

Use of Force Data 2025

October 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
4,608



Unarmed Skills/
Ground Restraints
4,476



Handcuff
5,109



Limb/Body
Restraints
252



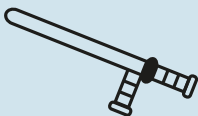
Pava Drawn
69



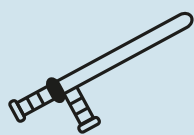
Pava Spray
Used
89



Spit and
Bite Guard
116



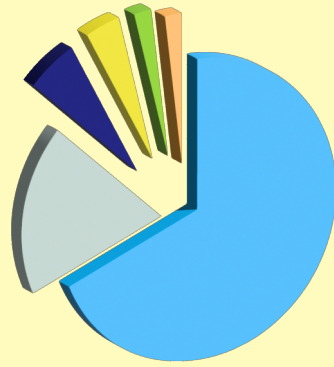
Batton Drawn
28



Batton Used
14

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

Ethnicity



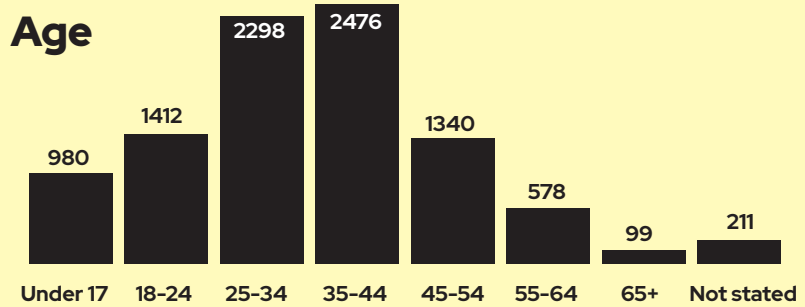
6891 (White) 151 (Mixed)
1779 (Not stated) 176 (Other)
279 (Black) 122 (Asian)

Gender

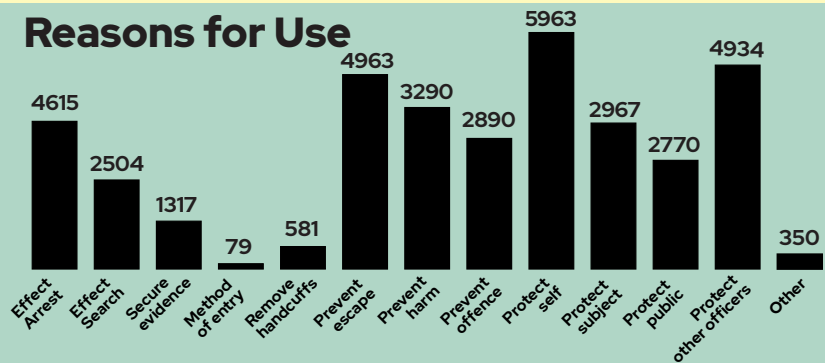


6863 (Male)
1588 (Female)
947 (Not stated)

Age



Reasons for Use



Form Total

9,389

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
133

Weapon
30

Taser

Drawn
97

Red Dot
144

Angle Drive
0

Multiple techniques can be recorded per single use.

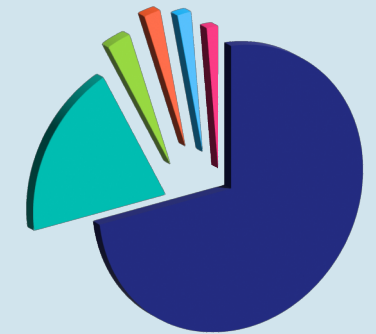


Aimed
34

Arced
3

Discharge
14

Disproportionality



122 (Asian) 2.7 (UoF Per 1000 Pop) 0.5 (Ratio to M/side)
279 (Black) 12.7 (UoF Per 1000 Pop) 2.4 (Ratio to M/side)
151 (Mixed) 5.0 (UoF Per 1000 Pop) 0.9 (Ratio to M/side)
6891 (White) 5.3 (UoF Per 1000 Pop) 1 (Ratio to M/side)
176 (Other) 8.1 (UoF Per 1000 Pop) 1.5 (Ratio to M/side)
1779 (Not stated)

Complaints

Complaints made in relation to Use of Force in Merseyside

in relation to UoF

52

Total of recorded UoF

0.55%

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).