

MERSEYSIDE POLICE

Use of Force Data 2025

October to December

Gender

Gender	Volume	%
Male	6863	73%
Female	1588	17%
Not Stated	947	10%
Total	9398	100%

Ethnicity

Ethnic Groups	Volume	%
White	6891	73%
Not Stated	1779	19%
Black	279	3%
Mixed	151	2%
Other	176	2%
Asian	122	1%
Total	9398	100%

Age

Age Band	Volume	%
Under 17	980	10%
18-24	1412	15%
25-34	2298	24%
35-44	2476	26%
45-54	1340	14%
55-64	578	6%
65+	99	1%
Not Stated	211	2%
Total	9394	100%

Reasons for Use

Reason	Volume
Effect Arrest	4615
Effect Search	2504
Secure evidence	1312
Method of entry	79
Remove handcuffs	581
Prevent escape	4963
Prevent harm	3290
Prevent offence	2890
Protect self	5963
Protect subject	2967
Protect public	2770
Protect other officers	4934
Other	350

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.

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.

Monthly Form Total

Year	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Q4
Volume	3,200	3,238	2,951	9,389

Each time every officer uses force they must record it.

Employee Assaults

Month	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Q4
Volume	68	60	104	232
Spat At	61	55	17	133
Weapon	11	17	2	30

TASER

	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Q4
Drawn	28	38	31	97
Aimed	13	9	12	34
Red Dot	52	46	46	144
Arced	2	1	0	3
Angle Drive	0	0	0	0
Discharge	6	3	5	14
Total	101	97	94	292

Tactic Used

	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Q4
Tactical Communication	2299	2,309	0	4608
Unarmed Skill/Ground restraint	1650	1,708	1118	4476
Handcuff	1929	1987	1193	5109
Limb/Body Restraint	76	92	84	252
Pava Drawn	29	21	19	69
Pava Used	29	29	31	89
Spit/bite guard	44	35	37	116
Baton Drawn	9	11	8	28
Baton Used	5	2	7	14

Disproportionality (total for period)

Self Defined Ethnicity	Vol. UoF Forms period	UoF Per 1000 Pop.	Ratio to M/side
Asian	122	2.7	0.5
Black	279	12.7	2.4
Mixed	151	5.0	0.9
White	6891	5.3	1.0
Other	176	8.1	1.5
Not Stated	1779		

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)

Complaints

	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Q4
In reaction to UoF	21	15	16	52
% Total of recorded UoF	0.66%	0.46%	0.54%	0.55%