

# MERSEYSIDE POLICE

## Use of Force Data 2026

### January - March

#### Gender

Gender	Volume	%
Male	5281	61%
Female	1328	15%
Not Stated	2014	23%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8623</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Ethnicity

Ethnic Groups	Volume	%
White	6302	73%
Not Stated	1686	20%
Black	211	2%
Mixed	146	2%
Other	165	2%
Asian	114	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8624</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Age

Age Band	Volume	%
Under 17	969	11%
18-24	1340	16%
25-34	2081	24%
35-44	2280	26%
45-54	1213	14%
55-64	439	5%
65+	107	1%
Not Stated	199	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8628</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Reasons for Use #

Reason	Volume
Effect Arrest	4059
Effect Search	1967
Secure evidence	1094
Method of entry	0
Remove handcuffs	417
Prevent escape	4135
Prevent harm	911
Prevent offence	2156
Protect self	5063
Protect subject	1276
Protect public	1955
Protect other officers	3905
Other	381

# 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

Year	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Q1
<b>Volume</b>	2,874	2,733	3,001	8,608

Each time every officer uses force they must record it.

#### Employee Assaults

Month	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Q1
<b>Volume</b>	97	116	122	335
Spat At	13	17	14	44
Weapon	6	3	2	11

#### TASER

	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Q1
Drawn	11	36	25	72
Aimed	10	10	13	33
Red Dot	32	34	43	109
Arced	2	0	1	3
Angle Drive	0	1	0	1
Discharge	4	5	4	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>231</b>

#### Tactic Used #

	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Q1
Unarmed Skill/Ground restraint	1046	1,017	1191	3254
Handcuff	1197	1156	1205	3558
Limb/Body Restraint	83	55	93	231
Pava Drawn	16	24	28	68
Pava Used	24	33	33	90
Spit/bite guard	28	35	46	109
Baton Drawn	10	4	7	21
Baton Used	1	1	1	3

#### Disproportionality (total for period)

Self Defined Ethnicity	Vol. UoF Forms period	UoF Per 1000 Pop.	Ratio to M/side
Asian	114	2.6	0.5
Black	211	9.6	2.0
Mixed	146	4.8	1.0
White	6302	4.8	1.0
Other	165	7.6	1.6
Not Stated	1686		

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

	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Q1
In relation to UoF	14	13	10	37
% Total of recorded UoF	0.49%	0.48%	0.33%	0.43%