

58165 Local Authority Workers Attacks

How many of the local authority's workers have been subject to attacks while at work in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date?

2021 – 493*

2022 – 2,615

2023 – 3,836

2024 – 4,583

2025 - 4,292

* The reduction in reports recorded corresponds with the period of Covid-19 lockdowns between March 2020 and December 2021.

Can I ask whether this can be broken down into instances of physical and verbal abuse?

2021

Physical assault – 309

Verbal abuse, threatening behaviour – 184

2022

Physical assault – 2,167

Verbal abuse, threatening behaviour – 448

2023

Physical assault – 3,135

Verbal abuse, threatening behaviour – 701

2024

Physical assault – 3,729

Verbal abuse, threatening behaviour – 854

2025

Physical assault – 3,666

Verbal abuse, threatening behaviour – 626

Can this information be broken down by the services the workers were employed by?

2021

Physical assault

Children, Education and Justice Services – 296

Customer and Corporate Services – 1

Health and Social Care Partnership – 7

Place – 4

Verbal abuse, threatening behaviour

Children, Education and Justice Services – 154

Health and Social Care Partnership - 14

Place – 16

2022

Physical assault

Children, Education and Justice Services – 2,073

Health and Social Care Partnership – 59

Place – 12

Verbal abuse, threatening behaviour

Children, Education and Justice Services – 322

Customer and Corporate Services – 2

Health and Social Care Partnership – 76

Place – 48

2023

Physical assault

Children, Education and Justice Services – 3,162

Health and Social Care Partnership – 73

Place – 16

Verbal abuse, threatening behaviour

Children, Education and Justice Services – 536

Customer and Corporate Services – 6

Health and Social Care Partnership – 90

Place – 65

2024

Physical assault

Children, Education and Justice Services – 3,587

Customer and Corporate Services – 1

Health and Social Care Partnership - 112

Place – 19

Verbal abuse, threatening behaviour

Children, Education and Justice Services – 647

Customer and Corporate Services – 19

Health and Social Care Partnership – 111

Place – 77

2025

Physical assault

Children, Education and Justice Service – 3,620

Customer and Corporate Services – 1

Health and Social Care Partnership - 99

Place – 20

Verbal abuse, threatening behaviour

Children, Education and Justice Services – 499

Customer and Corporate Services – 23

Health and Social Care Partnership – 29

Place – 75