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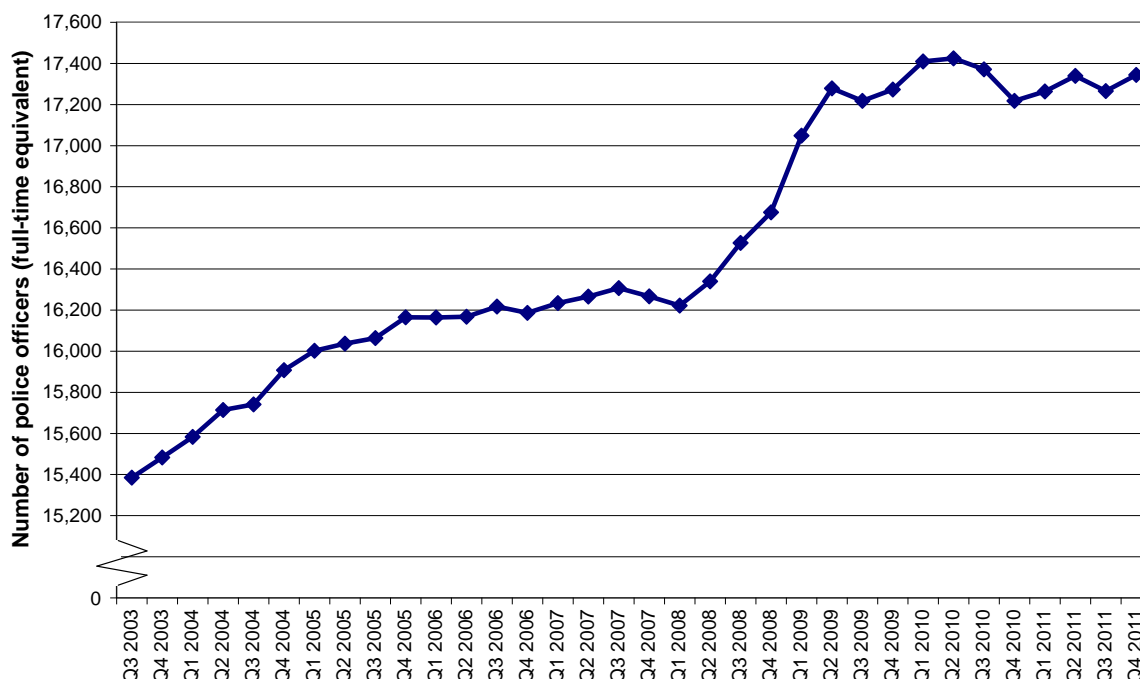
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## POLICE OFFICER QUARTERLY STRENGTH STATISTICS SCOTLAND, 31 DECEMBER 2011

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 17,343 police officers (full-time equivalent) in Scotland on 31 December 2011.
- This total comprises 16,747 police officers deployed in the eight Scottish police forces (including Additional Regular Police), and 596 on secondment or central service.
- Police officer numbers have increased by 78 full-time equivalent (FTE) officers in the last quarter from 30 September 2011 (0.5%). There has been an increase of 126 FTE officers in the last year from 31 December 2010 (0.7%).

**Chart 1: Police Officer Strength in Scotland, 2003 – 2011<sup>1</sup>**



1. Full-time equivalent figures have only been available from September 2003.

**Table 1: Number of Police Officers (FTE<sup>1</sup>) in Scotland by Police Force and Deployment, 31 December 2011**

Deployment <sup>2</sup>	Central Scotland Police	Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary	Fife Constabulary	Grampian Police	Lothian and Borders Police	Northern Constabulary	Strathclyde Police	Tayside Police	Scotland <sup>3</sup>
<b>Police Officers in Force</b>	841	464	1,069	1,420	2,819	752	8,020	1,201	<b>16,586</b>
<b>Additional Regular Police</b>	4	32	0	27	40	0	40	19	<b>162</b>
<b>Central Service</b>	7	0	10	4	42	6	214	5	<b>288</b>
<b>SCDEA/SPSA</b>	12	15	11	13	56	8	137	11	<b>263</b>
<b>Secondments</b>	11	0	15	4	13	2	0	0	<b>45</b>
<b>Total<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>875</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>2,970</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>8,411</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>17,343</b>

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 2](#).
3. Scotland and force totals may not equal the sum of their parts due to rounding.

**Table 2: Number of Police Officers<sup>1</sup> (FTE<sup>2</sup>) in Scotland by Police Force, 2005 – 2011**

Quarter <sup>3</sup>	Central Scotland Police	Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary	Fife Constabulary	Grampian Police	Lothian and Borders Police	Northern Constabulary	Strathclyde Police	Tayside Police	Scotland <sup>4</sup>
<b>Q1 2005</b>	832	480	996	1,354	2,803	702	7,668	1,166	<b>16,001</b>
<b>Q2 2005</b>	824	481	1,005	1,382	2,793	710	7,679	1,163	<b>16,036</b>
<b>Q3 2005</b>	830	477	1,001	1,372	2,808	709	7,703	1,164	<b>16,063</b>
<b>Q4 2005</b>	827	496	1,022	1,368	2,823	704	7,769	1,155	<b>16,164</b>
<b>Q1 2006</b>	826	505	1,037	1,352	2,818	699	7,767	1,159	<b>16,164</b>
<b>Q2 2006</b>	825	497	1,041	1,351	2,813	698	7,788	1,156	<b>16,168</b>
<b>Q3 2006</b>	821	500	1,036	1,407	2,791	716	7,770	1,175	<b>16,217</b>
<b>Q4 2006</b>	821	496	1,035	1,400	2,783	697	7,782	1,173	<b>16,186</b>
<b>Q1 2007</b>	828	497	1,059	1,374	2,793	707	7,822	1,154	<b>16,234</b>
<b>Q2 2007</b>	825	496	1,057	1,410	2,799	707	7,804	1,167	<b>16,265</b>
<b>Q3 2007</b>	826	499	1,064	1,418	2,809	719	7,800	1,172	<b>16,306</b>
<b>Q4 2007</b>	815	502	1,059	1,440	2,829	713	7,735	1,174	<b>16,267</b>
<b>Q1 2008</b>	833	510	1,061	1,470	2,836	724	7,619	1,169	<b>16,222</b>
<b>Q2 2008</b>	836	516	1,058	1,466	2,868	732	7,687	1,175	<b>16,339</b>
<b>Q3 2008</b>	852	518	1,063	1,473	2,869	742	7,824	1,185	<b>16,526</b>
<b>Q4 2008</b>	836	517	1,066	1,483	2,891	747	7,955	1,180	<b>16,675</b>
<b>Q1 2009</b>	842	519	1,074	1,513	2,928	772	8,204	1,197	<b>17,048</b>
<b>Q2 2009</b>	840	517	1,078	1,532	2,954	777	8,390	1,191	<b>17,278</b>
<b>Q3 2009</b>	820	519	1,074	1,549	2,961	784	8,303	1,208	<b>17,217</b>
<b>Q4 2009</b>	834	513	1,071	1,545	2,979	793	8,331	1,208	<b>17,273</b>
<b>Q1 2010</b>	865	508	1,077	1,550	3,009	798	8,391	1,210	<b>17,409</b>
<b>Q2 2010</b>	853	511	1,082	1,557	3,007	785	8,410	1,220	<b>17,424</b>
<b>Q3 2010</b>	846	507	1,082	1,546	2,990	792	8,382	1,225	<b>17,371</b>
<b>Q4 2010</b>	832	503	1,070	1,519	2,953	787	8,337	1,217	<b>17,217</b>
<b>Q1 2011</b>	871	503	1,107	1,516	2,959	782	8,290	1,236	<b>17,263</b>
<b>Q2 2011</b>	875	508	1,112	1,493	2,926	777	8,417	1,230	<b>17,339</b>
<b>Q3 2011</b>	872	507	1,105	1,468	2,912	777	8,404	1,219	<b>17,265</b>
<b>Q4 2011</b>	875	511	1,105	1,468	2,970	768	8,411	1,236	<b>17,343</b>

1. 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.
2. All figures are expressed in terms of full-time equivalent (FTE) police officers, rounded to the nearest whole number.
3. Figures are as the end of the respective quarter: Q1 - 31 March, Q2 - 30 June, Q3 - 30 September, Q4 - 31 December.
4. 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. 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.
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. 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.
5. We are currently examining the breakdown of police officer numbers between 'Police Officers in Force' and 'Additional Regular Police', as presented in Table 1. An update will be provided in the next Police Officer Quarterly Strength Bulletin in June 2012.
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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