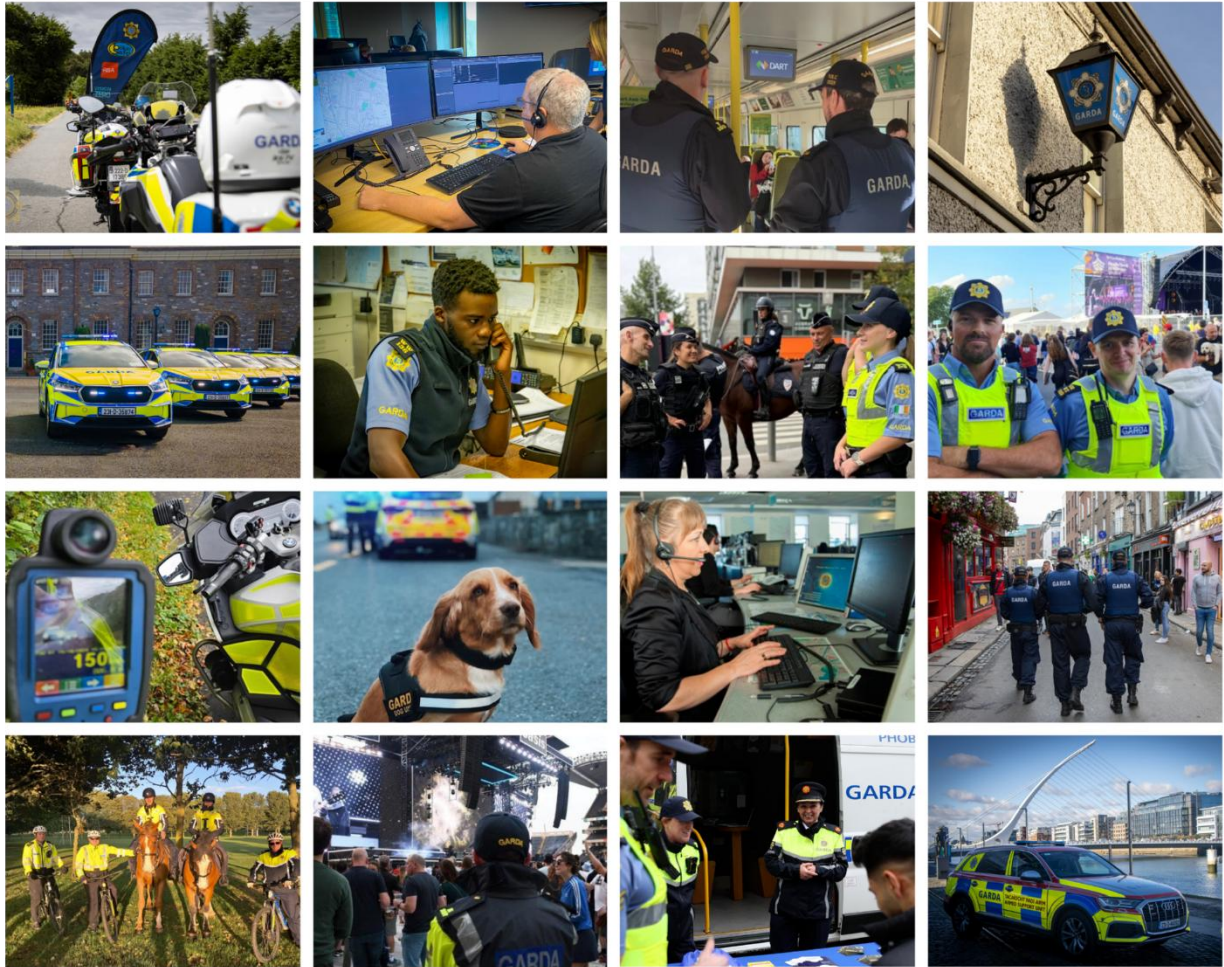




July 2026

An Garda Síochána COMMISSIONER'S MONTHLY REPORT TO THE POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY AUTHORITY



An Garda Síochána

Monthly Report for July 2026 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
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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 July 2026, in accordance with Section 133(1) of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act, 2024.

Yours sincerely,

AIDAN MCCARTHY
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

AUGUST 2026

Commissioner's Message

I am pleased to present you with An Garda Síochána's monthly report capturing key updates for July 2026.

Ireland assumed the Presidency of the Council of the European Union on 1st July 2026, commencing what represents the biggest policing and security operation in the history of the State.

This follows more than two and a half years of planning and preparation by An Garda Síochána, with extensive time invested in preparing for the Presidency and investment also made in equipment, vehicles, technology and training. The Presidency commenced with an opening ceremony at Dublin Castle on 1st July 2026, followed by a number of significant events across the country during the month. These included the College of Commissioners in Cork, meetings of Employment and Social Affairs Ministers in Mayo, Competitiveness Ministers in Dublin, Justice and Home Affairs Ministers in Dublin, Environment Ministers in Cork and Fisheries Ministers in Cork. Each of these events required significant policing and security operations involving Garda personnel from across the organisation.

Alongside this significant operation, An Garda Síochána continued to maintain day-to-day policing services across the country. Policing plans for Presidency events have also sought to minimise disruption for local communities, businesses and the travelling public. The Presidency will continue until the end of December 2026 with a significant programme of events still to take place over the coming months.

During July, An Garda Síochána also appeared before two Joint Oireachtas Committees on matters relating to public safety. On 14th July 2026, I appeared before the Joint Committee on Justice, Home Affairs and Migration along with Deputy Commissioner Shawna Coxon and Assistant Commissioner Catharina Gunne to discuss the use of scrambler bikes and public safety. The unlawful and dangerous use of scramblers, electric motorbikes and similar vehicles continues to present significant public, community and road safety concerns. The Committee was provided with an overview of An Garda Síochána's response in this area, including targeted enforcement activity, High Visibility Policing, checkpoints, vehicle seizures and Operation Meacán in the Dublin Metropolitan Region. An Garda Síochána also highlighted that enforcement alone will not solve this issue and that prevention, education, community engagement and continued work with Government and other stakeholders all have an important role.

The following day, on the 15th July 2026, I appeared before the Joint Committee on Transport along with Deputy Commissioner Shawna Coxon and Assistant Commissioner Catharina Gunne to discuss road safety. During the first six months of 2026 there were 83 fatal collisions resulting in 87 lives lost, compared with 78 fatalities during the same period in 2025. Serious injury collisions did however reduce from 761 to 613 over the same period. The Committee was also updated on enforcement activity, with more than 25,000 Mandatory Intoxicant Testing checkpoints conducted, more than 93,000 breath tests and over 5,600 oral fluid tests undertaken during the first six months of the year.

Work has also continued to strengthen Roads Policing oversight, resources, training and accountability. There are currently 143 ANPR-enabled Roads Policing vehicles in the Organisation, while more than one million motor insurance checks were conducted during the first quarter of 2026 by An Garda Síochána. Road safety continues to be a key policing and public safety priority for An Garda Síochána, but it is also an area which requires continued partnership across Government, agencies, communities and road users.

Also, on 15th July 2026, An Garda Síochána's Annual Report 2025 was published. The report outlines the work undertaken by Garda personnel throughout 2025 and a number of significant developments across the organisation during the year. At the end of 2025, the overall strength of An Garda Síochána stood at 18,405 personnel, comprising 14,425 Gardaí, 3,672 Garda Staff and 308 Garda Reserves. Garda numbers grew by approximately 230 during the year and two recruitment campaigns attracted more than 11,000 applications.

During 2025, An Garda Síochána continued its focus on increasing Garda visibility. High Visibility Policing in Dublin city centre delivered positive results and this approach was subsequently expanded into suburban Dublin and Cork, with further development continuing during 2026. The Garda Operating Model was also fully introduced across all 21 Garda Divisions in May 2025. The model provides for greater consistency in service delivery and governance, while also ensuring specialist policing services are available locally. There was also continued investment in equipment and technology to support Garda personnel in carrying out their duties safely and effectively. The Garda fleet reached approximately 3,650 vehicles during the year, its highest ever level. The Annual Report also identifies areas where further progress is required. Our response to victims of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence and the first contact victims have with An Garda Síochána remains an important area of focus.

July also saw a further important milestone in Garda recruitment, with 206 new Gardaí attested at the Garda College in Templemore on 24th July. This was the largest single attestation class since before the Covid-19 pandemic and brought the sworn strength of An Garda Síochána to 14,733 Gardaí.

The 206 newly attested Gardaí have now been allocated across the four regions, with 94 assigned to the Dublin Region, 56 to the Eastern Region, 25 to the Southern Region and 31 to the North Western Region. These newly attested Gardaí will now take on operational responsibilities and will support our continued focus on increasing Garda visibility and strengthening frontline policing in communities. More than 2,200 probationer Gardaí have now attested since recruitment recommenced in 2022.

A further intake of more than 200 Garda Trainees entered the Garda College on 27th 2026. This brings to almost 3,000 the number of Garda Trainees who have commenced training since recruitment recommenced in 2022. At the attestation, the new Gardaí were reminded of the importance of the first contact members of the public have with An Garda Síochána and the role that listening, dignity, compassion, respect and clear communication play in maintaining public trust.

Justin Kelly

Garda Commissioner

Use of Force



The following table sets out the statistics for use of force for June 2026. It also illustrates the variances between May 2026 and June 2026.

Use of Force Comparison - May 2026 / Jun 2026				
Category	May-26	Jun-26	Increase/ Decrease	% Change
Total UOF for Month	1,461	1,385	-76	-5%
Civilians Injured	24	26	2	8%
Garda Members Injured	15	25	10	67%
Pepper Spray Deployed	146	135	-11	-8%
Batons	23	32	9	39%
Handcuffs	1,271	1,205	-66	-5%
Anti-spit guard	2	0	-2	100%
Unarmed Restraint	227	199	-28	-12%
Taser	2	6	4	200%
Taser Pilot Group	2	0	-2	-100%
Non-Pilot	0	6	6	-
Less Lethal Firearm	0	2	2	-
Firearm	0	0	0	-
Gender Subject to Force - Male	1,075	1,004	-71	-7%
Gender Subject to Force - Female	148	171	23	16%
Drugs Involved	375	369	-6	-2%
Alcohol Involved	737	746	9	1%
Division with highest level UOF: DMR South Central	223	200	-23	-10%
Percentage of UOF Deployments occurring Friday, Saturday & Sunday	52.40%	44.90%	-7.50%	

This is operational information which may be subject to change.

Finance



Financial figures as of 30 June 2026

An Garda Síochána has a gross expenditure budget of €2.74b for 2026 and net allocation of €2.62b. At the end of June 2026 total gross expenditure is €1,297.68m (47% of allocation) and receipts are €82.24m (68% of allocation). An additional €17.31m is available by way of capital carryover giving an adjusted gross allocation of €2.76b.

- Current expenditure (Including EU Presidency) to date is €1,241.48m which is €38.44m under budget profile of €1,279.93m, principally driven by EU Presidency and salaries.
- Capital expenditure of €56.20m, is €34.08m under budget, driven by an underspend of €20.57m in the Capital Building Programme, €9.15m in fleet, €6.00m in aircraft, while there is an overspend in ICT and communications of €1.64m.
- Deferred capital to date is €15.50m, €1.81m under budget.
- Appropriations in Aid is €82.24m, €18.86m over budget. This is driven by pay related receipts over budget by €54.84m, and non-pay of €27.40m.

Estate Management

- Bailieborough Garda Station: A handover is expected towards the end of July 2026.
- Newcastle West Garda Station: This project is on course for delivery October 2026.
- Portlaoise Garda Station: Substantial completion is anticipated March 2027.
- Clonmel Garda Station: This project continues to progress following site mobilisation. At present, the substantial completion date is anticipated to be February 2028.
- Macroom Garda Station: The project continues to progress following site mobilisation. At present, the substantial completion date is anticipated to be May 2028.

	2026 Allocation €'000	Expenditure/Receipts end June 2026 €'000	Remaining Jul-Dec 2026 €'000	Remaining
Gross Total	2,741,171	1,297,679	1,443,492	53%
Appropriation in Aid (receipts)	-121,750	-82,236	-39,514	32%
Net Total	2,619,421	1,215,443	1,403,978	54%
Deferred Capital	17,310	15,498	1,812	10%

People and Development



The Strength of Garda Personnel

As of 30 June 2026, the Garda Member strength stood at 14,555 and the Garda Staff strength stood at 3,683. A full breakdown by rank, grade and gender is outlined below.

Garda Member Strengths as of 30 June 2026

Rank	As of 30 June 2026	Male	%	Female	%	WTE
Commissioner	1	1	100	0	0	1
Deputy Commissioner	2	1	50	1	50	2
Assistant Commissioner	8	3	37.5	5	62.5	8
Chief Superintendent	46	39	85	7	15	46
Superintendent	166	132	80	34	20	166
Inspector	476	377	79	99	21	476
Sergeant	2,198	1,649	75	549	25	2,196.5
Garda	11,658	8,138	70	3,520	30	11,627
Total	14,555	10,340	71	4,215	29	14,522.5

Of which	As of 30 June 2026	Male	%	Female	%
Career Breaks (incl. ICB)	33	19	57.6	14	42.4
Work-sharing	32.5	1	3.1	31.5	96.9
Secondments (Overseas etc.)	47	33	70	14	30
Maternity Leave	40	0	0	40	100
Unpaid Maternity Leave	30	0	0	30	100
Paternity Leave	26	26	100	0	0
Available Strength	14,346.5	10,261	71.5	4,085.5	28.5

Garda Reserves Strength 30 June 2026	Total	Male	%	Female	%
	304	231	76%	73	24%

Compulsory Retirements from An Garda Síochána to 2035

The number of retirements 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 1,587 exits based on service in the coming years irrespective of any other factors.

Rank	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	31-Dec-35
AC, DC, & CR	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	3	2
CS	4	1	1	3	0	3	8	3	5	5
SU	5	1	3	3	7	10	12	10	16	8
IN	6	9	5	6	7	12	15	25	31	28
SG	8	13	16	18	29	37	53	63	79	88
GD	23	13	24	35	44	88	114	144	196	239
Grand Total	46	37	51	65	87	152	203	246	330	370

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.

Suspended Members

As of 1 July 2026, the total number of suspended Garda Members is: 101, 9 female members and 92 male members. The following tables categorise the lists by rank and the causes for suspension.

CURRENT MEMBERS ON SUSPENSION BY RANK	
Region	All
Suspension (Ended / Ongoing)	Ongoing
Rank	Total
Inspector Rank and above	3
Sergeant	13
Garda	72
Probationer Garda	12
Reserve Garda	1
Grand Total	101

CURRENT SUSPENSIONS & CORE ISSUES INVESTIGATED BY AGS & GSOC	
Suspension (Ended / Ongoing)	Ongoing
Main Reason	Total
Driving under Influence of Intoxicant	22
Other	11
Corruption/Criminal Association	7
Assault/Assault Causing Harm	9
Domestic Violence/Coercive Control	9
Theft/Forgery/Fraud/Dishonesty	12
Sexual Assault/Sexual Misconduct	17
Drugs/Drug Related	3
Disclosure of Information/Data Protection/Abuse of PULSE	11
Grand Total	101

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	42	13	15	1	29
2026	22	15	9	3	27
* Section 17(4)B Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018 – Court Ordered					

The following tables outline Garda Staff strengths by gender as of 30 June 2026.

Grade	Total	WTE	Male	%	Female	%
CCO	1	1	0	0	1	100
Executive Director	6	6	3	50	3	50
Director	4	4	2	50	2	50
PO	30	30	15	50	15	50
AP	125	125	59	47.2	66	52.8
HEO	258	256.5	103	39.9	155	60.1
AO	22	22	11	50	11	50
EO	936	927.9	334	35.7	602	64.3
CO	1,948	1,880.4	517	26.5	1,431	73.5
Total	3,330	3,252.8	1,044	31.4	2,286	68.6
	Total	WTE*	Male	%	Female	%
Professional/Technical	70	70	33	47.1	37	52.9
Administrative ***	3,330	3,252.8	1,044	31.4	2,286	68.6
Industrial/Non-Industrial	283	198.2	91	32.2	192	67.8
Total	3,683	3,521	1,168	31.7	2,515	68.3
Of which	Total	WTE*	Male	%	Female	%
Maternity Leave	21	21	0	0	21	100
Unpaid Maternity Leave	17	17	0	0	17	100
Paternity Leave	0	0	0	0	0	0
Available Total	3,645	3,483	1,168	32	2,477	68

* WTE = Whole time equivalent – Garda Staff work on several 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	%
	302	77.2	18	6	284	94

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

Career Breaks****	Total	WTE	Male	%	Female	%
	25	25	7	28	18	72

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

As of 30 June 2026, the total number of suspended Garda Staff is eight. Due to the small proportion of suspended staff, the table categorises the lists by causes for suspension only. This table does not categorise by gender or grade, as this would make the staff easily identifiable.

CURRENT GARDA SUSPENSION & CORE ISSUES INVESTIGATED BY AGS	
Main Reason	Total
Driving under Influence of Intoxicant	1
Criminal charges	2
Misconduct in role	2
Disclosure of Information/Data Protection/Abuse of PULSE/breach of ICT policy	3
Grand Total	8

Crime Trends (June 2026)

The Garda Síochána Analysis Service closely monitors crime trends and disseminates analysis on a national, regional and divisional basis. This feeds directly into planning operational activities aimed at reducing and preventing crime at various levels.

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.

