

**Public Displays of Flags and Emblems  
in Northern Ireland**

**Survey 2010**

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## Executive Summary

This research and report was commissioned by the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister and was undertaken by the Institute of Irish Studies, Queen's University, Belfast. The aim of the research was to understand the practice of publically displaying large numbers of flags and other emblems in public spaces in Northern Ireland. The research was commissioned, in part, to evaluate *A Shared Future* (2005) and *The Joint Protocol in Relation to Flags Flown in Public Areas* (2005). These two policy documents identified the problem of large numbers of flags flying on lampposts for long durations of time. It was felt that this created a demarcation of public space that was not beneficial to the economic and social development in Northern Ireland. The Protocol asserted:

The use of flags in instances such as celebration or festivity are not normally an issue. However, the use of flags for other more sinister purposes is of more concern and is unacceptable in a peaceful and tolerant society.

Surveys of political symbolism on all arterial routes in Northern Ireland in the first two weeks in July and last two weeks of September were conducted over a five-year period from 2006 to 2010. In addition we conducted surveys two weeks after Easter in 2008, 2009 and 2010. In each of the surveys we counted and mapped the different types of flags and other emblems on display.

This report examines the survey results for 2010 and should be read in conjunction with report covering 2006-2009 (published 2010). The results for 2010 indicate:

- Flags make up the large majority of the political symbols displayed on arterial routes and town centres (88% in 2010).
- The total number of flags flown in July 2010 was 3876. The total number of flags displayed in July over five years from 2006 to 2010 has remained remarkably consistent. There has not been any reduction in the number of flags flown on arterial routes in July.
- The large majority of these are unionist/loyalist in nature. Unionist flags reduced from 3328 to 1098 by September 2010. Nationalist flags, of which the majority are GAA, increased from 286 to 757 by September 2010.
- In 2010 there was a slight increase in the display of paramilitary flags in July although since 2006 there has been a decrease from 161 to 102.

Only one conclusion is possible from these figures. The policy aims set out in *A Shared Future* and the *Flags Protocol* have not been achieved. The numbers of flags and emblems on display have remained remarkably consistent over the five years and there has been little reduction in the length of time the flags are flying.

## Introduction

This report contains a range of results from a survey of flags and emblems undertaken on the main roads and town centres of Northern Ireland in 2010. It is the fifth such survey since 2006. Whilst profiling the results from the surveys conducted in April, July and September 2010 we have reproduced many of the results from the surveys conducted from 2006 to 2009. The flags survey was designed with three main goals in mind:

- To conduct a systematic census of flags across Northern Ireland within a specific time-period in order to provide a benchmark for the assessment of the level of flag flying in future years.
- To determine the degree to which flags are left up after a festival period and hence can be taken to constitute territorial markers rather than festival symbols.
- To use the above results to assess the effectiveness of the relevant area of *A Shared Future* policy and in particular *The Joint Flags Protocol*.

This report represents the fourth such report on the issue and we will not therefore reproduce the discussions on methodology that have appeared in previous reports.

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## **The Survey: All Symbols And Emblems 2006 - 2010**

For the purposes of reporting our findings we have developed a system of classification of symbols in terms of their form, content and how they are displayed. While some of these classifications are unproblematic (such as whether symbols are nationalist or unionist), others are more ambiguous (such as which flags are paramilitary or not). We would stress that our system of categorisation is transparent and we have retained a high level of detail in the information reported here so that readers can determine for themselves how we have placed items in each category. To examine the methodology more closely look at previous reports. What follows is a brief narrative of the results. **The full tables, which are referred to in the text, can be found in Appendix 1.**

### **Overall Number of Symbols in July**

**Table 1** shows that overall the total number of symbols surveyed in July 2010 is the lowest in five years. Also, 2010 had the lowest number of flags to date at 3876 (80 flags fewer than in 2009 – a decline of 2% in 2010 compared to 2009). However, over the five years the overall number of flags and emblems displayed in July has shown quite a level of consistency. It is not possible to perceive significant trends up or down over that period.

This research was originally designed to collect the number of flags on display. Whilst we do collect information on other items these are more difficult to record and therefore only give an approximate relationship to the number of flags. For example, the numbers of memorials and murals vary more than they should reflecting the lack of a strict definition when we originally designed the survey.

**What is clear from these figures is that flags make-up by far the largest proportion of emblems displayed on the streets of Northern Ireland. They average around 88% of the July totals over the five years from 2006-2010.**

Other variations are dependent upon the relationship between the exact day of the survey and when items are annually erected. There were fewer placards on display in 2010 compared to previous years (27 compared to 48 in 2009, a decline of 43.8%).

In **table 2** we have categorised the types of symbols on display in July. **As previously, by far the largest types of symbols can be categorised as national (the Tricolour and the Union symbols) and regional (for example, the Ulster emblem or Scottish symbols).**

**They account for nearly 80% of all emblems in 2010.** It is important to remember that these are just basic categories. They do not take into account the meanings that people might attach to the symbols given the context. For example, as we have discussed in previous reports (Bryan et.al 2010, 19-20), many people believe that national flags are put on lampposts by paramilitary groups and thus it is reasonable to assume that these flags are interpreted as demarcating areas people perceive as being controlled or influenced by paramilitary groups.

**Paramilitary symbols increased in July 2010 compared to 2009 (increase by 31 symbols, or 22.9%).** Although still lower than numbers in 2006 the trend downwards has stopped. There were many more sports symbols in 2010 – 226 compared to 139 in 2009 (an increase of 87 items, or 62.5%). This was almost certainly because of the appearance of Down in the All-Ireland final. Loyal Order items increased in 2010 from 2009 by 37 items (an increase of 18.3%). There was also an increase in political party/statement items in 2010 (highest since 2006). One explanation is that many more murals were counted in this category this year. Another is that a number of Eirigi flags appeared for the first time and were classed as political party/statement (rather than as paramilitary).

## **Symbols Displayed in September and Rates of Removal**

A key aspect to our survey work has been an exploration of how many symbols are removed after the summer months. We undertake a survey in the third and fourth weeks of September. **Table 3** looks at the type of symbols left in place after September and **table 4** looks at where they have been placed, whilst **table 5** looks at the rates of removal. We then break these figures into Unionist and Nationalist symbols in **table 6**.

As **table 4** indicates, there was much more bunting on display in September 2010, indeed there was a 150% increase from 2009 (an increase of 72 items). In fact this is by far the most bunting of any year to date. This is linked to Down in the GAA All-Ireland final plus all of the FIFA World Cup 2010 bunting which was displayed during the summer around bars.

There were more flags on display in September 2010 compared to September 2009 – an increase of 561 flags from previous year. Note again the figures for memorials since 2006 are in no way standardised (58 in September 2006 compared to 20 in September 2010). The

number of placards was reduced in September 2010 – 26 items or 40.9% fewer in September 2010 than in September 2009.

The figures in **table 5** that cover Nationalist symbols vary quite widely. This is because the increases in 2008 and 2010 reflect Tyrone and Down reaching the All-Ireland Final in late September. The increase in 2006 reflected commemorative activity around the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hunger Strikes.

The figures for Unionist symbols shows far greater consistency. 2009 had shown the highest level of removal but in 2010 this reduced again so that 63% had been removed. **Over the five years we do not see a significant change in the number of symbols being removed.**

### **Paramilitary Symbols**

Through this survey we have examined the type of paramilitary symbols that have been displayed. We have explained the categorisation of these symbols in previous reports. In **table 7** we examine the number of symbols displayed in July. **In 2010 there was a slightly higher number of paramilitary items visible in July 2010 than was the case in 2009 (166 items compared to 134 items in July 2009, an increase of 23.9%).** However, there are still fewer paramilitary items in July 2010 compared to 2006 – 2008. There were more UDA symbols in July 2010 compared to July 2009 (25 compared to 16 in 2009, an increase of 56.3%), however there were fewer UDA symbols in July 2010 than was the case in July 2008.

The largest proportion of paramilitary symbols displayed remains that of the UVF/YCV. They account for over 65% of the total.

**Table 8** looks at the numbers of paramilitary emblems displayed in September, whilst **table 9** and **table 10** look at changes and removal rates. 2010 saw the second highest rate of removal of paramilitary symbols of all years, -39.8% which was higher than the corresponding figure between July and September 2009 (-32.8%). However, the removal of paramilitary symbols remains lower than the general removal rate. This is partly explained by the prevalence of murals in this figure.

## **Easter Displays of Symbols**

Since 2008 we have also surveyed the amount of symbols displayed two weeks after Easter. This reflects Republican commemorative events at Easter, St Patrick's Day (March 17) and flags that have remained on display over the winter period. **Table 11** shows these figures and **table 12** the form they take. There was a very slight increase in the number of symbols on display although the total has been remarkably consistent over three years. There does appear to be a decrease in paramilitary symbols in 2010. There were 34 more flags on display at Easter 2010 than in Easter 2009 (an increase of 6.6%).

**Table 13** shows the differences between nationalist and unionist displays at Easter. Easter 2010 saw the greatest number of symbols on display across the three Easters in which counts were made. The proportion of unionist symbols on display at Easter 2010 is greater than was the case in 2009 and correspondingly the proportion of nationalist symbols on display in Easter 2010 was lower than in 2009. **It remains striking that even after the Easter period the number of unionist symbols is more than twice that of nationalist symbols.**

## Survey of Flags only

The central purpose of this survey is to examine the prevalence of flags on the main roads of Northern Ireland. In the following tables we have shown the figures for flags only. **Table 14** shows where flags were flown from. **As was the case in every year from 2006, in 2010 the overwhelming majority of flags on display were attached to lampposts (75.9%).** This figure serves to underline a historical shift in the flying of flags from the tradition of placing flags on houses to putting them on lampposts. **Table 15** shows that the national and regional flags dominate making just under 90% of the total. In July 2010 there was a reduction in the number of flags particularly those in the nationalist and regional category. However, there is not a significant trend over the years. There is an increase in paramilitary flags for the first time in five years which will be examined below.

**Table 16** looks at the number of flags displayed in September. The figures of September again show the increase in sporting flags - indicative of the success of Ulster GAA teams. There has been a reduction in the number of paramilitary flags flying in September. Other than this there is remarkable consistency in 2010 with the numbers of flags from previous years. We can identify no particular trends.

**Table 17** looks at removal rates. Large increases in sports related flags in September 2008 and September 2010 were linked to the performance of GAA counties.

**Loyal order flags are the most likely to be removed between July and September (72% removal rate).** Having said that, the removal rate for loyal order flags in 2010 was lower than it was in 2009 (72% in 2010 compared to 80.3% in 2009).

Although overall there were slightly more paramilitary flags on display in 2010 compared to 2009, in 2010 these flags were more likely to come down by September than was the case in 2009 (removal rate of 66.7% in 2010 compared to 53.4% in 2009).

**Table 18** shows that there was a slight increase in Tricolours in September (across the five years there was an average of 72.8 Tricolours flying in July which increased to 92.4 items on average for the September period between 2006 and 2010).

**Table 19 and table 20** look at the gross number of unionist and nationalist flags displayed in July and September 2006-2010. **It remains striking that the vast majority of flags are**

**unionist.** Interestingly, while Easter 2010 saw the largest display of flags and in particular unionist flags since the project began, 2010 saw the lowest number of unionist flags being flown in both July and September. There were 433 fewer unionist flags on display in July 2010 compared to 2009 (11.5% drop) while there were 46 fewer unionist flags in September 2010 than was the case in September 2009 (a 4% drop).

There was an increase in the display of nationalist flags in July 2010 by 59% from 2009 and in September by a huge 332.6% compared with the corresponding period in the previous year. There was a 164.7% increase in nationalist flags on display in September 2010 while there was only an increase of 0.6% in September 2009. The figures for 2008 and 2010 reflect the increase in GAA flags whilst those in 2006 reflect the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1981 Hunger Strike.

## **Flag Removal Rates and Paramilitary Flags**

**Table 21** examines average rates of removal 2006 – 2010. Clearly those flags displayed from arches are the most likely to come down by September along with the arches themselves. Flags on buildings are the most likely to be put up and remain up in September. This may be connected to the prevalence of GAA flags put on buildings particularly on bars. There has been a removal rate of 55.4% of flags on lampposts across the five years of the project. **Table 22** looks at the types of flags displayed in September and Easter.

**Table 23** looks at paramilitary flags flown in July and shows that there were 29 more paramilitary flags on display in July 2010 than were up in July 2009 (102 compared to 73), 13 (59.1%) more YCV flags on display in July 2010 than in July 2009 (35 compared to 22), and 22% more UVF flags on display in July 2010 than in 2009 (39 compared to 32). Similarly, while there were 11 UDA flags on display in July 2009, 15 were on display in July 2010. **UVF/YCV flags accounted for 72% of the total numbers flying.**

**Table 24** indicates that the number of paramilitary flags on display in September 2010 was the same as 2009. Overall this means the figures are down by two thirds since 2006. In terms of their display as an average figure across the five years of the project (**table 25**), UVF and YCV flags were/are the most visible paramilitary flags on display. However in September the Starry Plough is also significant (26.3%). Note that the IRA does not have a specific flag as such, unlike the loyalist paramilitaries. Rather IRA symbols, and not flags, are visible in the form of placards.

Although overall there were slightly more paramilitary flags on display in July in 2010 than in July 2009 (102 compared to 73, 41% more flags), the 2010 total of 102 paramilitary flags on display in July is the second lowest overall figure for summer paramilitary flags since the project began in 2006 (2009 was the lowest).

Overall, in 2009 there were 34 paramilitary flags on display in September and in September 2010 this was also the case – 34 flags were on display. However these totals are much reduced from previous years such as 2008 (57 flags) or 2006 (107 flags on display in September). Starry Plough flags appear to be greatly reduced in number from previous years – In 2007 there were 34 Starry Plough flags flying in July, there were 26 in July 2008, however there were only 3 in 2009 and 5 in 2010.

There have been few UFF flags flying in 2009 and 2010 compared to 2006 – 2008 (Only 3 in July 2009 and 4 in July 2010 compared to 26 in 2006 and 14 in July 2007).

## Conclusions

The research that we have undertaken over the past five years has allowed us to map trends in the symbolic demarcation of public spaces in Northern Ireland. We have particularly concentrated on main roads and town centres as this was identified as important in *A Shared Future* (2005) and *The Joint Protocol in Relation to Displays of Flags in Public Areas*. From the statistics we have produced so far we are able to make some conclusions.

The most widespread displays of symbols in Northern Ireland are flags and they are predominantly displayed on lampposts. On average, over the five years, flags have been around 88% of the total number of emblems counted in July. Of the flags displayed in July, 79.4% of them are on lampposts (average in July 3239 flags). Our survey of course, only accounts for arterial routes and town centres.

By far the largest proportion of flags flying at any time of the year are unionist. Table 18 shows the removal rates for unionist and nationalist flags. Removal rates for the large numbers of flags displayed over the summer months has improved marginally since 2006 but the removal rate in 2010 for Unionist flags was worse than the previous year (67% as opposed to 69% in 2009).

This suggests that policy efforts to reduce the flying of flags on arterial routes and reduce the length of time those flags are flying (see *A Shared Future* 2005 and *Joint Protocol* 2005) has been largely ineffectual. We think that it is reasonable to suggest that in the five years since the introduction of these policies we might have expected to see a greater change in these figures.

There has been a reduction in paramilitary flags displayed throughout the year. However, whilst there was a year on year reduction between 2006 and 2009, 2010 saw a slight increase in paramilitary flags. By far the largest proportion of paramilitary flags were those belonging to the UVF/YCV. In July 2010 they accounted for 72% of the paramilitary flags flying compared to 18% for the UDA/UFF.

## Appendix 1 - Tables

Table 1: Overview of the form of displays found on arterial routes during July, 2006 – 2010<sup>1</sup>

Form of Display	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		Average	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Arch	26	<b>0.6%</b>	27	<b>0.6%</b>	19	<b>0.4%</b>	17	<b>0.4%</b>	24	<b>0.5%</b>	22.6	<b>0.5%</b>
Bannerette	135	<b>3%</b>	80	<b>1.7%</b>	101	<b>2%</b>	129	<b>2.9%</b>	113	<b>2.6%</b>	111.6	<b>2.4%</b>
Bunting	84	<b>1.9%</b>	82	<b>1.8%</b>	104	<b>2.1%</b>	93	<b>2.1%</b>	99	<b>2.2%</b>	92.4	<b>2%</b>
Flag	3962	<b>87.7%</b>	4123	<b>89.1%</b>	4471	<b>88.4%</b>	3956	<b>87.8%</b>	3876	<b>87.9%</b>	4077.6	<b>88.1%</b>
Graffiti	15	<b>0.3%</b>	35	<b>0.8%</b>	23	<b>0.5%</b>	16	<b>0.4%</b>	11	<b>0.25%</b>	20	<b>0.4%</b>
Kerbstones	27	<b>0.6%</b>	44	<b>1%</b>	43	<b>0.9%</b>	21	<b>0.5%</b>	19	<b>0.4%</b>	30.8	<b>0.7%</b>
Lamppost	34	<b>0.8%</b>	57	<b>1.3%</b>	104	<b>2.1%</b>	76	<b>1.7%</b>	49	<b>1.1%</b>	64	<b>1.4%</b>
Memorial	48	<b>1.1%</b>	27	<b>0.6%</b>	13	<b>0.3%</b>	8	<b>0.2%</b>	20	<b>0.5%</b>	23.2	<b>0.5%</b>
Mural	99	<b>2.2%</b>	83	<b>1.8%</b>	103	<b>2%</b>	89	<b>2%</b>	158	<b>3.6%</b>	106.4	<b>2.3%</b>
Placard	78	<b>1.7%</b>	44	<b>1%</b>	33	<b>0.7%</b>	48	<b>1%</b>	27	<b>0.6%</b>	46	<b>1%</b>
Other	11	<b>0.2%</b>	27	<b>0.6%</b>	41	<b>0.8%</b>	49	<b>1%</b>	13	<b>0.3%</b>	28.2	<b>0.6%</b>
Total	4519	100%	4629	100%	5055	100%	4502	100%	4409	100%	4622.8	100%

<sup>1</sup> While percentages remain decimalised and not rounded up to the nearest whole number, percentages after the decimal point have been rounded up if appropriate and therefore percentages may not always total 100%.

**Table 2: Type of Display during July, 2006 - 2010**

Type of Display	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		Average	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
National	2001	<b>44.3%</b>	2302	<b>50%</b>	2592	<b>51%</b>	2342	<b>52%</b>	2129	<b>48.2%</b>	2273.2	<b>49.3%</b>
Regional	1493	<b>33%</b>	1527	<b>33%</b>	1558	<b>30.8%</b>	1443	<b>32.1%</b>	1365	<b>30.9%</b>	1477	<b>32%</b>
Paramilitary	237	<b>5.2%</b>	213	<b>4.6%</b>	180	<b>3.6%</b>	135	<b>3%</b>	166	<b>3.8%</b>	186.2	<b>4%</b>
Sport	128	<b>2.8%</b>	113	<b>2.4%</b>	290	<b>5.7%</b>	139	<b>3.1%</b>	226	<b>5.1%</b>	179.2	<b>3.9%</b>
Commemorative	284	<b>6.3%</b>	76	<b>1.6%</b>	137	<b>2.7%</b>	191	<b>4.3%</b>	199	<b>4.5%</b>	177.4	<b>3.7%</b>
Loyal Order	268	<b>5.9%</b>	250	<b>5.4%</b>	251	<b>5%</b>	202	<b>4.5%</b>	239	<b>5.4%</b>	242	<b>5.2%</b>
Political Party/Statement	43	<b>1%</b>	19	<b>0.4%</b>	16	<b>0.32%</b>	19	<b>0.4%</b>	63	<b>1.4%</b>	32	<b>0.7%</b>
Other	65	<b>1.4%</b>	129	<b>2.8%</b>	31	<b>0.6%</b>	31	<b>0.7%</b>	22	<b>0.5%</b>	54	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	4519	<b>100%</b>	4629	<b>100%</b>	5055	<b>100%</b>	4502	<b>100%</b>	4409	<b>100%</b>	4622.8	<b>100%</b>

**Table 3: Type of Display during September, 2006 - 2010**

Type of Display	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		Average	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
National	1174	<b>43.7%</b>	759	<b>42.3%</b>	1234	<b>39.6%</b>	845	<b>50.7%</b>	803	<b>34.4%</b>	963	<b>41.5%</b>
Regional	627	<b>23.4%</b>	561	<b>31.2%</b>	585	<b>18.8%</b>	422	<b>25.3%</b>	458	<b>19.6%</b>	530.6	<b>22.9%</b>
Paramilitary	195	<b>7.3%</b>	121	<b>6.7%</b>	119	<b>3.8%</b>	91	<b>5.5%</b>	100	<b>4.3%</b>	125.2	<b>5.4%</b>
Sport	123	<b>4.6%</b>	173	<b>9.6%</b>	999	<b>32.1%</b>	137	<b>8.2%</b>	727	<b>31.1%</b>	431.8	<b>18.6%</b>
Commemorative	412	<b>15.3%</b>	51	<b>2.8%</b>	71	<b>2.3%</b>	101	<b>6%</b>	134	<b>5.7%</b>	153.8	<b>6.6%</b>
Loyal Order	57	<b>2.1%</b>	44	<b>2.5%</b>	54	<b>1.7%</b>	24	<b>1.4%</b>	43	<b>1.8%</b>	44.4	<b>1.9%</b>
Political Party/Statement	55	<b>2%</b>	18	<b>1%</b>	26	<b>0.8%</b>	15	<b>0.9%</b>	48	<b>2.1%</b>	32.4	<b>1.4%</b>
Other	42	<b>1.6%</b>	66	<b>3.7%</b>	25	<b>0.8%</b>	31	<b>1.9%</b>	21	<b>0.9%</b>	37	<b>1.6%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2685</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1793</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3113</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2334</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2318.2</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 4: Form of Display during September, 2006 - 2010**

Form of Display	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		Average	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Arch	4	<b>0.1%</b>	1	<b>0.06%</b>	3	<b>0.1%</b>	1	<b>0.06%</b>	1	<b>0.04%</b>	2	<b>0.09%</b>
Bannerette	72	<b>2.7%</b>	0	-	23	<b>0.7%</b>	10	<b>0.6%</b>	26	<b>1.1%</b>	26.2	<b>1.1%</b>
Bunting	32	<b>1.2%</b>	23	<b>1.3%</b>	58	<b>1.9%</b>	48	<b>2.9%</b>	120	<b>5.2%</b>	56.2	<b>2.4%</b>
Flag	2174	<b>80.1%</b>	1510	<b>84.1%</b>	2704	<b>86.7%</b>	1332	<b>80%</b>	1893	<b>81.4%</b>	1922.6	<b>83%</b>
Graffiti	23	<b>0.9%</b>	31	<b>1.7%</b>	31	<b>0.9%</b>	12	<b>0.7%</b>	11	<b>0.5%</b>	21.6	<b>0.9%</b>
Kerbstones	39	<b>1.5%</b>	33	<b>1.8%</b>	33	<b>1%</b>	19	<b>1%</b>	17	<b>0.7%</b>	28.2	<b>1.2%</b>
Lamppost	62	<b>2.3%</b>	44	<b>2.5%</b>	86	<b>2.8%</b>	59	<b>3.5%</b>	50	<b>2.2%</b>	60.2	<b>2.6%</b>
Memorial	58	<b>2.2%</b>	22	<b>1.3%</b>	13	<b>0.4%</b>	11	<b>0.7%</b>	20	<b>0.9%</b>	24.8	<b>1.1%</b>
Mural	120	<b>4.5%</b>	63	<b>3.5%</b>	93	<b>2.9%</b>	87	<b>5.2%</b>	151	<b>6.5%</b>	102.8	<b>4.4%</b>
Placard	85	<b>3.2%</b>	38	<b>2.1%</b>	44	<b>1.4%</b>	44	<b>2.6%</b>	26	<b>1.1%</b>	47.4	<b>2%</b>
Other	16	<b>0.6%</b>	28	<b>1.6%</b>	25	<b>0.8%</b>	41	<b>2.5%</b>	8	<b>0.34%</b>	23.6	<b>1%</b>
Total	2685	100%	1793	100%	3113	100%	1664	100%	2323	100%	2315.6	100%

**Table 5: Removal Rates of Symbols between July and September 2006 - 2010**

Type of Display	2006 Change between rounds		2007 Change between rounds		2008 Change between rounds		2009 Change between rounds		2010 Change between rounds	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
National	-827	-41.3%	-1543	-67%	-1358	-52.4%	-1497	-63.9%	-1326	-62.3%
Regional	-866	-58%	-966	-63.2%	-973	-62.5%	-1021	-70.8%	-907	-66.4%
Paramilitary	-42	-17.7%	-92	-43.2%	-61	-33.9%	-44	-32.6%	-66	-39.8%
Sport	-5	-3.9%	+60	+53.1%	+709	+244.5%	-2	-1.4%	+501	+221.7%
Commemorative	+128	+45%	-25	-32.9%	-66	-48.2%	-90	-47.1%	-65	-32.7%
Loyal Order	-211	-78.7%	-206	-82.4%	-197	-78.5%	-178	-88.1%	-196	-82%
Political Party/Statement	+12	+27.9%	-1	-5.3%	+10	+62.5%	-4	-21.1%	-15	-23.8%
Other	-23	-35.4%	-63	-48.8%	-6	-19.4%	Same	-	-1	-4.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1834</b>	<b>-40.6%</b>	<b>-2836</b>	<b>-61.3%</b>	<b>-1942</b>	<b>-38.4%</b>	<b>-2836</b>	<b>-63.0%</b>	<b>-2075</b>	<b>-47.1</b>

**Table 6: September removal rates of unionist and nationalist symbols 2006 -2010**

Unionist Removal Rates 2006 - 2010					Nationalist Removal Rates 2006 -2010				
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
-53.7%	-65.8%	-58.8%	-67.6%	-63.4%	+87.6%	+1.3%	+159.7%	+3.2%	+131%

**Table 7: Paramilitary symbols displayed in July 2006 – 2010**

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
IRA	7	<b>2.9%</b>	15	<b>7.1%</b>	13	<b>7.3%</b>	7	<b>5.2%</b>	10	<b>6%</b>
Red Hand Commando	9	<b>3.8%</b>	8	<b>3.8%</b>	4	<b>2.3%</b>	3	<b>2.2%</b>	5	<b>3%</b>
Starry Plough	9	<b>3.8%</b>	34	<b>16%</b>	26	<b>14.7%</b>	3	<b>2.2%</b>	5	<b>3%</b>
UDA	24	<b>10.1%</b>	19	<b>8.9%</b>	28	<b>15.8%</b>	16	<b>11.9%</b>	25	<b>15.1%</b>
UFF	39	<b>16.4%</b>	21	<b>9.9%</b>	15	<b>8.5%</b>	11	<b>8.2%</b>	7	<b>4.2%</b>
UYM	2	<b>0.8%</b>	3	<b>1.4%</b>	0	-	0	-	0	-
UVF	78	<b>32.9%</b>	69	<b>32.5%</b>	42	<b>23.7%</b>	58	<b>43.2%</b>	69	<b>41.6%</b>
UVF Somme	12	<b>5%</b>	1	<b>0.5%</b>	7	<b>3.9%</b>	1	<b>0.7%</b>	0	-
YCV	55	<b>23.2%</b>	39	<b>18.4%</b>	37	<b>20.9%</b>	30	<b>22.4%</b>	40	<b>24.1%</b>
LVF	1	<b>0.4%</b>	3	<b>1.4%</b>	2	<b>1.1%</b>	1	<b>0.7%</b>	1	<b>0.6%</b>
IRSP/INLA	0	-	0	-	3	<b>1.7%</b>	3	<b>2.2%</b>	2	<b>1.2%</b>
Sunburst	1	<b>0.4%</b>	0	-	0	-	1	<b>0.7%</b>	2	<b>1.2%</b>
Total	237	100%	212 <sup>2</sup>	100%	177 <sup>3</sup>	100%	134 <sup>4</sup>	100%	166	100%

<sup>2</sup> This total of 212 is different to the total of 213 in table 2 in relation to 2007. This is due to one item depicting a 'unionist other' paramilitary which has not been listed.

<sup>3</sup> This total is slightly different to the table 2 total of 180. The three additional paramilitary symbols referred to 'unionist other' and 'nationalist other' paramilitaries (1 'Unionist other', 2 'nationalist other').

<sup>4</sup> Again, this total is 134 while the overall total of paramilitary symbols as shown in table 2 is 135 as one emblem was designated as 'unionist other' paramilitary which is not in our list.

**Table 8: Paramilitary symbols displayed in September 2006 – 2010**

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
IRA	9	4.6%	18	15%	12	10.3%	10	11.1%	15	15%
Red Hand Commando	8	4.1%	6	5%	1	0.9%	2	2.2%	3	3%
Starry Plough	18	9.2%	21	17.5%	28	24.1%	4	4.4%	4	4%
UDA	21	10.7%	11	9.2%	12	10.3%	5	5.6%	10	10%
UFF	43	22.1%	13	10.8%	10	8.6%	9	10%	3	3%
UYM	2	1%	1	0.8%	-	-	-	-	0	-
UVF	54	27.7%	32	26.7%	28	24.1%	41	45.6%	47	47%
UVF Somme	8	4.1%	0	-	1	0.9%	0	-	0	-
YCV	29	14.8%	14	11.7%	21	18.1%	15	16.7%	16	16%
LVF	1	0.5%	3	2.5%	0	-	0	-	0	-
IRSP/INLA	-	-	-	-	3	2.6%	3	3.3%	1	1%
Sunburst	2	1%	1	0.8%	-	-	1	1.1%	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	195	100%	120 <sup>5</sup>	100%	116 <sup>6</sup>	100%	90 <sup>7</sup>	100%	100	100%

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<sup>5</sup> Total differs from table 3 total of 121 as one paramilitary was designated as 'unionist other' and paramilitary and is therefore not listed in table 8.

<sup>6</sup> This total differs from that of 119 in table 3 as it does not include two 'nationalist' other paramilitary symbols and one 'unionist other' paramilitary symbol.

<sup>7</sup> This figure differs from the total of 91 as one 'unionist other' paramilitary item is not included in table 7.

**Table 9: Change in Paramilitary Symbols on display in 2009 and 2010**

	2009 Change between rounds		2010 Change between rounds	
	No.	%	No.	%
IRA	+3	<b>+42.9%</b>	+5	<b>+50%</b>
Red Hand Commando	-1	<b>-33.3%</b>	-2	<b>-40%</b>
Starry Plough	+1	<b>+33.3%</b>	-1	<b>-20%</b>
UDA	-11	<b>-68.8%</b>	-15	<b>-60%</b>
UFF	-2	<b>-18.2%</b>	-4	<b>-57.1%</b>
UYM	-	-	-	-
UVF	-17	<b>-29.3%</b>	-22	<b>-31.9%</b>
UVF Somme	-1	<b>-100%</b>	-	-
YCV	-15	<b>-50%</b>	-24	<b>-60%</b>
LVF	-1	<b>-100%</b>	-1	<b>-100%</b>
IRSP/INLA	-	-	-1	-100%
Sunburst	-	-	-1	-50%
Total	-44	-33%	-66	-39.8%

**Table 10: Removal Rates of Paramilitary Symbols between 2006 and 2010**

Paramilitary Symbol Removal Rates 2006 - 2010				
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
-17.7%	-43.3%	-34.5%	-32.8%	-39.8%

Table 11: Types of Display at Easter 2008, 2009 and 2010

Type of Display	Easter 2008		Easter 2009		Easter 2010		Average	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
National	441	<b>56.1%</b>	481	<b>56%</b>	454	<b>52.5%</b>	458.7	<b>54.8%</b>
Regional	98	<b>12.5%</b>	97	<b>11.3%</b>	137	<b>15.9%</b>	110.7	<b>13.2%</b>
Paramilitary	115	<b>14.6%</b>	98	<b>11.4%</b>	69	<b>7.9%</b>	94	<b>11.2%</b>
Sport	40	<b>5.1%</b>	55	<b>6.4%</b>	78	<b>9.1%</b>	57.7	<b>6.9%</b>
Commemorative	61	<b>7.8%</b>	70	<b>8.1%</b>	80	<b>9.3%</b>	70.3	<b>8.4%</b>
Loyal Order	11	<b>1.4%</b>	10	<b>1.2%</b>	8	<b>0.9%</b>	9.7	<b>1.2%</b>
Political Party/Statement	17	<b>2.2%</b>	19	<b>2.2%</b>	25	<b>2.9%</b>	20.3	<b>2.4%</b>
Other	3	<b>0.4%</b>	29	<b>3.4%</b>	13	<b>1.5%</b>	15	<b>1.8%</b>
Total	786	100%	859	100%	864	100%	836.6	100%

**Table 12: Forms of Symbols at Easter 2008, 2009 and 2010**

Form of Display	Easter 2008		Easter 2009		Easter 2010		Average	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Arch	2	<b>0.3%</b>	0	-	1	<b>0.1%</b>	1	<b>0.1%</b>
Bunting	6	<b>0.8%</b>	6	<b>0.7%</b>	7	<b>0.8%</b>	6.3	<b>0.8%</b>
Flag	441	<b>56.1%</b>	511	<b>59.5%</b>	545	<b>63.1%</b>	499	<b>59.7%</b>
Graffiti	23	<b>2.9%</b>	15	<b>1.7%</b>	26	<b>3%</b>	21.3	<b>2.5%</b>
Kerbstones	35	<b>4.5%</b>	37	<b>4.3%</b>	37	<b>4.3%</b>	36.3	<b>4.3%</b>
Lamppost	98	<b>12.5%</b>	155	<b>18%</b>	97	<b>11.2%</b>	116.7	<b>13.9%</b>
Memorial	16	<b>2%</b>	11	<b>1.3%</b>	11	<b>1.3%</b>	12.7	<b>0.1%</b>
Mural	83	<b>10.6%</b>	85	<b>9.9%</b>	103	<b>11.9%</b>	90.3	<b>10.8%</b>
Placard	34	<b>4.3%</b>	32	<b>3.7%</b>	15	<b>1.7%</b>	27	<b>3.2%</b>
Other	48	<b>6.1%</b>	7	<b>0.8%</b>	22	<b>2.5%</b>	25.7	<b>3%</b>
Total	786	100%	859	100%	864	100%	836.3	100%

**Table 13: Nationalist and Unionist Easter Displays in 2008, 2009 and 2010**

	Easter 2008		Easter 2009		Easter 2010	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Unionist	537	<b>68%</b>	522	<b>60.7%</b>	588	<b>68.1%</b>
Nationalist	228	<b>29%</b>	320	<b>37.3%</b>	256	<b>29.6%</b>
Other	21	<b>2.7%</b>	17	<b>2%</b>	20	<b>2.3%</b>
Total	786	100%	859	100%	864	100%

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Table 14: How flags were displayed in July 2006 - 2010

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		Average	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
From Arch	25	<b>0.6%</b>	46	<b>1.1%</b>	51	<b>1.1%</b>	26	<b>0.7%</b>	66	<b>1.7%</b>	42.8	1.04%
From Building	219	<b>5.5%</b>	221	<b>5.4%</b>	395	<b>8.8%</b>	246	<b>6.2%</b>	377	<b>9.7%</b>	291.6	7.15%
Bunting-style	16	<b>0.4%</b>	3	<b>0.1%</b>	91	<b>2%</b>	0	-	39	<b>1%</b>	29.8	0.73%
From Flag-pole	87	<b>2.2%</b>	138	<b>3.3%</b>	130	<b>2.9%</b>	63	<b>1.6%</b>	129	<b>3.3%</b>	109.4	2.7%
From Lamppost	3383	<b>85.4%</b>	3256	<b>79%</b>	3328	<b>74.4%</b>	3287	<b>83.1%</b>	2943	<b>75.9%</b>	3239.4	79.4%
On Mural	10	<b>0.3%</b>	22	<b>0.5%</b>	18	<b>0.4%</b>	9	<b>0.2%</b>	4	<b>0.1%</b>	12.6	0.31%
From Private House	219	<b>5.5%</b>	423	<b>10.3%</b>	426	<b>9.5%</b>	277	<b>7%</b>	315	<b>8.1%</b>	332	8.1%
Other	3	<b>0.1%</b>	14	<b>0.3%</b>	32	<b>0.7%</b>	48	<b>1.2%</b>	3	<b>0.07%</b>	20	0.49%
Total	3962	100%	4123	100%	4471	100%	3956	100%	3876	100%	4077.6	100%

Table 15: Types of Flag on Display during July 2006 - 2010

Types of Flag	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		Average	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
National	1814	<b>45.8%</b>	2086	<b>50.6%</b>	2310	<b>51.7%</b>	2092	<b>52.9%</b>	1971	<b>50.8%</b>	2054.6	<b>50.4%</b>
Regional	1483	<b>37.4%</b>	1516	<b>36.8%</b>	1546	<b>34.6%</b>	1434	<b>36.2%</b>	1347	<b>34.7%</b>	1465.2	<b>35.9%</b>
Paramilitary	161	<b>4.1%</b>	117	<b>2.8%</b>	111	<b>2.5%</b>	73	<b>1.8%</b>	102	<b>2.6%</b>	112.8	<b>2.8%</b>
Sport	122	<b>3.1%</b>	102	<b>2.5%</b>	271	<b>6.1%</b>	124	<b>3.1%</b>	201	<b>5.2%</b>	164	<b>4.0%</b>
Commemorative	157	<b>3.9%</b>	24	<b>0.6%</b>	59	<b>1.3%</b>	96	<b>2.4%</b>	106	<b>2.73%</b>	88.4	<b>2.2%</b>
Loyal Order	183	<b>4.6%</b>	177	<b>4.3%</b>	162	<b>3.6%</b>	122	<b>3.1%</b>	107	<b>2.76%</b>	150.2	<b>3.7%</b>
Political Party/Statement	0	-	2	<b>0.05%</b>	1	<b>0.02%</b>	0	-	36	<b>0.9%</b>	7.8	<b>0.2%</b>
Other	42	<b>1.1%</b>	99	<b>2.4%</b>	11	<b>0.2%</b>	15	<b>0.4%</b>	6	<b>0.15%</b>	34.6	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Total</b>	3962	<b>100%</b>	4123	<b>100%</b>	4471	<b>100%</b>	3956	<b>100%</b>	3876	<b>100%</b>	4077.6	<b>100%</b>

Table 16: Types of Flag on Display during September, 2006 - 2010

Types of Flag	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		Average	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
National	1016	<b>46.7%</b>	642	<b>42.5%</b>	1077	<b>39.8%</b>	696	<b>52.3%</b>	645	<b>34.1%</b>	815.2	<b>42.4%</b>
Regional	607	<b>27.9%</b>	558	<b>37%</b>	572	<b>21.2%</b>	418	<b>31.4%</b>	447	<b>23.6%</b>	520.2	<b>27.1%</b>
Paramilitary	107	<b>4.9%</b>	53	<b>3.5%</b>	57	<b>2.1%</b>	34	<b>2.6%</b>	34	<b>1.8%</b>	57	<b>3.0%</b>
Sport	116	<b>5.3%</b>	164	<b>10.9%</b>	937	<b>34.7%</b>	112	<b>8.4%</b>	670	<b>35.4%</b>	399.8	<b>20.8%</b>
Commemorative	279	<b>12.8%</b>	10	<b>0.7%</b>	18	<b>0.7%</b>	35	<b>2.6%</b>	44	<b>2.3%</b>	77	<b>4.0%</b>
Loyal Order	37	<b>1.7%</b>	38	<b>2.5%</b>	34	<b>1.3%</b>	24	<b>1.8%</b>	30	<b>1.6%</b>	32.6	<b>1.7%</b>
Political Party/Statement	1	<b>0.05%</b>	1	<b>0.1%</b>	1	<b>0.04%</b>	0	-	17	<b>0.9%</b>	4	<b>0.2%</b>
Other	11	<b>0.5%</b>	44	<b>2.9%</b>	8	<b>0.3%</b>	13	<b>1%</b>	6	<b>0.3%</b>	16.4	<b>0.9%</b>
Total	2174	100%	1510	100%	2704	100%	1332	100%	1893	100%	1922.6	100%

**Table 17: Overall Flag Removal Rates/Changes between July and September, 2006 – 2010**

Types of Flag	2006 Change between rounds		2007 Change between rounds		2008 Change between rounds		2009 Change between rounds		2010 Change between rounds	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
National	-798	<b>-43.9%</b>	-1444	<b>-69.2%</b>	-1233	<b>-53.4%</b>	-1396	<b>-66.7%</b>	-1326	<b>-67.2%</b>
Regional	-876	<b>-59%</b>	-958	<b>-63.2%</b>	-974	<b>-63%</b>	-1016	<b>-70.9%</b>	-900	<b>-66.8%</b>
Paramilitary	-54	<b>-33.5%</b>	-64	<b>-54.7%</b>	-54	<b>-48.6%</b>	-39	<b>-53.4%</b>	-68	<b>-66.7%</b>
Sport	-6	<b>-4.9%</b>	+62	<b>+60.7%</b>	+666	<b>+245.8%</b>	-12	<b>-9.7%</b>	+469	<b>+233.3%</b>
Commemorative	+122	<b>+77.7%</b>	-14	<b>-58.3%</b>	-41	<b>-69.5%</b>	-61	<b>-63.5%</b>	-62	<b>-58.4%</b>
Loyal Order	-146	<b>-79.8%</b>	-139	<b>-78.5%</b>	-128	<b>-79%</b>	-98	<b>-80.3%</b>	-77	<b>-72%</b>
Political Party/Statement	+1	<b>+100%</b>	-1	<b>-50%</b>	-	<b>Same</b>	-	<b>Same</b>	-19	<b>-52.8%</b>
Other	-31	<b>-73.8%</b>	-55	<b>-55.6%</b>	-3	<b>-27.3%</b>	-2	<b>-13.3%</b>	-	Same
Total	-1788	-45.1%	-2613	-63.4%	-1767	-39.5%	-2624	-66.3%	-1983	-51.2%

**Table 18: Average rates of removal of unionist and nationalist flags, 2006 – 2010**

	Unionist Removal Rate 2006 -2010			Nationalist Removal Rate 2006 - 2010		
	July Average	Sep Average	% Change between Rounds	July Average	Sep Average	% Change between Rounds
National	1920.6	708	<b>-63.1%</b>	72.8	92.4	<b>+26.9%</b>
Regional	1463.6	517.6	<b>-64.6%</b>	1.2	2.6	<b>+116.7%</b>
Paramilitary	97	41.4	<b>-57.3%</b>	15.8	15.6	<b>-1.3%</b>
Sport	28.4	14.2	<b>-50%</b>	134.8	384.2	<b>+185%</b>
Commemorative	68.6	22.4	<b>-67.3%</b>	19.8	54.8	<b>+176.8%</b>
Loyal Order	150.2	32.6	<b>-78.3%</b>	0	0	-
Political Party/Statement	1.0	0.6	<b>-40.0%</b>	6.8	3.4	<b>-50%</b>
Other	29.8	11.6	<b>-61.1%</b>	1.2	1.6	<b>+33.3%</b>
Total	3759.2	1348.4	-64.1%	252.4	554.6	+120%

**Table 19: Number of Unionist Flags on Display in July and September, 2006 – 2010**

	<b>July</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>2006</b>	3684	1562	-57.6%
<b>2007</b>	3907	1287	-67%
<b>2008</b>	4116	1651	-59.9%
<b>2009</b>	3761	1144	-69.6%
<b>2010</b>	3328	1098	-67%

**Table 20: Number of Nationalist Flags on Display in July and September 2010**

	<b>July</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>2006</b>	266	606	<b>+127.8%</b>
<b>2007</b>	202	213	<b>+5.4%</b>
<b>2008</b>	332	1022	<b>+207.8%</b>
<b>2009</b>	176	175	<b>+0.6%</b>
<b>2010</b>	286	757	<b>+164.7%</b>

**Table 21: Average Flag Removal Rates, 2006 – 2010**

	<b>2006 – 2010 Summer Average</b>	<b>2006 – 2010 Autumn Average</b>	<b>Average Removal Rate %</b>
From Arch	42.8	3.4	<b>-92%</b>
From Building	291.6	209	<b>-28.3%</b>
Bunting-style	29.8	19.4	<b>-34.9%</b>
From Flag-pole	109.4	73	<b>-33.2%</b>
From Lamppost	3239.4	1442.6	<b>-55.4%</b>
On Mural	12.6	6	<b>-52.3%</b>
From Private House	332	157.8	<b>-52.4%</b>
Other	20	9	<b>-55%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4077.6</b>	<b>1922.6</b>	<b>-52.9%</b>

**Table 22: Types of Flags Displayed in September and Easter, 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 2009/2010**

Types of Flag	Autumn 2007	Easter 2008	Difference	% Change
National	642	252	-390	-60.7%
Regional	558	95	-463	-83%
Paramilitary	53	43	-10	-18.9%
Sport	164	30	-134	-75.6%
Commemorative	10	9	-1	-10%
Loyal Order	38	9	-29	-76.3%
Political Party/Statement	1	1	-	-
Other	44	2	-42	-95.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1510</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>1069</b>	<b>-70.8%</b>

**Table 22 continued: Types of Flags Displayed in September and Easter, 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 2009/2010**

Types of Flag	Autumn 2008	Easter 2009	Difference	% Change	Autumn 2009	Easter 2010	Difference	% Change
National	1077	283	-794	<b>-73.7%</b>	696	292	-404	<b>-58%</b>
Regional	572	90	-482	<b>-84.2%</b>	418	131	-287	<b>-68.7%</b>
Paramilitary	57	48	-9	<b>-15.8%</b>	34	28	-6	<b>-21.4%</b>
Sport	937	45	-892	<b>-95.2%</b>	112	67	-45	<b>-10.2%</b>
Commemorative	18	24	+6	<b>+33.3%</b>	35	9	-26	<b>-74.3%</b>
Loyal Order	34	6	-28	<b>-82.4%</b>	24	5	-19	<b>-79.2%</b>
Political Party/Statement	1	1	-	-	0	9	+9	<b>+900%</b>
Other	8	14	+16	<b>+75%</b>	13	4	-9	<b>-69.2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2704</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>-2193</b>	<b>-81.1%</b>	<b>1332</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>-787</b>	<b>-59.1%</b>

**Table 23: Paramilitary Flags on Display in July, 2006 – 2010**

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Red Hand Commando	4	2.5%	2	1.7%	2	1.8%	1	1.4%	2	1.9%
Starry Plough	9	5.6%	34	29%	26	23.4%	3	4.1%	5	4.9%
UDA	12	7.5%	5	4.3%	17	15.3%	11	15.1%	15	14.7%
UFF	26	16.1%	14	11.9%	6	5.4%	3	4.1%	4	3.9%
UVF	49	30.4%	38	32.4%	24	21.6%	32	43.8%	39	38.2%
UVF Somme	12	7.5%	1	0.9%	6	5.4%	1	1.4%	0	-
YCV	48	29.8%	23	19.7%	30	27%	22	30.1%	35	34.3%
LVF	1	0.6%	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Sunburst	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	2	1.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 24: Paramilitary Flags on Display in September 2006 – 2010**

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Red Hand Commando	0	-	1	<b>1.9%</b>	0	-	0	-	0	-
Starry Plough	18	<b>16.8%</b>	21	<b>39.6%</b>	28	<b>49.1%</b>	4	<b>11.8%</b>	4	<b>11.8%</b>
UDA	8	<b>7.5%</b>	2	<b>3.8%</b>	0	-	3	<b>8.8%</b>	2	<b>5.9%</b>
UFF	25	<b>23.4%</b>	5	<b>9.4%</b>	1	<b>1.8%</b>	2	<b>5.9%</b>	0	-
UVF	25	<b>23.4%</b>	14	<b>26.4%</b>	11	<b>19.3%</b>	16	<b>47.1%</b>	19	<b>55.9%</b>
UVF Somme	8	<b>7.5%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
YCV	21	<b>19.6%</b>	9	<b>17%</b>	17	<b>29.8%</b>	9	<b>26.5%</b>	8	<b>23.5%</b>
LVF	1	<b>1%</b>	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Sunburst	1	<b>1%</b>	1	<b>1.9%</b>	0	-	0	-	1	<b>2.9%</b>
Total	107	100%	53	100%	57	100%	34	100%	34	100%

**Table 25: Average Number of Paramilitary Flags on Display in July and September 2006 - 2010**

	<b>Average July 2006 -2010</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Average Sept 2006 - 2010</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Red Hand Commando	2.2	<b>1.9%</b>	0.2	<b>0.4%</b>
Starry Plough	15.4	<b>13.7%</b>	15	<b>26.3%</b>
UDA	12	<b>10.6%</b>	3	<b>5.3%</b>
UFF	10.6	<b>9.4%</b>	6.6	<b>11.6%</b>
UVF	36.4	<b>32.5%</b>	17	<b>29.8%</b>
UVF Somme	4	<b>3.5%</b>	1.6	<b>2.8%</b>
YCV	31.6	<b>28%</b>	12.8	<b>22.4%</b>
LVF	0.2	<b>0.2%</b>	0.2	<b>0.4%</b>
Sunburst	0.4	<b>0.4%</b>	0.6	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>112.8</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Tables 26: Paramilitary Flag Removal Rates 2006 – 2010**

	2006 Change between rounds		2007 Change between rounds		2008 Change between rounds		2009 Change between rounds		2010 Change between rounds	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Red Hand Commando	-4	-100%	-1	-50%	-2	-100%	-1	-100%	-2	-100%
Starry Plough	+9	+100%	-13	-38.2%	+2	+7.7%	+1	+7.7%	-1	-20%
UDA	-4	-33.3%	-3	-60%	-17	-100%	-8	-100%	-13	-86.7%
UFF	-1	-3.8%	-9	-64.3%	-5	-83.3%	-1	-83.3%	-4	-100%
UVF	-24	-48.9%	-24	-63.2%	-13	-54.2%	-16	-54.2%	-20	-51.2%
UVF Somme	-4	-33.3%	-1	-100%	-6	-83.3%	-1	-83.3%	-	-
YCV	-27	-56.3%	-14	-60.9%	-13	-43.3%	-13	-43.3%	-27	-77.1%
LVF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-100%
Sunburst	+1	+100%	+1	+100%	-	-	-	-	-1	-50%
<b>Total</b>	-54	-33.5%	-64	-54.7%	-54	-48.6%	-39	-53.4%	-68	-67%