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POLICE OFFICER QUARTERLY STRENGTH STATISTICS SCOTLAND, 31 MARCH 2012

Scotland's Chief Statistician today published the latest quarterly figures on the number of police officers employed by Scottish forces. The main findings are:

- There were 17,436 police officers (full-time equivalent) in Scotland on 31 March 2012.
- This total comprises 16,903 police officers deployed in the eight Scottish police forces (including Additional Regular Police), and 533 on secondment or central service.
- Police officer numbers have increased by 93 full-time equivalent (FTE) officers in the last quarter from 31 December 2011 (0.5%). There has been an increase of 173 FTE officers in the last year from 31 March 2011 (1.0%).

Chart 1: Police Officer Strength in Scotland, 2006 – 2012

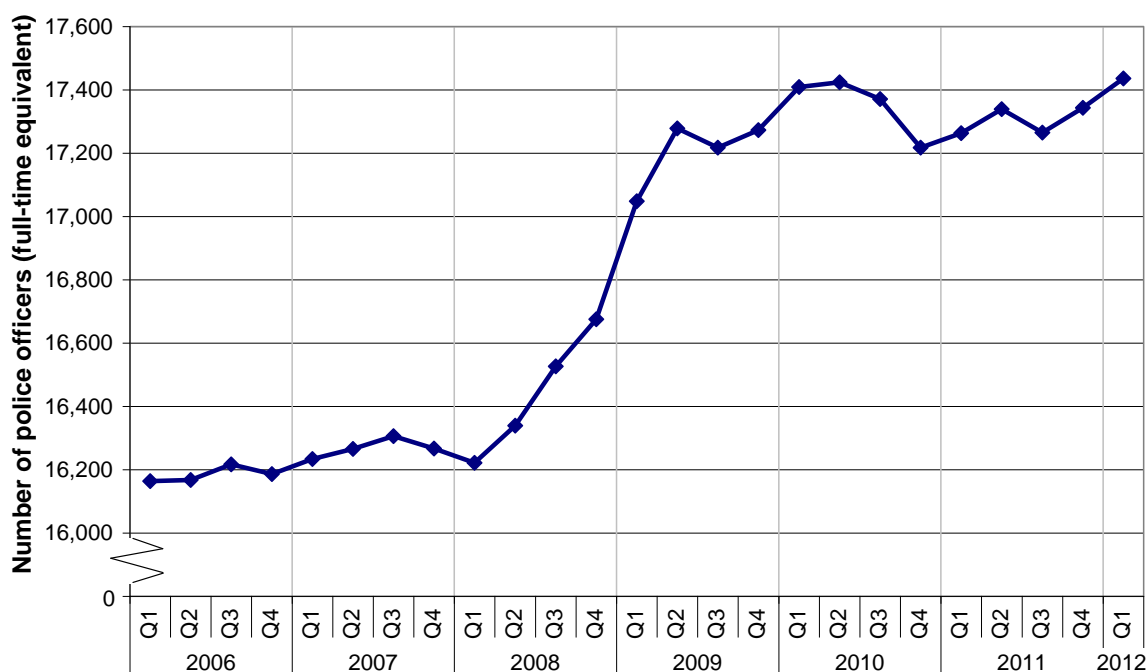


Table 1: Number of Police Officers (FTE¹) in Scotland by Police Force and Deployment, 31 March 2012

Deployment ²	Central Scotland Police	Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary	Fife Constabulary	Grampian Police	Lothian and Borders Police	Northern Constabulary	Strathclyde Police	Tayside Police	Scotland ³
Police Officers in Force	834	451	1,018	1,428	2,844	756	8,058	1,202	16,592
Additional Regular Police	5	44	48	37	38	6	115	19	311
Central Service	5	3	10	3	49	6	137	4	217
SCDEA/SPSA	15	14	12	12	59	7	138	13	270
Secondments	13	0	17	5	10	2	0	0	47
Total³	872	512	1,104	1,485	3,000	777	8,447	1,238	17,436

1. All figures expressed in terms of full-time equivalent (FTE) police officers, rounded to the nearest whole number.
2. Deployment categories are defined in [Note 4](#).
3. Scotland and force totals may not equal the sum of their parts due to rounding.

Table 2: Number of Police Officers (FTE¹) in Scotland by Police Force, 2006 – 2012

Quarter ²	Central Scotland Police	Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary	Fife Constabulary	Grampian Police	Lothian and Borders Police	Northern Constabulary	Strathclyde Police	Tayside Police	Scotland ³
Q1 2006	826	505	1,037	1,352	2,818	699	7,767	1,159	16,164
Q2 2006	825	497	1,041	1,351	2,813	698	7,788	1,156	16,168
Q3 2006	821	500	1,036	1,407	2,791	716	7,770	1,175	16,217
Q4 2006	821	496	1,035	1,400	2,783	697	7,782	1,173	16,186
Q1 2007	828	497	1,059	1,374	2,793	707	7,822	1,154	16,234
Q2 2007	825	496	1,057	1,410	2,799	707	7,804	1,167	16,265
Q3 2007	826	499	1,064	1,418	2,809	719	7,800	1,172	16,306
Q4 2007	815	502	1,059	1,440	2,829	713	7,735	1,174	16,267
Q1 2008	833	510	1,061	1,470	2,836	724	7,619	1,169	16,222
Q2 2008	836	516	1,058	1,466	2,868	732	7,687	1,175	16,339
Q3 2008	852	518	1,063	1,473	2,869	742	7,824	1,185	16,526
Q4 2008	836	517	1,066	1,483	2,891	747	7,955	1,180	16,675
Q1 2009	842	519	1,074	1,513	2,928	772	8,204	1,197	17,048
Q2 2009	840	517	1,078	1,532	2,954	777	8,390	1,191	17,278
Q3 2009	820	519	1,074	1,549	2,961	784	8,303	1,208	17,217
Q4 2009	834	513	1,071	1,545	2,979	793	8,331	1,208	17,273
Q1 2010	865	508	1,077	1,550	3,009	798	8,391	1,210	17,409
Q2 2010	853	511	1,082	1,557	3,007	785	8,410	1,220	17,424
Q3 2010	846	507	1,082	1,546	2,990	792	8,382	1,225	17,371
Q4 2010	832	503	1,070	1,519	2,953	787	8,337	1,217	17,217
Q1 2011	871	503	1,107	1,516	2,959	782	8,290	1,236	17,263
Q2 2011	875	508	1,112	1,493	2,926	777	8,417	1,230	17,339
Q3 2011	872	507	1,105	1,468	2,912	777	8,404	1,219	17,265
Q4 2011	875	511	1,105	1,468	2,970	768	8,411	1,236	17,343
Q1 2012	872	512	1,104	1,485	3,000	777	8,447	1,238	17,436

1. All figures are expressed in terms of full-time equivalent (FTE) police officers, rounded to the nearest whole number.

2. Figures are as the end of the respective quarter: Q1 - 31 March, Q2 - 30 June, Q3 - 30 September, Q4 - 31 December.

3. Scotland totals may not equal the sum of their parts due to rounding.

NOTES

1. The first publication of police quarterly strength statistics as Official Statistics was on 2 December 2008. Prior to this publication, figures were collated by the Scottish Government and released through responses to Parliamentary Questions and by depositing the figures in the Scottish Parliamentary Library.
2. Figures include all police officers employed by a force, including those on SPC training, secondment, central service, long-term sick leave and maternity/adoption leave, but excluding those on career breaks.
3. These figures include all police officers employed by the eight Scottish police forces, but do not include police officers employed in Scotland by the British Transport Police, Ministry of Defence Police or the Civil Nuclear Constabulary.
4. The following definitions apply to Table 1:
 - Police Officers in Force - includes all officers employed by the force as well as those on Scottish Police College (SPC) training, long-term sick leave and maternity/adoption leave.
 - Central Service - includes all officers seconded to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary for Scotland (HMICS), Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland (ACPOS), Scottish Government or similar posts.
 - SCDEA/SPSA - includes all officers seconded to the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA), Scottish Police College, Forensic Services, and the Scottish Police Services Authority (SPSA).
 - Secondments - includes all officers on secondments not otherwise covered, such as to local authorities.
 - Additional Regular Police - officers at ports and airports paid either wholly or partially by the port/airport authority, and additional officers either wholly or partially funded by the local authority or an external body.
5. Since the publication of the 31 December 2012 officer numbers (in March 2012), all forces have reviewed the data they are providing for Additional Regular Police officers, in line with the definition outlined in [Note 4](#) above.
6. Further information on Crime and Justice statistics within Scotland can be accessed at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice>.
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