DORSET POLICE

Use Of Force 2026/27

Headlines

Reason for Use of Force (Top 5)

- Effect an Arrest = 3362 (49%)
- Other = 1469 (21%)
- Prevent Escape = 766 (11%)
- Effect Search in Custody = 310 (5%)
- Protect Self = 186 (3%)

Tactics (Top 5)

- Unarmed Skills = 56%
- Compliant Handcuffing = 30%
- Ground Restraints = 29%
- Non Compliant Handcuffing = 24%
- Other / Improvised = 17%

Use of Force by Area (Top 3)

- Bournemouth = 42%
- Weymouth and Portland = 16%
- Poole = 15%

Taser

- Red-Dotted = 125
- Drawn = 53
- Aimed = 36
- Fired = 24
- Drive Contact Mode = 1

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

6844 Use of Force Interactions

Total

Quarter 3 (Oct-Dec 2025) = 1545
Quarter 4 (Jan-Mar 2026) = 1576
Quarter 1 (Apr-Jun 2026) = 1874
Quarter 2 (Jul-Sept 2026) = 1849

2852 Individual subject to Use of Force on 1 or more occasions.

832 Officers carried out 1 or more Use of Force Interactions

Use of Force by Ethnicity

- White = 5776 (84%)
- Black = 360(5%)
- Mixed = 250 (4%)
- Asian = 140 (2 %)
- Other = 166 (2%)
- Not stated = 152 (2%)

Disproportionality

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

- Black = 8.60
- Mixed = 2.04
- Asian = 1.00
- Other = 2.95

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 = 10%
- Other =9%

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 = 10 (0.15%)
- 11-17 years = 829 (12%)
- 18-34 years = 3159 (46%)
- 35-49 years = 2110 (30%)
- 50-64 years = 642 (9%)
- 65 + years = 78 (1 %)
- Unknown = 16 (0.23%)

Note 1 submission of Use of Force form – is 1 Use of Force Interaction