



DORSET
POLICE

Use Of Force
2026/27

Headlines

6773 Use of
Force
Interactions

Total

Quarter 2 (Jul-Sept 2025) = 1789
Quarter 3 (Oct-Dec 2025) = 1548
Quarter 4 (Jan-Mar 2026) = 1573
Quarter 1 (Apr-Jun 2026) = 1863

2864 Individual subject to Use
of Force on 1 or more
occasions.

860 Officers carried out 1 or
more Use of Force
Interactions

Reason for Use of Force (Top 5)

- Effect an Arrest = 3372 (50%)
- Other = 1391 (21%)
- Prevent Escape = 757 (11%)
- Effect Search in Custody = 317 (5%)
- Protect Self = 182 (3%)

Tactics (Top 5)

- Unarmed Skills = 55%
- Compliant Handcuffing = 30%
- Ground Restraints = 23%
- Non Compliant Handcuffing = 29%
- Other / Improvised = 17%

Use of Force by Area (Top 3)

- Bournemouth = 41%
- Weymouth and Portland = 18%
- Poole = 15%

Taser

- Red-Dotted = 111
- Drawn = 52
- Aimed = 35
- Fired = 27
- Drive Contact Mode = 1

*Red Dot is a deterrent
tactic - a visual guide to
where the Taser is
currently aimed.

Use of Force by Ethnicity

- White = 5654 (83%)
- Black = 377(6%)
- Mixed = 255 (4%)
- Asian = 148 (2 %)
- Other = 134 (2%)
- Not stated = 205 (3 %)

Disproportionality

(Time Use of Force is more likely to be used than on a White person)

- Black = 9.20
- Mixed = 2.13
- Asian = 1.07
- Other = 2.43

This is not a direct correlation between numbers of U of F but based upon the number of U of F instances involving those people from different ethnic backgrounds their representation in the community based upon 2021 census data.

Impact Behavior (Top 5)

- Alcohol = 43%
- Drugs = 16%
- Mental Health = 11%
- Prior Knowledge = 9%
- Other = 8%

Behaviours being displayed
by the subject to the UOF
for example Drug Use,
suffering a Mental Health
Episode or where the
subject is Know to by
Violent etc.

Number UOF Instances by Age and
Gender

- Male = 81%
- Female = 19%
- Other = 0.16%
- Unknown = 0.22%
- Under 11 = 19 (0.28%)
- 11-17 years = 756 (11%)
- 18-34 years = 3273 (48%)
- 35-49 years = 2023 (30%)
- 50-64 years = 617 (9%)
- 65 + years = 67 (1 %)
- Unknown = 18 (0.27%)