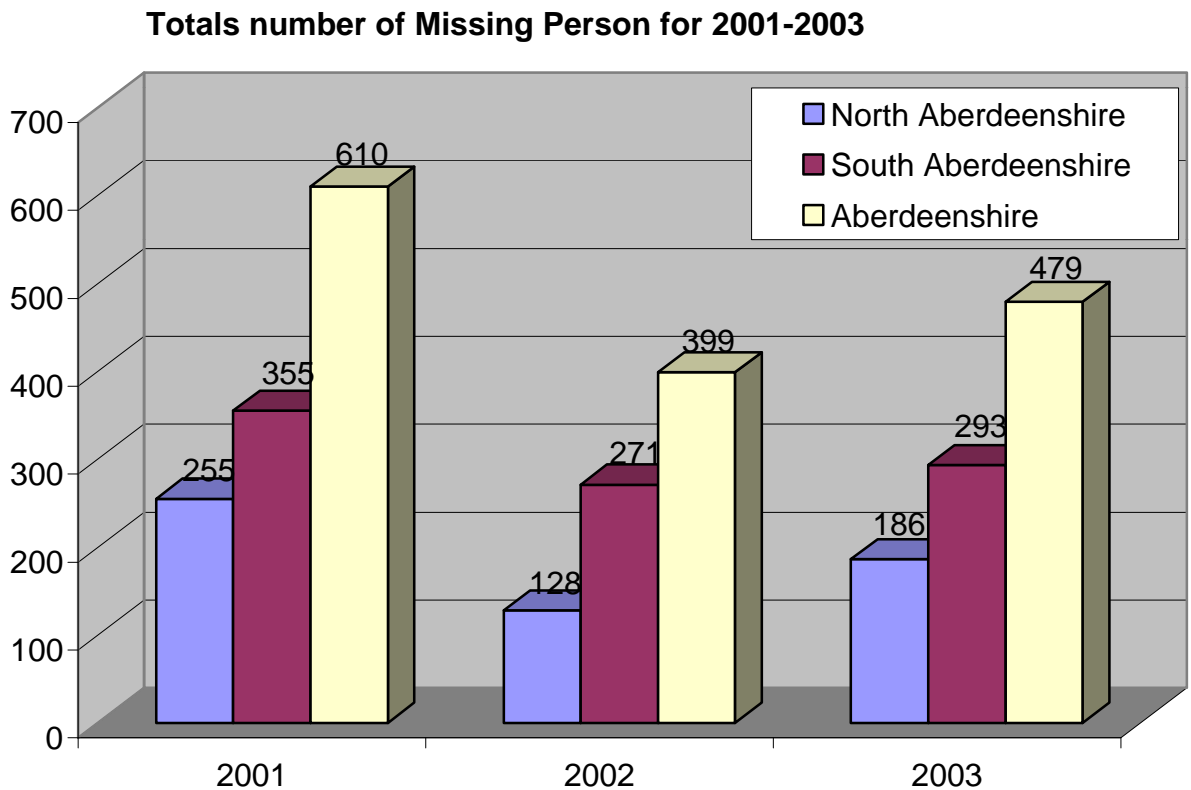


Missing Person

These figures have been obtained from Grampian Police and this is the first year that the figures have been obtained for the audit.

The chart below provides a comparison between the North Aberdeenshire, South Aberdeenshire and Aberdeenshire totals.



Source: Grampian Police

During the three-year period analysed in the Audit, the total number of missing person in Aberdeenshire has decreased by **21.5%**. Between 2001 and 2002, the number of reported missing persons decreased by **34.6%**, followed by an increase of **20.1%** between 2002 and 2003.

WHAT DOES THIS TELL US?

- That even with an increase in 2003, Aberdeenshire's figures have still decreased in the last three-years.