

MERSEYSIDE POLICE

Use of Force Data 2025

January - December

On the 5th December 2025 the Force adopted a new system to record use of force data and these results have been compiled using data from both systems.

Gender

Gender	Volume	%
Male	21395	77%
Female	4975	18%
Not Stated	1339	5%
Total	27709	100%

Ethnicity

Ethnic Groups	Volume	%
White	20296	73%
Not Stated	5231	19%
Black	836	3%
Mixed	459	2%
Other	559	2%
Asian	328	1%
Total	27709	100%

Age

Age Band	Volume	%
Under 17	3076	11%
18-24	4005	14%
25-34	7144	26%
35-44	7287	26%
45-54	3725	13%
55-64	1524	6%
65+	285	1%
Not Stated	659	2%
Total	27705	100%

Reasons for Use

Reason	Volume
Effect Arrest	13463
Effect Search	7472
Secure evidence	3879
Method of entry	324
Remove handcuffs	1859
Prevent escape	12266
Prevent harm	12347
Prevent offence	9288
Protect self	18734
Protect subject	10534
Protect public	8779
Protect other officers	16099
Other	875

Officers may use more than one tactic/reason during one incident, so the volume of tactics used may differ from the volume of use of force recorded.

Monthly Form Total

	2025
Volume	27,700

Each time every officer uses force they must record it.

Employee Assaults

	2025
Volume	622
Spat At	440
Weapon	208

TASER

	2025
Drawn	343
Aimed	96
Red Dot	583
Arced	38
Angle Drive	128
Discharge	46
Total	964

Tactic Used

	2025
Tactical Communication	14,076
Unarmed Skill/Ground restraint	11,463
Handcuff	17,396
Limb/Body Restraint	3,395
Pava Drawn	3,575
Pava Used	471
Spit/bite guard	373
Baton Drawn	164
Baton Used	139

Disproportionality (total for period)

Self Defined Ethnicity	Vol. UoF Forms period	UoF Per 1000 Pop.	Ratio to M/side
Asian	328	7.4	0.5
Black	836	38.2	2.4
Mixed	459	15.1	1.0
White	20,296	15.6	1.0
Other	559	25.8	1.6
Not Stated	5,231		

Proportionality calculations assess whether a person of a certain ethnic group is more or less likely than any one person in Merseyside to be stop searched by comparing to data from the 2021 Census using rate per 1,000 population. The average is 1.0 – therefore anything above this is more likely. (e.g. the rate for Black is 2x higher than the

Complaints

	2025
In relation to UoF	173
% Total of recorded UoF	0.62%