

# Updated police uplift figures

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The government has almost achieved the half-way point in delivering its pledge to put 20,000 additional officers on the streets by 2023

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In total, 9,814 police officers have been recruited across all 43 police forces in England and Wales. The recruitment is helping to increase diversity within the communities that the officers serve.

In all, 6,033 female officers have been recruited since April 2020, making up more than 4 in 10 new recruits, while 1,557 (11.3%) of the new recruits are from ethnic minority backgrounds.

Anyone interested in applying can [find more information on the 'Joining the police' website](#).

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