



An Garda Síochána

Monthly Report for October 2025 to the Policing and Community Safety Authority

In accordance with Section 133 (1) of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act, 2024

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Ms. Helen Hall
Chief Executive
Policing and Community Safety Authority

RE: Commissioner's Monthly Report to the Policing and Community Safety Authority

Dear Helen,

I am pleased to provide the Commissioner's Monthly Report, outlining the key aspects of the administration and operation of An Garda Síochána for the month of October 2025, in accordance with Section 133(1) of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act, 2024.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Thelma Watters' followed by the initials 'c/spr'.

**THELMA WATTERS
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE**

24 November 2025

Message from the Commissioner

The month of October 2025 saw An Garda Síochána initiate a large scale policing response to violent protests which occurred at the Citywest site in Saggart, Co. Dublin on 22 October 2025 and subsequent evenings. I want to take this opportunity to commend the efforts of all our teams on the ground over the course of these incidents, and in particular Assistant Commissioner Cliona Richardson and Chief Superintendent Michael McNulty, DMR West, who oversaw the operation. Their swift actions and deployment of Gardaí ensured the safety of the public and residents in the locality, as well as served to provide reassurance to the community that such thuggish behaviour will not be tolerated.

Indeed, I attended the scene myself and saw first-hand the good work being done and the professionalism shown by our Gardaí in dealing with what was a difficult situation. I also want to acknowledge that during this incident, our Gardaí did come under sustained attack by a number of individuals involved in this violent incident and Gardaí were injured. Such actions will not be tolerated, and will be met with a robust response. I am pleased to inform the Policing and Community Safety Authority that as a result of the investigation into this matter, a number of individuals have been arrested and are before the courts. The criminal investigation into events on 22 and 23 October 2025 continue.

Welfare supports were made available to our personnel, with members of our Employee Assistance Service team on hand to support Gardaí in the immediate aftermath. The safety and welfare of our Gardaí is of paramount importance. This incident was followed by the arson attack on an occupied IPAS centre in Drogheda, Co. Louth on Halloween night. These incidents are unacceptable and in this incident the investigation has resulted in arrests and people have been brought before the courts.

It was my great privilege this month to attend and present nine Gardaí (two posthumously) with Scott Medals for bravery at a ceremony held in Walter Scott House on 24 October 2025. The event, which bestows the highest honour An Garda Síochána can give, saw past and present Gardaí presented with two gold, four silver, and three bronze medals. These are awarded to Gardaí who have distinguished themselves for valour in the performance of their duties.

On 3 October 2025, I attended a very special occasion in Dundalk, as we unveiled a Garden of Reflection in honour of our fallen colleagues Detective Garda Adrian Donohue and Garda Tony Golden.

This month, An Garda Síochána launched our internal Culture Audit, an annual survey of our personnel providing opportunities for them to have their say on the many positives of our organisation and importantly identify areas where further improvements could be made. The survey is developed, issued and analysed by Durham University Business School.

Ahead of the October Bank Holiday Weekend, An Garda Síochána launched its Road Safety Campaign in Galway. Newly appointed Assistant Commissioner Catharina Gunne conducted a media briefing with local Gardaí, members of the Galway Fire Service and Ambulance Service promoting safe driving, highlighting the challenges presented during the winter months with visibility, road conditions and darker evenings. An associated high visibility road traffic operation took place over the bank holiday period. An Garda Síochána conducted Mandatory Intoxicant Testing (MIT) checkpoints right across the country. It saw 153 people arrested for suspected driving under the influence of an intoxicant and more than 3,000 drivers were detected exceeding speed limits over that weekend. We continue to remind drivers and indeed all road users of their obligations to abide by the rules of the road, and to ensure they never drive distracted, they wear a seatbelt, never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, to abide by the speed limit and to adjust speed as per the road conditions.

Justin Kelly
Garda Commissioner

1. Financial Expenditure and Receipts

	2025 Allocation €'000	Expenditure/Receipts end Oct €'000	Remaining Nov-Dec €'000	Remaining %
Gross Total	2,480,453	2,068,965	411,488	17%
Appropriation in Aid (receipts)	113,500	129,266	-15,766	-14%
Net Total	2,366,953	1,939,699	427,254	18%

Under Vote 20, An Garda Síochána has a gross cost allocation for 2025 of €2.48b split between €2.31b operating budget (current) and €173.1m capital expenditure. In addition, €16.59m of capital funding has been carried forward from 2024 into 2025. At the end of October 2025, total gross expenditure is €2.07b (83% of allocation). In terms of Appropriations in Aid, income receipts are €129.27m (114% of allocated).

- Pay (including salaries, overtime, Garda College and superannuation) for October YTD of €1,723.61m is €20.35 over budget profile of €1,703.27m, driven primarily by a significant overspend in overtime of €31.96m. Overtime is required to meet operational policing demands, including crime investigation, crime prevention, security, court related activity and to supplement understaffed units. The five largest drivers of overtime are crime investigation (22%), other recurring (20%), court (15%), crime prevention (12%), briefing time (10%), supplementing units (8%), security and protection (5%), events (4%), immigration (2%) and roads policing (2%). Court and pre-tour briefing time are not in the direct control of An Garda Síochána management.
- Non-pay (including College) for October YTD of €231.97m is €16.63m over budget profile of €215.35m, driven by ICT, operational service expense and compensation.
- Capital for October YTD of €126.75m is €20.23m under budget profile of €146.98m (deferred capital of €16.59m (YTD €13.37m) is included).
- Appropriations in Aid for October YTD of €129.27m is €32.71m over budget profile of €96.6m.

An Garda Síochána meets frequently with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, and the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation as part of the Garda Budgetary Oversight and Resourcing Group in relation to Garda resourcing matters. In that regard, Supplementary Budget 2025 has been recently concluded, resulting in €60m of additional funding and confirmation that capital carryover of €17.3m has been secured.

2. People and Development

Garda Recruitment

An Garda Síochána second Garda Trainee recruitment campaign of 2025 closed on 9 October 2025. Over 11,000 applications were received across the two competitions held in 2025, with the latest competition attracting 4,334 applications.

Publicjobs.ie, who are conducting the recruitment competition on behalf of An Garda Síochána, will now commence assessing the eligibility of applicants with the first stage of the selection process (online assessments) to begin in late October 2025.

Competency-based interviews are expected to commence from late November 2025. It is anticipated that some successful candidates from this competition will start training in the Garda College in 2026. A number of successful candidates from the February 2025 competition are currently undergoing training in the Garda College.

The Strength of Garda Personnel

The Garda member strength as at 31 October 2025 stood at 14,290 and the Garda Staff strength stood at 3,657. A full breakdown by rank, grade and gender is outlined below.

Garda Member Strengths as at 31 October 2025

Rank	As at 31 October 2025	Male	%	Female	%	WTE
Commissioner	1	1	100	0	0	1
Deputy Commissioner	1	0	0	1	100	1
Assistant Commissioner	8	3	37.5	5	62.5	8
Chief Superintendent	47	39	83	8	17	47
Superintendent	163	133	82	30	18	163
Inspector	471	373	79	98	21	471
Sergeant	2,178	1,636	75	542	25	2,176.5
Garda	11,421	8,005	70	3,416	30	11,387.5
Total	14,290	10,190	71	4,100	29	14,255

Of which	As at 31 October 2025	Male	%	Female	%
Career Breaks (incl. ICB)	32	22	69	10	31
Work-sharing	35	0.5	1	34.5	99
Secondments(Overseas etc.)	47	32	68	15	32
Maternity Leave	62	0	0	62	100
Unpaid Maternity Leave	33	0	0	33	100
Paternity Leave	23	23	100	0	0
Available Strength	14,058	10,112.5	71.9	3,945.5	28.1

Garda Reserves Strength As at 31 October 2025	Total	Male	%	Female	%
	291	225	77	66	23

Garda Staff Strengths as at 31 October 2025

Grade	Total	WTE	Male	%	Female	%
CCO	1	1	0	0	1	100
Executive Director	4	4	1	25	3	75
Chief Medical Officer	1	1	1	100	0	0
Director	3	3	2	67	1	33
PO	31	31	18	58	13	42
AP	118	118	58	49	60	50
HEO	250	249	98	39	152	61
AO	21	21	8	38	13	62
EO	876	866.8	298	34	578	66
CO	1,999	1,934.8	536	27	1,463	73
Total	3,304	3,229.6	1,020	31	2,284	69
	Total	WTE*	Male	%	Female	%
Professional/Technical (including Chief Medical Officer)	68	67.8	33	48.5	35	51.5
Administrative ***	3,303	3,228.7	1,019	31	2,284	69
Industrial/Non Industrial	286	191	93	32	193	68
Total	3,657	3,487.5	1,145	31	2,512	69
Of which	Total	WTE*	Male	%	Female	%
Maternity Leave	17	17	0	0	17	100
Unpaid Maternity Leave	12	12	0	0	12	100
Paternity Leave	3	3	3	100	0	0
Available Total	3,625	3,455.5	1,142	31.5	2,483	68.5

* WTE = Whole time equivalent – Garda Staff work on a number of different work-sharing patterns.

** Garda Staff Headcount is exclusive of Temporary Clerical Officers.

*** Civil Service grades and other administrative posts.

Work Sharing	Total	WTE	Male	%	Female	%
	262	74.5	17	6	245	94

*** Work-sharing figure excludes industrial/non-industrial staff. Many posts are part-time.

Career Breaks****	Total	WTE	Male	%	Female	%
	22	22	7	32	15	68

**** Staff on career breaks are not included in total Garda strengths above.

Garda Staff Suspension figures as at 31 October 2025

Total*	Male	%	Female	%
8	5	63	3	37

Suspensions as of 1 November 2025

Total members suspended: 100

Male: 91 Female: 9

CURRENT MEMBERS ON SUSPENSION BY RANK	
Region	(All)
Suspension (Ended / Ongoing)	Ongoing
Rank	Total
Inspector rank and above	3
Detective Garda	11
Garda	67
Probationer Garda	9
Reserve Garda	1
Sergeant	9
Grand Total	100

CURRENT SUSPENSIONS & CORE ISSUES INVESTIGATED BY AGS & GSOC	
Suspension (Ended / Ongoing)	Ongoing
Main Reason	Total
Driving under Influence of Intoxicant	16
Fixed Charge Notice (FCN) Interference	9
Other	11
Corruption/Criminal Association	8
Assault/Assault Causing Harm	9
Domestic Violence/Coercive Control	11
Theft/Forgery/Fraud/Dishonesty	12
Sexual Assault/Sexual Misconduct	11
Drugs/Drug Related	4
Disclosure of Information/Data Protection/Abuse of PULSE	9
Grand Total	100

Suspensions					
Year	New Suspensions	Lifted	Ended (Resignation /Retirement)	Dismissal	Total (Lifted/ Ended/ Dismissal)
2019	26	4	5	10	19
2020	41	6	9	0	15
2021	44	13	8	1	22
2022	44	11	7	1	19
2023	27	19	13	0	32
2024	18	21	13	1*	35
2025	30	10	11	1	22
* Section 17(4)B Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018 – Court Ordered					

3. Corporate Communications

Throughout the month of October 2025, the Office of Corporate Communications continued to communicate internally and externally on a broad range of policing activities undertaken by An Garda Síochána.

A primary focus of communications activities during this month was around the serious public disorder which occurred at Citywest in Saggart over the course of a number of days from 21 October 2025. Other activities this month included a media briefing on Operation Thor held on 1 October 2025 with Detective Chief Superintendent Seamus Boland of the Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau.

The office further supported the relaunch of the Coastal Watch initiative in Co. Donegal on 13 October 2025 and provided updates on the Dublin High Visibility Policing Plan on 9 October 2025. The Office of Corporate Communications also provided promotion of ongoing investigations into the identification and safeguarding of victims of online child sexual abuse in Ireland on 17 October 2025. Other significant engagements are detailed hereunder.

Superintendent Liam Geraghty, Garda Press Office, attended and spoke at a panel discussion at Local Government Ireland Connect and Communicate Conference 2025 on 8 October 2025 on the topic of 'Emergency Communications'. While Director Andrew McLindon was a guest speaker at the annual PRII Annual Conference on 23 October 2025, where the panel discussion was 'Building community in times of disruption'.

Office of Corporate Communications Activities:

Culture Audit

Ahead of the launch of our internal Culture Audit on 1 October 2025, an internal communication was shared with the organisation whereby Commissioner Kelly highlighted the benefits of this anonymous survey. He encouraged personnel to participate in the survey as it provided an opportunity to comment on the many positives in our organisation and importantly identify areas where further improvements could be put in place to better support our personnel and how they do their jobs.

Media briefings with Commissioner Justin Kelly, Deputy Commissioner Shawna Coxon, and Assistant Commissioner Cliona Richardson following Serious Public Disorder Citywest, Co. Dublin on 22 October 2025



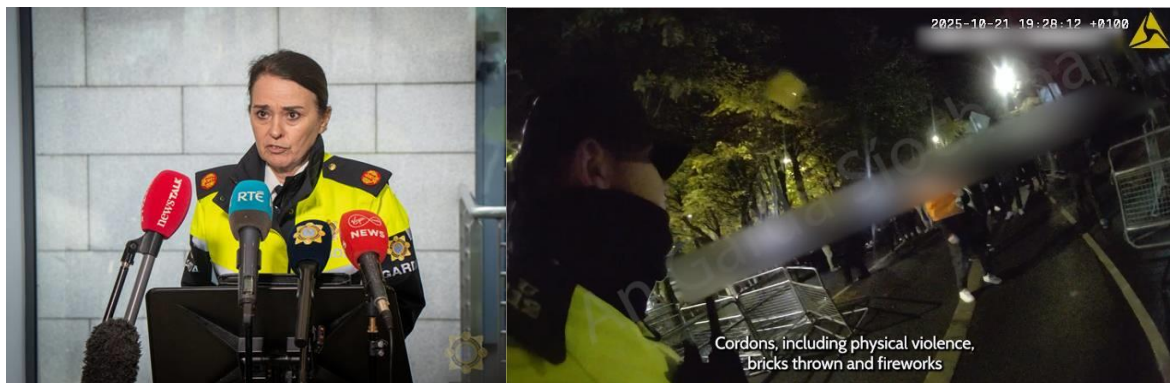
Left: Garda Commisioner Justin Kelly conducts media briefing at Garda Headquarters on 22 October 2025.

Right: on scene with public order Gardaí.

The Office of Corporate Communications facilitated media briefings, and associated updates via press release and social media posts in support of the large scale policing operation put in place, arising from serious public disorder at Citywest which began on 21 October 2025. Communications were

undertaken to provide reassurance, updates on policing activities, and highlighted our intolerance of such acts to deter further disorder at this location.

Media briefings were conducted by Commissioner Justin Kelly at Garda Headquarters on 22 October 2025; while Assistant Commissioner Dublin Metropolitan Region, Cliona Richardson and Chief Superintendent Michael McNulty, DMR West provided a further update to media on 23 October 2025. Acting Deputy Commissioner Paul Cleary also conducted interviews with Morning Ireland and the Pat Kenny Show the morning following the first night of disorder. A further element of the communications in relation to this incident, was with a view to assisting in our public appeal for information which was also the first public release of body-worn camera footage.



Left Assistant Commissioner Cliona Richardson speaks to media at Garda Headquarters on 23 October 2025 and on the right; the first release of body worn camera footage taken at scene in Citywest.

Scott Medal Ceremony Walter Scott House 24 October 2025



*Back Row: L-R Alan Long, Detective Sergeant Gregory Sheehan, Garda Jamie Caffrey, Garda Conor Treacy, Garda Nigel Murphy, Garda John Yeates, Detective Sergeant Eamonn O'Neill
Front Row: L-R Fr. Ray Murrin, Garda Commissioner Justin Kelly, Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration Jim O'Callaghan T.D., Superintendent Joseph O'Sullivan*

The Office of Corporate Communications supported the hosting of the Scott Medal Awards ceremony by facilitating media, providing photography, and promoted the event through communications on social media and press release. The ceremony which was attended by The Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration Jim O'Callaghan TD and Garda Commissioner Justin Kelly, honoured nine Garda (two posthumously) for bravery in the course of their duties. It was held in Walter Scott House on 24 October 2025 and live streamed via our social media channels.

October Bank Holiday Road Safety Campaign 23 October 2025



Assistant Commissioner RPCE Catharina Gunne, Galway Chief Fire Officer Gerry O'Malley and Chief Superintendent Gerry Roche, left, right, members of Galway Roads Policing Unit, Galway Fire and Rescue Service and Galway National Ambulance Service.

This office facilitated a media briefing in Galway ahead of the October Bank Holiday to promote road safety and issued a public appeal to stay safe during the Halloween period. The briefing was conducted with Assistant Commissioner Catharina Gunne, Roads Policing and Community Engagement, Chief Superintendent Gerry Roche, Galway Garda Division, together with Gerry O'Malley Chief Fire Officer, Galway Fire and Rescue Service, and John Holland Operations Manager with the National Ambulance Service.

Updates were issued to media and via social media of activities during the Garda Roads Policing Operation, which was in place from 7am on Thursday, 23 October 2025 until 7am on Tuesday, 28 October 2025. Over the course of the operation, An Garda Síochána conducted 820 Mandatory Intoxicant Testing (MIT) checkpoints; more than 4,790 breath tests and approximately 215 oral fluid tests. There were 153 arrests for suspected driving under the influence of an intoxicant and more than 3,000 drivers were detected exceeding speed limits throughout the weekend.

Garda Press Office Activity:

The Garda Press Office operates 7am-11pm, seven days a week, responding to hundreds of queries, coordinating external communications and media relations, and regularly updating our social media platforms. This office issued 261 press releases, including 110 missing person appeals in respect of 49 individuals; 23 witness appeals; together with those related to successful operations undertaken by the organisation during the month of October 2025.








Social Media Activities

The Office of Corporate Communications oversees 43 separate channels across Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, LinkedIn, X (formerly Twitter) and Bluesky.

There are approximately 2.5million followers across all platforms. These channels are used to promote activity within the organisation, highlighting the good work being done nationwide. These channels are further used to provide key communications to the public on behalf of An Garda Síochána. These communications may include public information regarding traffic disruption, public appeals for information, alerts i.e. Child Rescue Ireland (CRI) alerts and campaigns.

The Office of Corporate Communications measure the success of these communications by capturing:

- The number of followers/individual users who have subscribed to each account.
- Impressions: The number of times our content was played or displayed. High impressions indicate strong content visibility and reach, suggesting our content is being displayed frequently on user feeds. This can be a positive sign for awareness.
- The rate of engagement with the account. A high percentage indicates we are producing compelling posts that resonate with our audience. Below we have added the industry benchmark for each individual platform, for reference.
- The number of engagements with the content/posts we produce.

Social Media Channel	Number of Followers	Impressions	Engagement Rate	Industry Benchmark
 Facebook - @AnGardaSíochána	438,541	19,324,668 (65.2% increase)	1.2%	1.5%
 Facebook - Missing Persons	34,747	2,925,981 (53.1% increase)	0.6%	1.5%
 Instagram - @GardaInsta	259,378	7,450,241 (61.73% increase)	1.9%	2.6%
 X - @GardaInfo	299,651	457,933	5.12%	1.7%
 X - @GardaTraffic	631,264	609,062	3.49%	1.7%
 LinkedIn – An Garda Síochána	83,690	1,022,543 (101% increase)	8.8%	2.7%
 TikTok – @GardaInfo	79,652	2,662,831 (70% increase)	5.6%	1.6%

Internal Communications

In October 2025, An Garda Síochána Internal Communications team delivered eight comprehensive issues of Newsbeat. The average Newsbeat open rate is 66%. This is higher than the industry standard open rate of 57.17% for internal newsletters, and the 52.26% average within Government and Public Service organisations.



A message from Commissioner Kelly regarding serious public disorder in Saggart

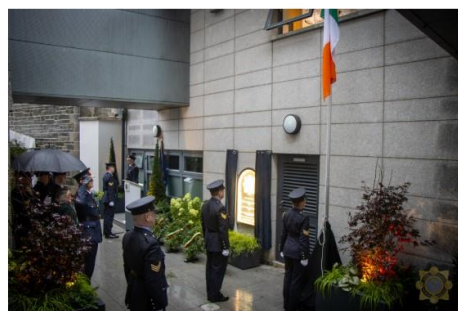


NEWSBEAT



07 October 2025

Fallen but not forgotten



The Last Post taking place in the garden during the ceremony
On Friday, the official opening of a garden of reflection in memory of Detective Garda Adrian Donohue and Garda Tony Golden took place at Dundalk Garda Station.

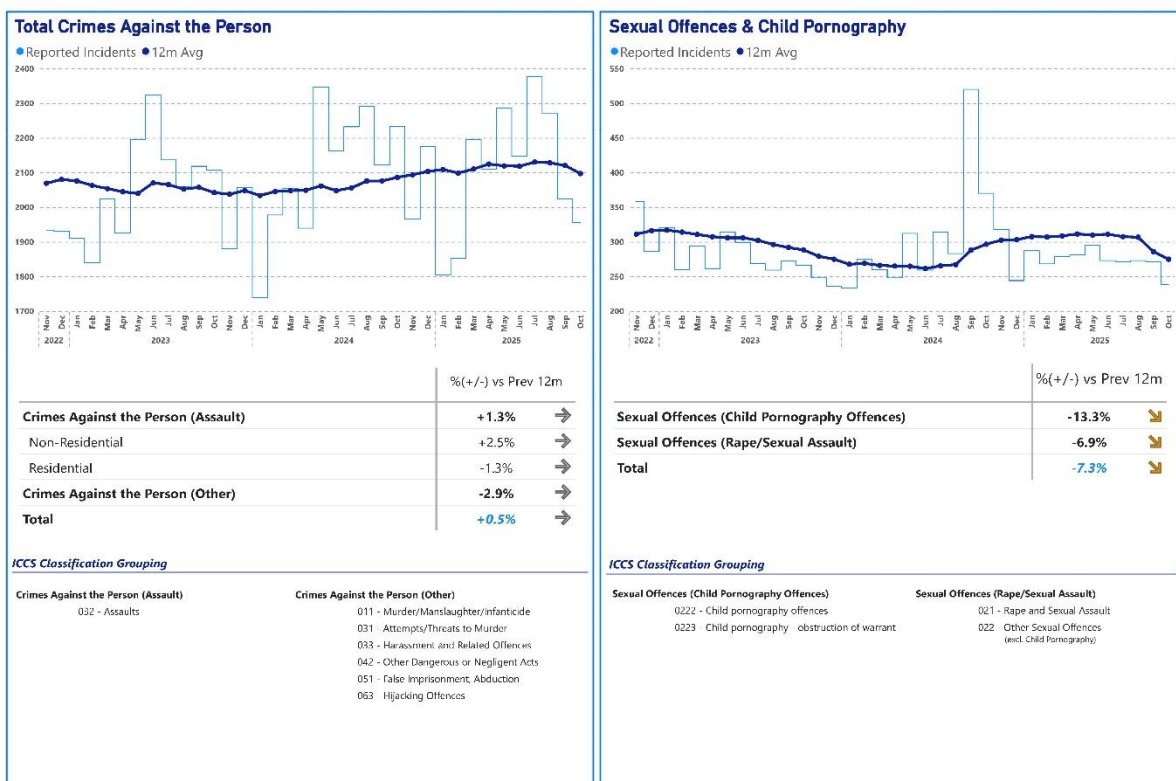
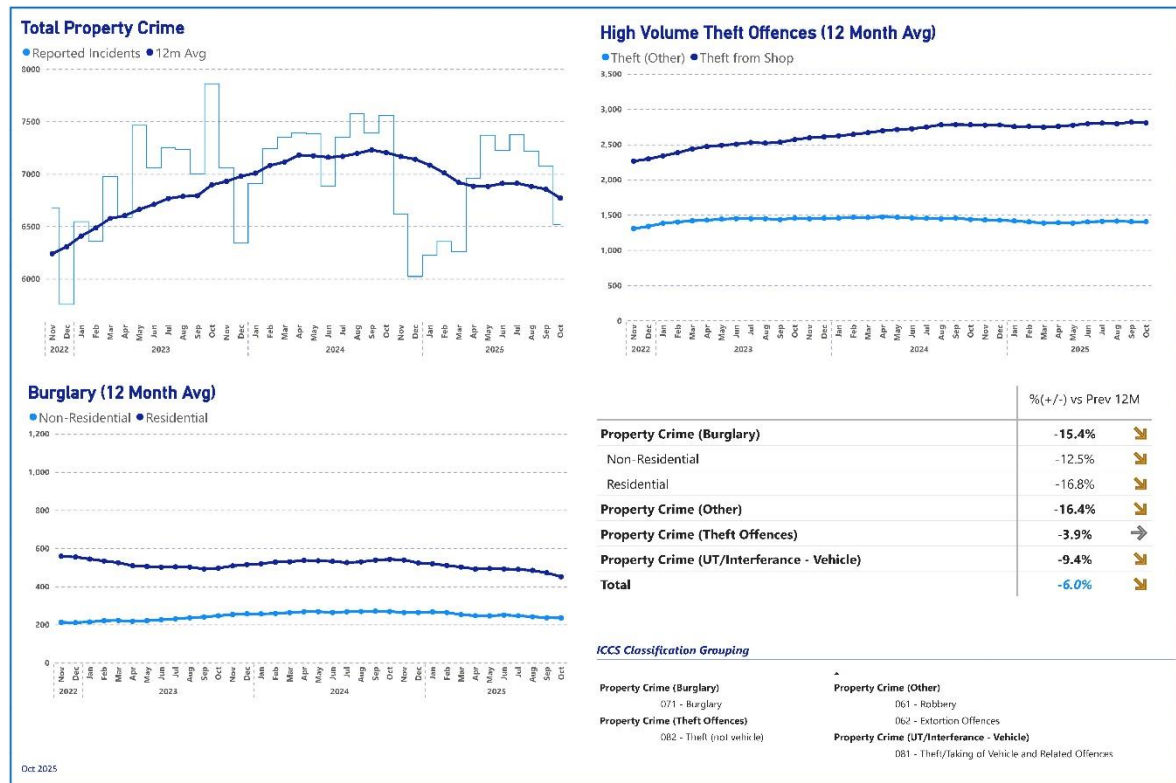
Newsbeat highlights from October 2025 include:

- Message from the Commissioner and communication on the serious public disorder incidents in Saggart, Co. Dublin, highlighting the professionalism and dedication of Gardaí at the scene. Also highlighting the use of body-worn cameras during the incidents.
- The opening of a garden of remembrance for Detective Garda Adrian Donohue and Garda Tony Golden at Dundalk Garda Station that took place on Friday, 3 October 2025.
- Reminders were issued urging participation in An Garda Síochána Culture Audit survey.
- An article marking World Mental Health Day and reminding Garda personnel of the various supports available to them in An Garda Síochána.

4. Crime Trends

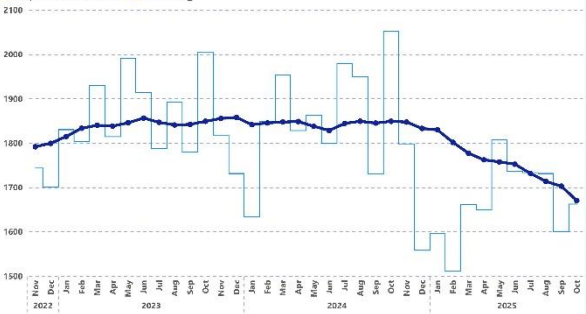
Crime Trends

The Garda Síochána Analysis Service closely monitors crime trends, and disseminates analysis on a regional and divisional basis. This feeds directly into planning operational activities aimed at reducing and preventing crime. Crime incident figures and the associated trends are based on provisional data, and are subject to change following review. The CSO publications represent the official crime statistics. These are carried in the CSO's quarterly publications of crime trends and in their annual reports.



Criminal Damage

Reported Incidents 12m Avg



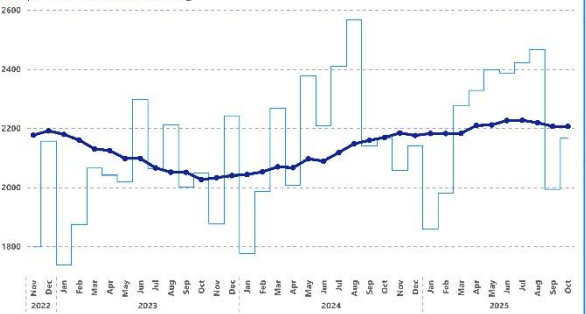
	%(+/-) vs Prev 12m
Criminal Damage	-9.7% ↘
Non-Residential	-10.6% ↘
Residential	-8.4% ↘
Total	-9.7% ↘

ICCS Classification Grouping

Criminal Damage
1211 - Arson
1212 - Criminal damage (not arson)

Total Public Order

Reported Incidents 12m Avg



	%(+/-) vs Prev 12m
Public Order (Drunkenness)	-2.2% ➡
Public Order (Public Order Offences)	+4.1% ➡
Total	+1.7% ➡

ICCS Classification Grouping

Public Order (Drunkenness)
1313 - Drunkenness offences
Public Order (Public Order Offences)
1312 - Public order offences

5. Demonstrations and Events

Demonstrations

An Garda Síochána provided a policing response, including traffic management at protests/demonstrations. The Israel/Palestine conflict, anti-immigration and housing of refugees continue to be the main themes of protests/demonstrations.

Table 1 - Demonstration (Non Crime) - 2025YTD

Region	2025 YTD
Dublin Region	762
Eastern Region	115
North Western Region	72
Southern Region	168
Total	1,117

Table 2 - Demonstration (Non Crime) – Oct 2025

Region	Oct 2025
Dublin Region	112
Eastern Region	6
North Western Region	9
Southern Region	13
Grand Total	140

Data as was present on the PULSE database on the morning of 04/11/2025 was drawn down, tallying all incidents of Type Demonstrations (Non Crime), barring invalid incidents between 01/01/2025 and 30/09/2025. The data contained herein is operational and subject to change.

6. Roads Policing

Roads Policing

An Garda Síochána continues to respond to road safety challenges. In October 2025, 15 people died in fatal collisions. There were 67 serious injury collisions reported in October 2025. An Garda Síochána continues to implement the 30-minute roads policing initiative which was introduced in April 2024 to increase visibility on our roads. In October 2025, there were 4,242 MIT checkpoints conducted. There was an average of approximately 10 arrests per day nationally for driving under the influence of drugs, 15 per day for driving under the influence of alcohol and there were more than 2,800 vehicles seized under the provisions of Section 41 of the Road Traffic Act in October 2025.

	October 2025
Mobile Phone FCNs	2,275
Seatbelt FCNs	476
Intercept Speed FCNs	3,385
Non-Intercept Speed FCNs	9,874
Total Speed FCNs	13,259
Driving While Intoxicated*	736
Driving While Intoxicated - alcohol as a factor	421
Driving While Intoxicated - drugs as a factor	277
Driving While Intoxicated – alcohol & drugs as a factor	38
Section 41 Detentions	October 2025
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA)**	2,834
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no ins.	1,641
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no tax	1,007
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no NCT	519
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - unaccompanied learner drivers	667

MIT Checkpoints - Breath/Oral Fluid Tests	October 2025
MIT Checkpoints - Breath Tests performed	17,218
MIT Checkpoints - Oral Fluid Tests performed	911

* Driving While Intoxicated excludes incidents of type 'Driver Under the Limit (No Offence Disclosed)' and 'In Charge Under The Limit (No Offence Disclosed)'.

** It is important to note that vehicles may be detained under S.41 of the Road Traffic Act for more than one reason. Information contained in this section is based upon operational data from the Pulse and FCPS systems as was available on 03/11/2025 and is liable to change. Crime counting rules were not applied.

7. Prevention and Disruption of Crime

Overt activity by the Garda National Immigration Bureau

On 29 October 2025, the Garda National Immigration Bureau carried out a large scale checkpoint on the M1 motorway. The purpose of this was to curb abuses of the Common Travel Area. Immigration checks were carried out on southbound buses and taxis passing through the checkpoint.

During the duty, four people were detected travelling into this jurisdiction without the required visas/permissions. One person was in a taxi and the other three people were travelling on buses. All four were refused leave to land in this jurisdiction and were subsequently returned to the UK by ferry to Holyhead and, on arrival, were met by the UK Home Office Immigration Enforcement Team.

An Garda Síochána assist in multi-agency operations

An Garda Síochána continued to assist multi agency operations with accommodating international protection applicants to relevant IPAS centres across the Dublin Metropolitan Region.

An Garda Síochána continually monitor the allocation of resources to ensure an efficient policing response to mitigate tensions and prevent criminality at locations being utilised for the housing of asylum seekers. This was particularly evidence with the incidents at the Citywest complex, which escalated to intense rioting and attacks on An Garda Síochána.

Operation Twin Tracks: Day of Action

On the 8 October 2025, Operation Twin Tracks took place. The Garda National Crime Prevention Unit liaised with Transdev Ireland (Luas), Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail) and National Transport Authority (NTA) to organise this day of action which is aimed at the prevention and detection of antisocial behaviour on DART, Luas and rail routes. This day of action is branded as “Community Engagement and Rail Safety Partnerships” and is focussed on maintaining public confidence in using rail networks. The focus is proactive engagement, and high level of visibility at train stations and on the rail networks of Irish Rail and Luas. The role of An Garda Síochána was to provide a high visibility presence and positive engagement with the public to enhance crime prevention and deter antisocial behaviour. This was a successful initiative.

Two-day course on Fraud and Crypto-currency Investigations

Earlier this month, Gardaí from the North Western Region held a two-day course on fraud and Crypto-currency investigations. Members from the Fraud Assessment Unit in the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau delivered the course, ‘The Lifecycle of a Fraud’, which provided valuable training and insight for the 65 participants from the Crime and Community Engagement Functional areas in the Mayo/Roscommon/Longford Division regarding the evolving environment of economic crime investigation.



Photo (L to R): Sergeant Maura McGarry, Detective Inspector Dennis Harrington, Detective Sergeant Donal Raftery, Detective Sergeant Kieran Tansey, Detective Sergeant Hugh O'Donnell, Detective Sergeant Laura Martyn, Detective Sergeant Shane Killeen, Detective Sergeant Keelan Brennan, Detective Sergeant Dave Hannigan, Detective Superintendent Frank Finn, Detective Sergeant David Charles

9. Community Engagement

Traveller's Transforming Conflict Initiative

On 2 October 2025, the Garda National Diversity Unit attended the Traveller's Transforming Conflict Initiative: Screening and Roundtable in-person meeting. The following topics were covered:

- Young People's Conflict Skills Programme
- Trauma-informed Family Therapy and Counselling
- Family Support Access Services
- National Awareness-Campaign
- Research and Policy Development
- National Conferences and Communications.

Raising Awareness of the laws on e-scooters and e-bikes in the Eastern Region

On 8 October 2025, Gardaí in the Eastern Region held a day of action to raise awareness of the laws surrounding e-scooters and e-bikes. Gardaí carried out checkpoints utilising one of the four Dynamometers available to An Garda Síochána. There was significant engagement with local communities who interacted with Gardaí on the day and gave positive feedback on this initiative.

The focus on education was particularly important, considering that a high portion of users of these vehicles are teenagers and young people. Approximately 25 e-scooters were tested. Engagement took place with a number of e-scooter users and they were offered advice pertaining to the use of scooters. Three Fixed Penalty Notices were issued on the day. Two for exceeding maximum design speed and one for carriage of a passenger.



Dynamometer at the South East Technology University as part of Garda day of action on e-scooters and e-bikes

Operational Support Services Open Day

On 9 October 2025, Operational Support Services held an open day in Westmanstown. Over 600 Transition Year students attended this event. Four units were present; the Garda Air Support Unit, the Garda Dog Unit, the Garda Mounted Unit and the Garda Water Unit showcased their individual capabilities.

Information Webinar on Coco's Law

The Garda Schools Programme is a Garda National Community Engagement Bureau initiative developed with the assistance of the Department of Education. It is currently administered by the Garda National Community Policing Unit (GNCPU). Webwise is the Irish Internet Safety Awareness Centre funded by the Department of Education and co-funded by the European Commission. It promotes safer, better internet use through awareness raising and education initiatives, targeting teachers, children, young people and parents.

On 9 October 2025, GNCPU in conjunction with Webwise, provided an information webinar on Coco's Law. The webinar was designed to provide education to attendees and to support the safety modules of the Garda Schools Programme. Ms. Jane McGarrigle, Project Officer of Webwise, detailed the

preparation and delivery of the Coco's Law lesson and outlined the complex nature of non-consensual sharing of intimate images among minors. Ms. McGarrigle emphasised the need for Garda members to discover and use the resources accurately, to adhere to the guidelines for classroom delivery and to ensure consistent messaging across the country. The Teams platform offers an effective channel of delivery for future schools programme topics.



The Relaunch of Coastal Watch Donegal

On 13 October 2025, Coastal Watch Donegal, a multi-agency initiative involving An Garda Síochána, Irish Naval Service and Revenue Customs Service, was relaunched at Coast Guard Station, Killybegs. The purpose of the Coastal Watch is to focus the attention of the statutory and voluntary organisations, along with farming groups, coastal communities, commercial and fishing industries, and all those who use our seas for business and pleasure purposes, on how they can assist the statutory agencies in “Keeping Drugs at Bay”.

With a multi-disciplinary approach by everybody, it will ensure a formidable force is in place so that our coastline is not used for drug importation or, if it is, that there are many eyes that will report unusual activity along our coastline. The coastline of the Donegal Division measures approx. 1,235km (772miles). There are numerous remote coves and piers which are easily accessible. Given the length of the Donegal coastline and the rural and remote nature of the area, this initiative will increase the ability of An Garda Síochána to keep people safe.

The October episode of Crimecall – crime prevention

On 20 October 2025, the October episode of Crimecall aired. The Garda National Crime Prevention Unit compiled content for the crime prevention segment. This month’s crime prevention saw Sergeant John Fitzpatrick provide information and advice relating to Operation Thor, and the following advice was shared:

- Turn on some lights, consider LED bulbs given the energy efficient over traditional bulbs.
- Use timer switches/motion detectors/smart lights (turn on lights via phone or timer settings).
- Use motion detector/sensor lights outside. Ensure the lights emanating from them covers the door and not just the area near the door.
- Lock all doors and windows as part of your regular routine.
- Use an alarm, get it serviced and ensure the battery pack is working.
- Store keys away from windows and doors.
- Don’t keep large amounts of cash or jewellery in the house.

Breaking Barriers – Cross-Community Football Tournament

On 28 October 2025, Limerick Youth Service in collaboration with An Garda Síochána hosted a cross-community football tournament. Titled “Breaking Barriers”, the indoor football event saw young people take part in showcasing their talents on the football pitch, while getting to know each other off the pitch.

The aim of Breaking Barriers is to give young people from Limerick’s different communities an opportunity to spend time with each other and break down any perceived barriers that may exist, be they cultural or historic. This year’s event was the largest to date with young people from several of Limerick Youth Service’s projects joining their peers from community organisations, such as the Moyross Youth Academy and the Westend Youth Centre.

National Community Alert Meeting

On 29 October 2025, the Garda National Community Policing Unit hosted a meeting with Muintir na Tíre at Garda Headquarters. This meeting was held at the main conference room at the office of the Garda National Community Engagement Bureau and was provided with the title of ‘National Community Alert Meeting’.

Community Alert is a safety programme for rural areas, focusing on older and vulnerable people, aiming to reduce crime and unite communities, and Muintir na Tíre works in partnership with Gardaí in the operation of Community Alert. Muintir na Tíre are a key stakeholder with An Garda Síochána in the day-to-day operation of Community Alert.