



**DORSET
POLICE**

Use of Force 2023/24 Headlines

7,357 Use of Force Interactions

Total

Quarter 1: Apr - Jun 2023 = **1699**
Quarter 2: Jul - Sept 2023 = **1815**
Quarter 3: Oct -Dec 2023 = **1983**
Quarter 4: Jan -Mar 2024 = **1860**

3000 Individuals subject to Use of Force on 1 or More Occasions

868 Officers carried out 1 or more Use of Force Interactions

Reason for Use of Force (Top 5)

- Effect an Arrest = **3,842 (52%)**
- Other = **1,460 (20%)**
- Effect Search in Custody = **639 (9%)**
- Prevent Escape = **537 (7%)**
- Prevent Harm = **387 (5%)**

Tactics Used (Top 5)

- Unarmed S kills = **34%**
- Compliant Handcuffing = **17%**
- Non Compliant Handcuffing = **14%**
- Ground Restraint = **13%**
- Other / Improvised = **7%**

Use of Force by Area (Top 3)

- Bournemouth = **41%**
- Weymouth and Portland = **17%**
- Poole = **15%**

Taser

- Red-Dotted = **163**
- Drawn = **74**
- Aimed = **28**
- Fired = **24**

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

Use of Force Instances by Ethnicity

- White = **6,250 (85%)**
- Black = **367 (5%)**
- Asian = **102 (1%)**
- Mixed = **207 (3%)**
- Other = **127 (2%)**
- Not stated = **304 (4%)**

Related Disproportionality

(times U of F more likely to be used than on a White person)

- Black = **8.1**
- Mixed = **1.6**
- Asian = **0.7**
- Other = **2.1**

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 alongside their representation in the community based upon 2021 census data

Impact (Behaviour) (Top 5)

- Alcohol = **51%**
- Drugs = **11%**
- Mental Health = **11%**
- Prior Knowledge = **8%**
- Size / Build = **4%**

Behaviours being displayed by the subject of the use of force for example drug use, suffering a mental health episode or where the subject is known to be violent etc.

Number of Use of Force of Instances by age bracket (Top 3)

- 18-34 = **48%**
- 35-49 = **29%**
- 11-17 = **11%**
- Male = **81%**
- Female = **19%**