



An Garda Síochána

Monthly Report for September 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 September 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**

24th October 2025

Message from the Commissioner

Chairperson,

It is my privilege to introduce September's Monthly Report to you, following my first month as Garda Commissioner.

The month of September afforded an opportunity to engage with a range of internal and external stakeholders. I have met with our Garda and Staff Associations, meeting them privately and also publicly at the Chief Superintendents Association and Superintendents Association conferences. Furthermore, I also met with the Minister for Justice, and our oversight bodies, the Policing Community Safety Authority and the Garda Board. These engagements presented an important opportunity to listen to the concerns that our personnel and the public have, and provided an opportunity to set out my key priorities as Commissioner.

On September 2nd, 2025 I conducted a lengthy media briefing at Walter Scott House where I addressed key topical issues of the day – including the investigation into the disappearance of a young boy in Donabate.

These were positive engagements and I very much look forward to developing our positive working relationship into the future. Among the issues highlighted was resourcing and my commitment to growth in An Garda Síochána.

It was therefore fitting that An Garda Síochána together with the Department for Justice, Migration and Home Affairs launched its latest Garda Trainee Recruitment Campaign at the National Ploughing Championships on September 16, 2025. The recruitment campaign is to run for a period of three weeks and will ensure we have a strong pipeline of recruits into the future. Already we are seeing steady growth at the Garda College, with more than 550 Garda recruits currently undergoing the training programme. Next month another cohort of probationers will attest from Templemore further bolstering our Garda numbers.

This latest Garda Recruitment campaign will build on the success of last February's campaign and I would like to thank Gardaí right across the country, and many involved in public service, who have been involved in the promotion of this campaign.

Operationally this month there were some very difficult incidents which our investigation teams progressed, and I would like to take this opportunity to commend the efforts of those involved. These were in respect of the recovery of the remains of a young child in Donabate, Co. Dublin and also two separate murder incidents, one which involved a child occurred in Finglas, Dublin 11 on 27 September 2025, and a triple murder which occurred at a home in Drumgowna, Co. Louth on 29 September 2025.

An Garda Síochána continues to focus on its responsibilities in the area of Road Safety, and tragically during the month of September, 17 people died in fatal collisions, and a further 73 people were involved serious injury collisions. We continue to appeal to the public to reduce their speed, wear their seatbelts, avoid distraction by not using a mobile phone when driving, and to never drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

This month also included my first appearance as Commissioner before the Policing and Community Safety Authority, and I am looking forward to continuing this positive engagement into the future.

Justin Kelly
Garda Commissioner

1. Financial Expenditure and Receipts

	2025 Allocation €'000	Expenditure/Receipts end Sept €'000	Remaining Oct-Dec €'000	Remaining %
Gross Total	2,480,453	1,854,007	626,446	25%
Appropriation in Aid (receipts)	113,500	114,306	-806	-1%

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 September 2025, the total gross expenditure is €1.85b (75% of allocation). In terms of Appropriations in Aid, income receipts are €114.31m (101% of allocated).

- Pay (including College and Superannuation) September 2025 YTD of €1,542.95m is €21.95m over Budget Profile of €1,521m, driven by overtime.
- Non Pay (including College) September 2025 YTD of €208.88m is €12.7m over budget profile of €196.19m, driven by ICT timing, operational service expense and compensation.
- Capital September 2025 YTD of €115.54m is €10.05m under budget profile of €125.59m (Deferred Capital of €16.59m (YTD €13.37m) is included).
- Appropriations in Aid September 2025 YTD of €114.31m is €29.10m over Budget Profile of €85.21m.

Overall YTD September 2025, gross expenditure is over budget profile by €27.82m. There has been a significant overspend in overtime of €28.73m. There is a forum of ongoing engagement with Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation and the Department of Justice. A suite of cost containment measures has been put in place.

Overtime is required to meet operational policing demands including crime investigation, crime prevention, security, court related activity and to supplement understaffed units. Proactive management of overtime is ongoing with a particular emphasis on the drivers of overtime and including a regional focus. The five largest drivers of overtime are Crime Investigation (22%), Other Recurring (19%), Court (15%), Crime Prevention (12%) and 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): OPW have advised substantial completion is expected end Q1 2026.
- Portlaoise Garda Station External enabling works completed and contract formally awarded by the OPW. Preliminary works and site mobilisation began 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, to be progressed in conjunction with the OPW. Works are anticipated to commence in Q4 2025 on the development of new Garda stations at Clonmel and Macroom. Both Final Business Cases have been prepared and are anticipated to be formally approved in October 2025, with contract award following thereafter.

2. People and Development

Garda Recruitment

On Tuesday 16 September 2025, Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration Jim O'Callaghan TD and Garda Commissioner Justin Kelly launched the second Garda recruitment campaign of 2025 at the national Ploughing championships. The campaign opened on Thursday 18 September 2025 and will run for three weeks until 9 October 2025.

Since Garda recruitment recommenced, and the first Garda Trainees entered the Garda College in December 2022;

- Over 2,000 Garda Trainees have entered the Garda College
- Over 1,400 Probationer Gardaí have attested to An Garda Síochána
- Over 550 Garda recruits are currently undergoing the training programme at the Garda College.



The Strength of Garda Personnel

The Garda member strength as at 30 September 2025 stood at 14,325 and the Garda Staff strength stood at 3,656. A full breakdown by rank, grade and gender is outlined below.

Garda Member Strengths as at 30 September 2025

Rank	As at 30 September 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	160	132	82.5	28	17.5	160
Inspector	475	375	79	100	21	475
Sergeant	2,179	1,637	75	542	25	2,177.5
Garda	11,454	8,030	70	3,424	30	11,420.5
Total	14,325	10,217	71	4,108	29	14,290

Of which	As at 30 September 2025	Male	%	Female	%
Career Breaks (incl. ICB)	26	17	65.4	9	34.6
Work-sharing	35	0.5	1.4	34.5	98.6
Secondments (Overseas etc.)	44	28	64	16	36
Maternity Leave	65	0	0	65	100
Unpaid Maternity Leave	49	0	0	49	100
Paternity Leave	17	17	100	0	0
Available Strength	14,089	10,154.5	72.1	3,934.5	27.9

Garda Reserves Strength As at 30 September 2025	<i>Total</i>	Male	%	Female	%
	293	226	77	67	23

Garda Staff Strengths as at 30 September 2025

Grade	<i>Total</i>	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	58.1	13	41.9
AP	118	118	58	49.2	60	50.8
HEO	247	246	97	39.3	150	60.7
AO	20	20	9	45	11	55
EO	872	862.6	296	33.9	576	66.1
CO	2,006	1939.7	540	26.9	1,466	73.1
Total	3,302	3,225.3	1,021	30.9	2,281	69.1
	Total	WTE*	Male	%	Female	%
Professional/Technical (including Chief Medical Officer)	68	67.8	33	48.5	35	51.5
Administrative ***	3,301	3224.3	1,020	30.9	2,281	69.1
Industrial/Non Industrial	287	191	93	32.4	194	67.6

Total	3,656	3483.1	1,146	31.3	2,510	68.7
Of which	Total	WTE*	Male	%	Female	%
Maternity Leave	26	26	0	0	26	100
Unpaid Maternity Leave	11	11	0	0	11	100
Paternity Leave	1	1	1	100	0	0
Available Total	3,618	3,445.1	1,145	31.6	2,473	68.4

* 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	%
	257	76.9	14	5	243	95

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

Career Breaks****	Total	WTE	Male	%	Female	%
	22	22	6	27	16	73

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

Suspensions as of 1 October 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	7
Assault/Assault Causing Harm	9
Domestic Violence/Coercive Control	11
Theft/Forgery/Fraud/Dishonesty	13
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	29	10	11	1	22
*Figure includes one Death in service					
** Section 17(4)B Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018 – Court Ordered					

Garda Staff Suspension figures as at 30 September 2025

<i>Total*</i>	Male	%	Female	%
7	5	71	2	29

3. Corporate Communications

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

This month the office was awarded three national awards from the inaugural Public Relations Institute of Ireland (PRII) Communication Impact Awards. These awards included the best crisis communication project for the Garda Appeal on 99 "Persons of Interest" following the Dublin Riots; best integrated communication campaign for the Garda Trainee Recruitment Campaign, and the best in-house PR Team. This recognises the work that this office does to support our mission of Keeping People Safe.

During September a number of media briefings and communications issued in support of operational activities across the organisation.

The Garda Trainee Recruitment Campaign which took place on 16 September 2025 in conjunction with the Department of Justice at the National Ploughing Championships under the theme "It's A Job Worth Doing".

The Garda Press Office also co-ordinated media responses and supported local investigators in respect of a number of high profile cases. These included the disappearance and location of the remains of a young child, Daniel Aruebose, in Donabate, Co. Dublin and murder investigations in Finglas, Dublin 11 on 27 September 2025, and Drumgowna, Co. Louth on 29 September 2025.

Media briefing with the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána Justin Kelly on 2 September 2025



Garda Commissioner Justin Kelly conducts his first media briefing as Garda Commissioner at Walter Scott House, 2 September 2025

The Office of Corporate Communications supported the media briefing with Garda Commissioner Justin Kelly following his appointment on 1 September 2025. This briefing provided an introduction and an overview of Commissioner Kelly's key priorities for An Garda Síochána. During the hour-long briefing, media had an opportunity to discuss a wide range of issues and topics which generated a number of media reports over the course of the day and subsequent days.

Office of Corporate Communications successes highlighted on national and international stage



Members of the Office of Corporate Communications Team left to right Aoife O'Connor, Sergeant Sean MacSeoin; Sgt Margaret Flanagan; Superintendent Liam Geraghty; Carol Byrne; Stephen McDonagh; Mary Phelan; Mike Gilmartin pictured with the office's three PRII Communication Impact Awards.

On Friday 12 September 2025, the Garda Office of Corporate Communications won a number of awards at the national inaugural PRII Communication Impact Awards, taking home three awards for:

- In-House PR Team of the Year.
- Best Crisis Communication Project for the Garda Appeal on 99 "Persons of Interest" Following Dublin Riots.
- Best Integrated Communication Campaign - An Garda Síochána Trainee Recruitment Campaign.

The judges for the in-house PR Team of the Year agreed that the Garda office of Corporate Communications "not only demonstrated exceptional communication campaigns, but doing so while effectively using a wide range of tools to deliver effective messaging across multiple channels, to great impact. The winning team embedded communication throughout the organisation, including at senior levels. They have prioritised training, building leadership capacity and there was extensive evidence of talent retention and policies and practices to support employee wellbeing and work/life balance".

Our award winning Garda Podcast was presented at Europol's European Law Enforcement Communicators conference held in The Hague on 17 and 18 September 2025. Also, this month, Superintendent Liam Geraghty presented at the "Local Government Management Agency webinar on Growing Your Social Media Reach".

Garda Trainee Recruitment Campaign Launch Screggan Co Offaly 16 September 2025

Together with the Minister of Justice, An Garda Síochána formally launched our latest Garda Trainee Recruitment Campaign on 16 September 2025, at the National Ploughing Championships in Screggan Co Offaly. The media briefing sought to highlight key areas of the campaign, and was supported by new campaign branding which depicted the work of various Gardaí. Personnel from these units were on hand on the launch day to engage with members of the public and media, and highlight why being a Garda is a job worth doing.



Minister for Justice Jim O'Callaghan TD, and Garda Commissioner Justin Kelly Speaking at the launch of the Garda Recruitment Campaign which took place on the Garda stand at the National Ploughing Championships, 16 September 2025

On Thursday, 18 September 2025, a host of Garda sports stars, including Tipperary 2025 All-Ireland Hurling Winning Captain Ronan Maher, were on the stand at the Ploughing Championships to talk about balancing their roles in An Garda Síochána with their sports commitments. The sports stars also conducted a number of media interviews promoting the campaign with features appearing in national media including; Irish Times, Irish Independent, Newstalk and Virgin Media's social platforms among others. The campaign which runs until 9 October 2025, is further supported by targeted messaging approaches which will run across social media, radio, print and online platforms.

Garda Appeal for Information: Murder Investigation Drumgowna Co. Louth, 29 September 2025



Superintendent Andrew Watters speaking at a media briefing held outside Drogheda Garda station, 29 September 2025, regarding a fatal incident in Drumgowna Co. Louth.

A media briefing was held at Drogheda Garda Station, which was facilitated by Superintendent Andrew Watters following the murder of three adults at a home in Drumgowna, Co. Louth. This briefing was to appeal for witnesses and to reassure the public of the progress with the criminal investigation.

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 226 press releases, including 100 missing person appeals in respect of 49 individuals; 25 witness appeals; together with those related to successful operations undertaken by the organisation during the month of September 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 2.5 million 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	434,517	0.91%
 Facebook – Missing Persons	32,981	1.07%
 Instagram - @GardaInsta	256,114	2.43%
 X- @GardaInfo	299,385	4.93%
 X - @GardaTraffic	633,583	6.71%
 LinkedIn – An Garda Síochána	82,200	9.61%
 TikTok – @GardaInfo	73,514	5.26%

Internal Communications

In September 2025 An Garda Síochána's Internal Communications Team delivered eight comprehensive issues of Newsbeat and one special issue on the recent Garda recruitment campaign.

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.

**IT'S A JOB
WORTH DOING.**



18 September 2025

Garda Trainee recruitment September 2025 now open



Our September 2025 Garda recruitment campaign launched this morning. As always, our people are our best asset to recruit the next generation of Gardai. Each of us has a role in encouraging suitable candidates to apply and work their way through the selection process.

NEWSBEAT



11 September 2025

Commissioner Kelly meets with GRA



Commissioner Kelly meeting with GRA in Dublin yesterday

Commissioner Justin Kelly was delighted to meet with the Executive Committee of the Garda Representative Association (GRA) in their offices in Dublin yesterday.

Newsbeat highlights from September 2025 include:

- News of Commissioner Kelly's productive meeting with the Executive Committee of the Garda Representative Association (GRA).
- Notice of the launch of the An Garda Síochána Culture Audit 2025 for personnel to complete during the month of October 2025.
- News of the launch and publication of the An Garda Síochána National Children and Young Person Plan 2025-2028.
- A report on the activities of An Garda Síochána at this year's National Ploughing Championships.
- A number of articles highlighting the latest Garda recruitment campaign and the efforts of personnel to spread the word about the campaign.
- An article on the involvement and efforts of An Garda Síochána in relation to the NFL game that took place in Croke Park on 28 September 2025.

4. Crime Trends

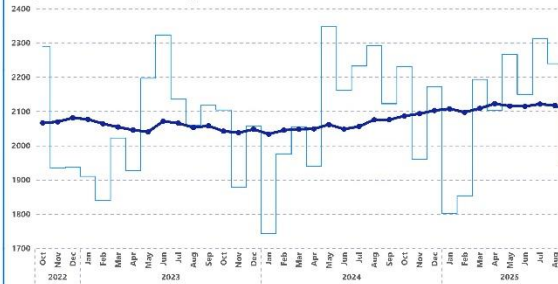
Crime Trends

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.



Total Crimes Against the Person

Reported Incidents 12m Avg



	%(+/-) vs Prev 12m
Crimes Against the Person (Assault)	+1.6% →
Non-Residential	+3.0% →
Residential	-1.5% →
Crimes Against the Person (Other)	+0.0% →
Total	+1.3% →

ICCS Classification Grouping

Crimes Against the Person (Assault)

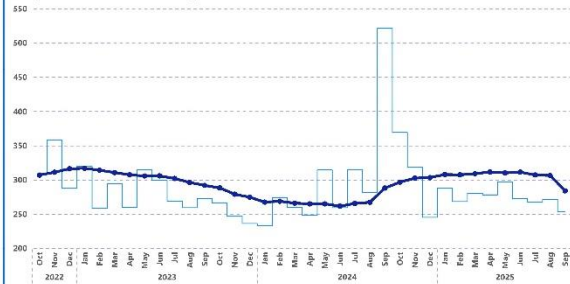
032 - Assaults

Crimes Against the Person (Other)

011 - Murder/Manslaughter/infanticide
031 - Attempts/Threats to Murder
033 - Harassment and Related Offences
042 - Other Dangerous or Negligent Acts
051 - False Imprisonment: Abduction
063 - Hijacking Offences

Sexual Offences & Child Pornography

Reported Incidents 12m Avg



	%(+/-) vs Prev 12m
Sexual Offences (Child Pornography Offences)	+0.9% →
Sexual Offences (Rape/Sexual Assault)	-1.5% →
Total	-1.4% →

ICCS Classification Grouping

Sexual Offences (Child Pornography Offences)

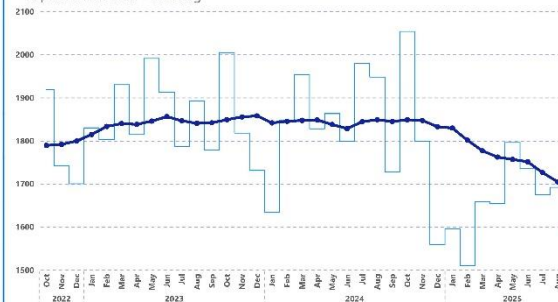
0222 - Child pornography offences
0223 - Child pornography - obstruction of warrant

Sexual Offences (Rape/Sexual Assault)

021 - Rape and Sexual Assault
022 - Other Sexual Offences
(excl Child Pornography)

Criminal Damage

Reported Incidents 12m Avg



	%(+/-) vs Prev 12m
Criminal Damage	-8.2% ↘
Non-Residential	-9.7% ↘
Residential	-6.3% ↘
Total	-8.2% ↘

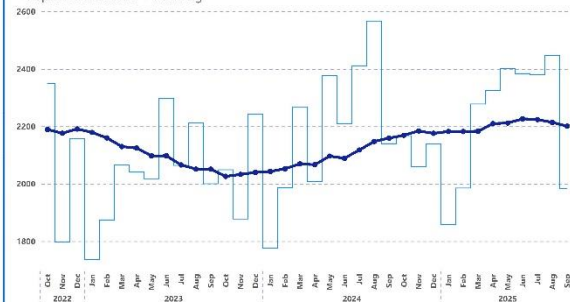
ICCS Classification Grouping

Criminal Damage

1211 - Arson
1212 - Criminal damage (not arson)

Total Public Order

Reported Incidents 12m Avg



	%(+/-) vs Prev 12m
Public Order (Drunkness)	-1.9% →
Public Order (Public Order Offences)	+4.2% →
Total	+1.9% →

ICCS Classification Grouping

Public Order (Drunkness)

1313 - Drunkenness offences

Public Order (Public Order Offences)

1312 - Public order offences

Use of Force September 2025

Use of Force Comparison – August 2025/September 2025				
Category	Aug-25	Sep-25	Increase/ Decrease	% Change
Total UOF for Month	1,171	1,015	-156	-13%
Civilians Injured	25	18	-7	-28%
Garda Members Injured	21	8	-13	-62%
Pepper Spray Deployed	117	97	-20	-17%
Batons	37	32	-5	-14%
Handcuffs	1,109	959	-150	-14%
Anti-spit guard	2	0	-2	-100%
Unarmed Restraint	161	139	-22	-14%
Taser	1	6	5	500%
Less Lethal Firearm	1	0	-1	-100%
Firearm	0	0	0	0%
Gender Subject to Force - Male	949	882	-67	-7%
Gender Subject to Force - Female	133	123	-10	-8%
Drugs Involved	355	277	-78	-22%
Alcohol Involved	665	546	-119	-18%
Division with highest level UOF - DMR South Central	251	201	-50	-20%
Percentage of UOF Deployments occurring Friday, Saturday & Sunday	52%	44%	-8%	-15%

* NC Percentage figure of 0 is not calculable

5. Demonstrations and Events

Demonstrations

An Garda Síochána provided a policing response, including traffic management, at Protests / Demonstrations during September 2025, international conflict including the Israel / Palestine conflict, and Anti-Immigration / Housing of Refugees, continue to be the main themes of Protests / Demonstrations.

Table 1 - Demonstration (Non Crime) - 2025YTD

Region	2025 YTD
Dublin Region	649
Eastern Region	109
North Western Region	63
Southern Region	154
Total	975

Table 2 - Demonstration (Non Crime) – Sept 2025

Region	Sept 2025
Dublin Region	76
Eastern Region	12
North Western Region	3
Southern Region	18
Grand Total	109

Data as was present on the PULSE database on the morning of 02/10/2025 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. Tragically, 17 people died in fatal collisions through September 2025. There were also 73 serious injury collisions reported in September 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 September 2025, there were 3,820 MIT checkpoints conducted. There was an average of approximately 7 arrests per day nationally for driving under the influence of drugs, 13 daily for driving under the influence of alcohol and there were almost 2,900 vehicles seized under the provisions of Section 41 of the Road Traffic Act in September 2025.

	September 2025
Mobile Phone FCNs	1,893
Seatbelt FCNs	469
Intercept Speed FCNs	3,078
Non-Intercept Speed FCNs	9,845
Total Speed FCNs	12,923
Driving While Intoxicated*	598
Driving While Intoxicated - alcohol as a factor	378
Driving While Intoxicated - drugs as a factor	198
Driving While Intoxicated – alcohol & drugs as a factor	22
Section 41 Detentions	September 2025
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA)**	2,858
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no ins.	1,699
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no tax	1,025
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no NCT	487
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - unaccompanied learner drivers	604
MIT Checkpoints - Breath/Oral Fluid Tests	September 2025
MIT Checkpoints - Breath Tests performed	12,718
MIT Checkpoints - Oral Fluid Tests performed	542

* 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 01/10/2025 for FCPS and is liable to change. Crime counting rules were not applied.

7. Prevention and Disruption of Crime

September was a busy month for our Gardaí all over the country, with many successful detections and a focus on crime prevention. Additionally, the media reported on numerous significant prosecutions which have progressed through the criminal courts. This is our core policing work which realises our goal of keeping people safe.

Stop and Search

On 16 September 2024, Gardaí targeting the distribution network of an Organised Crime Gang implemented a stop and search of two vehicles in the Dublin Metropolitan Region. A search of the vehicles recovered 5.5Kg of cannabis, and both drivers of the vehicles were arrested at the scene. Two searches were undertaken, on warrant, which recovered a further 35.5Kg of cannabis herb. Drugs to the value of €820,000 weighing 41kg was seized.

INTERPOL's Global Initiative - Operation HAECHI

Operation HAECHI is INTERPOL's global initiative targeting cyber-enabled financial crime through coordinated international enforcement. Launched in multiple phases since 2020, it brings together law enforcement agencies from a number of countries to combat crimes such as, investment fraud, romance scams, business email compromise, voice phishing, and online sextortion. The operation focuses not only on arresting perpetrators but also on recovering stolen assets and disrupting the financial infrastructure that enables these crimes.

In the month of September 2025, the Divisional Liaison Unit of the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau achieved a significant milestone in the fight against cyber-enabled financial crime, successfully recovering €1,143,227 in victim funds. These funds, originating from fraudulent incidents targeting both Irish and other citizens, were traced and secured through close cooperation with foreign law enforcement partners.

NFL Game 28 September, 2025

On Sunday September 28, 2025 the first regular-season NFL game to be played in Ireland took place in Croke Park. This was an historic sporting occasion requiring the implementation of a significant policing plan by the DMR. The policing of this game had a number of moving parts, which included a huge influx of visitors to the Capital, movement of VIPs and the policing of associated events which occurred in various locations across the weekend. The event was enjoyed by thousands of visitors and locals alike.

9. Community Engagement

The Garda Campus Watch Programme

On 4 September 2025, the Garda National Community Policing Unit hosted an online internal webinar to support Garda Campus Watch Programmes. The Garda Campus Watch Programme is a safety campaign for college students where advice is provided on a range of topics such as rental fraud, drugs, and sexual consent. The programme is a crime prevention and community safety initiative and operates as a partnership between An Garda Síochána and the campus occupants. The webinar, led by the National Coordinator for Campus Watch, featured expert speakers from Garda National Economic Crime Bureau (GNECB), Garda National Roads Policing Bureau (GNRPB), and Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau (GNCCB). Over 20 participants attended online, and the webinar raised awareness of the Garda Campus Watch Programme among Community Policing Gardaí and Campus Watch Liaison Gardaí, and provided useful information for engaging with third-level students.

The 9th Annual Durga Puja Celebration in Dublin

The Garda National Community Engagement Bureau addressed the 9th Annual Durga Puja Celebration in Dublin 8. The celebration of Durga Puja is a cultural phenomenon that embodies diversity, resilience, and the empowerment of women. Durga Puja symbolises the triumph of good over evil and the strength and dignity of womanhood. It challenges racial prejudice and hate-impact communities. The event serves as an opportunity to foster dialogue, inclusivity, and confidence through cultural celebration.

Gardaí deliver the “Just One Life” presentation

On 11 September 2025 Gardaí delivered the “Just One Life” presentation to 320 Transition Year (TY) students at the Odeon Cinema in Newbridge, along with a member from Fire Brigade and a Doctor from Naas Hospital. This is an ongoing programme which is delivered to approximately 3,000 TY students annually by Kildare Community Policing. This programme focuses on the importance of road safety and rules of the road aimed at students who are about to take part in their theory and driving test.

The Relay for Life event at the Sligo Atlantic Technology University campus

On 13 September 2025, the Relay for Life returned to the campus of Sligo Atlantic Technology University. The event brought the community together to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones, and take a stand against cancer. Over 24 inspiring hours, teams walked, fundraised, and shared stories of hope, in support of the Irish Cancer Society’s life-saving work. This event was filled with music, remembrance, and where people came together to walk a lap, light a candle, or cheer from the sidelines. Every step marked a difference.

The National Ploughing Championships September 2025

The National Ploughing Championships were held between 16 – 18 September 2025 at Scraggan, Co Offaly. 225,000 people attended Europe’s largest Outdoor Exhibition and Agricultural Trade Show. An Garda Síochána had a Garda Marquee present supported by the Garda National Community Engagement Bureau (GNCEB).

This event afforded An Garda Síochána an opportunity to enhance engagement with our communities. A number of specialist units were on hand to highlight the diverse work of An Garda Síochána and to provide crime prevention advice. Gardaí informed the public about the supports and services available to people who have been a victim of crime, and also drew awareness to how child protection and human trafficking crime may present within a rural setting. Roads Policing personnel were also on hand to showcase and highlight the Operation Nexus car along with motorbikes, promoting the Bike Safe programme.

The National Ploughing Championships also saw the launch of the Rural Safety Plan 2025 – 2027 which has been developed by the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, in conjunction with the National Rural Safety Forum, and delivers on a Programme for Government commitment. The goal is to make communities across Ireland safer places to live.

Henry Street Garda Station Culture Night Event

On 19 September 2025, Henry Street Garda Station hosted a culture night event and opened its doors to the public for a special 'Behind the Scenes' tour as part of Culture Night. More than 1,100 visitors were given a guided tour and a look into the daily operations of An Garda Síochána. There was various specialised units present to explain their roles in the context of modern policing. Live music was provided through the culture night grant and a sensory hour preceded the main opening. Sergeant Natasha Walsh (IC Henry Street), Sergeant O'Connor (Henry Street Community Policing) and Sergeant Bannon (Henry Street Community Policing) were instrumental in planning this event. A special pre-opening tour for our Little Blue Heroes raised a total of €1,300.

The JARC Manual of Practice Workshop Seminar

On 29 September 2025, the National Joint Agency Response to Crime (JARC) Office within the Garda National Offender Recidivism Unit (GNORU) hosted the JARC Manual of Practice Workshop Seminar for Wexford and Wicklow Pilot Working Group members at Garda College, Templemore. The National JARC Office acts as a contact point for multi-agency stakeholders and has national responsibility for Joint Agency Response to Crime, in association with the Probation Service. This workshop provided operational guidance on JARC aimed at operational staff who deal with offenders and suspected offenders. It also provided the necessary information to use the JARC process to manage an offender or suspected offender. The core purpose of the Joint Agency Response to Crime is "to make communities safer through coordinated Offender Management". JARC's core partners are An Garda Síochána and the Probation Service, supported by the Department of Justice. The Joint Agency Response to Crime Wexford and Wicklow Pilot Workshop was well received by 30 attendees from the Wexford and Wicklow Probation Service and An Garda Síochána working group members.

The Official Launch of the Local Community Safety Partnership at Wexford County Council

On 30 September 2025, the Local Community Safety Partnership was officially launched at Wexford County Council. This new initiative brings community representative and statutory agencies together to focus on crime prevention and early intervention around local safety issues. An Garda Síochána was represented at the launch by Chief Superintendent Derek Hughes, Superintendent Jarlath Duffy and Superintendent David O' Sullivan. Wexford County Council will administer the partnership, which will develop a 3-year Local Community Safety Plan for the county.



Left to right: Superintendent David O'Sullivan, newly appointed chair of the Wexford Local Community Safety Partnership Cllr Mary Farrell, Chief Superintendent Derek T. Hughes, Councillor Ger Carthy and Superintendent Jarlath Duffy.