

Table 1: DNA detections from 1998/99 to 2007/08

Year	Crimes with DNA match	Detected crimes in which a DNA match was available (Direct DNA detections)*	Total number of recorded crimes	% of recorded crimes involving direct DNA detection	Indirect DNA detections**	Direct plus indirect DNA detections	% of recorded crimes involving direct or indirect DNA detection	Number of DNA records retained from individuals.	Number of people with a record on the National DNA database†	Individuals added per year (England and Wales only)	Crime scene DNA profiles added per year
1998/99	21,239	6,151	5,109,089	0.12	n/a	n/a	n/a	517,000	n/a	225,369	13,534
1999/00	23,021	8,612	5,301,187	0.16	n/a	n/a	n/a	737,000	n/a	189,983	18,401
2000/01	30,894	14,785	5,170,843	0.29	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,186,000	n/a	371,839	29,071
2001/02	39,043	15,894	5,525,024	0.29	6,509	22,403	0.41	1,695,000	n/a	468,453	41,264
2002/03	49,913	21,098	5,974,960	0.35	12,717	33,815	0.57	2,099,964	1,889,968	444,077	61,431
2003/04	45,269	20,489	6,013,579	0.34	15,899	36,388	0.61	2,371,120	2,249,678	431,677	60,226
2004/05	40,169	19,873	5,637,511	0.35	15,732	35,605	0.63	2,802,849	2,714,800	480,225	59,247
2005/06	45,221	20,349	5,555,174	0.37	19,960	40,309	0.73	3,534,956	3,340,000	625,505	68,774
2006/07	41,717	19,949	5,427,559	0.37	21,199	41,148	0.76	4,428,376	3,874,500	667,252	55,217
2007/08	n/a	17,614	4,950,671	0.36	15,420	33,034	0.67	4,748,227 (E&W only)	4,116,713 (E&W only)‡	541,333	n/a

n/a = Not available.

*Includes crimes for which DNA was not the first link to the suspect. It is therefore not possible to say whether the DNA match was a key factor in solving the crime.¹

**Additional detections may result from the original crime with the DNA match due to the identification of further offences through forensic linkage (of different crime scenes) or through admission by the offender.

† This is less than the total number of records because some people have more than one record: the figures are taken from the NDNAD annual reports and may not be consistent with other sources.

‡The total number of DNA profiles stored from individual was 5,193,986, corresponding to 4,503,186 individuals, at June 2008 (more than 7% of the population).²

Sources: Hansard^{3,4}; Home Office crime figures⁵; NDNAD Annual reports^{6,7}; Home Office DNA Expansion Project report.⁸

Note: There are some discrepancies in figures available from different sources: in such cases the most recent figure has been used.

¹ Hansard 29 Oct 2008 : Column 1088W

² Hansard 29 Sep 2008 : Column 2344W

³ Written answer from Meg Hillier to Parliamentary Question by Gordon Prentice MP. Hansard 10 Sep 2008 : Column 1866W. Available on: <http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.com/pa/cm200708/cmhansrd/cm080910/text/80910w0018.htm>

⁴ Hansard 1 Sep 2008 : Column 1566W

⁵ Home Office (2008) Crime in England and Wales. July 2008. Table 2.04. Available on: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs08/hosb0708.pdf>

⁶ National DNA Database Annual Report 2006-2007. Page 17, Section 2. Available on: <http://www.npia.police.uk/en/11403.htm>

⁷ NDNAD Annual Reports 2002/03, 2003/05, 2004/05, 2005/06. Available on: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/using-science/dna-database/>

⁸ Home Office (2006) DNA Expansion Programme 2000-2005: Reporting achievement. Forensic Science and Pathology Unit. <http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/news-and-publications/publication/operational-policing/DNAExpansion.pdf> .