



# REPORT ON CRIME 1981

Report for the year ended 31 December, 1981,  
Commissioner, Garda Síochána, to the Minister for Justice.

GARDA SÍOCHANA,  
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**The Minister for Justice**

Sir,

*I have the honour to submit the following report on crime which came to the notice of the Garda Síochána during the year ending the 31st. December, 1981.*

*The indictable offences recorded for the year numbered 89,400 showing an increase over the figures for the previous year when 72,782 indictable offences were recorded. The principal increase in terms of numbers recorded occurred in Group III, which includes larcenies and frauds. In that group 12,344 extra offences were recorded.*

*The noticeable drop in armed bank robberies in the second half of 1980 continued throughout 1981 when 12 bank raids took place compared with 38 in 1980 and 44 in 1979. There was, however, a disturbing increase in the overall number of armed robberies with 306 committed during the year compared with 194 in 1980 and 228 in 1979.*

*There were 528 fatal road traffic accidents during the year resulting in the deaths of 572 people. These figures show an increase of 28 in the number of fatal accidents and an increase of 11 in the number of persons killed compared with the previous year.*

*The misuse of drugs has continued to escalate and is of particular concern to the community. During the year 1,256 persons were found in illegal possession and there were 1,204 seizures of drugs, compared with 991 persons found in illegal possession and 813 seizures in the previous year. The largest seizure was of 1,620 kilogrammes of cannabis (approximate value £4.5M) at Dublin Docks in September, 1981.*

*A decision to increase the personnel in the drug units in Dublin, Cork and Limerick and to set up a new unit at Garda Headquarters to combat international drug trafficking was taken on 15th May, 1981. This decision effectively increased the overall strength of the drug units by 113%.*

*An advanced drug training course, with lecturers experienced in drug enforcement and extern experts including some from abroad, was developed for the training of the general body of Gardaí. Members have been attending this course on a continuing basis since February 1981. While every member of the Force has a commitment to drug enforcement, those undergoing this course will have an added competency to undertake the investigation of the more serious drug cases.*

*The number of members of the Force injured on duty in 1981 was 134, of whom 81 were injured during protest marches to the British Embassy, Ballsbridge, Dublin, on 17th May and 19th July, 1981. While the general upward trend in criminality continued and many Gardaí were injured, it was fortunate that the year was not marked by the murder of any member of the Force.*

*During the year there was a marked increase in the number of indictable proceedings commenced in the District Courts. Proceedings were commenced in 30,184 cases in 1981 and 26,814 cases in 1980, an increase of 3,370. The number of persons under 17 years of age who were dealt with for minor crimes without being brought before the District Court was 2,215. Of this number 1,488 were admitted to the Juvenile Liaison Scheme and 727 were the subject of less formal supervisory procedures. 34.2% of the total number of persons apprehended for indictable offences were under 17 years of age.*

*The maintaining of order in society depends not alone on controlling the bad, but also on activating the good. During the year the response from the public and the media was encouraging, with many tributes paid to members of the Force for their dedication, professionalism and impartiality. I am pleased to record my appreciation of their support and co-operation.*

*While there are many serious weaknesses in our legal system requiring change, the existence of laws and their enforcement alone will not ensure an acceptable standard of public behaviour. Apart from the many agencies from whom a high degree of co-ordination and determination is required, the most powerful controlling influence in society can be pressure of public opinion and the general expectation of a community regarding the behaviour of its members. It is necessary that all the agencies and influences be brought to a greater degree of co-operation in creative projects aimed at developing mutual trust and understanding between all the diverse elements in our society.*

Yours respectfully,



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COMMISSIONER

**INDICTABLE OFFENCES RECORDED AND DETECTED BY GARDA DIVISIONS AND FIVE PRINCIPAL CITY AREAS — YEAR ENDED 31st  
DECEMBER 1981**

DIVISION	GROUP I Offences Against the person		GROUP II Offences Against Property with Violence		GROUP III Larcenies etc..		GROUP IV Other Indictable Offences		Total Indictable Offences	% variation on 1980 figures	No. of detections for 1981
	Rec.	Det.	Rec.	Det.	Rec.	Det.	Rec.	Det.			
Carlow/Kildare	104	101	847	348	1180	706	8	8	2139	+ 36.8	1163 (54.4%)
Cavan/Monaghan	69	64	332	170	381	231	19	19	801	+ 13.1	484 (60.4%)
Cork East	413	385	2842	993	4130	1927	37	35	7422	+ 7.2	3340 (45.0%)
Cork West	31	28	400	194	450	280	6	6	887	+ 39.9	508 (57.3%)
Clare	43	39	313	131	506	312	—	—	862	+ 14.5	482 (55.9%)
Donegal	91	70	449	185	622	278	8	4	1170	+ 15.6	537 (45.9%)
DMA - Northern	147	116	2480	1318	5388	1655	10	8	8026	+ 36.4	3097 (38.6%)
North Central	345	285	2841	1006	11191	3060	162	136	14339	+ 21.3	4487 (31.3%)
South Central	181	148	2415	987	10920	2492	23	22	13539	+ 20.6	3649 (27.0%)
Southern	214	184	3741	1369	6051	1419	9	6	10015	+ 29.2	2978 (29.7%)
Eastern	24	17	2966	1071	3929	1160	8	7	6927	+ 35.7	2255 (32.6%)
Galway West	59	45	581	171	994	404	4	4	1638	+ 16.6	624 (38.1%)
Kerry	96	51	465	222	913	399	11	10	1445	+ 16.0	682 (47.2%)
Leix/Offaly	53	51	431	143	677	369	5	3	1166	+ 8.1	566 (48.5%)
Limerick	104	99	1542	503	2337	1002	22	16	4005	+ 32.4	1620 (40.4%)
Longford/Westmeath	81	78	455	169	896	459	4	4	1436	- 0.3	710 (49.4%)
Louth/Meath	139	116	1952	588	2172	688	6	3	4269	+19.4	1395 (32.7%)
Mayo	35	31	236	134	365	216	1	1	637	+ 4.3	382 (60.0%)
Roscommon/Galway East	37	37	295	147	492	239	1	1	825	+ 54.5	424 (51.4%)
Sligo/Leitrim	25	25	594	347	639	361	2	2	1260	+68.2	735 (58.3%)
Tipperary	69	64	1092	365	1095	444	2	2	2258	+20.3	875 (38.8%)
Waterford/Kilkenny	65	59	810	246	813	401	4	3	1692	+ 7.5	709 (41.9%)
Wexford	93	81	1037	374	1501	587	12	10	2643	+15.4	1052 (39.8%)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2478</b>	<b>2174</b>	<b>28916</b>	<b>11181</b>	<b>57642</b>	<b>19089</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>89400</b>	<b>+ 22.8</b>	<b>32754 (36.6%)</b>
<b>CITY AREAS</b>											
Dublin Metropolitan Area	911	750	14243	5751	37479	9786	212	179	52845	+ 26.5	16466 (31.2%)
Cork	258	232	2152	710	2876	1301	13	12	5299	+ 3.8	2255 (42.6%)
Limerick	74	72	1244	394	2052	908	16	11	3386	+ 32.2	1385 (40.9%)
Galway	22	10	401	101	759	305	3	3	1185	+ 11.1	419 (35.4%)
Waterford	13	13	346	84	354	193	2	2	715	- 0.6	292 (40.8%)

















**ANALYSES OF ARMED ROBBERIES - LINE 40 TABLE OF INDICTABLE OFFENCES - 1981**

	House/ Flat	Bank	P.O.	Betting Office	Licensed Premises	Chemist Shop	Shop/ Stall	Garage	Factory/ Store	Clinic	Bldg- Site	Office	Dance Hall	Public Bldg.	Street/ Road	Hotel	Petrol Stn.	Railway Stn.	Other	TOTAL	
Carlow/Kildare																					
Cavan/Monaghan	1	1			1														2	5	
Cork East			3		1							1					2			7	
Cork West																					
Clare												1					1		2	4	
Donegal																	1		2	3	
DMA - Northern		1	5	1			6	3	8			10	1			2	2		11	50	
North Central	1	1	8	1	7	3	14	3	5			8			3	3	2	1	14	74	
South Central		1	8	7	21	1	10	3	2	1	1	10		1		2	6	2	10	86	
Southern	1		2	1	1		5	1	3			10				1	1		5	31	
Eastern						1	1												5	7	
Galway West		1																		1	
Kerry			1						1							1			1	4	
Leix/Offaly																			1	1	
Limerick							1	1											1	3	
Longford/Westmeath																					
Louth/Meath		1	1				5	1				3				1			13	25	
Mayo																					
Roscommon/Galway East																					
Sligo/Leitrim																					
Tipperary		1					1											1		3	
Waterford/Kilkenny							1													1	
Wexford												1								1	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>306</b>	

**CASH ANALYSIS OF ARMED ROBBERIES in 1981 showing value of property stolen by type of premises**

Up to £99.99			1		6	3	15	7	1	1		4			1	1	6	1	9	56
£100 to £499.99			4	5	17	2	8	2	2		1	7		1	1	2	8		12	72
£500 to £999.99				3	3		2		2			9				2		1	4	26
£1000 to £4999.99	2	2	12	1	5		5		9			14				4			15	69
£5000 +		5	9				8	1	3			5	1		1	1		1	18	53
Nothing taken.	1		2	1			6	2	2			5					1	1	9	30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>306</b>

ANALYSES OF AGGRAVATED BURGLARIES WHERE FIREARMS WERE USED — LINE 38 TABLE OF INDICTABLE OFFENCES — 1981

	House/ Flat	Bank	P.O.	Betting Office	Licensed Premises	Chemist Shop	Shop/ Stall	Garage	Factory/ Store	School	Office	Dance Hall	Public Bldg.		Hotel	Petrol Stn.	Railway Stn.	Other	TOTAL
Carlow/Kildare	3														1				4
Cavan/Monaghan																		1	1
Cork East	4	1																	5
Cork West	2	1																	3
Clare	1																		1
Donegal																			
DMA - Northern	12				1				1		1				1				16
North Central		1					1												2
South Central	2	2	1		4											1		2	12
Southern	7				2						1								10
Eastern	6				2			1		1					1	1			12
Galway West							1												1
Kerry	1																		1
Leix/Offaly																			
Limerick	1																		1
Longford/Westmeath	2		1		1														4
Louth/Meath	4																		4
Mayo																			
Roscommon/Galway East																			
Sligo/Lettrim																			
Tipperary	1																		1
Waterford/Kilkenny	3																		3
Wexford																			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>81</b>

CASH ANALYSIS OF AGGRAVATED BURGLARIES where Firearms were used in 1981 showing value of property stolen by type of premises.

Up to £99.99	11				2			1		1						2			17
£100 to £499.99	10				5		1											1	17
£500 to £999.99	8				1						1								10
£1000 to £4999.99	10	1			1										1				13
£5000 +	7	4	2		1		1				1				1			1	18
Nothing taken.	3								1						1			1	6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>81</b>

## ARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES SEIZED BY THE GARDAÍ DURING THE YEAR 1981

During the year, 1981, the following quantities of Arms, Ammunition, Explosives, etc., illegally held, were seized by the Gardaí from various sources.

211	Firearms (including Rifles, Shotguns, Machineguns, Pistols, Revolvers, etc).
17,349	Rounds of ammunition (assorted).
4,964	Shotgun cartridges.
23	Magazines
45	Lbs of Gelegnite (approximately).
90	Detonators.
2,541	Lbs. of explosive mixture.
3	Rockets.
49	Bombs.
5	Hand Grenades.
14	Timing Devices.
865	Yards of fuse wire.

In addition to above large quantities of Cordtex, detonating fuse and electric wire were seized. A large amount of component parts of firearms and explosive equipment was also seized, including timing devices and various items of radio equipment.

### SCENES OF CRIME EXAMINATION

During the year the scenes of crime examiners from the fingerprint section of the Technical Bureau and those attached to country divisions attended the scenes of 18,570 crimes, compared with 16,115 during the previous year. A total of 1,296 fingerprint identifications of suspects were made in 1981 compared with 1,014 in 1980. 1741 scenes of crimes were visited by experts from the ballistics section at Headquarters during the year compared with 1,897 scenes visited in 1980.

### FORENSIC SCIENCE

During the year 2,499 exhibits were referred to the Forensic Science Laboratory and of these 156 involved the use of firearms and explosives. This figure compares with 1,699 exhibits in 1980.

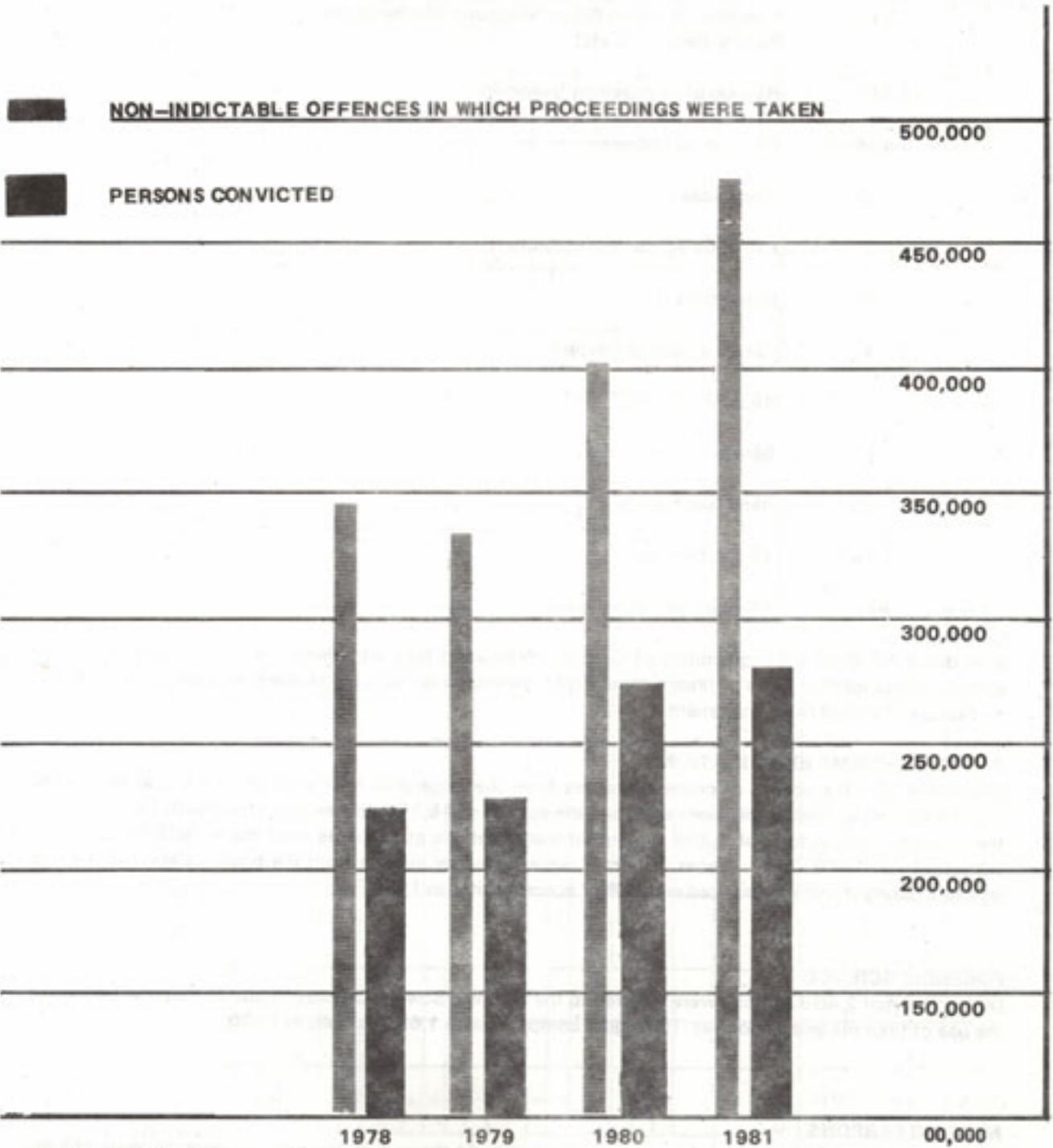
### MISSING PERSONS

During the year 1,060 persons were reported missing. At the end of the year 26 persons were still not traced.

### DOG HANDLERS

During the year a total of 145 arrests were made by dog handlers with dogs. A total of 240 arrests were made by handlers and dogs while rendering assistance to other members, during the same period.

NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES



See Appendix B



## Non-Indictable Offences—Proceedings and persons convicted in Year 1981

OFFENCES (1)	No. of Offences in which proceedings were taken (2)	Charges withdrawn or dismissed (3)	Number of convictions (4)	Charges proved and order made without conviction (5)	Adjourned sine die or otherwise disposed of (6)	No. of persons convicted or against whom charge was held proved or order made without conviction. (7)
1. (a) Assaults .. .. .	5,096	991	3,191	328	586	3,420
(b) .. Gardai on duty .. .. .	1,102	123	809	57	113	805
2. Cruelty to Animals .. .. .	106	9	72	2	23	65
3. (a) Dogs, Offences in relation to Licensing of (Finance Act, 1925) .. .. .	565	48	470	39	8	428
(b) Dogs Order, 1966 (wearing of dog collars etc.) .. .. .	110	19	80	5	6	82
(c) Dogs, Protection of Livestock Act, 1960 (dogs worrying livestock) .. .. .	113	16	81	4	12	82
4. School Attendance Act, 1926, Offences against .. .. .	148	11	113	18	6	131
5. Traffic Acts, Offences against:—						
(a) Lighting Regulations—Pedal Cycles (i) No front lamp .. .. .	623	47	507	60	9	536
.. .. . (ii) No rear lamp .. .. .	479	37	359	74	9	408
.. .. . (iii) No reflector .. .. .	271	20	209	37	5	201
(b) .. .. —M.P.V. .. .. .	28,666	2,944	21,343	3,095	1,284	17,806
(c) .. .. —Animal-drawn vehicles .. .. .	8	2	6	—	—	4
(d) Licences—Driving .. .. .	43,002	8,406	26,374	5,567	2,655	24,867
(e) Obstruction .. .. .	2,614	235	2,066	228	85	2,164
(f) Dangerous Parking .. .. .	493	69	379	18	27	390
(g) Road Traffic General Bye-Laws, 1964 .. .. .	4,318	481	3,376	320	141	2,997
(h) Local Bye-Laws .. .. .	136,526	69,657	60,086	6,306	477	59,954
(i) Dangerous and Careless Driving .. .. .	11,835	1,951	8,530	485	869	8,596
(j) Compulsory Insurance .. .. .	47,609	11,256	27,812	4,854	3,687	26,964
(k) Drink and Driving:						
(i) Driving or attempting to drive M.P.V. while drunk .. .. .	1,419	419	932	—	68	832
(ii) Being in charge of M.P.V. while drunk .. .. .	93	19	69	—	5	69
(iii) Driving or attempting to drive M.P.V., blood/urine/alcohol concentration above prescribed limit .. .. .	4,924	438	3,971	—	515	3,971
(iv) Being in charge of M.P.V. blood/urine/alcohol concentration above prescribed limit .. .. .	226	19	191	—	16	191
(v) Refusing to provide preliminary specimen of breath .. .. .	386	24	331	—	31	321
(vi) Refusing to provide or permit taking of blood/urine specimen at Garda stations .. .. .	732	67	583	—	82	569

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(l) Driving or attempting to drive or being in charge of animal-drawn vehicle while drunk .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—
(m) Driving or attempting to drive pedal cycle while drunk .. .. .	13	2	9	1	1	10
(n) Exceeding speed limit (i) Built-up area .. .. .	16,325	926	14,362	678	359	14,594
.. .. . (ii) Special .. .. .	2,832	119	2,551	93	69	2,571
.. .. . (iii) Ordinary .. .. .	1,787	100	1,572	92	23	1,614
.. .. . (iv) General .. .. .	4,643	212	4,148	179	104	4,201
(o) Driving dangerously, defective M.P.V. .. .. .	415	56	338	8	13	340
(p) Other offences .. .. .	14,953	2,978	9,024	1,912	1,039	8,686
(q) Construction Equipment and Use of Vehicles Regulations, 1963						
.. .. . (i) Defective tyres .. .. .	8,126	787	6,559	500	280	5,819
.. .. . (ii) .. steering .. .. .	188	15	150	8	15	141
.. .. . (iii) .. brakes .. .. .	1,907	142	1,596	115	54	1,498
.. .. . (iv) Other Offences .. .. .	16,113	1,539	13,058	1,015	501	11,531
6. (a) Taking M.P.V. without authority .. .. .	2,476	275	1,795	163	243	1,895
(b) Unauthorised interference with mechanism of M.P.V. .. .. .	1,432	201	1,003	100	128	1,072
(c) Taking possession of pedal cycle without consent .. .. .	69	3	55	8	3	63
7. Road Transport Acts .. .. .	1,453	260	949	146	98	835
8. Roads Act and Finance Acts—Excise Licence .. .. .	76,270	16,832	48,477	7,592	3,369	43,910
9. Intoxicating Liquor Laws, Offences against:						
(a) Illegally on Licensed Premises during closing hours .. .. .	7,627	313	6,774	74	466	6,838
(b) Drunkenness, Simple .. .. .	2,220	207	1,830	120	63	1,912
(c) Drunkenness with aggravation .. .. .	3,607	282	3,008	143	174	3,047
(d) Offences by Licensed Persons (or their Servants) against closing Regulations	1,606	420	913	54	219	904
(e) Other Offences by Licensed Persons (or their Servants) .. .. .	300	78	172	23	27	187
(f) Supplying or selling drink to persons under 18 years .. .. .	41	14	19	—	8	16
(g) Offences in connection with Registered Clubs .. .. .	51	7	42	1	1	42
(h) Other offences against Intoxicating Liquor Laws .. .. .	568	88	410	38	34	398

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10. Labour Laws, offences against .. .. .	6	—	6	—	—	6
11. Malicious Damage to Animals, Fences, etc. .. .. .	2,454	297	1,682	171	304	1,734
12. Police Regulations, Offences against:—						
(a) Dublin Metropolitan Police Acts .. .. .	915	96	660	98	61	735
(b) Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act, 1851 .. .. .	290	36	216	15	23	222
13. Prostitution .. .. .	661	40	621	—	—	621
14. Living on earnings of prostitute .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Loitering with intent .. .. .	22	5	16	—	1	16
16. Revenue Laws, Offences against .. .. .	153	22	120	4	7	84
17. Stealing, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (not the subject of larceny at Common Law) .. .. .	459	63	302	44	50	264
18. Street Trading Acts—Offences against .. .. .	2,205	33	2,098	28	46	2,119
19. Vagrancy Acts—Offences against:—						
(a) Begging .. .. .	124	15	91	14	4	102
(b) Other Offences .. .. .	323	38	243	15	27	257
20. Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1926—Offences against .. .. .	106	2	96	2	6	98
21. Firearms Acts—Offences against .. .. .	263	21	208	12	22	211
22. Explosives—Offences in relation to .. .. .	1	—	1	—	—	1
23. Dangerous Drugs Act 1934—Health Act 1970 and Misuse of Drugs Act 1977 (Offences in relation to controlled drugs)						
(a) Unlawful possession of controlled drugs .. .. .	819	47	525	8	239	522
(b) Unlawfully procuring controlled drugs .. .. .	51	6	32	—	13	32
(c) Unlawfully supplying (peddling) controlled drugs .. .. .	55	9	24	—	22	24
(d) Other offences .. .. .	193	20	72	4	97	74
24. Offences under Juries Act, 1976 .. .. .	380	144	113	7	116	120
25. Other Offences .. .. .	8,893	1,517	5,988	636	752	5,754
<b>Total</b>	474,859	125,575	293,868	35,616	19,800	281,075

**NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES BY DIVISION - YEAR ENDED 31st. DECEMBER, 1981.**

<b>Division</b>	<b>Total No. of offences in which proceedings were taken</b>
Carlow/Kildare	10,867
Cavan/Monaghan	11,206
Cork East	45,285
Cork West	7,960
Clare	10,269
Donegal	10,777
DMA	244,873
Galway West	6,570
Kerry	12,146
Leix/Offaly	9,775
Limerick	13,603
Longford/Westmeath	11,995
Louth/Meath	18,714
Mayo	9,013
Roscommon/Galway East	9,090
Sligo/Leitrim	7,217
Tipperary	13,626
Waterford/Kilkenny	11,725
Wexford	10,148
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>474,859</b>

The following table shows a breakdown of the principal offences for which proceedings were taken.

<b>Type of offences</b>	<b>Number of offences in which proceedings were taken</b>
Highway Acts (Road Traffic Acts, Road Transport Acts and Roads Act)	433,226
Intoxicating Liquor Laws	16,020
Assaults	6,198
School Attendance Act	148
Dog Acts	788
Malicious Damage	2,454
Street Trading Acts	2,205
Vagrancy Acts	447
Drug Offences	1,118
Dublin Metropolitan Police Acts	915
Prostitution	661
Other	10,679

## CRIME PREVENTION

A Crime Prevention Advisory Service operates in each Garda Division outside the Dublin Metropolitan Area. In Dublin the Crime Prevention Officers work from a central office in Osmond House. The object of this exercise is to anticipate, recognise and appraise crime risks and to initiate preventive action where appropriate.

The Crime Prevention Exhibition room at Osmond House, Ship Street, Dublin, provides an opportunity for the public to view security devices and to procure appropriate advice.

A 'Garda Patrol' programme was produced each week for transmission by R.T.E. 1 and R.T.E. 2. Public response to the programme was most heartening and many detections resulted from confidential information received as a result. A special crime prevention feature is included on a regular basis and the object of this is to focus public attention on the necessity to take suitable protective measures for the safety of personal property.

In the D.M.A. a total of 309 commercial properties were surveyed while in the remainder of the country 4,663 such properties were examined.

Lectures and talks were given to Residents Associations, Ladies Clubs, Security Organisations, and Business and Commercial Groups on various aspects of Crime Prevention. A total of 47 such lectures were given in the D.M.A. and 281 in the remainder of the country.

### CRIME PREVENTION EXHIBITIONS MOUNTED FOR 1981.

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|------|----------------------------|---|
| (1)  | R.D.S. Dublin              | — HOLIDAY AND LEISURE FAIR, 1981.       |
| (2)  | R.D.S. Dublin              | — BRIGHTER HOMES EXHIBITION, 1981.      |
| (3)  | R.D.S. Dublin              | — SPRING SHOW, 1981.                    |
| (4)  | R.D.S. Dublin              | — HORSE SHOW, 1981.                     |
| (5)  | R.D.S. Dublin              | — IRISH SAFETY AND SECURITY EXHIBITION  |
| (6)  | Gresham Hotel, Dublin      | — SAFETY AND SECURITY EXHIBITION.       |
| (7)  | Malahide, Co. Dublin       | — SAFETY AND SECURITY EXHIBITION.       |
| (8)  | Limerick                   | — SPRING FAIR, 1981.                    |
| (9)  | Limerick                   | — HORSE SHOW, 1981.                     |
| (10) | Cork                       | — MOTOR SHOW, 1981.                     |
| (11) | Cork                       | — SAFETY AND SECURITY EXHIBITION, 1981. |
| (12) | Cork                       | — IDEAL HOMES EXHIBITION, 1981.         |
| (13) | Mullingar                  | — ANNUAL SHOW.                          |
| (14) | Carlow                     | — ANNUAL SHOW.                          |
| (15) | Tullamore                  | — INDUSTRIAL FAIR.                      |
| (16) | Tralee                     | — AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL FAIR.     |
| (17) | Tralee                     | — IDEAL HOMES EXHIBITION.               |
| (18) | Monaghan                   | — SAFETY AND SECURITY EXHIBITION.       |
| (19) | Monaghan                   | — JUNIOR CHAMBER.                       |
| (20) | Mansion House, Dublin      | — SAFETY AND SECURITY EXHIBITION, 1981. |
| (21) | Blanchardstown, Co. Dublin | — COMMUNITY SHOW.                       |

## JUVENILE LIAISON SCHEME

During the year 1981 further extensions of the Juvenile Liaison Scheme took place within the Force. During that period twenty two additional Juvenile Liaison Officers were appointed. This provided for the extension of the Scheme to all Garda Divisions as well as the augmentation of the existing strength in other areas. The degree of involvement not only includes the rehabilitation of young people in conflict with the law but also encompasses youth work in it's full expression.

To provide for this task, a four week training course was provided for all established and newly appointed Juvenile Liaison Officers, which included information on the role of Special Schools, Child Guidance Clinics and the many other agencies involved in the care and rehabilitation of deprived and delinquent youth. Instruction is now being given to all training on the value of a positive involvement with youth and friendly working relationships with statutory bodies and voluntary youth leaders.

A fully qualified psychologist, who is a member of the Force, is now attached to the Community Relations Office, Garda Headquarters. He provides a psychological input in the Juvenile Liaison Scheme and lectures to the Force at training courses.

A personnel carrier has been allocated on a part time basis to the Juvenile Liaison Officers in the Dublin Metropolitan Area. This is used to take supervisors and young people at risk on educational and recreational tours to places of interest in the city and country. It is also used to take young people to community games and other sporting events.

The Scheme is now equipped to provide a more meaningful involvement with youth, aimed at a greater understanding and willing acceptance of the rule of law. There is every reason to look forward to further success for the Scheme in it's extended role.

Since the inception of the scheme in 1963, 16,139 offenders have been cautioned and supervised by the Gardaí.

Particulars		DMA	All other Divisions	TOTAL
Juveniles admitted to the Scheme since its inception in 1963	Boys	7,399	6,434	13,833
	Girls	1,237	1,069	2,306
	<b>TOTAL</b>	8,636	7,503	16,139
Recidivists		978	781	1,759
Cases closed, subject 17 years of age		3,937	3,241	7,178
Cases closed, supervision withdrawn after 2 years		2,925	1,824	4,749
Number of visits to homes of delinquents		125,992	109,107	235,099
Visits to Boys' Clubs		16,608	23,706	40,314
Lectures and Meetings		6,631	13,024	19,655

During 1981, 1,488 juveniles were admitted to the scheme (1,291 boys and 197 girls).

Particulars		DMA	All other Divisions	TOTAL
Juveniles admitted during 1981	Boys	391	900	1,291
	Girls	82	115	197
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>1,488</b>
Recidivists		33	71	104
Cases closed, subject 17 years of age		184	399	583
Cases closed, supervision withdrawn after 2 years		250	212	462
Visits to delinquents' homes		6,668	13,285	19,953
Visits to Boys' Clubs		1,326	3,427	4,753
Lectures and Meetings		697	2,025	2,722

Outside the areas where Juvenile Liaison Officers have been appointed there is also provision for the cautioning of juveniles under the age of 17 years for certain minor crimes and offences. These young people are subject to a less formal type of surveillance by the local Gardai for as long as may be necessary, and are included in the figure of 2570 at column 17 of indictable offences table.

#### **GARDA COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

The Garda Community Relations Office at Garda Headquarters has responsibility for directing, controlling and monitoring the activities of Garda Community Relations Officers who operate in each Garda Division outside of the Dublin Metropolitan Area. The aims of this section are to liaise with statutory and voluntary groups; to foster a better understanding of the Gardai amongst the public so that greater support may be given to the Force in its role of preventing and detecting crime; to instil by way of instruction and encouragement a respect for law and order and to cultivate a degree of public awareness which will win the goodwill and co-operation that is so vital to effective policing.

Community Relations programmes are aimed at getting the full support and confidence of the community, without which the Force cannot effectively operate.

Our efforts in this regard have to date been successful in creating a greater awareness of the role and functions of the Force and the response from the public has been most encouraging.

Over 1,900 talks on Community Relations were given to various voluntary and other groups throughout the country by officers attached to this section during the year.

#### **MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT**

The strength of the full time Drug Units at Dublin, Cork and Limerick were significantly increased during the year. A unit was established at Garda Headquarters to combat international drug trafficking. This effectively increased the number of members whole time engaged in the investigation of drug abuse by 113%.

1,256 persons were charged with offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1977 during the year 1981. This compares with 991 in 1980, an increase of 26.74%. 1,204 seizures of drugs were made in 1981, compared with 813 in the previous year; the largest seizure being of 1,620 kilogrammes of cannabis at Dublin Docks in September, 1981.

An on-going Drug Investigation Course has been in operation at Garda Headquarters since February, 1981. This course is of 3 weeks duration. Lecturers are drawn from experienced members of the Force and external experts, some of whom are from outside the country.

The assistance provided by the Customs Service, at the various entry points to the State, has been considerable and the fruitful liaison between the Force and the Customs Service will continue to make it difficult for importers of illegal drugs.

438 lectures and talks were given by members of the Gardai to different groups and organisations during 1981. This figure compares with 246 in 1980 and 131 in 1979.

The following table shows the breakdown by age and sex of persons charged during 1981.

Under 17 years		17 and under 21 years		21 and over	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
9	2	330	35	799	81

#### PARTICULARS OF DRUGS SEIZED 1981

TYPE OF DRUG	QUANTITY SEIZED
Cannabis Resin	1646.53kg.
Cannabis	44.38kg.
Cannabis Plants	1186
Hash Oil	129.33g.
Heroin	170.134g.
Morphine	15.18g.
	320 t.
	222 amp.
	3500 m.l.
Opium	.001g.
	5 plants.
Barbiturates	9265 t.
	54g.
Synthetic Narcotics	30 amp.
	5389 t.
Cocaine	82.39g.
T.H.C.	33.75g.
L.S.D.	1604 t.
Psilocin	568.82g.
Non Barbiturate	1216
Sedatives and Tranquilisers	
Amphetamines	331 t.
	104 g.

amp. — ampules  
 t. — tablet  
 g. — gramme  
 kg. — kilogramme  
 mg. — milligramme  
 m.l. — millilitre



DRUG OFFENCES — PERSONS CHARGED 1981

DIVISIONS	No. of Persons Charged	Persons Charged		TYPE OF DRUG	No. of Persons Charged
		Nationality	Number		
Dublin Metropolitan Area	815	Irish	1199	Cannabis Resin	429
Carlow/Kildare	1	English	33	Cannabis	161
Cavan/Monaghan	4	North American	4		
Clare	30	South African	2	Hash Oil	29
Cork East	167	German	4	Heroin	177
Cork West	77	Australian	2	Morphine	30
Donegal	3	South American	1	Barbiturates	52
Galway West	4	Bahrainian	1	Synthetic Narcotics	130
Kerry	35	Libyan	1	Cocaine	40
Leix/Offaly	6	Canadian	2	T.H.C.	30
Limerick	46	Dutch	1	L.S.D.	16
Longford/Westmeath	3	Spanish	1	Psilocin	15
Louth/Meath	12	French	5	Non Barbiturate Sedatives & Tranquillisers	6
Mayo	18			Amphetamines	50
Roscommon/Galway East	4				
Sligo/Leitrim	15				
Tipperary	2				
Waterford/Kilkenny	6				
Wexford	8				
				<b>Other Offences Under Misuse of Drugs Act 1977</b>	
				Forged Prescriptions	40
				Importation of Drugs	11
				Cultivation of Cannabis Plants	19
				Allow Premises to be used for Drug Abuse	20
				Cultivating Opium	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1256</b>		<b>1256</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1256</b>

CRIMES IN WHICH DRUGS AND POISONS WERE STOLEN BY TYPE OF PREMISES OR PLACE 1981

	House/ Flat	Chemist Shop	Clinic	Shop/ Stall	Factory/ Store	School	Office	Hospital	Hotel	Railway Stn.	Car Park	Street/ Road	Other	TOTAL
Carlow/Kildare		9		1	2	1		1					1	15
Cavan/Monaghan		1						1						2
Cork East	2	14	2		1			2				1		22
Cork West		2		1				1				1		5
Clare		2												2
Donegal		1												1
DMA - Northern	3	28	3		2			1			3	4	1	45
North Central	2	17	2	4			2	2	1		3	16	1	50
South Central	4	7		3	3		1	10	2		1	11	1	43
Southern	3	31	1	2	1			1			5	6	3	53
Eastern	6	24		3							1	6	1	41
Galway West		5												5
Kerry		2	1									1	1	5
Leix/Offaly		2						1					1	4
Limerick	2	4			1		1						1	9
Longford/Westmeath		3	1							1		1		6
Louth/Meath	1	3	3		1			3						11
Mayo		3						1						4
Roscommon/Galway East					1									1
Sligo/Leitrim		2			1							1		4
Tipperary		7			1			1						9
Waterford/Kilkenny		4		1				2						7
Wexford	1	13						2				1	1	18
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>362</b>

## **SUB-AQUA UNIT**

The Garda Sub-Aqua Unit was established in 1966 to carry out searches for:

- (a) bodies of victims of crime or drowning accidents.
- (b) weapons used in the commission of crime or other evidence of crime deposited in water.

The Unit carried out 28 major operations during the year. These operations varied from one day to nineteen days duration and they were performed in rivers, lakes, bogs, canals, and at sea.

A total of eleven bodies were recovered by the Unit.

## **THE EMERGENCY 999 SERVICE**

During the year 159,886 emergency 999 calls were received by the Garda. 140,175 calls at the Communications Centre, Dublin Castle; 11,149 at the Communications Room, Union Quay, Cork City; 1,460 calls at Eglinton St. Station, Galway City; 3,125 calls at the Communications Room, Henry St. Limerick; 1,460 calls at the Communications Room Waterford; 469 calls at the Communications Room, Letterkenny; 1,976 calls at the Communications Room Dundalk and 72 calls at the Communications Room, Portlaoise.

## **STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE INVESTIGATION UNIT**

This Unit which operates for the whole country is based in Dublin Castle.

Close liaison is maintained with similar units in other countries and this co-operation has led to the recovery of many stolen vehicles. 1036 of these were recorded as stolen. 717 of the vehicles recorded as stolen were motor cars, motor vans and lorries, while 319 were motor cycles. 343 vehicles, bearing false registration plates were discovered by the unit during the year.

## **ROAD TRAFFIC**

There was an increase of 11 in the number of persons killed during the year and an increase of 28 in the number of fatal traffic accidents. A total of 572 persons were killed in road traffic accidents in 1981 as compared with 561 in 1980.

There was a decrease of 552 in the number of persons injured in traffic accidents during the year. A total of 7,952 persons were injured in road traffic accidents in 1981 as compared with 8,504 in 1980.

The Special Traffic Corps continued to be particularly active in the enforcement of the law on drunken driving.

During the year road safety lectures were given to school children and to other interested parties with a view to developing a greater sense of road safety.

**TRAFFIC OFFENCES - DRINK AND DRIVING 1981**  
**ANNUAL STATISTICS OF BREATH TESTS**  
**BLOOD/URINE TESTS, ARRESTS, ETC.**

<b>1. BREATH TESTS</b>	
(a) Total number of persons breath tested	12933
(b) Breath test positive	8142
(c) Breath test negative	4791
(d) Breath test refused	410
<b>2. BLOOD/URINE TESTS</b>	
(a) Blood specimen given	5721
(b) Urine specimen given	2337
(c) Specimen refused	779
<b>3. ARRESTS</b>	
(a) For refusing breath tests (Sections 12 and 13 of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 1978)	410
(b) Arrest without breath test (Sections 49 and 50 R.T.A. 1961 as amended by Sections 10 and 11 Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 1978)	1477
<b>4. ANALYSES OF SPECIMENS</b>	
(a) Under prescribed concentration	736
(b) Over prescribed concentration	6352
(c) Specimens still to be analysed at end of year	306
(d) Insufficient or spoiled	664
<b>TOTAL ANALYSES</b>	<b>8058</b>

**NON INDICTABLE OFFENCES (TRAFFIC) — 1981**  
**— DRINK AND DRIVING —**

**SEX AND AGE OF PERSONS CONVICTED**

(1) OFFENCE	(2) Persons Convicted	(3) 17 and under 21		(4) 21 and over	
		M.	F.	M.	F.
Driving or attempting to drive a M.P.V. while drunk or with a blood/urine/alcohol concentration above the prescribed limit.	4,903	261	7	4,524	111
Being in charge of M.P.V. while drunk or with a blood/urine/alcohol concentration above the prescribed limit.	260	16	-	237	7
Refusing to provide or permit the taking of blood/urine specimen at Garda Station.	569	17	-	537	15
Refusing to provide a preliminary specimen of breath	321	11	-	301	9

**FINE ON THE SPOT NOTICES ISSUED IN 1981**

	Parking Violations	Non Display of Licence Disc.
Gardai	167,558	32,683
Wardens	466,436	49,039
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>633,994</b>	<b>81,722</b>
Fines Paid	271,917	32,571
Court Proceedings	134,470	14,615
Notices Cancelled	61,359	9,457
Proceedings Pending	152,711	24,340
Spoiled Notices	13,537	739

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1961 (SECTION 103) OFFENCES REGULATIONS, 1976  
 Parking Violations — Fine on the Spot Notices Issued — 1981

1981

	Carlow/ Kildare	Cavan/ Monaghan	Clare	Cork East	Cork West	Donegal	DMA	Galway West	Kerry	Leix/Offaly	Limerick	Longford/ Westmeath	Louth/Meath	Mayo	Roscommon/ Galway East	Sligo/Lettrim	Tipperary	Waterford/ Kilkenny	Wexford	TOTAL
Gardaí	333	902	464	93911	100	1177	51324	2282	3617	1245	2429	2862	396	1730	810	1420	928	846	782	167,558
Wardens	-	-	-	-	-	-	462125	-	4119	-	-	192	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	466,436
<b>TOTALS</b>	333	902	464	93911	100	1177	513449	2282	7736	1245	2429	3054	396	1730	810	1420	928	846	782	633,994
Fines Paid	216	566	215	31607	66	596	225070	965	4473	678	1212	1935	143	870	632	1009	610	548	506	271,917
Court Proceedings	36	33	19	9358	7	14	923072	163	358	117	412	209	119	259	20	18	118	106	32	134,470
Notices Cancelled	10	87	41	8567	1	37	51233	317	486	41	51	55	23	137	67	54	75	47	30	61,359
Proceedings Pending	71	197	189	39938	26	529	105226	837	2410	380	753	759	83	432	87	339	103	140	212	152,711
Spoiled Notices	-	19	-	4441	-	1	8848	-	9	29	1	96	28	32	4	-	22	5	2	13,537

## PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PRESS OFFICE

The staff at Press/Public Relations Office continue to offer the media an avenue for up-to-date and accurate information on Garda matters so that reporting can be both full and fair.

The activities pursued by the staff involved the provision of information to a wide cross section of the community, both individuals and groups. A large number of enquiries were received from young people, who, judging from past experience, may have been prompted to consider a career in the Garda.

To mark the International Year of Disabled Persons an Open Day was held at Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park on the 23rd August. Various sections of the Force, including a Marching Party of Recruit Gardai from the Training Centre at Templemore, Motor Cycle Team from Dublin Castle, Tow Truck Team, Dog Team and Garda Band entertained a large gathering of disabled persons and their families.

## APPENDIX A

### OFFENCES RECORDED AND DETECTED 1972-1981

Year	Recorded	Detected
1972	39,237	17,047
1973	38,022	18,094
1974	40,096	19,287
1975	48,387	21,011
1976	54,382	22,482
1977	62,946	24,439
1978	62,000	25,286
1979	64,057	26,370
1980	72,782	29,017
1981	89,400	32,754

## APPENDIX B

### Non Indictable Offences — Proceedings and Persons convicted 1978-1981

Year	Proceedings Convicted	Persons
1978	346,248	225,319
1979	338,150	227,005
1980	402,812	274,400
1981	474,859	281,075

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