



An Garda Síochána

Monthly Report for August 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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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 August 2025, in accordance with Section 133(1) of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act, 2024.

Yours sincerely,

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

24 September 2025

Message from the Commissioner

In my first monthly report to the Policing and Community Safety Authority, I would like to begin by acknowledging the positive working relationship that exists between the Policing and Community Safety Authority and An Garda Síochána, which I look forward to continuing in my role as Garda Commissioner.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Commissioner, Drew Harris, for all that he has done to bring An Garda Síochána to where it is today, following a period of significant transformation and change.

While the transformation journey continues, I hope to build on the work that has brought us into an age of information led policing, and which drives forward our commitment to community policing. In doing so, I wish to highlight some of my key priorities, many of which will be key areas for the authority also. These include:

- Maintaining and growing our focus on visible community policing right across the country.
- Improving how we engage with victims of crime, particularly victims of domestic violence. In tandem with this, striving to ensure engagement with the public every time, particularly people who are contacting us for the first time.
- Increasing Garda visibility to provide reassurance, and tackle anti-social behaviour and criminality, especially drug dealing, is also a key priority for me. While we are a low crime country, these types of crimes have a real and lasting impact, and the public should feel safe in our cities and communities.
- Ensuring any barriers for frontline members carrying out their duties are removed and also exploring ways we can improve their personal protective equipment.
- Ongoing emphasis on national security, particularly in light of the challenging geo-political environment we are navigating at present.
- A continuing and steadfast focus on roads safety and roads policing. This is an area which was brought into sharp focus during August with the release of the Crowe Report. An Garda Síochána will remain committed to roads safety and we must learn from the findings of this report. Now we will move towards implementing the recommendations contained therein.

'Keeping People Safe' is a foundational commitment that I, and each member of our organisation, will work to uphold every day as we continue to protect and serve the Irish public. Making tangible progress for the priorities outlined above are key to honouring this commitment.

The Policing and Community Safety Authority play a vital oversight role as part of the wider ecosystem in supporting An Garda Síochána fulfil our role. I look forward to ongoing engagement and collaboration as we work together in support of An Garda Síochána mission of *'Keeping People Safe'*.

Justin Kelly
Commissioner

1. Financial Expenditure and Receipts

	2025 Allocation €'000	Expenditure/Receipts end Aug €'000	Remaining Sep-Dec €'000	Remaining %
Gross Total	2,480,453	1,659,207	821,246	33%
Appropriation in Aid (receipts)	113,500	102,182	11,318	10%

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 August 2025 total gross expenditure is €1.66b (67% of allocation). In terms of Appropriations in Aid, income receipts are €102.18m (90% of allocated).

- Pay (including College and superannuation) in August 2025 (YTD) of €1,384.34m is €21.91m over budget profile of €1,362.43m.
- Non-pay (including College) in August 2025 (YTD) of €187.52m is €9.63m over budget profile of €177.89m.
- Capital in August 2025 (YTD) of €100.72m is €4.59m under budget profile of €105.31m (deferred capital of €16.59m (YTD €13.37m) is included).
- Appropriations in Aid in August (YTD) of €102.18m is €26.10m over budget profile of €76.09m.

Overall August 2025 (YTD) gross expenditure is over budget profile by €30.2m. There has been an overspend in overtime. A suite of cost containment measures has been put in place and have reduced the magnitude of overspend. In addition, there are overspends in compensation, premises expenses, towing expenses, expenses of persons detained and ICT, with under spends in superannuation costs, clothing, road traffic equipment, along with higher receipts in Appropriations in Aid.

An Garda Síochána continue to meet frequently with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, and DPER as part of the Garda Budgetary Oversight and Resourcing Group to present the current status on overtime, and to discuss the plans to curtail spend. Proactive management of overtime is ongoing, with a particular emphasis on the drivers of overtime, including a regional focus. The five largest drivers of overtime are crime investigation (22%), other recurring (19%), court (15%), crime prevention (13%) and pre-tour briefing time (10%). Court and pre-tour briefing time are not in the direct control of An Garda Síochána management.

Estate Management

Works continue at Bailieboro, Portlaoise and Newcastle Garda Stations, and are the subject of active engagement between the OPW and An Garda Síochána.

- Bailieboro Garda Station (new station): The OPW have advised substantial completion is expected by the end of Q1 2026.
- Portlaoise Garda Station: External enabling works have been completed and the contract was formally awarded by the OPW. Preliminary works and site mobilisation began on 1 November 2024.
- Newcastle West Garda Station (new station): Works continue to progress in line with the project timeline.

In addition, other projects at earlier stages of development, such as the upgrading of PEMS in Drogheda, Tallaght and Naas, are to be progressed in conjunction with the OPW. Works are anticipated to commence at the end of Q3/early Q4 2025 on the development of new Garda stations at Clonmel and Macroom.

2. People and Development

On 22 August, 153 Gardaí from Intake 244 were attested at a ceremony at the Garda College. There are 154 members to be allocated from this group as one member had transferred from the Garda Band for training as an operational member. These newly attested Probationer Gardaí will now take on operational responsibilities and will be allocated as follows:

- Dublin Region: 45
- Eastern Region: 22
- Southern Region: 66
- North Western Region: 21

Four Probationer Gardaí were former Reserve Gardaí.



On 26 August 2025, 200 new Garda recruits began their journey as Intake 253 arrived at the Garda College in Templemore.



While there were no re-appointments to An Garda Síochána during August 2025, eight Garda members have re-joined An Garda Síochána in 2025.

Date of Attestation	Total No. of Garda Members
11 March 2025	3
15 July 2025	5

The Strength of Garda Personnel

As at 31 August 2025, Garda member strength stood at 14,369 and the Garda Staff strength stood at 3,670. A full breakdown by rank, grade and gender is outlined below.

Garda Member Strengths as at 31 August 2025

Rank	As at 31 August 2025	Male	%	Female	%	WTE
Commissioner	1	1	100	0	0	1
Deputy Commissioner	2	1	50	1	50	2
Assistant Commissioner	7	3	43	4	57	7
Chief Superintendent	48	39	81	9	19	48
Superintendent	162	134	83	28	17	162
Inspector	476	376	79	100	21	476
Sergeant	2,188	1,644	75	544	25	2,186.5
Garda	11,485	8,056	70	3,429	30	11,452.5
Total	14,369	10,254	71	4,115	29	14,335

Of which	As at 31 August 2025	Male	%	Female	%
Career Breaks (incl. ICB)	29	17	59	12	41
Work-sharing	34	0.5	1.5	33.5	98.5
Secondments (Overseas etc.)	45	29	64	16	36
Maternity Leave	44	0	0	44	100
Unpaid Maternity Leave	39	0	0	39	100
Paternity Leave	17	17	100	0	0
Available Strength	14,161	10,190.5	72	3,970.5	28

Garda Reserves Strength As at 31 August 2025	Total	Male	%	Female	%
	296	229	77	67	23

It should be noted that an administrative error occurred in the publication of the July statistics for members on maternity leave. Please note that the number of Garda members availing of paid maternity leave in July 2025 was 51 and unpaid maternity leave was 40.

Garda Staff Strengths as at 31 August 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	2	2	1	50	1	50
PO	31	31	18	58	13	42
AP	117	116.8	57	49	60	51
HEO	247	246	97	39	150	61
AO	20	20	9	45	11	55
EO	871	860.8	291	33	580	67
CO	2,019	1,952.8	542	27	1,477	73
Total	3,313	3,235.4	1,017	31	2,296	69
	Total	WTE*	Male	%	Female	%
Professional/Technical (including Chief Medical Officer)	68	67.8	33	48.5	35	51.5
Administrative ***	3,312	3,234.4	1,016	31	2,296	69
Industrial/Non Industrial	290	192.2	94	32	196	67
Total	3,670	3,494.4	1,143	31	2,527	69
Of which	Total	WTE*	Male	%	Female	%
Maternity Leave	19	19	0	0	19	100
Unpaid Maternity Leave	6	6	0	0	6	100
Paternity Leave	0	0	0	0	0	0
Available Total	3,645	3,469.4	1,143	31	2,502	69

* 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	%
	252	77.8	14	6	238	94

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

Career Breaks****	Total	WTE	Male	%	Female	%
	27	27	8	30	19	70

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

Suspensions as of 1 September 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
Sergeant	9
Detective Garda	11
Garda	66
Probationer Garda	10
Reserve Garda	1
Grand Total	100

CURRENT SUSPENSIONS & CORE ISSUES INVESTIGATED BY AGS & GSOC	
Suspension (Ended / Ongoing)	Ongoing
Main Reason	Total
Driving under Influence of Intoxicant	15
Fixed Charge Notice (FCN) Interference	9
Other	10
Corruption/Criminal Association	7
Assault/Assault Causing Harm	10
Domestic Violence/Coercive Control	11
Theft/Forgery/Fraud/Dishonesty	13
Sexual Assault/Sexual Misconduct	11
Drugs/Drug Related	5
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	27	10	9	1	20
* Section 17(4)B Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018 – Court Ordered					

Garda Staff Suspension figures as at 31 August 2025

Total*	Male	%	Female	%
7	5	71	2	29

Garda Members - Compulsory Retirements from An Garda Síochána to 2034

The number of retirement exits below the rank of Commissioner will increase over the next 10 years, with the exception of 2027 and 2028. This reflects historical recruitment patterns and shows that there will be up to 1,374 exits based on service in the coming years irrespective of any other factors.

Rank	31- Dec- 25	31- Dec- 26	31- Dec- 27	31- Dec- 28	31- Dec- 29	31- Dec- 30	31- Dec- 31	31- Dec- 32	31- Dec- 33	31- Dec- 34
DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
AC	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	2
CS	1	5	1	1	3	0	4	8	3	4
SU	2	7	1	3	4	9	10	11	12	17
IN	2	7	6	7	8	8	15	16	27	35
SG	5	14	13	17	20	32	43	56	68	83
GD	9	32	11	21	40	56	95	123	167	223
Total	19	65	32	51	75	105	169	215	278	365

Please note that the data above captures actual compulsory retirements for members that will reach compulsory retirement age (62 years of age) during the respective years. This figure may change if a member applies and is granted an extension under the provisions of An Garda Síochána (Retirement) (No.2) Regulations 1951, (S.I No. 335/1951), to extend service to An Garda Síochána.

3. Corporate Communications

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

During this month, we conducted a number of media briefings and issued communications in support of operational activities across the organisation.

Following the attestation of 154 new Gardaí, this office supported the live stream of this ceremony, an associated press briefing with the Garda Commissioner and Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, as well as organising media interviews with newly attested Gardaí.

Community engagement at concerts happening in Dublin during the month of August 2025, including Oasis and Robbie Williams, were highlighted, together with public information around road traffic restrictions across our social media channels.

Media Briefing: Launch of the Crowe Report 14 August 2025



Deputy Commissioner Shawna Coxon, and Assistant Commissioner for the Eastern Region, and Roads Policing and Community Engagement, Paula Hilman, facilitate a media briefing coinciding with the publication of the Crowe Report on 14 August 2025 in Garda Headquarters.

The Office of Corporate Communications supported the holding of a media briefing to coincide with the publication of the Crowe Report on 14 August 2025 at the Officers Club in Garda Headquarters. The briefing was facilitated by Deputy Commissioner Shawna Coxon, and Assistant Commissioner for the Eastern Region, and Roads Policing and Community Engagement, Paula Hilman, during which a presentation was provided on the findings of the report. The media briefing highlighted our ongoing commitment to road safety and provided reassurance to the public of that commitment, and our undertaking to review the recommendations and work towards implementation. It was further highlighted that the majority of Roads Policing Unit personnel are dedicated, professional and productive, and there was no evidence of a systemic organised culture of work avoidance or deliberate poor performance within roads policing.

Media Briefing: Intake 244 Attestation at the Garda College, Templemore on 22 August 2025



*Left: Garda Caragh Byrne speaks to media following her attestation at the Garda College on 22 August 2025.
Right: Retired Garda Commissioner Drew Harris conducts a media briefing in the Garda College at his final attestation ceremony.*

As An Garda Síochána welcomed 154 attested Gardaí, the Office of Corporate Communications was involved in promoting the passing out ceremony. This included the issuing of a press release, conducting a live stream from the ceremony, associated photography and video content, together with a press briefing with Commissioner Drew Harris and newly attested Gardaí at the Garda College in Templemore. These activities served to highlight the current strength of personnel in An Garda Síochána; that being a Garda is a job worth doing; and ongoing efforts in the area of recruitment. The event was also attended by the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration Jim O'Callaghan.

Release of Knife Crime Statistics 29 August 2025



An image of a knife siezed by Gardaí in Dublin during August, 2025.

This office supported the release of an in-depth study conducted by the Garda Síochána Analysis Service into knife crime spanning the last decade. The data, which was released via press release and publication on garda.ie, highlighted a 28% increase in the number of knives seized by Gardaí. Key findings were highlighted together with crime prevention advice and the report was promoted on social media channels.

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 191 press releases, including 83 missing person appeals in respect of 42 individuals; 35 witness appeals; together with those related to successful operations undertaken by the organisation during the month of August 2025.

Social Media Activities

The Office of Corporate Communications oversees six official social media channels for An Garda Síochána; Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, LinkedIn, X (formerly Twitter) and Bluesky. Within these channels there are 43 separate accounts, including regional Facebook and regional Instagram profiles. 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. 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.
- The rate of engagement with the account. A high percentage indicates we are producing compelling posts that resonate with our audience. Typically, a good engagement rate is in the region of 1-5%.
- The number of engagements with the content/posts we produce.

Social Media Channel	Number of Followers	Engagement Rate
 Facebook - @AnGardaSíochána	430,185	1.10%
 Facebook – Missing Persons	30,185	1.16%
 Instagram - @GardaInsta	252,317	2.68%
 X- @GardaInfo	298,671	4.49%
 X - @GardaTraffic	632,868	7.57%
 LinkedIn – An Garda Síochána	80,334	9.76%
 TikTok – @GardaInfo	70,041	10.67%

Internal Communications

In August 2025, An Garda Síochána Internal Communications team delivered seven issues of Newsbeat and two leadership updates.

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.

NEWSBEAT



28 August 2025

Intake 253 enters the Garda College



On Monday, 200 new Garda recruits began their journey as Intake 253 arrived at the Garda College in Templemore. This follows on from last week's attestation when we welcomed 154 new Garda colleagues to the organisation.

NEWSBEAT



26 August 2025

Welcome to our 154 new colleagues



On Friday 22 August, 154 Gardai were attested at a ceremony at the Garda College.

4. Operating Model

All 21 divisions are now operating under the Operating Model Four Functional Area Structures (Business Services; Performance Assurance; Crime; and Community Engagement). The four Regional Offices have commenced implementation of all standardised processes:

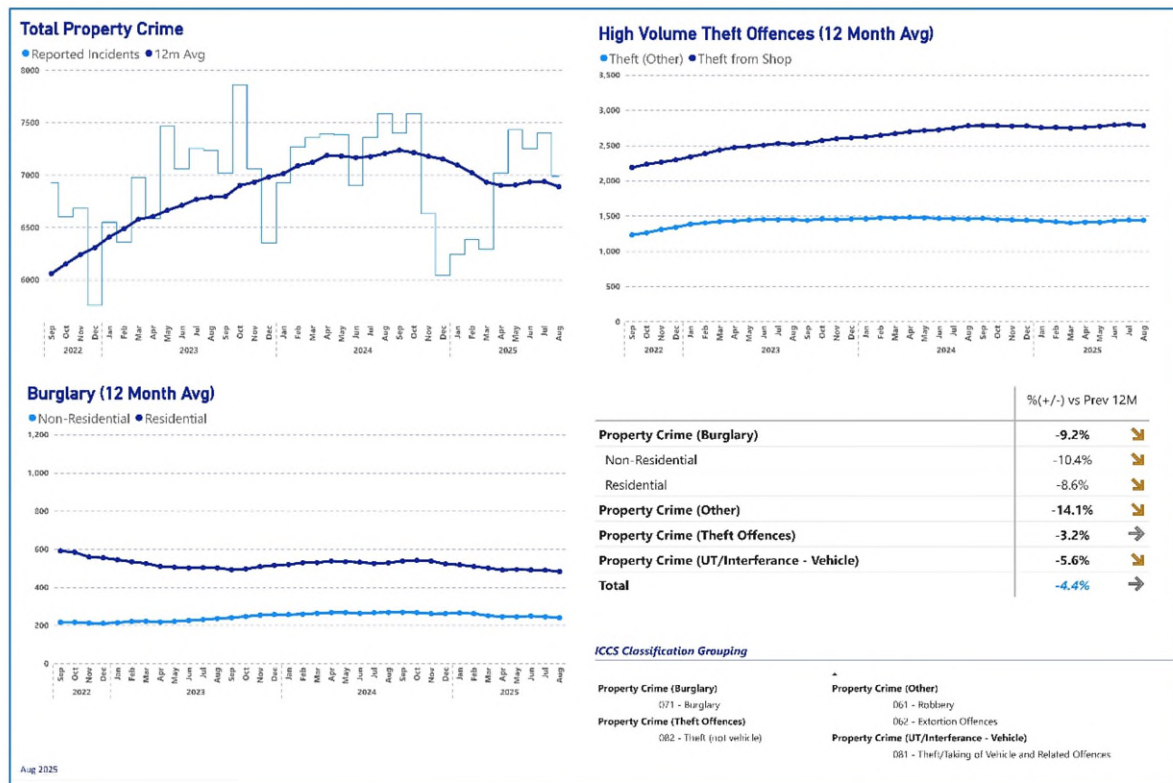
- Wave 1: Performance Assurance
- Wave 2: Finance and Logistics
- Wave 3: General Admin
- Wave 4: HR

Engagement is ongoing with the national functions regarding implementation of standardised processes and a national blueprint design.

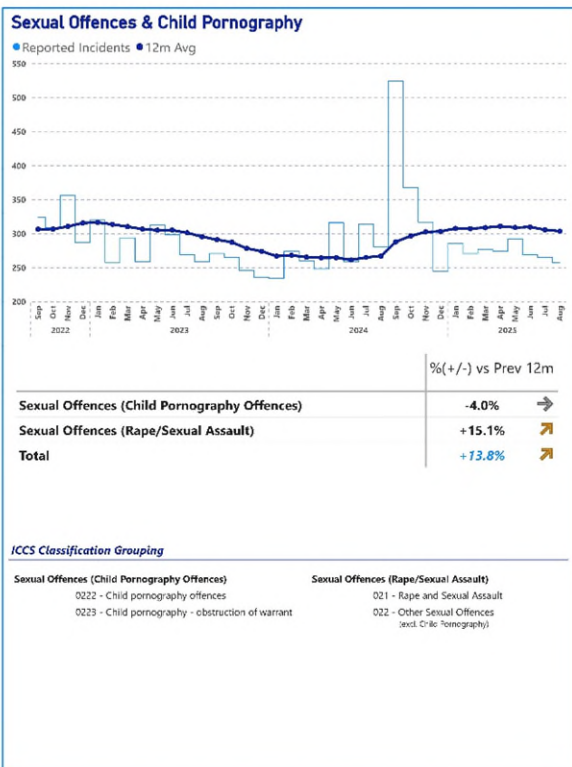
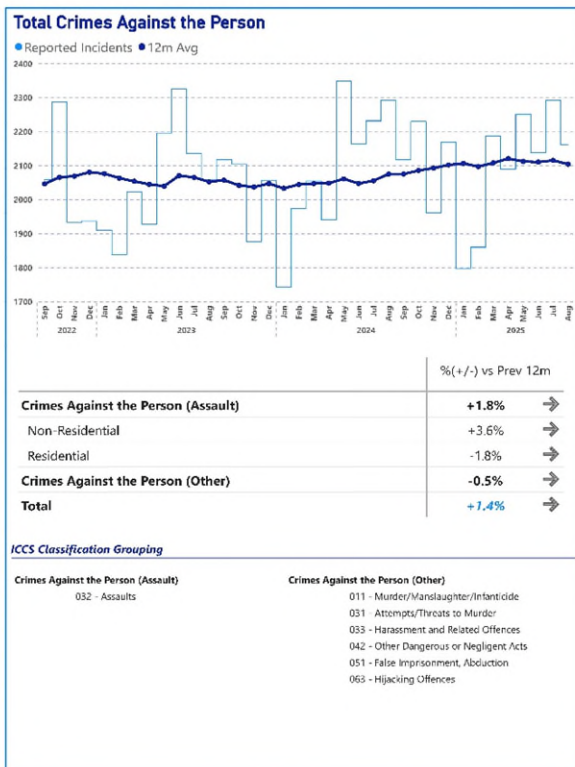
5. Crime Trends

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.



Aug 2025



Use of Force August 2025

Use of Force Comparison – July 2025/August 2025				
Category	Jul-25	Aug-25	Increase/ Decrease	% Change
Total UOF for Month	1,131	1,171	40	4%
Civilians Injured	26	25	-1	-4%
Garda Members Injured	10	21	11	110%
Pepper Spray Deployed	127	117	-10	-8%
Batons	23	37	14	61%
Handcuffs	1,065	1,109	44	4%
Anti-spit guard	0	2	2	100%
Unarmed Restraint	163	161	-2	-1%
Taser	3	1	-2	-67%
Less Lethal Firearm	1	1	0	0%
Firearm	0	0	0	0%
Gender Subject to Force – Male	898	949	51	6%
Gender Subject to Force – Female	145	133	-12	-8%
Drugs Involved	303	355	52	17%
Alcohol Involved	662	665	3	0%
Division with highest level UOF - DMR South Central	223	251	28	13%
Percentage of UOF Deployments occurring Friday, Saturday & Sunday	49%	52%	3%	

* NC Percentage figure of 0 is not calculable

6. Demonstrations and Events

Demonstrations

An Garda Síochána provided a policing response, including traffic management, at 105 protests/demonstrations during August 2025. There was one arrest in relation to public order offences at an anti-immigration and Israel/Palestine protest in Dublin City Centre. The Israel/Palestine conflict and anti-immigration/housing of refugees continue to be the main themes of protests/demonstrations.

Demonstrations (Non Crime) recorded on PULSE – 2025 YTD

Region	2025 YTD	Aug-25
Dublin Region	570	68
Eastern Region	98	13
North Western Region	60	5
Southern Region	135	19
Total	863	105

Data as was present on the PULSE database on the morning of 02/09/2025 was drawn down, tallying all incidents of Type Demonstrations (Non Crime), barring invalid incidents between 01/01/2025 and 31/08/2025. The data contained herein is operational and subject to change.

Policing at Events

August 2025 marked a particularly busy month for policing, national security and traffic management. A large number of events took place during the busy summer period which required the input of An Garda Síochána from a policing, public safety and traffic management perspective.

Notable events included the RDS Dublin Horse Show from 6 to 10 August 2025, which welcomed 120,000 spectators to mark the 150th anniversary of the annual show, and the All-Ireland Camogie Finals on 10 August 2025. The Oasis concerts on 16 and 17 August 2025 saw 160,000 fans from across Ireland descend on Croke Park, which was a significant policing operation for An Garda Síochána and passed off safely. A large number of tourists also visited the capital city to attend the Aer Lingus College Football Classic Kansas State v Iowa in the Aviva Stadium on 23 August 2025. A total of 47,226 fans attended this event which received considerable positive media coverage. The Wexford Fleadh Cheoil drew over 800,000 visitors to Wexford town from 3 to 10 August 2025. An Garda Síochána played a pivotal role in the success of the Fleadh Cheoil by executing a well-coordinated policing strategy focused on public safety and community engagement.

7. Roads Policing

Roads Policing

An Garda Síochána continues to respond to road safety challenges. In August 2025, 16 people died in fatal collisions, with 85 serious injury collisions reported. An Garda Síochána continues to implement the 30-minute roads policing initiative, introduced in April 2024 to increase visibility on our roads. In August 2025, there were 4,442 MIT checkpoints conducted. There was an approximate average of 8 arrests per day for driving under the influence of suspected drugs, 14 per day for driving under the influence of alcohol and more than 2,800 vehicles seized under the provisions of Section 41 of the Road Traffic Act in August 2025.

	August 2025
Mobile Phone FCNs	1,928
Seatbelt FCNs	600
Intercept Speed FCNs	3,550
Non-Intercept Speed FCNs	10,487
Total Speed FCNs	14,037
Driving While Intoxicated*	656
Driving While Intoxicated – alcohol as a factor	413
Driving While Intoxicated – drugs as a factor	224
Driving While Intoxicated – alcohol & drugs as a factor	19
Section 41 Detentions	August 2025
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA)**	2,864
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no insurance	1,707
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no tax	988
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no NCT	431
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - unaccompanied	598

MIT Checkpoints - Breath/Oral Fluid Tests	August 2025
MIT Checkpoints - Breath Tests performed	16,923
MIT Checkpoints - Oral Fluid Tests performed	769

* “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 1 September 2025 and is liable to change. Crime counting rules were not applied.

8. Prevention and Disruption of Crime

Intelligence-led Operation in Dublin

On the 4 August 2025, Gardaí conducted an intelligence-led operation targeting criminal activity in the Dublin region and beyond. A vehicle was stopped in Dublin resulting in the seizure of a firearm and €153,305 in cash. A suspect was arrested and charged with money laundering and firearms offences. On the 7 August 2025, another vehicle was stopped and searched in Dublin. Gardaí located €197,760 in cash, believed to be the proceeds of criminal activity. A further €1,058,675 was seized in follow up searches, with three people arrested and charged with a number of money laundering offences.

Gardaí Search Disrupts Activity of Criminal Organisation

On the 26 August 2025, a search was conducted into criminal activity which resulted in the seizure of suspected cannabis herb (38.6kg valued at approximately €772,000), two assault rifles and magazines containing ammunition; 135 rounds in total. Two suspects were charged.

9. Community Engagement

Fleadh Cheoil 2025

Wexford's Fleadh Cheoil 2025, which took place from 3 to 10 August 2025, was nothing short of spectacular. It was a vibrant celebration of Irish music, dance and community spirit that drew over 800,000 visitors over the course of the week. An Garda Síochána delivered a policing strategy focused on public safety and community engagement, rooted in the principles of community policing, with members actively sharing safety advice through social media and direct interactions with festivalgoers. An Garda Síochána collaborated with partner agencies to foster a secure and welcoming environment for the event. Their visible presence and positive rapport with the public was widely praised.



Garda Aidan Miley - Community Policing Unit – Wexford, and Honorary Garda Jack in the Community Engagement Van

The Aremoja Women's Group networking event

The Sligo Community Engagement Unit attended the Aremoja Women's Group networking event. Aremoja is a local women's organisation set up to provide support and a platform for advocacy for migrant women and their families who find it difficult to settle and integrate. Garda Tara Darcy spoke to the group on the role of An Garda Síochána within the community and offered advice on how best to seek the assistance, if needed.



Garda Tara Darcy and Aremoja Women's Group

India Day attended by the Garda National Diversity Unit

The Garda National Diversity Unit participated in India Day on 17 August 2025 at Merrion Square Park. This event was organised to commemorate Indian independence in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Community in Ireland. The event included an array of traditional Indian music, dance and cuisine, along with cultural performances representing various regions of India. Additionally, there were numerous stalls and activities designed for individuals of all ages.



Inspector Ciaran Nunan, GNCEB, addressing the crowd at India Day