

# Updated police officer uplift figures

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More than 20,000 police officers have been recruited since April 2020

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Provisional figures show an additional 21,139 police officers have been recruited in England and Wales between April 2020 and 31 March 2023.

Of these, 20,951 were recruited from funding for the Police Uplift Programme.

*It's inspiring that 20,000 new colleagues have chosen to enter policing and the work they will do to keep communities safe and catch criminals is much needed by colleagues and communities alike. Having met many of these new officers, I am confident in the skills and dedication they bring into the service.*

*Despite many challenges including Covid in the four years since the programme began, teams from across the College worked tirelessly with others to successfully support Uplift. Along with the Police Uplift Programme, forces and education providers, we developed a consistent end-to-end recruitment process, as well as a wider range of entry routes to attract and train new officers from across communities in England and Wales.*

*Those within policing who worked on Uplift should be extraordinarily proud of their role in recruiting so many new officers in the timeframe, and this will undoubtedly help keep the public safe.*

**Chief Constable Andy Marsh, College of Policing CEO**

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