

### **Police called into schools: Data and text as supplied by the Conservative Party**

The Conservatives asked each police force in England under Freedom of Information how many times they were called on to school premises for an attempted or actual violent crime.

Of the 39 police forces in England, 25 sent responses, 9 cited exemptions and 5 have yet to respond.

The table below lists violent incidents in schools in 2007/8 unless specified otherwise

<b>Police Authority</b>	<b>Violent crimes in schools</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,311</b>
Avon and Somerset	393 <sup>1</sup>
2. Cambridgeshire	100 <sup>2</sup>
3. Cheshire	128 <sup>3</sup>
4. City of London	1
5. Cleveland	199 <sup>4</sup>
6. Cumbria	89 <sup>3,2</sup>
7. Derbyshire	256 <sup>3</sup>
8. Devon and Cornwall	103
9. Dorset	102
10. Hertfordshire	222 <sup>3</sup>
11. Humberside	161
12. Kent	425 <sup>3,5</sup>
13. Lincolnshire	69
14. Merseyside	141 <sup>6</sup>
15. North Yorkshire	99 <sup>7</sup>
16. Metropolitan Police	2,698 <sup>10</sup>
17. Northamptonshire	81 <sup>3</sup>
18. Northumbria	356
19. South Yorkshire	190
20. Suffolk	97 <sup>3</sup>
21. Surrey	104
22. Sussex	209 <sup>8</sup>
23. Thames Valley	697
24. Warwickshire	73 <sup>2,9</sup>
25. West Midlands	318 <sup>2</sup>

1 Only incidents relating to a recorded crime so an underestimate

2 Only sanction detections recorded so this is an underestimate

3 The calendar year 2007

4 A year but Cleveland police authority did not specify how the year was delineated

5 May include some in the vicinity of the school (e.g. just outside the school premises)

6 Merseyside only provided an aggregate figure over three years so this has been averaged

7 Includes attempted violent crime

8 Literally 'records of crime reports relating to violent offences committed on school premises, which may not necessarily have been generated by an officer being called to a school at the time of the offence'

9 Count of offenders, not crimes

10 'Educational Establishments' and 'violence against the person offences'

The following Police Authorities cited exemptions in their response

Durham

Essex  
Hampshire  
Lancashire  
Greater Manchester  
Norfolk  
West Mercia  
Wiltshire  
Nottinghamshire

The remaining police authorities have yet to provide a full response:

Bedfordshire (delays)  
Gloucestershire  
Leicestershire  
Staffordshire  
West Yorkshire (said request wasn't received)