:	17	12	13	9	51	12	11	12	11	46
of which: murder	13	10	9	9	41	8	9	8	11	36
manslaughter	4	2	4	0	10	4	2	4	0	10
Rape of a female	96	58	62	55	271	123	82	95	59	359
Rape section 4	17	15	13	11	56	17	18	9	19	63
Unlawful carnal knowledge	30	16	15	31	92	25	32	39	12	108
Aggravated sexual assault	2	2	4	3	11	5	5	3	1	14
Sexual assault	584	292	296	161	1,333	443	196	211	168	1,018
False imprisonment	21	12	12	7	52	14	7	16	8	45
Abduction	17	8	13	6	44	10	9	7	4	30
Assault causing harm	1,145	1,010	951	833	3,939	1,045	911	980	888	3,824
Theft from person	1,640	1,686	1,727	1,605	6,658	1,551	1,460	1,391	1,283	5,685
Theft from M.P.V.	3,112	3,367	3,656	2,832	12,967	3,219	3,407	3,589	2,976	13,191
Theft from shop	3,851	3,867	3,931	4,040	15,689	3,821	3,449	3,532	3,945	14,747
Theft of a pedal cycle	97	113	152	88	450	79	102	145	93	419
Theft (other)	5,344	5,230	5,323	4,522	20,419	4,874	4,868	5,122	4,518	19,382
Burglary	6,425	6,087	6,161	6,530	25,203	6,853	5,476	5,966	6,083	24,378
Aggravated burglary	94	68	83	82	327	78	68	64	70	280
Robbery of an establishment / institution	327	237	241	224	1,029	282	232	241	320	1,075
Robbery of cash / goods in transit	15	18	9	11	53	21	15	9	15	60
Robbery from the person	474	433	418	396	1,721	440	416	326	294	1,476
Arson	342	358	350	369	1,419	360	413	357	365	1,495
Possession of drugs for sale or supply	576	680	562	502	2,320	497	537	571	549	2,154
Possession of firearms	128	77	77	91	373	117	92	90	64	363
Discharging a firearm	54	45	57	57	213	83	77	60	70	290
Other headline offences:	2,669	2,016	2,189	1,883	8,757	2,418	1,908	1,802	1,871	7,999
of which:										
Dangerous driving causing death or serious										
bodily harm, manslaughter (traffic fatality)	10	8	19	8	45	29	19	11	16	75
Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty	32	65	48	34	179	43	54	57	41	195
Murder attempts and threats	11	13	18	5	47	10	11	17	11	49
Harrassment and endangerment	157	117	113	87	474	148	116	93	75	432
Deception and false pretences	694	461	606	516	2,277	547	408	382	448	1,785
Forgery/false instruments offences	417	242	346	326	1,331	389	313	306	265	1,273
Cultivation, manufacture or importation of drugs	21	23	39	24	107	11	29	21	13	74
Obstruction under Drugs Act	62	89	87	64	302	94	62	95	73	324
Handling, possession of stolen property	472	388	382	290	1,532	445	385	373	328	1,531
Miscellaneous other offences	793	610	531	529	2,463	702	511	447	601	2,261
Total	27,077	25,707	26,315	24,348	103,447	26,387	23,791	24,637	23,686	98,501

## Table 1b Headline Offences 2003-2006, starting in 2003 (cont'd)

			2005			2006			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	
Murder/Manslaughter:	9	18	17	18	62	14	16	16	
of which: murder	7	15	16	14	52	14	16	14	
manslaughter	2	3	1	4	10	0	0	2	
Rape of a female	92	87	103	88	370	101	74	99	
Rape section 4	23	29	15	17	84	21	20	17	
Unlawful carnal knowledge	38	16	28	11	93	29	9	9	
Aggravated sexual assault	0	3	3	1	7	6	0	5	
Sexual assault	430	226	245	184	1,085	330	183	230	
False imprisonment	16	11	8	16	51	16	13	14	
Abduction	3	8	6	6	23	6	8	4	
Assault causing harm	1,011	867	934	849	3,661	1,000	906	999	
Theft from person	1,030	1,130	1,326	1,110	4,596	859	924	1,012	
Theft from M.P.V.	2,894	3,107	3,632	3,299	12,932	3,653	3,345	3,319	
Theft from shop	3,830	3,964	4,138	4,373	16,305	4,392	4,513	4,735	
Theft of a pedal cycle	92	114	147	144	497	74	106	113	
Theft (other)	4,782	5,110	5,308	4,933	20,133	5,356	5,142	5,307	
Burglary	6,337	5,914	6,459	7,116	25,826	7,019	5,440	5,673	
Aggravated burglary	65	65	65	80	275	76	63	80	
Robbery of an establishment / institution	357	295	197	301	1,150	334	305	211	
Robbery of cash / goods in transit	13	9	14	8	44	8	8	8	
Robbery from the person	285	275	302	276	1,138	266	311	348	
Arson	317	281	403	411	1,412	365	385	498	
Possession of drugs for sale or supply	671	712	593	615	2,591	667	716	746	
Possession of firearms	90	136	115	81	422	102	102	101	
Discharging a firearm	63	75	84	88	310	60	71	85	
Other headline offences:	2,040	2,109	2,097	1,964	8,210	2,274	2,106	2,187	
of which:									
Dangerous driving causing death or serious									
bodily harm, manslaughter (traffic fatality)	26	20	14	12	72	24	13	4	
Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty	46	85	81	53	265	74	83	56	
Murder attempts and threats	12	22	40	28	102	34	19	19	
Harrassment and endangerment	121	105	126	93	445	134	101	100	
Deception and false pretences	447	509	504	569	2,029	550	555	707	
Forgery/false instruments offences	379	383	335	325	1,422	418	348	299	
Cultivation, manufacture or importation of drugs	23	23	18	19	83	23	30	51	
Obstruction under Drugs Act	97	100	117	79	393	101	119	104	
Handling, possession of stolen property	398	374	376	288	1,436	371	384	354	
Miscellaneous other offences	491	488	486	498	1,963	545	454	493	
Total	24,488	24,561	26,239	25,989	101,277	27,028	24,766	25,816	

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-	2005	2006	Change	% Change	2005	2006	Change	% Change
Group 01 - Homicides	57	35	-22	-38.6	118	119	1	0.8
Murder/Manslaughter:	17	16	-1	-5.9	44	46	2	4.5
of which: murder	16	14	-2	-12.5	38	44	6	15.8
manslaughter	1	2	1	100.0	6	2	-4	-66.7
Murder attempts and threats	40	19	-21	-52.5	74	72	-2	-2.7
Other headline homicide offences	0	0	0	0.0	0	1	1	N/A
Group 02 - Assaults	1,128	1,177	49	4.3	3,370	3,478	108	3.2
Assault causing harm	934	999	65	7.0	2,812	2,905	93	3.3
False imprisonment	8	14	6	75.0	35	43	8	22.9
Abduction	6	4	-2	-33.3	17	18	1	5.9
Harrassment and endangerment	126	100	-26	-20.6	352	335	-17	-4.8
Other headline assault offences	54	60	6	11.1	154	177	23	14.9
Group 03 - Sexual Offences	475	426	-49	-10.3	1,566	1,370	-196	-12.5
Sexual assault	245	230	-15	-6.1	901	743	-158	-17.5
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Rape of a female Other headline sexual offences	81	99 66	-4 -15	-3.9 -18.5	282 228	274 237	-8 9	-2.8 3.9
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Group 04 - Arson Arson	<b>403</b> 403	<b>498</b> 498	<b>95</b> 95	<b>23.6</b> 23.6	<b>1,001</b> 1,001	<b>1,248</b> 1,248	<b>247</b> 247	<b>24.7</b> 24.7
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Group 05 - Drugs	728	901	173	23.8	2,354	2,557	203	8.6
Possession of drugs for sale or supply	593	746	153	25.8	1,976	2,129	153	7.7
Cultivation, manufacture or importation of drugs	18 117	51 104	33 -13	183.3 -11.1	64 314	104 324	40 10	62.5 3.2
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Group 06 - Thefts	14,978	14,882	-96	-0.6	41,951	44,086	2,135	5.1
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Other headline theft offences	51	42	-9	-17.6	199	127	-72	-36.2
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Discharging a firearm	84	85	1	1.2	222	216	-6	-2.7
Dangerous driving causing death or serious			•			2.0	5	
bodily harm, manslaughter (traffic fatality)	14	4	-10	-71.4	60	41	-19	-31.7
Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty	81	56	-25	-30.9	212	213	1	0.5
Other headline offences	163	162	-1	-0.6	429	510	81	18.9

## **Background Notes**

- Introduction The Headline Crime Statistics release provides provisional figures for the number of headline offences recorded by An Garda Síochána relating to the period from July to September 2006. A retrospective quarterly series is also given to the year 2003. Please note that due to the timing of extraction of data, the figures for Q3 2006 are provisional and are subject to revision. 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 the offence. A re-classification only ever 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. 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,
  - 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 list of the 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 the 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.

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Homicide	Murder Murder – attempt Abortion Manslaughter Infanticide Murder – threats Procuring or assisting in abortion
Assault	Assault causing harm Coercion Harassment Poisoning Assault/obstruction/resist arrest - Peace Officer Endangerment False imprisonment Abduction
Sexual Offences	Sexual assault Sexual offence involving mentally impaired person Gross indecency Buggery Unlawful carnal knowledge Rape section 4 Bestiality Aggravated sexual assault Indecency Rape of a female Incest Brothel keeping Prostitution Sex offenders act
Arson	Arson
Drugs	Cultivate or manufacture of drugs Importation Obstruction under drugs act Possession of drugs for sale or supply
Thefts	Theft from person Theft from M.P.V. (mechanically propelled vehicle) Theft of M.P.V. Theft of a pedal cycle Theft from shop Blackmail / extortion Theft (other) Handling/possession of stolen property Post office offences
Burglaries	Burglary Forcible entry Possession of an article with intent Aggravated burglary
Robberies	Robbery of an establishment/institution Robbery of cash/goods in transit Robbery from the person

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

Frauds Fraud/deception False pretences Falsification of accounts Companies act offences Investment intermediaries act offences Stock exchange act offences Money laundering Forgery/false instruments offences Corruption Embezzlement European Communities' fraud Counterfeiting notes and coins Possession of an article (fraud) Criminal Assets Bureau offences **Other Headline** Affray/riot/violent disorder Offences Personation Pub mischief and sim off - Sc 12a CL Act and Sc 13.1 PO Act Prohibition/incitement to hatred - Section 2 of 1989 Act Air navigation transport-section 28, 33(5), 43 of 1988 Act Destroying-disposing of a dead body Manslaughter (traffic fatality) Endangering traffic - section 14 NFOAP Act 1997 Hijacking-unlawful seizure of a vehicle/aircraft/vessel Dangerous driving causing death Dangerous driving causing serious bodily harm Fisheries act - penalty excess District Court Jurisdiction Broadcasting/radio - Section 9/10 Broadcasting Act 1990 Child pornography - Section 3/4/5&6 of Child Pornography Act Concealment of birth Misprision of felony Conspiracy Embracery Bad debts criminal (Debtors Ireland) Abandoning a child Child neglect and cruelty Bigamy Escape (rescue) from custody Prison break Possession of firearms Discharging a Firearm Causing an explosion Making of explosives Possession of explosives Offences against the State Treason Official Secrets Act Chemical weapons Perjury Employment permit – employer