

Use of Force

Merseyside

Financial Year 2022/23



Forms submitted*

11,003

*Every time an officer uses force they must submit a form. This means there may be times when multiple forms are submitted for one incident.

Also, officers often use more than one tactic during one incident, so the volume of tactics used is higher than the volume of forms submitted.

736



Taser

280

Drawn

62

Aimed

38

Fired

9,279



Tactical Communications

9,013



Ground Restraint/Unarmed Skills

5,721



Handcuffs Used

485



Limb/Body Restraints

475



Spray Used

297



Spray Drawn

280



Spit Guard

83



Baton Drawn

53



Baton Used

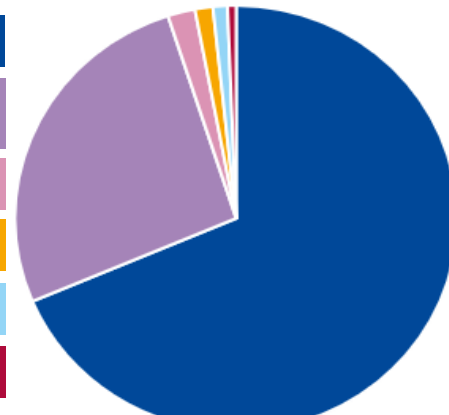
Subject Age

Under 18 (15%)
18-24 (19%)
25-34 (28%)
35-44 (23%)
45-54 (11%)
55-64 (4%)
65+ (1%)



Subject Ethnic Group

White (69%)
Unknown/Not Stated (29%)
Black (2%)
Mixed (1%)
Other (1%)
Asian (1%)

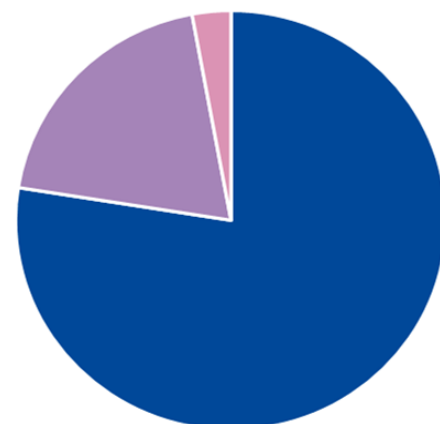


Reasons for Use*

Reason	Volume	% of Forms
Enable an arrest	4,405	40%
Enable a search	2,592	24%
Secure evidence	1,273	12%
Method of entry	171	2%
Remove handcuffs	1,047	10%
Prevent escape	4,702	43%
Prevent harm	5,506	50%
Prevent an offence	4,265	39%
Protect self	8,872	81%
Protect the subject	6,064	55%
Protect the public	3,816	35%
Protect other officers	8,188	74%
Other	8,330	76%

Subject Gender

Male (77%)
Female (20%)
Unknown (3%)



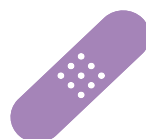
Impact Factors*

Impact Factor	Volume	% of Forms
Alcohol	5,868	53%
Drugs	5,003	45%
Mental health	3,676	33%
Size/Gender/Build	3,420	31%
Prior knowledge	1,795	16%
Crowd	1,238	11%
Possession of a weapon	1,198	11%
Acute behavioural disorder	258	2%

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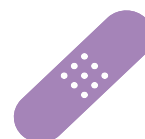
Finalised Complaints

991



Subjects Injured

644



Officers Injured

*Officers can select multiple reasons for use and impact factors on one form so the total volume is higher than the volume of forms. The % column indicates the proportion of the 11,003 forms that have each category selected