

# International comparisons of criminal justice statistics 1999

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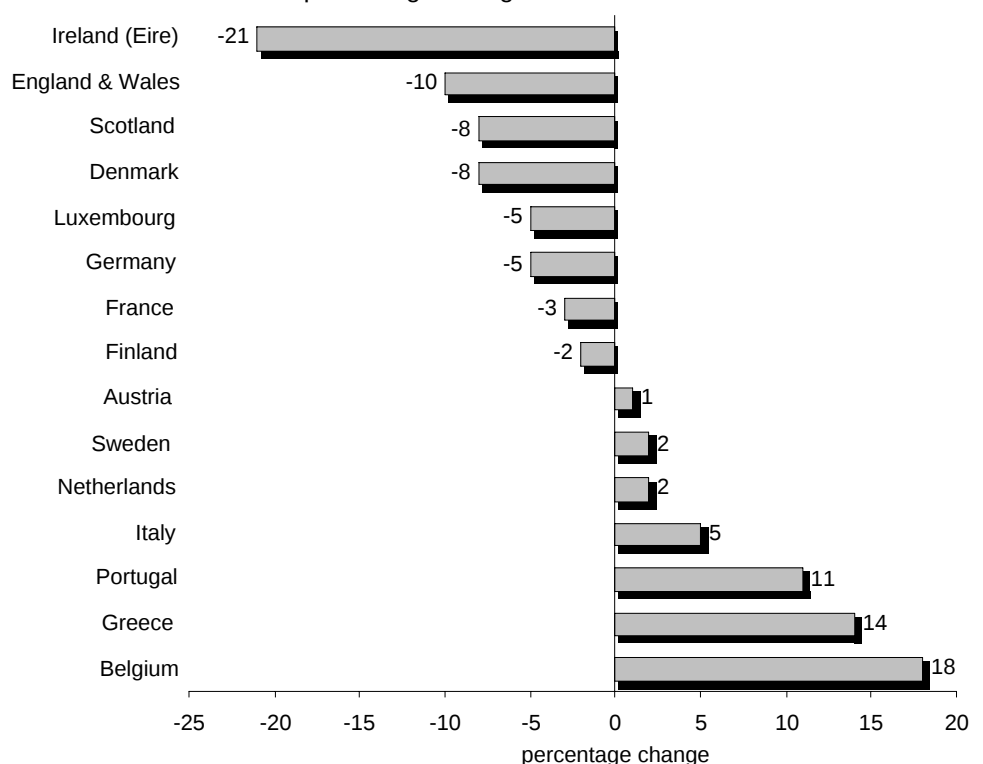
## Main points

Absolute comparisons between the recorded crime levels in different countries may be misleading; therefore, only comparisons of trends are normally made in this Bulletin.

Information for the period 1995 - 1999 on crimes recorded by the police in 32 countries (including all European Union Member States) indicated that:

- Total recorded crime fell by 1% in the EU Member States and by 10% in England & Wales.
- England & Wales had one of the lowest homicide rates in Western Europe for 1997 - 1999.
- Violent crime rose by 11% on average in the EU but by 20% in England & Wales.
- Domestic burglaries fell on average by 14% in the EU but by 31% in England & Wales.
- Thefts of motor vehicles rose on average by 7% in the EU but fell by 27% in England & Wales.
- Drug trafficking offences rose on average by 31% in the EU but fell by 6% in England & Wales.
- England & Wales (at 125 prisoners per 100,000 general population in 1999) had one of the highest *per capita* rates in Western Europe.

**Crimes recorded by the police in selected European Union countries**  
percentage change 1995 -1999



## Introduction

1. This bulletin brings together statistical information collected by the Home Office on criminal justice as well as that collected by the Council of Europe. The data covers all the European Union Member States<sup>1</sup>, the EU applicant countries<sup>2</sup> and selected other countries. It reflects the co-operation that exists between countries both in the sharing of data but also in exploring the different definitions used within statistical collection systems. In making any comparisons it is necessary to be aware that such data will be the outcome of different legal and administrative systems and may also be derived from different statistical data collection processes. Such differences are described in this bulletin and in the European Sourcebook of Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics (Council of Europe, 1999). In view of the many differences, comparisons are usually given here as a percentage change over time rather than as an absolute change on the assumption that other factors will have remained constant over this period. In calculating the EU average, all Member States have been given equal weight.
2. The majority of the data has been collected from official sources in other countries but we are not in a position to comment on either the accuracy or completeness of the figures provided.
3. Information on crime recorded by the police for England & Wales for the 12 months to September 2000 was published in a Home Office Bulletin<sup>3</sup> in January 2001.

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<sup>1</sup> European Union Member States: England & Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden.

<sup>2</sup> European Union applicant countries: Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia.

<sup>3</sup> Recorded crime: England & Wales, 12 months to September 2000 (Home Office Bulletin 01/01) by David Povey & colleagues.

## Crime

4. Although it is impossible to gauge the true extent of crime in any country, there are two main measures available. The first is that of offences recorded by the police. The second measures crime from the results of victimisation surveys carried out on a sample of the public. For international comparison purposes, results from the International Crime Victims Survey can be examined.

### Recorded crime

#### Total crimes recorded (Table 1)

5. Although most countries collect information on the number of crimes recorded or reported by the police, absolute comparisons of crime levels are often misleading. Recorded crime levels will be affected by many factors including:
  - a) Different legal and criminal justice systems;
  - b) Rates at which crimes are reported to the police and recorded by them;
  - c) Differences in the point at which crime is measured. For some countries, this is the time at which the offence is reported to the police while for others recording does not take place until a suspect is identified and the papers are forwarded to the prosecutor;
  - d) Differences in the rules by which multiple offences are counted;
  - e) Differences in the list of offences that are included in the overall crime figures;
  - f) Changes in data quality.
6. Over the period 1995 - 1999, recorded crime fell by 1% in the EU Member States with falls in 8 countries, the largest being in Ireland (21%), England & Wales (10%) Scotland (8%) and Denmark (8%). There were falls in other countries too (in the USA (16%) and in Canada (11%)).
7. During 1999, there was no change in recorded crime in the EU Member States with rises in Northern Ireland (9%), Portugal (6%), the Netherlands (5%) and England & Wales (4%). The largest falls in the EU were in Ireland (5%) and Finland (3%). The highest fall in the other countries were in Hungary (16%), the USA (7%) and Switzerland (6%); the largest rises were in Russia (16%), Estonia (13%) and Slovenia (12%).

**Table A Crimes<sup>(1)</sup> recorded by the police (percentage changes)**

| Country                         | 1989-99              | 1995-99              | 1998-99             | Average annual |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                                 |                      |                      |                     | 1989-99        |
| <b>EU Member States average</b> | <b>6%</b>            | <b>-1%</b>           | <b>0%</b>           | <b>0.6%</b>    |
| England & Wales <sup>(2)</sup>  | 20% <sup>(16)</sup>  | -10% <sup>(16)</sup> | 4%                  | ..             |
| Northern Ireland <sup>(3)</sup> | ..                   | ..                   | 9%                  | ..             |
| Scotland                        | -9%                  | -8%                  | 1%                  | -0.9%          |
| Austria                         | 17%                  | 1%                   | 3%                  | 1.5%           |
| Belgium <sup>(4)</sup>          | ..                   | 18% <sup>(18)</sup>  | 0%                  | ..             |
| Cyprus                          | 15%                  | 5%                   | -2%                 | 1.4%           |
| Czech Republic                  | ..                   | 14%                  | 0%                  | ..             |
| Denmark <sup>(20)</sup>         | -8%                  | -8%                  | -1%                 | -0.8%          |
| Estonia <sup>(21)</sup>         | 169%                 | 30%                  | 13%                 | 10.4%          |
| Finland                         | -4%                  | -2%                  | -3%                 | ..             |
| France                          | 9%                   | -3%                  | 0%                  | 0.9%           |
| Germany <sup>(5)</sup>          | ..                   | -5%                  | -2%                 | ..             |
| Greece <sup>(6)</sup>           | 30%                  | 14%                  | -3%                 | 2.7%           |
| Hungary                         | 124%                 | 1%                   | -16%                | 8.4%           |
| Ireland (Eire)                  | -6%                  | -21%                 | -5%                 | -0.7%          |
| Italy                           | 16%                  | 5%                   | -2%                 | 1.5%           |
| Luxembourg                      | 14%                  | -5%                  | -1%                 | 1.3%           |
| Netherlands                     | 8%                   | 2%                   | 5%                  | 0.8%           |
| Norway <sup>(7)</sup>           | 33%                  | 10%                  | -1%                 | 2.9%           |
| Poland <sup>(22)</sup>          | 105%                 | 15%                  | 5%                  | 7.4%           |
| Portugal <sup>(8)</sup>         | ..                   | 11%                  | 6%                  | ..             |
| Russia                          | 85%                  | 9%                   | 16%                 | 6.4%           |
| Slovenia                        | 54%                  | 65%                  | 12%                 | 4.4%           |
| Spain                           | -11% <sup>(17)</sup> | 1% <sup>(19)</sup>   | -1% <sup>(20)</sup> | ..             |
| Sweden <sup>(9)</sup>           | 2%                   | 2%                   | -1%                 | 0.2%           |
| Switzerland <sup>(10)</sup>     | 7%                   | 2%                   | -6%                 | 0.7%           |
| Australia <sup>(11)</sup>       | ..                   | 17%                  | 2%                  | 2.3%           |
| Canada <sup>(12)</sup>          | -3%                  | -11%                 | -4%                 | -0.3%          |
| Japan <sup>(13)</sup>           | 29%                  | 21%                  | 6%                  | 2.6%           |
| New Zealand                     | 20% <sup>(17)</sup>  | -1% <sup>(19)</sup>  | -3% <sup>(20)</sup> | ..             |
| South Africa                    | ..                   | 14%                  | 7%                  | ..             |
| U.S.A <sup>(14)</sup>           | -18%                 | -16%                 | -7%                 | -2.0%          |

See footnotes for Table 1

(16) Comparisons between the earlier year and 1999/2000 are based on figures for the financial year 1999/2000 which have been adjusted to take account of the inflating effect of the new counting rules. The adjusted

figure for 1998/1999 is 4,418,817 and for 1999/2000 it is 4,650,328. The comparison between 1998/1999 and 1999/2000 is based on the new counting rule figures.

(17) 1989 - 1998.

(18) 1996 - 1999. (19) 1995 - 1998. (20) 1997 - 1998.

### Homicide (Tables 1.1 & 1.2)

8. Since the definition of homicide is similar in most countries, absolute comparisons of rates are possible. For the period 1997 to 1999, the average rate (the number of homicides per 100,000 population) was 1.7 in EU Member States with the highest rates in Northern Ireland (3.1), Finland (2.6), Spain (2.6) and Scotland (2.1). The rate in England & Wales (1.5) was below the average. For the other countries, the highest rates were

found in South Africa (56.5), Estonia (12.2) and the USA (6.3).

9. For the EU capital cities, the average number of homicides over the period 1997 to 1999 was 2.7 per 100,000 population with the highest rates in Amsterdam (5.4), Belfast (5.2), Copenhagen (3.4), Berlin (3.2) and Brussels (2.7). Therefore, London (2.4) had a below average rate. The highest rate was in Washington DC (50.8).

**Table B**      **Comparison of homicide<sup>(1)</sup> in selected cities**

| <b>City</b>                                           | <b>Number of homicides<sup>(1)</sup><br/>1997 to 1999</b> | <b>Homicides<sup>(1)</sup> per 100,000 population of the city<br/>average per year from 1997 to 1999</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b><i>EU Member States capital cities average</i></b> |                                                           | <b>2.71</b>                                                                                              |
| London                                                | 539                                                       | 2.36                                                                                                     |
| Belfast <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 45                                                        | 5.23                                                                                                     |
| Edinburgh <sup>(3)</sup>                              | 29                                                        | 2.15                                                                                                     |
| Vienna                                                | 78                                                        | 1.64                                                                                                     |
| Brussels                                              | 75                                                        | 2.67                                                                                                     |
| Lefkosia                                              | 1                                                         | 0.13                                                                                                     |
| Prague                                                | 155                                                       | 4.28                                                                                                     |
| Copenhagen <sup>(3)</sup>                             | 50                                                        | 3.43                                                                                                     |
| Tallinn <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 140                                                       | 11.23                                                                                                    |
| Helsinki                                              | 35                                                        | 2.16                                                                                                     |
| Paris                                                 | 139                                                       | 2.21                                                                                                     |
| Berlin <sup>(5)</sup>                                 | 333                                                       | 3.23                                                                                                     |
| Athens                                                | 52                                                        | 1.49                                                                                                     |
| Budapest                                              | 167                                                       | 2.98                                                                                                     |
| Dublin                                                | 76                                                        | 2.37                                                                                                     |
| Rome <sup>(6)</sup>                                   | 97                                                        | 1.22                                                                                                     |
| Luxembourg Ville                                      | ..                                                        | ..                                                                                                       |
| Amsterdam <sup>(7)</sup>                              | 145                                                       | 5.37                                                                                                     |
| Oslo                                                  | 29                                                        | 1.92                                                                                                     |
| Warsaw <sup>(8)</sup>                                 | 267                                                       | 5.49                                                                                                     |
| Lisbon                                                | 109                                                       | 1.99                                                                                                     |
| Moscow <sup>(8)</sup>                                 | 3,863                                                     | 18.20                                                                                                    |
| Ljubljana                                             | 14                                                        | 1.45                                                                                                     |
| Madrid                                                | 269 <sup>(12)</sup>                                       | 3.12 <sup>(12)</sup>                                                                                     |
| Stockholm <sup>(9)</sup>                              | 54                                                        | 2.67                                                                                                     |
| Berne                                                 | 14                                                        | 3.61                                                                                                     |
| Geneva                                                | 24                                                        | 1.98                                                                                                     |
| Canberra                                              | 6                                                         | 0.64                                                                                                     |
| Sydney                                                | 200                                                       | 1.70                                                                                                     |
| Ottawa <sup>(10)</sup>                                | 24                                                        | 1.04                                                                                                     |
| Tokyo <sup>(8)</sup>                                  | 420                                                       | 1.17                                                                                                     |
| Wellington                                            | 10 <sup>(12)</sup>                                        | 2.10 <sup>(12)</sup>                                                                                     |
| Pretoria <sup>(11)</sup>                              | 1,512 <sup>(13)</sup>                                     | 27.47 <sup>(13)</sup>                                                                                    |
| New York NY                                           | 2,074                                                     | 9.38                                                                                                     |
| Washington DC                                         | 802                                                       | 50.82                                                                                                    |

See footnotes for Table 1.2

(12) 1996 to 1998.

(13) 1995 to 1997.

### **Violent crime (Table 1.3)**

10. For the period 1995 - 1999, the average rise was 11% in the EU for violent crime with the highest rises in Italy (37%), the Netherlands (34%), France (31%) and England & Wales (20%). The only falls were in Luxembourg (17%) and Belgium (7%) For the other countries, there were high rises in Cyprus (57%), Switzerland (41%), Poland (39%), Slovenia (38%), Australia (32%) and Japan (22%) but large falls in Russia (46%), Estonia (20%) and the USA (20%).
11. In 1999, the average rise was 5% in the EU with the highest rises Cyprus (65%), Portugal (22%), Slovenia (16%) and England & Wales (16%).

### **Domestic burglary (Table 1.4)**

12. Over the period 1995 - 1999, there was an average fall of 14% in the EU for domestic burglary with the highest falls in England & Wales (31%), Germany (29%), Austria (26%), the Netherlands (22%) and France (20%). For the other countries there were high falls in Norway (35%), the USA (19%) and Canada (16%).
13. In 1999, there was an average fall of 5% in the EU similar to that in England & Wales (6%). The largest falls were in Greece (15%) and Austria (14%).

### **Theft of a motor vehicle (Table 1.5)**

14. Over the period 1995 - 1999, there was an average rise of 7% in the EU for theft of a motor vehicle but there were large falls in Scotland (21%), England & Wales (27%) and Germany (46%). The largest rise was in Portugal (62%). For the other countries there were sharp rises in Cyprus (77%) and Poland (36%) but falls in the USA (22%) and Russia (23%).
15. In 1999, there was no change in the EU but there were falls in Germany (13%), Denmark (10%), England & Wales (4%) and Belgium (3%). For the other countries there were high falls were in Hungary (24%) and Cyprus (23%) while the highest rises were in Slovenia (21%), Estonia (17%) and Poland (14%).

### **Drug Trafficking (Table 1.6)**

16. Over the period 1995 - 1999, there was an average rise of 31% in the EU for drug trafficking offences with the highest rises in Ireland (139%), Greece (128%) and the Netherlands (119%) but there were falls in Denmark (56%), Sweden (32%), Portugal (9%) and England & Wales (6%). For the other countries the highest rises were in Eastern Europe (between 170% and 1,400%), Norway (75%), Switzerland (71%), Cyprus (62%) and the USA (62%).
17. In 1999, there was an average rise of 3% in the EU but falls in Denmark (28%) and England & Wales (8%). For the other countries, there were large falls were in Australia (24%), Japan (15%) and Cyprus (12%) but high rises in Estonia (54%) and Czech Republic (53%).

### **Victimisation rates (Table 2)**

18. An estimate of absolute levels of crime may be obtained from the International Crime Victims Survey (ICVS) relating to victims' experience of crimes in 1999. A recent report<sup>4</sup> examined criminal victimisation in the 17 industrialised countries.
19. Generally speaking, the ICVS suggests that crime rose between 1988 and 1991, stabilised or fell in 1995, and then fell back more in 1999. Comparison with data on crimes recorded by the police suggests that, for 11 countries (Canada, England & Wales, Finland, France, Netherlands, Northern Ireland, Poland, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA), the trends from the victimisation survey data are similar to those from the police data.
20. Of the 17 countries examined in the report, England & Wales had well above average levels of both property and contact crime (i.e. robbery, assault and sexual assault).

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<sup>4</sup> Criminal Victimisation in 17 Industrialised Countries: Key findings from the 2000 International Crime Victims Survey, February 2001 (Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek- en Documentatiecentrum, the Netherlands) by John van Kesteren, Pat Mayhew & Paul Nieuwebeerta.

## Sentencing

21. Information to provide international comparisons of sentencing is not regularly collected by either the Home Office or any international bodies. Many countries do not collect sentencing data or are unable to provide it in a format that enables useful comparisons. However, a survey by the Council of Europe<sup>5</sup> (covering 36 Member States), provides information for 1995 on both the types of sentences imposed by the public prosecutor or the courts and on the sentence lengths for specific offences. Some of its findings were summarised for 3 offences (assault, robbery and theft) in the last bulletin<sup>6</sup>. This indicated that England & Wales had a similar use of custody to other countries but, after Portugal, had the longest sentences of imprisonment. In comparing sentence lengths, it should be noted that this relates to the sentence length imposed by the court and not the time actually served in custody which may depend upon the remission policy in each country. Further analysis of this data is included in a European Journal<sup>7</sup> and the key findings are summarised in a Council of Europe paper<sup>8</sup>. A new survey will be conducted in 2001 and the results will be made available in early 2003.

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<sup>5</sup> European Sourcebook of Crime & Criminal Justice Statistics, 1999 (Council of Europe).

<sup>6</sup> International comparisons of criminal justice statistics 1998, (Home Office Bulletin 04/00) by Gordon Barclay & Cynthia Tavares.

<sup>7</sup> European Journal on Criminal Policy & Research: Crime trends in Europe, Volume 8, No.1, March 2000 (Kluwer Academic Publishers & Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek- en Documentatiecentrum, the Netherlands) edited by Martin Killias.

<sup>8</sup> European Sourcebook of Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics: Key findings, June 2000 (Council of Europe).

## Prison population (Table 3)

22. The prison population in a country reflects:
- a) The crime rate;
  - b) The extent to which crimes were cleared up;
  - c) The extent to which the accused were remanded in custody;
  - d) The length of pre-trial detention;
  - e) The extent to which courts impose custodial sentences;
  - f) The length of custodial sentences (more precisely, the length of time served); and
  - g) The extent to which custodial sentences were suspended.
23. Each year the Council of Europe collects data from its Member States on the characteristics of their prison population on 1 September<sup>9</sup> and the Home Office supplements this data with that collected from other countries.
24. England & Wales (at 125 prisoners per 100,000 general population in 1999) and Scotland (118) had the highest *per capita* rates in the EU (average 87), apart from Portugal (142). The high rates in the United Kingdom and Portugal reflect, in part, the longer sentences imposed in these countries. Some Eastern European countries had higher rates (between 142 and 303).
25. The World Prison Population List<sup>10</sup> gives details of the number of prisoners held in some 200 independent countries and dependent territories (some 8.6 million people). The highest rates in the world are found in the USA (682) and Russia (729). The lowest rates are in Scandinavia (46 to 66 in all four countries) and of the countries considered here, Slovenia (48), Japan (43) and Cyprus (37).
26. Over the period 1995 - 1999, there was an average increase of 5% in the EU but it was much higher in England & Wales (28%)
27. In 1999, the prison population fell on average by 1% in the EU but was unchanged in England & Wales.

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<sup>9</sup> Annual penal statistics (Council of Europe).

<sup>10</sup> World Prison Population List (Home Office Research Findings No. 116) by Roy Walmsley.

**Table C Prison population<sup>(1)</sup> (percentage changes and rates)**

| <b>Country</b>                  | <b>1989-1999</b>    | <b>1995-1999</b>    | <b>1998-1999</b>   | <b>Rate<sup>(11)</sup> per<br/>100,000 population<br/>in 1999</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>EU Member States average</b> | <b>21%</b>          | <b>5%</b>           | <b>-1%</b>         | <b>87</b>                                                         |
| England & Wales <sup>(2)</sup>  | 35%                 | 28%                 | 0%                 | 125                                                               |
| Northern Ireland                | -36%                | -33%                | -20%               | 69                                                                |
| Scotland <sup>(3)</sup>         | 21%                 | 7%                  | 0%                 | 118                                                               |
| Austria <sup>(2)</sup>          | 9%                  | 11%                 | 0%                 | 85                                                                |
| Belgium <sup>(3)</sup>          | 22%                 | 6%                  | 4%                 | 80                                                                |
| Cyprus                          | 29%                 | 22%                 | 9%                 | 37                                                                |
| Czech Republic <sup>(4)</sup>   | 3%                  | 18%                 | 4%                 | 224                                                               |
| Denmark                         | 3%                  | 2%                  | 5%                 | 66                                                                |
| Estonia <sup>(5)</sup>          | ..                  | 0%                  | -9%                | 303                                                               |
| Finland <sup>(4)</sup>          | -36%                | -23%                | -8%                | 46                                                                |
| France <sup>(6)</sup>           | 20%                 | 1%                  | 1%                 | 91                                                                |
| Germany <sup>(5)</sup>          | ..                  | 21%                 | 2%                 | 97                                                                |
| Greece                          | 64%                 | 29%                 | 6%                 | 72                                                                |
| Hungary <sup>(4)</sup>          | 2%                  | 31%                 | 13%                | 161                                                               |
| Ireland (Eire)                  | 38%                 | 35%                 | 5%                 | 72                                                                |
| Italy                           | 68%                 | 5%                  | 3%                 | 89                                                                |
| Luxembourg                      | 11%                 | -15%                | -2%                | 90                                                                |
| Netherlands <sup>(5)</sup>      | ..                  | 14%                 | -1%                | 84                                                                |
| Norway <sup>(3)</sup>           | 12% <sup>(12)</sup> | -6% <sup>(13)</sup> | 0% <sup>(14)</sup> | 56 <sup>(15)</sup>                                                |
| Poland <sup>(2)</sup>           | -3%                 | -17%                | -7%                | 142                                                               |
| Portugal                        | 52%                 | 11%                 | -9%                | 131                                                               |
| Russia <sup>(4)</sup>           | 52%                 | 4%                  | 5%                 | 729                                                               |
| Slovenia <sup>(4)</sup>         | -22%                | 48%                 | 21%                | 48                                                                |
| Spain <sup>(4)</sup>            | 43%                 | -2%                 | 0%                 | 111                                                               |
| Sweden <sup>(7)</sup>           | 0%                  | -16%                | 0%                 | 59                                                                |
| Switzerland                     | 23%                 | 3%                  | 3%                 | 81                                                                |
| Australia <sup>(3)</sup>        | 63%                 | 26%                 | 8%                 | 108                                                               |
| Canada <sup>(8)</sup>           | 19%                 | -3%                 | -1%                | 123                                                               |
| Japan <sup>(2)</sup>            | 6%                  | 18%                 | 4%                 | 43                                                                |
| New Zealand <sup>(9)</sup>      | 51%                 | 21%                 | 4%                 | 149                                                               |
| South Africa <sup>(3)</sup>     | 27% <sup>(12)</sup> | 29% <sup>(13)</sup> | 0% <sup>(14)</sup> | 327 <sup>(15)</sup>                                               |
| U.S.A. <sup>(10)</sup>          | 73%                 | 17%                 | 3%                 | 682                                                               |

See footnotes for Table 3.

(11) Based on estimates of national population.

(12) 1989 - 1998.

(13) 1995 - 1998.

(14) 1997 - 1998.

(15) In 1998.

**Table 1** Crimes<sup>(1)</sup> recorded by the police

| Country                         | 1989       | 1990       | 1991       | 1992       | 1993       | 1994       | 1995       | 1996       | 1997       | 1998       | 1999                      |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| England & Wales <sup>(2)</sup>  | 3,870,748  | 4,543,611  | 5,276,173  | 5,591,717  | 5,526,255  | 5,146,383  | 5,139,307  | 4,930,678  | 4,545,337  | 5,109,089  | 5,301,185                 |
| Northern Ireland <sup>(3)</sup> | 55,147     | 57,198     | 63,492     | 67,532     | 66,228     | 67,886     | 68,808     | 68,549     | 59,922     | 109,053    | 119,111                   |
| Scotland                        | 478,208    | 518,522    | 572,921    | 564,890    | 517,247    | 500,110    | 475,697    | 451,956    | 420,642    | 431,551    | 435,703                   |
| Austria                         | 423,025    | 457,623    | 468,832    | 502,440    | 493,786    | 504,568    | 486,433    | 485,450    | 481,549    | 479,859    | 493,246                   |
| Belgium <sup>(4)</sup>          | 336,377    | 353,492    | 382,667    | 386,474    | 388,150    | 577,902    | 709,836    | 725,914    | 818,759    | 856,495    | 857,445                   |
| Cyprus                          | 3,672      | 3,684      | 3,626      | 3,811      | 4,302      | 4,330      | 4,029      | 4,528      | 3,909      | 4,318      | 4,212                     |
| Czech Republic                  | ..         | ..         | ..         | 345,205    | 398,505    | 372,427    | 375,630    | 394,267    | 403,654    | 425,930    | 426,626                   |
| Denmark <sup>(20)</sup>         | 536,564    | 527,421    | 519,775    | 536,821    | 546,894    | 546,926    | 538,963    | 528,488    | 531,102    | 499,167    | 494,191                   |
| Estonia <sup>(21)</sup>         | 19,141     | 23,807     | 31,748     | 41,254     | 37,163     | 35,739     | 39,570     | 35,411     | 40,972     | 45,721     | 51,539                    |
| Finland                         | 389,010    | 435,154    | 389,180    | 389,536    | 383,268    | 383,351    | 381,652    | 376,788    | 373,846    | 383,479    | 372,207                   |
| France                          | 3,266,442  | 3,492,712  | 3,744,112  | 3,830,996  | 3,881,894  | 3,919,008  | 3,665,320  | 3,559,617  | 3,493,442  | 3,565,525  | 3,567,864                 |
| Germany <sup>(5)</sup>          | 4,358,573  | 4,455,333  | 5,302,796  | 6,291,519  | 6,750,613  | 6,537,748  | 6,668,717  | 6,647,598  | 6,586,165  | 6,456,996  | 6,302,316                 |
| Greece <sup>(6)</sup>           | 287,177    | 330,803    | 358,998    | 379,652    | 358,503    | 303,311    | 329,110    | 349,476    | 377,871    | 385,681    | 373,680                   |
| Hungary                         | 225,393    | 341,061    | 440,370    | 447,215    | 400,935    | 389,451    | 502,036    | 466,050    | 514,403    | 600,621    | 505,716                   |
| Ireland (Eire)                  | 86,792     | 87,658     | 94,406     | 95,391     | 98,979     | 101,036    | 102,484    | 100,785    | 90,875     | 85,627     | 81,274                    |
| Italy                           | 2,053,522  | 2,501,640  | 2,647,735  | 2,390,539  | 2,259,903  | 2,173,448  | 2,267,488  | 2,422,991  | 2,440,754  | 2,425,745  | 2,373,966                 |
| Luxembourg                      | 23,689     | 24,699     | 25,046     | 26,746     | 28,446     | 29,160     | 28,380     | 27,566     | 24,355     | 27,155     | 26,957                    |
| Netherlands                     | 1,066,130  | 1,052,512  | 1,083,733  | 1,168,493  | 1,173,643  | 1,202,482  | 1,124,466  | 1,073,915  | 1,102,900  | 1,101,500  | 1,152,100                 |
| Norway <sup>(7)</sup>           | 237,319    | 235,256    | 252,362    | 254,099    | 244,659    | 249,694    | 286,037    | 292,249    | 308,055    | 318,275    | 315,924                   |
| Poland <sup>(22)</sup>          | 547,589    | 883,346    | 866,095    | 881,076    | 852,507    | 906,157    | 974,941    | 897,751    | 992,373    | 1,073,042  | 1,121,545                 |
| Portugal <sup>(8)</sup>         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | 307,328    | 330,010    | 326,572    | 322,256    | 321,643    | 341,122    | 362,589                   |
| Russia                          | 1,619,181  | 1,839,459  | 2,173,074  | 2,760,652  | 2,799,614  | 2,632,708  | 2,755,669  | 2,625,081  | 2,397,311  | 2,581,940  | 3,001,748                 |
| Slovenia                        | 39,967     | 38,353     | 42,250     | 54,085     | 44,278     | 43,635     | 37,288     | 36,838     | 37,173     | 55,259     | 61,693                    |
| Spain                           | 1,030,996  | 1,021,050  | 990,306    | 934,070    | 938,612    | 901,696    | 908,264    | 930,780    | 924,393    | 917,314    | ..                        |
| Sweden <sup>(9)</sup>           | 1,144,800  | 1,218,820  | 1,199,101  | 1,195,154  | 1,191,251  | 1,112,505  | 1,145,945  | 1,175,339  | 1,196,065  | 1,181,056  | 1,163,916 <sup>(15)</sup> |
| Switzerland <sup>(10)</sup>     | 331,989    | 354,265    | 382,661    | 374,237    | 371,740    | 358,028    | 346,634    | 356,018    | 382,769    | 378,045    | 355,212                   |
| Australia <sup>(11)</sup>       | 1,062,367  | 1,110,720  | 1,205,277  | 1,146,558  | 1,156,028  | 1,147,318  | 1,130,265  | 1,189,496  | 1,238,523  | 1,305,706  | 1,327,971                 |
| Canada <sup>(12)</sup>          | 2,425,936  | 2,627,193  | 2,898,988  | 2,847,981  | 2,735,626  | 2,646,209  | 2,639,654  | 2,644,893  | 2,534,766  | 2,461,156  | 2,357,771                 |
| Japan <sup>(13)</sup>           | 1,673,268  | 1,636,628  | 1,707,877  | 1,742,366  | 1,801,150  | 1,784,432  | 1,782,944  | 1,812,119  | 1,899,564  | 2,033,546  | 2,165,626                 |
| New Zealand                     | 384,928    | 409,747    | 446,417    | 464,596    | 462,536    | 447,525    | 465,052    | 477,596    | 473,547    | 461,677    | ..                        |
| South Africa                    | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | 2,014,589  | 2,056,569  | 2,049,100  | 2,073,049  | 2,192,080  | 2,345,011                 |
| U.S.A <sup>(14)</sup>           | 14,251,400 | 14,475,613 | 14,872,900 | 14,438,200 | 14,144,800 | 13,989,500 | 13,862,727 | 13,493,863 | 13,194,571 | 12,475,634 | 11,635,100                |

- (1) More serious offences. In many countries defined as against the 'penal code' or 'criminal code' and excludes less serious crimes (misdemeanours). The range of offences covered differs between each country and comparisons based upon absolute figures are therefore misleading.
- (2) By financial year from 1994 (e.g. 1994 = 1 April 1994 to 31 March 1995). Expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules from 1 April 1998. *England & Wales*
- (3) By financial year from 1997 (e.g. 1997 = 1 April 1997 to 31 March 1998). Figures from 1998/99 are recorded under revised counting rules. *Northern Ireland*
- (4) New collection system introduced in 1994, however not all police forces submitted returns in 1994. Data may only be regarded as complete from 1995 onwards. *Belgium*
- (5) From 1992, including former East Germany but only part of East Germany in 1991. *Germany*
- (6) Includes misdemeanours and traffic offences. *Greece*
- (7) Until 1990, crimes investigated by the police; from 1991, crimes recorded by the police. *Norway*
- (8) New unified collection system introduced in 1993 covering the three police forces. From 1995, other police functions e.g. gambling, economic activities, customs and county public finance are included. *Portugal*
- (9) Includes attempts, preparation and conspiracy to commit an offence. *Sweden*
- (10) Figures include selected penal offences and all drugs offences. Penal code offences are estimated to be approximately two-thirds of all offences which also include less serious offences such as shop-lifting, bicycle theft and use of cars for "joyriding". *Switzerland*
- (11) Data for selected violent and property crimes. By financial year until 1992 and by calendar year from 1993 onwards. *Australia*
- (12) Includes Criminal Code incidents (violent, property and other crimes within the Criminal Code - e.g. prostitution, arson, mischief). Does not include drugs, traffic, provincial or municipal bylaw violations. *Canada*
- (13) Excludes traffic, professional negligence and offences against special penal codes such as drugs, firearms and sword control offences. *Japan*
- (14) FBI Uniform Crime Index covering murder and non-negligent manslaughter, manslaughter by negligence, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, and theft of motor vehicles but excludes arson and drugs offences. *USA*
- (15) Provisional figure.
- .. Data not available.

Source: *Statistical contacts in each country.*

**Table 1.1 Crimes<sup>(1)</sup> recorded by the police: Homicide<sup>(2)</sup>**

| Country                         | Number of homicides <sup>(2)</sup> |        |        |        |        | % change<br>1995-99 | % change<br>1998-99  | Homicides <sup>(2)</sup> per<br>100,000 population |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                                 | 1995                               | 1996   | 1997   | 1998   | 1999   |                     |                      | average per year<br>1997 to 1999                   |
| <b>EU Member States average</b> |                                    |        |        |        |        | <b>-4%</b>          | <b>-6%</b>           | <b>1.70</b>                                        |
| England & Wales <sup>(3)</sup>  | 745                                | 679    | 748    | 750    | 765    | 3%                  | 2%                   | 1.45                                               |
| Northern Ireland <sup>(3)</sup> | 24                                 | 39     | 49     | 75     | 34     | ..                  | -55%                 | 3.13                                               |
| Scotland <sup>(4)</sup>         | 137                                | 135    | 95     | 100    | 128    | -7%                 | 28%                  | 2.10                                               |
| Austria                         | 78                                 | 99     | 66     | 77     | 60     | -23%                | -22%                 | 0.84                                               |
| Belgium                         | 142                                | 118    | 145    | 218    | 172    | 21%                 | -21%                 | 1.75                                               |
| Cyprus                          | 0                                  | 4      | 3      | 4      | 4      | 400%                | 0%                   | 0.55                                               |
| Czech Republic                  | 277                                | 267    | 291    | 313    | 265    | -4%                 | -15%                 | 2.81                                               |
| Denmark <sup>(4)</sup>          | 60                                 | 69     | 88     | 49     | 53     | -12%                | 8%                   | 1.20                                               |
| Estonia <sup>(5)</sup>          | 246                                | 214    | 178    | 196    | 157    | -36%                | -20%                 | 12.17                                              |
| Finland                         | 146                                | 156    | 139    | 113    | 142    | -3%                 | 26%                  | 2.55                                               |
| France                          | 1,336                              | 1,171  | 963    | 961    | 953    | -29%                | -1%                  | 1.63                                               |
| Germany <sup>(6)</sup>          | 1,373                              | 1,249  | 1,178  | 975    | 1,005  | -27%                | 3%                   | 1.28                                               |
| Greece                          | 151                                | 169    | 203    | 176    | 155    | 3%                  | -12%                 | 1.69                                               |
| Hungary                         | 296                                | 271    | 289    | 289    | 253    | -15%                | -12%                 | 2.73                                               |
| Ireland (Eire)                  | 53                                 | 46     | 53     | 51     | 47     | -11%                | -8%                  | 1.35                                               |
| Italy <sup>(7)</sup>            | 1,042                              | 1,001  | 924    | 918    | 854    | -18%                | -7%                  | 1.56                                               |
| Luxembourg                      | 2                                  | 4      | 4      | 4      | 3      | 50%                 | -25%                 | 0.87                                               |
| Netherlands <sup>(8)</sup>      | 299                                | 255    | 293    | 239    | 247    | -17%                | 3%                   | 1.66                                               |
| Norway                          | 43                                 | 43     | 38     | 38     | 37     | -14%                | -3%                  | 0.85                                               |
| Poland                          | 854                                | 873    | 807    | 759    | 741    | -13%                | -2%                  | 1.99                                               |
| Portugal                        | 123                                | 116    | 131    | 152    | 133    | 8%                  | -13%                 | 1.39                                               |
| Russia <sup>(9)</sup>           | 31,703                             | 29,406 | 29,285 | 29,551 | 31,140 | -2%                 | 5%                   | 20.52                                              |
| Slovenia                        | 45                                 | 38     | 36     | 15     | 25     | -44%                | 67%                  | 1.28                                               |
| Spain                           | 984                                | 962    | 1,032  | 1,040  | ..     | 6% <sup>(11)</sup>  | 1% <sup>(12)</sup>   | 2.60 <sup>(13)</sup>                               |
| Sweden <sup>(10)</sup>          | 179                                | 199    | 157    | 185    | 173    | -3%                 | -6%                  | 1.94                                               |
| Switzerland                     | 82                                 | 83     | 87     | 76     | 89     | 9%                  | 17%                  | 1.18                                               |
| Australia                       | 356                                | 348    | 360    | 332    | 381    | 7%                  | 15%                  | 1.91                                               |
| Canada <sup>(7)</sup>           | 588                                | 635    | 586    | 558    | 536    | -9%                 | -4%                  | 1.85                                               |
| Japan <sup>(9)</sup>            | 1,281                              | 1,218  | 1,282  | 1,388  | 1,265  | -1%                 | -9%                  | 1.04                                               |
| New Zealand                     | 50                                 | 63     | 89     | 64     | ..     | 28% <sup>(11)</sup> | -28% <sup>(12)</sup> | 2.01 <sup>(13)</sup>                               |
| South Africa                    | 26,637                             | 25,782 | 24,588 | 24,875 | 23,823 | -11%                | -4%                  | 56.49                                              |
| U.S.A.                          | 21,606                             | 19,645 | 18,208 | 16,970 | 15,530 | -28%                | -8%                  | 6.26                                               |

(1) Definitions of offences vary between countries both due to legal differences and statistical recording methods; comparisons may be affected by these differences.

(2) Intentional killing of a person excluding attempts: murder, manslaughter (excluding death by dangerous driving), euthanasia and infanticide; excluding abortion and help with suicide.

(3) By financial year from 1997 (e.g. 1997 = 1 April 1997 to 31 March 1998).

(4) Includes all deaths initially reported as homicide to the police.

(5) Excluding assault leading to death.

(6) Including homicides recorded by the ZERV (Central Group for the investigation of crime associated with the government and reunification), which were committed in former East Germany or at the border before reunification of the country.

(7) Includes murder, manslaughter and infanticide.

(8) Excluding euthanasia.

(9) Includes attempts.

(10) Includes all deaths initially reported as homicide to the police. Includes help with suicide. Figures from 1997 onwards are not comparable with previous years due to a change in statistical routines.

(11) 1995 - 1998.

(12) 1997 - 1998.

(13) 1998 to 1999.

.. Data not available.

Source: Statistical contacts in each country.

**Table 1.2 Comparison of homicide<sup>(1)</sup> in selected cities**

| City                      | Number of homicides <sup>(1)</sup> |       |       |       |       | Homicides <sup>(1)</sup> per 100,000 population |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                           | 1995                               | 1996  | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  | 1995                                            | 1996  | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  |
| London                    | 167                                | 139   | 190   | 159   | 190   | 2.20                                            | 1.85  | 2.51  | 2.09  | 2.47  |
| Belfast <sup>(2)</sup>    | 9                                  | 20    | 16    | 18    | 11    | 3.11                                            | 6.93  | 5.55  | 6.26  | 3.87  |
| Edinburgh <sup>(3)</sup>  | 18                                 | 6     | 8     | 10    | 11    | 4.02                                            | 1.34  | 1.78  | 2.22  | 2.44  |
| Vienna                    | 26                                 | 35    | 25    | 27    | 26    | 1.60                                            | 2.20  | 1.60  | 1.69  | 1.62  |
| Brussels                  | 15                                 | 17    | 20    | 22    | 33    | 1.58                                            | 1.79  | 2.11  | 2.31  | 3.60  |
| Lefkosia                  | 0                                  | 3     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 0.00                                            | 1.23  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.39  |
| Prague                    | 37                                 | 28    | 40    | 51    | 64    | 3.00                                            | 2.30  | 3.30  | 4.25  | 5.30  |
| Copenhagen <sup>(3)</sup> | 9                                  | 24    | 34    | 8     | 8     | 1.60                                            | 5.03  | 7.02  | 1.64  | 1.63  |
| Tallinn <sup>(4)</sup>    | 84                                 | 49    | 38    | 60    | 42    | 19.32                                           | 11.46 | 9.04  | 14.45 | 10.20 |
| Helsinki                  | 13                                 | 23    | 11    | 8     | 16    | 2.52                                            | 4.38  | 2.07  | 1.49  | 2.92  |
| Paris                     | 102                                | 63    | 46    | 50    | 43    | 4.73                                            | 2.96  | 2.16  | 2.44  | 2.02  |
| Berlin <sup>(5)</sup>     | 125                                | 121   | 150   | 97    | 86    | 3.60                                            | 3.49  | 4.34  | 2.83  | 2.53  |
| Athens                    | 13                                 | 15    | 14    | 17    | 21    | 1.12                                            | 1.29  | 1.20  | 1.46  | 1.80  |
| Budapest                  | 60                                 | 41    | 59    | 59    | 49    | 3.10                                            | 2.20  | 3.10  | 3.17  | 2.67  |
| Dublin                    | 26                                 | 19    | 21    | 31    | 24    | 2.50                                            | 1.80  | 2.02  | 2.87  | 2.22  |
| Rome <sup>(6)</sup>       | 30                                 | 33    | 35    | 33    | 29    | 1.13                                            | 1.24  | 1.32  | 1.25  | 1.10  |
| Luxembourg Ville          | ..                                 | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..                                              | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    |
| Amsterdam <sup>(7)</sup>  | 64                                 | 46    | 55    | 61    | 29    | 8.90                                            | 6.40  | 6.11  | 6.77  | 3.22  |
| Oslo                      | 9                                  | 8     | 12    | 8     | 9     | 1.84                                            | 1.62  | 2.40  | 1.59  | 1.77  |
| Warsaw <sup>(8)</sup>     | 88                                 | 90    | 98    | 89    | 80    | 5.37                                            | 5.51  | 6.02  | 5.49  | 4.95  |
| Lisbon                    | 47                                 | 65    | 48    | 33    | 28    | 2.60                                            | 3.50  | 2.60  | 1.84  | 1.52  |
| Moscow <sup>(9)</sup>     | 1,702                              | 1,544 | 1,477 | 1,180 | 1,206 | 19.53                                           | 17.82 | 17.10 | 18.64 | 18.85 |
| Ljubljana                 | 3                                  | 3     | 4     | 4     | 6     | 0.93                                            | 0.93  | 1.24  | 1.24  | 1.87  |
| Madrid                    | 78                                 | 82    | 93    | 94    | ..    | 2.57                                            | 2.86  | 3.24  | 3.26  | ..    |
| Stockholm <sup>(9)</sup>  | 55                                 | 22    | 11    | 19    | 24    | 3.80                                            | 3.00  | 2.00  | 3.00  | 3.00  |
| Berne                     | 1                                  | 3     | 3     | 7     | 4     | 0.75                                            | 2.27  | 2.30  | 5.43  | 3.10  |
| Geneva                    | 5                                  | 2     | 8     | 3     | 13    | 1.20                                            | 0.50  | 2.00  | 0.74  | 3.20  |
| Canberra                  | 1                                  | 1     | 4     | 1     | 1     | 0.32                                            | 0.32  | 1.29  | 0.32  | 0.32  |
| Sydney                    | 72                                 | 72    | 74    | 58    | 68    | 1.90                                            | 1.90  | 1.90  | 1.50  | 1.70  |
| Ottawa <sup>(10)</sup>    | 24                                 | 11    | 9     | 3     | 12    | 3.11                                            | 1.42  | 1.13  | 0.50  | 1.50  |
| Tokyo <sup>(8)</sup>      | 142                                | 117   | 131   | 132   | 157   | 1.20                                            | 1.00  | 1.10  | 1.10  | 1.31  |
| Wellington                | 2                                  | 2     | 4     | 4     | ..    | 1.40                                            | 1.30  | 2.50  | 2.50  | ..    |
| Pretoria <sup>(11)</sup>  | 502                                | 483   | 527   | ..    | ..    | 40.96                                           | 39.40 | 43.00 | ..    | ..    |
| New York NY               | 1177                               | 983   | 770   | 633   | 671   | 16.08                                           | 13.39 | 10.51 | 8.60  | 9.03  |
| Washington DC             | 360                                | 397   | 301   | 260   | 241   | 64.98                                           | 73.11 | 56.89 | 49.15 | 46.44 |

(1) Intentional killing of a person excluding attempts: murder, manslaughter (excluding death by dangerous driving), euthanasia and infanticide; excluding abortion and help with suicide.

(2) By financial year from 1996 (e.g. 1996 = 1 April 1996 to 31 March 1997).

(3) Includes all deaths initially reported as homicide to the police.

(4) Excluding assault leading to death.

(5) Including homicides recorded by the ZERV (Central Group for the investigation of crime associated with the government and reunification), which were committed in former East Germany or at the border before reunification of the country.

(6) Includes murder, manslaughter and infanticide.

(7) Excluding euthanasia.

(8) Includes attempts.

(9) Includes all deaths initially reported as homicide to the police. Includes help with suicide. Figures from 1997 onwards are not comparable with previous years due to a change in statistical routines.

(10) Census metropolitan area. Includes murder, manslaughter and infanticide.

(11) Including rural areas.

.. Data not available.

Source: Statistical contacts in each country.

**Table 1.3 Crimes<sup>(1)</sup> recorded by the police: Violent crime<sup>(2)</sup>**

| Country                         | 1995      | 1996      | 1997      | 1998      | 1999                  | % change<br>1995-99  | % change<br>1998-99  |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>EU Member States average</b> |           |           |           |           |                       | <b>11%</b>           | <b>5%</b>            |
| England & Wales <sup>(3)</sup>  | 319,675   | 348,032   | 352,873   | 605,797   | 703,105               | 20% <sup>(16)</sup>  | 16%                  |
| Northern Ireland <sup>(4)</sup> | 8,368     | 9,110     | 7,837     | 21,452    | 24,163                | ..                   | 13%                  |
| Scotland <sup>(5)</sup>         | 24,360    | 25,178    | 23,656    | 25,725    | 27,321                | 12%                  | 6%                   |
| Austria                         | 46,560    | 46,476    | 46,942    | 48,200    | 49,242                | 6%                   | 2%                   |
| Belgium <sup>(6)</sup>          | 66,749    | 54,065    | 60,605    | 61,882    | 61,992                | -7%                  | 0%                   |
| Cyprus <sup>(7)</sup>           | 177       | 178       | 184       | 168       | 278                   | 57%                  | 65%                  |
| Czech Republic                  | 21,712    | 22,825    | 23,223    | 23,464    | 23,228                | 7%                   | -1%                  |
| Denmark                         | 13,440    | 13,405    | 13,963    | 13,754    | 14,735                | 10%                  | 7%                   |
| Estonia                         | 1,730     | 1,557     | 1,498     | 1,388     | 1,378                 | -20%                 | -1%                  |
| Finland                         | 24,884    | 27,320    | 27,586    | 28,293    | 29,440                | 18%                  | 4%                   |
| France                          | 165,381   | 178,363   | 189,203   | 193,480   | 215,968               | 31%                  | 12%                  |
| Germany                         | 170,170   | 179,455   | 186,447   | 186,306   | 186,655               | 10%                  | 0%                   |
| Greece                          | 8,693     | 8,149     | 8,766     | 9,312     | 9,097 <sup>(15)</sup> | 5%                   | -2%                  |
| Hungary                         | 25,731    | 24,674    | 26,987    | 28,414    | 28,277                | 10%                  | 0%                   |
| Ireland (Eire) <sup>(8)</sup>   | 5,764     | 6,554     | 5,488     | 4,515     | ..                    | -22% <sup>(17)</sup> | -18% <sup>(18)</sup> |
| Italy <sup>(9)</sup>            | 56,143    | 61,916    | 64,945    | 71,775    | 76,823                | 37%                  | 7%                   |
| Luxembourg <sup>(10)</sup>      | 5,274     | 5,400     | 4,471     | 4,949     | 4,376                 | -17%                 | -12%                 |
| Netherlands                     | 64,606    | 66,660    | 74,400    | 76,600    | 86,587                | 34%                  | 13%                  |
| Norway                          | 16,237    | 19,029    | 18,507    | 18,445    | 18,811                | 16%                  | 2%                   |
| Poland <sup>(11)</sup>          | 56,476    | 60,322    | 66,927    | 70,001    | 78,457                | 39%                  | 12%                  |
| Portugal                        | 17,016    | 15,494    | 16,733    | 15,463    | 18,942                | 11%                  | 22%                  |
| Russia <sup>(7)</sup>           | 180,793   | 161,644   | 119,041   | 92,697    | 97,153                | -46%                 | 5%                   |
| Slovenia                        | 984       | 1,043     | 900       | 1,172     | 1,355                 | 38%                  | 16%                  |
| Spain                           | 79,200    | 86,949    | 87,775    | 91,099    | ..                    | 15% <sup>(17)</sup>  | 4% <sup>(18)</sup>   |
| Sweden <sup>(12)</sup>          | 66,369    | 65,863    | 68,310    | 70,488    | 72,674                | 9%                   | 3%                   |
| Switzerland                     | 6,042     | 6,932     | 7,472     | 8,015     | 8,528                 | 41%                  | 6%                   |
| Australia <sup>(13)</sup>       | 130,382   | 146,030   | 160,574   | 173,250   | 172,230               | 32%                  | -1%                  |
| Canada <sup>(14)</sup>          | 295,702   | 296,746   | 296,890   | 296,166   | 291,330               | -1%                  | -2%                  |
| Japan                           | 35,860    | 37,506    | 40,570    | 41,751    | 43,822                | 22%                  | 5%                   |
| New Zealand                     | 41,981    | 42,250    | 42,191    | 42,590    | ..                    | 1% <sup>(17)</sup>   | 1% <sup>(18)</sup>   |
| South Africa                    | 627,271   | 640,354   | 645,737   | 661,779   | 768,932               | 23%                  | 16%                  |
| U.S.A.                          | 1,798,792 | 1,688,540 | 1,636,096 | 1,533,890 | 1,430,690             | -20%                 | -7%                  |

(1) Definitions of offences vary between countries both due to legal differences and statistical recording methods; comparisons may be affected by these differences.

(2) Violence against the person, robbery and sexual offences.

(3) By financial year (e.g. 1995 = 1 April 1995 to 31 March 1996).

(4) By financial year from 1997 (e.g. 1997 = 1 April 1997 to 31 March 1998).

(5) Includes homicide, other violence against the person, robbery, sexual offences (excluding indecent exposure, brothel keeping and offences related to prostitution).

(6) Excludes robbery.

(7) Violence against the person, aggravated assault and sexual offences only.

(8) Includes homicide, other violence against the person, intimidation, abduction and false imprisonment, sexual offences, robbery and aggravated burglary.

(9) Includes homicide, injuries, sexual assault, robbery, extortion and kidnapping.

(10) Includes homicide, murder, rebellion, intimidation, other violence against the person and sexual offences.

(11) Includes homicide, rape, fighting and battery, causing bodily injury and robbery.

(12) Includes attempts, preparation and conspiracy to commit an offence.

(13) All assaults included (murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, driving causing death, sexual assault, kidnapping and abduction, robbery, blackmail and extortion).

(14) Includes homicide, attempted murder, sexual and non-sexual assault, other sexual offences, abduction and robbery.

(15) Provisional figure.

(16) The comparison between the earlier year and 1999/2000 are based on figures for the financial year 1999/2000 which have been adjusted to take account of the inflating effect of the new counting rules. The adjusted figure for 1998/1999 is 331,843 and for 1999/2000 it is 385,146. The comparison between 1998/1999 and 1999/2000 is based on the new counting rule figures.

(17) 1995 - 1998.

(18) 1997 - 1998.

.. Data not available.

Source: Statistical contacts in each country

**Table 1.4 Crimes<sup>(1)</sup> recorded by the police: Domestic burglary<sup>(2)</sup>**

| Country                         | 1995      | 1996      | 1997      | 1998      | 1999      | % change<br>1995-99  | % change<br>1998-99 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>EU Member States average</b> |           |           |           |           |           | <b>-14%</b>          | <b>-5%</b>          |
| England & Wales <sup>(3)</sup>  | 638,631   | 581,985   | 501,593   | 473,349   | 442,602   | -31%                 | -6%                 |
| Northern Ireland <sup>(4)</sup> | 9,774     | 8,530     | 7,155     | 7,725     | 7,665     | ..                   | -1%                 |
| Scotland                        | 44,725    | 40,814    | 36,792    | 38,033    | 36,265    | -19%                 | -5%                 |
| Austria                         | 13,721    | 13,849    | 12,826    | 11,811    | 10,111    | -26%                 | -14%                |
| Belgium <sup>(5)</sup>          | 187,739   | 180,104   | 143,769   | 63,022    | 61,916    | ..                   | -2%                 |
| Cyprus                          | 1,036     | 1,318     | 1,079     | 1,358     | 1,019     | -2%                  | -25%                |
| Czech Republic                  | 13,936    | 13,538    | 13,068    | 12,752    | 12,445    | -11%                 | -2%                 |
| Denmark                         | 106,533   | 109,882   | 111,449   | 101,933   | 100,895   | -5%                  | -1%                 |
| Estonia                         | 8,175     | 6,864     | 6,610     | 7,026     | 7,588     | -7%                  | 8%                  |
| Finland                         | 11,512    | 10,311    | 10,436    | 10,291    | 9,763     | -15%                 | -5%                 |
| France                          | 237,624   | 236,272   | 213,561   | 207,274   | 191,102   | -20%                 | -8%                 |
| Germany                         | 211,221   | 195,801   | 182,009   | 166,742   | 149,044   | -29%                 | -11%                |
| Greece <sup>(6)</sup>           | 42,377    | 42,825    | 44,286    | 43,228    | 36,947    | -13%                 | -15%                |
| Hungary                         | 22,372    | 30,116    | 31,269    | 30,515    | 29,902    | 34%                  | -2%                 |
| Ireland (Eire)                  | 18,506    | 17,672    | 16,970    | 15,840    | ..        | -14% <sup>(11)</sup> | -7% <sup>(12)</sup> |
| Italy                           | 212,477   | 230,258   | 237,445   | 246,804   | 234,252   | 10%                  | -5%                 |
| Luxembourg                      | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..                   | ..                  |
| Netherlands                     | 118,115   | 106,297   | 98,544    | 94,838    | 91,996    | -22%                 | -3%                 |
| Norway                          | 19,544    | 19,107    | 16,923    | 15,106    | 12,636    | -35%                 | -16%                |
| Poland <sup>(7)</sup>           | 62,011    | 65,945    | 70,187    | 74,137    | 74,326    | 20%                  | 0%                  |
| Portugal                        | 21,969    | 22,798    | 24,202    | 21,515    | 22,224    | 1%                   | 3%                  |
| Russia                          | 19,303    | 17,490    | 35,905    | 40,219    | 45,106    | 134%                 | 12%                 |
| Slovenia <sup>(6)</sup>         | 3,116     | 3,280     | 3,413     | 3,811     | 4,193     | 35%                  | 10%                 |
| Spain                           | ..        | ..        | 84,430    | 82,335    | ..        | ..                   | -2% <sup>(12)</sup> |
| Sweden <sup>(8)</sup>           | 16,701    | 16,835    | 18,359    | 17,536    | 16,579    | -1%                  | -5%                 |
| Switzerland <sup>(9)</sup>      | 67,044    | 74,321    | 82,559    | 83,416    | 76,322    | 14%                  | -9%                 |
| Australia                       | 256,772   | 269,554   | 284,974   | 295,699   | 273,867   | 7%                   | -7%                 |
| Canada <sup>(10)</sup>          | 235,129   | 242,639   | 233,724   | 221,366   | 197,781   | -16%                 | -11%                |
| Japan                           | 234,586   | 223,590   | 221,678   | 237,703   | 260,981   | 11%                  | 10%                 |
| New Zealand                     | 46,594    | 48,912    | 49,376    | 49,481    | ..        | 6% <sup>(11)</sup>   | 0% <sup>(12)</sup>  |
| South Africa <sup>(10)</sup>    | 244,063   | 246,438   | 249,375   | 266,817   | 285,515   | 17%                  | 7%                  |
| U.S.A.                          | 2,593,784 | 2,506,400 | 2,460,526 | 2,329,950 | 2,099,700 | -19%                 | -10%                |

(1) Definitions of offences vary between countries both due to legal differences and statistical recording methods; comparisons may be affected by these differences.

(2) Gaining access to a dwelling by the use of force to steal goods.

(3) By financial year (e.g. 1995 = 1 April 1995 to 31 March 1996).

(4) By financial year from 1997 (e.g. 1997 = 1 April 1997 to 31 March 1998).

(5) Until 1997 includes burglary in non-domestic premises (e.g. shop, garage, hotel).

(6) Includes burglary in non-domestic premises (e.g. shop, garage, hotel).

(7) Includes burglary from garrets and basements in blocks of flats.

(8) Includes attempts, preparation and conspiracy to commit an offence.

(9) Includes attempts and burglary in non-domestic premises (e.g. shop, garage, hotel).

(10) Includes attempts.

(11) 1995 - 1998.

(12) 1997 - 1998.

.. Data not available.

Source: Statistical contacts in each country.

**Table 1.5 Crimes<sup>(1)</sup> recorded by the police: Theft of a motor vehicle<sup>(2)</sup>**

| Country                         | 1995      | 1996      | 1997      | 1998      | 1999      | % change<br>1995-99 | % change<br>1998-99 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>EU Member States average</b> |           |           |           |           |           | <b>7%</b>           | <b>0%</b>           |
| England & Wales <sup>(3)</sup>  | 513,927   | 466,783   | 400,524   | 391,807   | 374,686   | -27%                | -4%                 |
| Northern Ireland <sup>(4)</sup> | 7,794     | 8,404     | 8,090     | 9,715     | 10,196    | ..                  | 5%                  |
| Scotland <sup>(5)</sup>         | 37,514    | 34,161    | 28,646    | 28,433    | 29,818    | -21%                | 5%                  |
| Austria                         | 3,693     | 3,750     | 3,848     | 4,092     | 4,102     | 11%                 | 0%                  |
| Belgium                         | 37,603    | 33,598    | 35,242    | 36,555    | 35,517    | -6%                 | -3%                 |
| Cyprus                          | 543       | 1,661     | 1,609     | 1,252     | 959       | 77%                 | -23%                |
| Czech Republic                  | 25,059    | 27,517    | 29,422    | 27,889    | 27,092    | 8%                  | -3%                 |
| Denmark                         | 35,652    | 41,922    | 41,227    | 37,565    | 33,905    | -5%                 | -10%                |
| Estonia <sup>(6)</sup>          | 1,955     | 1,643     | 1,762     | 2,106     | 2,455     | 26%                 | 17%                 |
| Finland                         | 19,772    | 20,261    | 22,015    | 26,404    | 29,611    | 50%                 | 12%                 |
| France                          | 453,525   | 443,767   | 417,360   | 415,930   | 395,947   | -13%                | -5%                 |
| Germany                         | 262,620   | 225,787   | 190,585   | 162,518   | 140,636   | -46%                | -13%                |
| Greece                          | ..        | 5,309     | 6,568     | 7,610     | 7,239     | 36% <sup>(9)</sup>  | -5%                 |
| Hungary <sup>(7)</sup>          | 12,132    | 16,168    | 14,413    | 15,255    | 11,556    | -5%                 | -24%                |
| Ireland (Eire)                  | 11,754    | 13,405    | 13,589    | 13,793    | 14,851    | 26%                 | 8%                  |
| Italy                           | 305,438   | 317,897   | 301,233   | 309,113   | 294,726   | -4%                 | -5%                 |
| Luxembourg                      | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..                  | ..                  |
| Netherlands <sup>(7)</sup>      | 40,902    | 36,772    | 37,308    | 37,400    | 37,800    | -8%                 | 1%                  |
| Norway                          | 22,519    | 21,447    | 20,019    | 21,672    | 20,863    | -7%                 | -4%                 |
| Poland <sup>(7)</sup>           | 54,807    | 50,799    | 56,871    | 65,399    | 74,514    | 36%                 | 14%                 |
| Portugal                        | 17,334    | 19,993    | 22,792    | 26,965    | 28,163    | 62%                 | 4%                  |
| Russia                          | 48,532    | 41,712    | 35,778    | 35,448    | 37,152    | -23%                | 5%                  |
| Slovenia <sup>(7)</sup>         | 687       | 706       | 518       | 676       | 819       | 19%                 | 21%                 |
| Spain                           | 98,847    | 113,916   | 133,330   | 136,084   | ..        | 38% <sup>(10)</sup> | 2% <sup>(11)</sup>  |
| Sweden <sup>(8)</sup>           | 70,299    | 71,567    | 78,826    | 76,495    | 77,128    | 10%                 | 1%                  |
| Switzerland                     | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..                  | ..                  |
| Australia                       | 126,919   | 122,931   | 130,406   | 131,587   | 129,865   | 2%                  | -1%                 |
| Canada <sup>(5)</sup>           | 161,696   | 180,123   | 177,130   | 165,920   | 161,405   | 0%                  | -3%                 |
| Japan                           | 664,508   | 687,960   | 696,370   | 705,431   | 694,375   | 4%                  | -2%                 |
| New Zealand <sup>(6)</sup>      | 28,510    | 29,991    | 30,776    | 29,731    | ..        | 4% <sup>(10)</sup>  | -3% <sup>(11)</sup> |
| South Africa                    | 101,056   | 96,715    | 100,637   | 107,513   | 103,502   | 2%                  | -4%                 |
| U.S.A.                          | 1,472,441 | 1,394,238 | 1,354,189 | 1,240,754 | 1,147,300 | -22%                | -8%                 |

(1) Definitions of offences vary between countries both due to legal differences and statistical recording methods; comparisons may be affected by these differences.

(2) All land vehicles with an engine that run on the road which are used to carry people (including cars, motor cycles, buses, lorries, construction and agricultural vehicles, etc.).

(3) By financial year (e.g. 1995 = 1 April 1995 to 31 March 1995).

(4) By financial year from 1997 (e.g. 1997 = 1 April 1997 to 31 March 1998). Figures from 1998/99 are recorded under revised counting rules and are not comparable with previous years.

(5) Includes attempts.

(6) Excludes motorcycles.

(7) Cars only.

(8) Includes attempts, preparation and conspiracy to commit an offence.

(9) 1996 - 1999.

(10) 1995 - 1998.

(11) 1997 - 1998.

.. Data not available.

Source: Statistical contacts in each country.

**Table 1.6 Crimes<sup>(1)</sup> recorded by the police: Drug trafficking<sup>(2)</sup>**

| Country                         | 1995   | 1996   | 1997    | 1998    | 1999    | % change<br>1995-99  | % change<br>1998-99 |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>EU Member States average</b> |        |        |         |         |         | <b>31%</b>           | <b>3%</b>           |
| England & Wales <sup>(3)</sup>  | 21,272 | 22,122 | 23,336  | 21,788  | 19,956  | -6%                  | -8%                 |
| Northern Ireland <sup>(3)</sup> | 358    | 204    | 176     | 193     | 193     | ..                   | 0%                  |
| Scotland                        | 7,974  | 6,957  | 8,180   | 8,490   | 8,668   | 9%                   | 2%                  |
| Austria                         | 11,635 | 14,923 | 16,808  | 15,906  | 16,324  | 40%                  | 3%                  |
| Belgium                         | 6,896  | 8,362  | 11,072  | 10,158  | 9,968   | 45%                  | -2%                 |
| Cyprus <sup>(4)</sup>           | 156    | 183    | 239     | 285     | 252     | 62%                  | -12%                |
| Czech Republic <sup>(5)</sup>   | 309    | 608    | 789     | 1,029   | 1,576   | 410%                 | 53%                 |
| Denmark                         | 291    | 354    | 171     | 178     | 129     | -56%                 | -28%                |
| Estonia <sup>(6)</sup>          | 12     | 30     | 30      | 117     | 180     | 1,400%               | 54%                 |
| Finland <sup>(4)</sup>          | 9,052  | 7,868  | 8,323   | 9,461   | 11,674  | 29%                  | 23%                 |
| France                          | 79,052 | 79,617 | 86,961  | 92,858  | 101,841 | 29%                  | 10%                 |
| Germany                         | 54,889 | 65,615 | 69,093  | 68,994  | 73,271  | 33%                  | 6%                  |
| Greece <sup>(4)</sup>           | 2,930  | 4,272  | 5,970   | 6,574   | 6,692   | 128%                 | 2%                  |
| Hungary                         | 429    | 440    | 943     | 2,068   | 2,860   | 567%                 | 38%                 |
| Ireland (Eire)                  | 826    | 958    | 1,637   | 1,766   | 1,971   | 139%                 | 12%                 |
| Italy                           | 38,269 | 38,954 | 41,420  | 43,014  | 45,038  | 18%                  | 5%                  |
| Luxembourg <sup>(4)</sup>       | 764    | 864    | 805     | 825     | 941     | 23%                  | 14%                 |
| Netherlands                     | 3,473  | 6,593  | 10,300  | 7,700   | 7,600   | 119%                 | -1%                 |
| Norway <sup>(4)</sup>           | 23,567 | 27,657 | 34,705  | 38,990  | 41,229  | 75%                  | 6%                  |
| Poland                          | 284    | 494    | 994     | 2,043   | 2,063   | 626%                 | 1%                  |
| Portugal                        | 4,509  | 3,879  | 3,390   | 3,538   | 4,091   | -9%                  | 16%                 |
| Russia <sup>(4)</sup>           | 79,819 | 96,645 | 185,832 | 190,127 | 216,364 | 171%                 | 14%                 |
| Slovenia                        | 454    | 680    | 972     | 997     | 1,121   | 147%                 | 12%                 |
| Spain                           | 15,118 | 15,307 | 14,274  | 13,263  | ..      | -12% <sup>(11)</sup> | -7% <sup>(12)</sup> |
| Sweden <sup>(7)</sup>           | 689    | 635    | 561     | 446     | 471     | -32%                 | 6%                  |
| Switzerland                     | 2,171  | 2,515  | 3,253   | 3,734   | 3,715   | 71%                  | -1%                 |
| Australia <sup>(8)</sup>        | ..     | 24,994 | 24,313  | 23,348  | 17,702  | ..                   | -24%                |
| Canada                          | 17,394 | 17,913 | 17,299  | 17,808  | 19,966  | 15%                  | 12%                 |
| Japan <sup>(9)</sup>            | 2,982  | 2,678  | 2,359   | 2,712   | 2,299   | -23%                 | -15%                |
| New Zealand <sup>(4)</sup>      | 12,274 | 12,658 | 14,532  | 15,158  | ..      | 23% <sup>(11)</sup>  | 4% <sup>(12)</sup>  |
| South Africa <sup>(4)</sup>     | 40,782 | 39,241 | 42,805  | 39,830  | 41,461  | 2%                   | 4%                  |
| U.S.A. <sup>(10)</sup>          | 24,915 | 27,457 | 33,160  | 37,322  | 40,383  | 62%                  | 8%                  |

(1) Definitions of offences vary between countries both due to legal differences and statistical recording methods; comparisons may be affected by these differences.

(2) Illegal importing, exporting, supplying, transportation, etc. of narcotic drugs.

(3) By financial year from 1997 (e.g. 1997 = 1 April 1997 to 31 March 1998).

(4) All drugs offences.

(5) Number of people prosecuted.

(6) Illegal manufacture, acquisition, storage, transportation, delivery or trafficking of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances.

(7) Includes attempts, preparation and conspiracy to commit an offence.

(8) By financial year (e.g. 1995 = 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996).

(9) Excluding amphetamines.

(10) Arrests by Drug Enforcement Agency.

(11) 1995 - 1998.

(12) 1997 - 1998.

.. Data not available.

Source: Statistical contacts in each country.



**Table 2**                      **Victimisation risk**

| Country          | Percentage victim once or more in 1999 |                              |                |                          |
|------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
|                  | Overall                                | Contact crime <sup>(1)</sup> | Theft of a car | Burglary (inc. attempts) |
| England & Wales  | 26                                     | 3.6                          | 2.6            | 5.2                      |
| Northern Ireland | 15                                     | 2.4                          | 1.5            | 2.5                      |
| Scotland         | 23                                     | 3.4                          | 1.0            | 3.2                      |
| Belgium          | 21                                     | 1.8                          | 0.8            | 4.1                      |
| Denmark          | 23                                     | 2.3                          | 1.4            | 4.2                      |
| Finland          | 19                                     | 3.2                          | 0.5            | 1.2                      |
| France           | 21                                     | 2.2                          | 1.9            | 2.3                      |
| Netherlands      | 25                                     | 2                            | 0.5            | 3.6                      |
| Poland           | 23                                     | 2.8                          | 1.7            | 3.1                      |
| Portugal         | 15                                     | 1.4                          | 1.2            | 2.5                      |
| Spain            | 19                                     | 1.5                          | 0.5            | 1.9                      |
| Sweden           | 25                                     | 2.2                          | 1.6            | 2.3                      |
| Switzerland      | 18                                     | 2.1                          | 0.4            | 2.7                      |
| Australia        | 30                                     | 4.1                          | 2.1            | 6.6                      |
| Canada           | 24                                     | 3.4                          | 1.6            | 4.4                      |
| Japan            | 15                                     | 0.4                          | 0.1            | 1.8                      |
| U.S.A            | 21                                     | 1.9                          | 0.5            | 3.8                      |

(1) Robbery, assaults with force and sexual assaults (against women only).

Source: *Criminal Victimisation in 17 Industrialised Countries: Key findings from the 2000 International Crime Victims Survey* (Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek- en Documentatiecentrum, The Netherlands).

**Table 3**      **Prison population<sup>(1)</sup>**

| <b>Country</b>                 | <b>1989</b> | <b>1990</b> | <b>1991</b> | <b>1992</b> | <b>1993</b> | <b>1994</b> | <b>1995</b> | <b>1996</b> | <b>1997</b> | <b>1998</b> | <b>1999</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| England & Wales <sup>(2)</sup> | 48,481      | 45,649      | 46,310      | 46,350      | 45,633      | 49,392      | 51,265      | 55,537      | 61,940      | 65,771      | 65,594      |
| Northern Ireland               | 1,815       | 1,733       | 1,996       | 1,811       | 1,902       | 1,911       | 1,740       | 1,640       | 1,555       | 1,454       | 1,158       |
| Scotland <sup>(3)</sup>        | 4,986       | 4,724       | 4,839       | 5,257       | 5,637       | 5,585       | 5,626       | 5,862       | 6,084       | 6,018       | 6,029       |
| Austria <sup>(2)</sup>         | 6,325       | 6,527       | 6,714       | 6,913       | 7,099       | 6,806       | 6,180       | 6,778       | 6,946       | 6,891       | 6,877       |
| Belgium <sup>(3)</sup>         | 6,688       | 6,549       | 6,194       | 6,869       | 7,489       | 7,489       | 7,693       | 7,935       | 8,522       | 7,860       | 8,143       |
| Cyprus                         | 191         | 218         | 223         | 221         | 194         | 184         | 202         | 235         | 263         | 226         | 247         |
| Czech Republic <sup>(4)</sup>  | 22,365      | 8,231       | 12,730      | 13,967      | 16,567      | 18,753      | 19,508      | 20,860      | 21,560      | 22,067      | 23,060      |
| Denmark                        | 3,378       | 3,205       | 3,404       | 3,406       | 3,370       | 3,508       | 3,421       | 3,194       | 3,170       | 3,340       | 3,496       |
| Estonia <sup>(5)</sup>         | ..          | ..          | 4,408       | 4,778       | 4,514       | 4,518       | 4,401       | 4,224       | 4,638       | 4,791       | 4,379       |
| Finland <sup>(4)</sup>         | 3,721       | 3,252       | 3,427       | 3,175       | 3,432       | 3,322       | 3,092       | 3,248       | 2,653       | 2,585       | 2,389       |
| France <sup>(6)</sup>          | 45,102      | 47,449      | 48,675      | 49,323      | 51,134      | 53,758      | 53,178      | 54,014      | 54,442      | 53,607      | 53,948      |
| Germany <sup>(5)</sup>         | 48,998      | 51,122      | 52,970      | 59,579      | 65,828      | 65,452      | 65,652      | 71,675      | 75,026      | 78,324      | 79,666      |
| Greece                         | 4,593       | 5,133       | 5,321       | 6,602       | 7,135       | 5,835       | 5,831       | 5,270       | 5,577       | 7,129       | 7,525       |
| Hungary <sup>(4)</sup>         | 15,928      | 12,319      | 14,810      | 15,913      | 13,196      | 13,143      | 12,455      | 12,763      | 13,405      | 14,366      | 16,281      |
| Ireland (Eire)                 | 1,980       | 2,108       | 2,114       | 2,155       | 2,801       | 2,053       | 2,032       | 2,139       | 2,424       | 2,620       | 2,741       |
| Italy                          | 30,594      | 32,588      | 32,813      | 46,152      | 51,231      | 52,041      | 49,102      | 48,747      | 50,197      | 49,864      | 51,427      |
| Luxembourg                     | 349         | 386         | 365         | 408         | 418         | 452         | 453         | 427         | 443         | 392         | 386         |
| Netherlands <sup>(5)</sup>     | 6,155       | 6,892       | 7,302       | 7,495       | 8,037       | 8,737       | 11,616      | 13,261      | 13,618      | 13,333      | 13,231      |
| Norway <sup>(3)</sup>          | 2,208       | 2,397       | 2,548       | 2,477       | 2,650       | 2,670       | 2,610       | 2,602       | 2,536       | 2,466       | ..          |
| Poland <sup>(2)</sup>          | 56,528      | 46,606      | 57,083      | 61,040      | 61,895      | 61,694      | 65,819      | 57,320      | 57,424      | 59,180      | 54,842      |
| Portugal                       | 8,593       | 9,169       | 8,171       | 9,183       | 11,079      | 10,023      | 11,829      | 13,743      | 14,167      | 14,330      | 13,086      |
| Russia <sup>(4)</sup>          | 698,900     | 714,700     | 722,636     | 750,280     | 844,870     | 920,685     | 1,017,372   | 1,051,515   | 1,009,863   | 1,009,172   | 1,060,085   |
| Slovenia <sup>(4)</sup>        | 1,224       | 973         | 820         | 936         | 960         | 879         | 648         | 614         | 768         | 793         | 956         |
| Spain <sup>(4)</sup>           | 30,947      | 33,058      | 37,857      | 41,894      | 46,076      | 47,144      | 44,956      | 42,105      | 42,756      | 44,370      | 44,197      |
| Sweden <sup>(7)</sup>          | 5,277       | 5,300       | 5,203       | 5,249       | 5,697       | 6,210       | 6,285       | 5,768       | 5,221       | 5,290       | 5,270       |
| Switzerland                    | 4,714       | 5,074       | 5,375       | 5,441       | 5,627       | 5,676       | 5,655       | 5,479       | 5,428       | 5,648       | 5,818       |
| Australia <sup>(3)</sup>       | 12,496      | 13,668      | 14,176      | 14,316      | 15,003      | 15,470      | 16,142      | 16,922      | 17,661      | 18,923      | 20,416      |
| Canada <sup>(8)</sup>          | 31,532      | 33,379      | 33,527      | 35,235      | 36,441      | 37,740      | 38,516      | 38,574      | 38,775      | 37,793      | 37,384      |
| Japan <sup>(2)</sup>           | 51,829      | 48,243      | 45,749      | 44,876      | 45,057      | 45,573      | 46,535      | 48,395      | 50,600      | 52,830      | 54,811      |
| New Zealand <sup>(9)</sup>     | 3,750       | 4,167       | 4,278       | 4,369       | 4,600       | 4,413       | 4,685       | 4,983       | 5,152       | 5,450       | 5,660       |
| South Africa <sup>(3)</sup>    | 111,557     | 110,194     | 101,775     | 102,268     | 111,798     | 110,933     | 110,069     | 118,731     | 134,202     | 141,441     | ..          |
| U.S.A. <sup>(10)</sup>         | 1,076,670   | 1,148,702   | 1,219,014   | 1,295,150   | 1,369,185   | 1,476,621   | 1,585,586   | 1,646,020   | 1,743,643   | 1,802,187   | 1,860,520   |

- (1) At 1 September.
- (2) At 31 August.
- (3) Average daily population.
- (4) At 31 December.
- (5) Until 1994 at 1 January. From 1995 at 1 September.

- (6) Metropolitan and overseas departments.
- (7) At 30 September.
- (8) Annual average by financial year (1 April - 31 March).
- (9) Annual averages.
- (10) At 30 June.

*Source: Statistical contacts in each country.*

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