



# Security-related incidents, paramilitary-style attacks, and deaths due to the security situation in Northern Ireland

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This Note presents statistics published by the Police Service of Northern Ireland regarding security-related incidents and the number of deaths resulting from the security situation in Northern Ireland since 1969, and casualties arising from paramilitary-style attacks since 1973. Data for the part-year to June 2005 are provisional.

Since 1969, a total of 3,360 people have been killed due to the security situation in Northern Ireland, of which 2,403 (71%) were civilians. 452 members of the armed forces have been killed (excluding 203 members of the Ulster Defence Regiment and Royal Irish Regiment), together with 200 police officers and 102 police reservists.

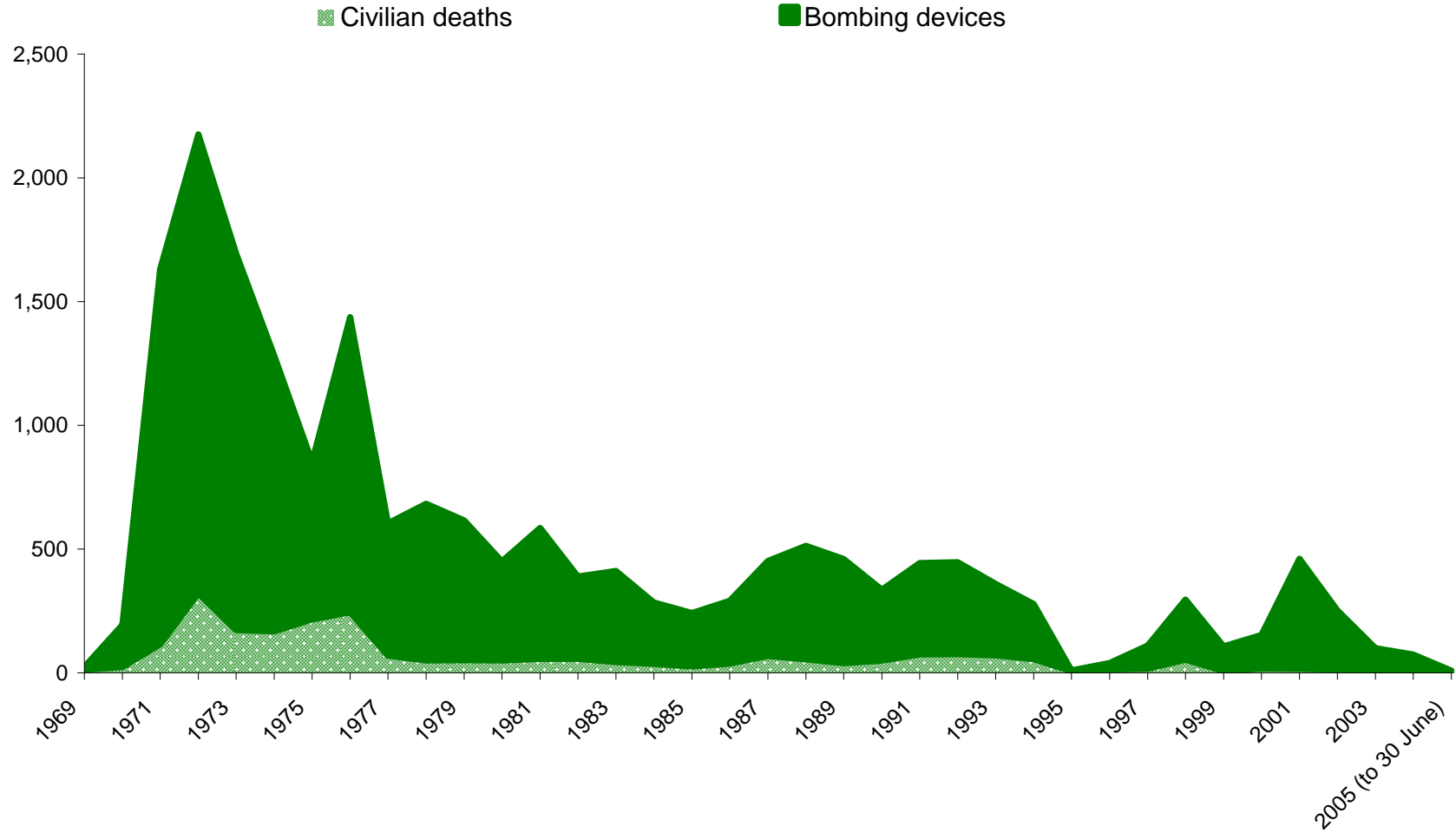
37,282 shooting incidents have occurred in Northern Ireland since 1969, together with 2,440 bombings involving 16,330 devices, and 507 incendiary incidents involving 2,264 devices.

Since 1973, there have been a total of 3,046 paramilitary-style shooting incidents resulting in casualties, of which 1,497 (49%) were attributed to Loyalist groups and 1,549 (51%) to Republican organisations. Of the 2,122 paramilitary-style assaults (including punishment beatings) carried out since 1973, 54% (1,136) were attributed to Loyalist groups and 46% (986) to Republicans.

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# Security-related civilian deaths and bombing incidents in Northern Ireland since 1969



## A. Deaths due to the security situation since 1969

### Deaths due to the security situation in Northern Ireland, 1969-2005 (June)

	Police	Police Reserve	Army	UDR/ RIR*	Civilian	Totals
1969	1	0	0	0	13	14
1970	2	0	0	0	23	25
1971	11	0	43	5	115	174
1972	14	3	105	26	322	470
1973	10	3	58	8	173	252
1974	12	3	30	7	168	220
1975	7	4	14	6	216	247
1976	13	10	14	15	245	297
1977	8	6	15	14	69	112
1978	4	6	14	7	50	81
1979	9	5	38	10	51	113
1980	3	6	8	9	50	76
1981	13	8	10	13	57	101
1982	8	4	21	7	57	97
1983	9	9	5	10	44	77
1984	7	2	9	10	36	64
1985	14	9	2	4	26	55
1986	10	2	4	8	37	61
1987	9	7	3	8	68	95
1988	4	2	21	12	55	94
1989	7	2	12	2	39	62
1990	7	5	7	8	49	76
1991	5	1	5	8	75	94
1992	2	1	4	2	76	85
1993	3	3	6	2	70	84
1994	3	0	1	2	56	62
1995	1	0	0	0	8	9
1996	0	0	1	0	14	15
1997	3	1	1	0	17	22
1998	1	0	1	0	53	55
1999	0	0	0	0	7	7
2000	0	0	0	0	18	18
2001	0	0	0	0	17	17
2002	0	0	0	0	13	13
2003	0	0	0	0	11	11
2004	0	0	0	0	5	5
2005 (to 30 June)	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>3,360</b>

\* UDR/RIR - Ulster Defence Regiment, Royal Irish Regiment

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland

## B. Security-related incidents since 1969

### Security-related incidents in Northern Ireland, 1969 to 2005 (June)

	Shootings		Bombings		Incendiarities	
	<i>Incidents</i>	<i>Incidents</i>	<i>Devices</i>	<i>Incidents</i>	<i>Devices</i>	
1969	73	n/a	10	n/a	0	
1970	213	n/a	170	n/a	0	
1971	1,756	n/a	1,515	n/a	0	
1972	10,631	n/a	1,853	n/a	0	
1973	5,019	n/a	1,520	n/a	0	
1974	3,208	n/a	1,113	n/a	270	
1975	1,803	n/a	635	n/a	56	
1976	1,908	n/a	1,192	n/a	236	
1977	1,081	n/a	535	n/a	608	
1978	755	n/a	633	n/a	115	
1979	728	n/a	564	n/a	60	
1980	642	n/a	400	n/a	2	
1981	1,142	n/a	529	n/a	49	
1982	547	n/a	332	n/a	36	
1983	424	n/a	367	n/a	43	
1984	334	n/a	248	n/a	10	
1985	238	n/a	215	n/a	36	
1986	392	n/a	254	n/a	21	
1987	674	n/a	384	n/a	9	
1988	538	n/a	458	n/a	8	
1989	566	n/a	420	n/a	7	
1990	557	236	286	26	33	
1991	499	312	368	144	237	
1992	506	318	371	86	126	
1993	476	257	289	45	61	
1994	348	207	222	88	115	
1995	50	2	2	10	10	
1996	125	17	25	4	4	
1997	225	78	93	9	9	
1998	211	127	243	20	20	
1999	125	82	100	7	7	
2000	302	117	135	22	22	
2001	355	349	444	5	6	
2002	350	188	239	3	3	
2003	229	77	88	8	8	
2004	185	64	69	21	28	
2005 (to 30 June)	67	9	9	9	9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,282</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>16,330</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>2,264</b>	

#### Shootings:

Shooting incidents include: shots fired by terrorists, shots fired by security forces, paramilitary style attacks involving shootings, shots heard and later confirmed, other violent incidents where shots are fired (e.g. armed robbery)

#### Bombings:

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

#### Incendiarities:

Incidents include explosions and defusings (devices used).

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland

## C. Casualties from paramilitary-style attacks since 1973

### Casualties as a results of paramilitary-style attacks in Northern Ireland, 1973 to 2005 (June)

	Shootings			Assaults			Total
	Total	of which by		Total	of which by		
		Loyalist Groups	Republican Groups		Loyalist Groups	Republican Groups	
1973	74	21	53	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1974	127	43	84	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1975	189	50	139	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1976	98	36	62	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1977	126	28	98	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1978	67	17	50	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1979	76	25	51	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1980	77	26	51	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1981	80	14	66	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1982	81	22	59	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1983	31	9	22	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1984	26	6	20	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1985	32	11	21	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1986	41	24	17	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1987	124	67	57	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1988	66	34	32	56	21	35	122
1989	161	65	96	51	23	28	212
1990	106	60	46	68	21	47	174
1991	76	40	36	62	22	40	138
1992	133	72	61	74	36	38	207
1993	85	60	25	41	35	6	126
1994	122	68	54	70	38	32	192
1995	3	3	0	217	76	141	220
1996	24	21	3	302	130	172	326
1997	72	46	26	156	78	78	228
1998	72	34	38	144	89	55	216
1999	73	47	26	134	90	44	207
2000	136	86	50	132	78	54	268
2001	186	121	65	146	93	53	332
2002	173	117	56	139	89	50	312
2003	156	101	55	149	103	46	305
2004	112	89	23	115	74	41	227
2005 (to 30 June)	41	34	7	66	40	26	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,046</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>1,549</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>3,919</b>

Assualts include punishment beatings

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland