

Use of Force Data 2025

January to 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.

Tactic Used



Tactical Communication
14,076



Unarmed Skills/
Ground Restraints
11,463



Handcuff
17,396



Limb/Body
Restraints
3,395



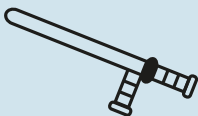
Pava Drawn
3,575



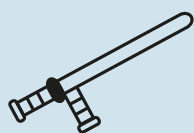
Pava Spray
Used
471



Spit and
Bite Guard
373



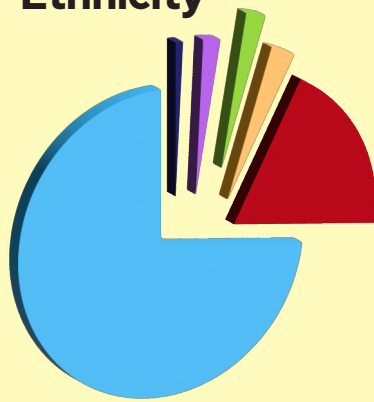
Batton Drawn
164



Batton Used
139

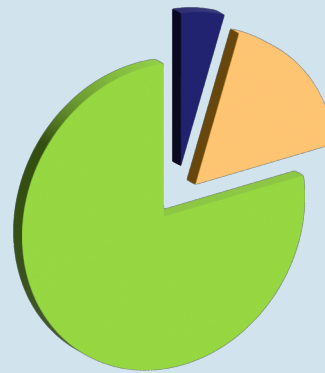
Officers may use more than one tactic/reason during one incident.

Ethnicity



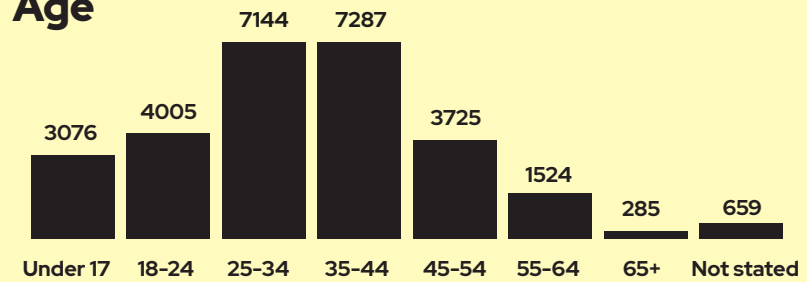
20296 (White)	459 (Mixed)
5231 (Not stated)	559 (Other)
836 (Black)	328 (Asian)

Gender

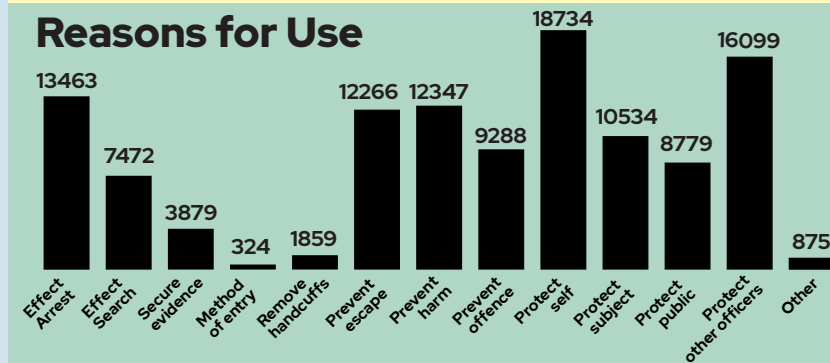


21395 (Male)
4975 (Female)
1339 (Not stated)

Age



Reasons for Use



Form Total

27,700

Each time every officer uses force they must record it.

There may be instances where there are multiple reports submitted for one incident.

Employee Assaults

Spat at
622

Weapon
440

Taser

Drawn
343

Aimed
96

Red Dot
583

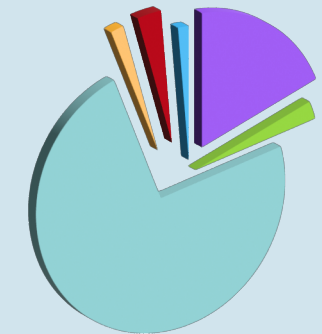
Arced
38

Angle Drive
128

Discharge
46

Multiple techniques can be recorded per single use.

Disproportionality



7.4 (UoF Per 1000 Pop) 0.5 (Ratio to M/side)	15.6 (UoF Per 1000 Pop) 1.0 (Ratio to M/side)
38.2 (UoF Per 1000 Pop) 2.4 (Ratio to M/side)	25.8 (UoF Per 1000 Pop) 1.6 (Ratio to M/side)
15.1 (UoF Per 1000 Pop) 1.0 (Ratio to M/side)	

Complaints

Complaints made in relation to Use of Force in Merseyside

in relation to UoF

173

Total of recorded UoF

0.62%

Feedback from the **Merseyside Independent Advisory Group** panels is fed back to line managers, and any themes for development are included in training and delivered through webinars and the Fairness in Policing Team.

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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 average = 2.0).