

Garda Strengths																
Rank	31/12/2005	31/12/2006	31/12/2007	31/12/2008	31/12/2009	31/12/2010	31/12/2011	31/12/2012	31/12/2013	31/12/2014	31/12/2015	31/12/2016	31/12/2017	31/12/2018	31/12/2019	31/03/2020
COMMISSIONER	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
D/COMMISSIONER	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	-	2	2	2	1	1	1
A/COMMISSIONER	12	11	12	12	11	10	7	9	8	8	5	8	9	9	8	8
C/SUPERINTENDENT	47	46	52	52	39	45	37	41	44	39	42	45	43	45	47	47
SUPERINTENDENT	173	166	185	187	167	170	149	153	147	140	160	165	165	165	168	168
INSPECTOR	288	287	330	344	317	336	319	262	270	297	247	308	270	297	379	378
SERGEANT	1,926	1,945	2,083	2,229	2,078	2,135	2,024	1,903	1,860	1,919	1,835	1,944	1,873	1,996	1,966	2101
GARDA	9,815	10,496	11,090	11,585	11,932	11,679	11,355	11,053	10,762	10,395	10,524	10,470	11,189	11,518	11,737	12046
TOTAL	12,264	12,954	13,755	14,412	14,547	14,377	13,894	13,424	13,093	12,799	12,816	12,943	13,551	14,032	14,307	14750
Career Breaks				38	35	40	40	40	44	98	199	200	161	93	71	65
Work-sharing				69	55	53	51	49	44	44	43	46	54	56	57	57
Secondments (overseas, etc.)				31	23	35	28	19	16	14	17	17	18	14	12	13
Maternity Leave									92	102	135	131	85	86	67	70
Unpaid Maternity Leave									32	31	36	45	34	48	54	53
Paternity Leave															16	18
Total Available Garda Strength	12,264	12,954	13,755	14,274	14,434	14,249	13,775	13,316	12,866	12,510	12,386	12,504	13,200	13,736	14,030	14474
Garda Reserves	-	-	-	-	478	700	877	991	1,164	1,124	953	695	589	528	458	444
Garda Staff (WTE)	1,166	1,282	1,689.5	2,099.1	2,104.7	2,098.2	2,073.7	2,027.9	2,071.2	2,054.0	2,006.8	1,998.9	2,191.8	2,429.4	2,944.9	3,030.03

Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) numbers are provided to indicate that Garda Staff work on a number of different work-sharing patterns of varying hours. The WTE number reflects the number of whole time staff required to work the number of hours provided by the staff actually employed.

Please note:

The Government committed to an overall Garda workforce of 21,000 personnel by 2021 comprising 15,000 Garda members, 2,000 Reserve members and 4,000 civilians.

A moratorium on Garda recruitment was imposed in 2010 and lifted in 2014.

Since the Garda College re-opened in September 2014, over 3,485 new recruits have been assigned to mainstream duties nationwide (including those attested early in response to the COVID-19 emergency).

Funding has been provided to An Garda Síochána to recruit up to 500 additional civilians per annum to address skills gaps and free up Gardaí for other duties.

The distribution of Gardaí is a policing matter determined by An Garda Síochána based on a range of factors including population, crime trends etc.

Garda management keeps the distribution of resources under continual review.