



**DORSET
POLICE**

**Use of Force
2024/25
Headlines**

**7,544
Use of Force
Interactions**

Total

Quarter 2: Jul - Sept 2023 = **1815**
 Quarter 3: Oct -Dec 2023 = **1984**
 Quarter 4: Jan -Mar 2024 = **1869**
 Quarter 1: Apr - Jun 2024 = **1876**

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

874 Officers carried out 1 or more Use of Force Interactions

Reason for Use of Force (Top 5)

- Effect an Arrest = **3,921 (52%)**
- Other = **1,500 (20%)**
- Effect Search in Custody = **652 (9%)**
- Prevent Escape = **525 (7%)**
- Prevent Harm = **424 (6%)**

Tactics Used (Top 5)

- Unarmed S kills = **57%**
- Compliant Handcuffing = **28%**
- Non Compliant Handcuffing = **23%**
- Ground Restraint = **22%**
- Other / Improvised = **13%**

Use of Force by Area (Top 3)

- Bournemouth = **41%**
- Weymouth and Portland = **17%**
- Poole = **14%**

Taser

- Re-Dotted = **137**
- Drawn = **70**
- Aimed = **24**
- Fired = **28**

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

Use of Force Instances by Ethnicity

- White = **6,359 (85%)**
- Black = **384 (5%)**
- Asian = **106 (1%)**
- Mixed = **218 (3%)**
- Other = **152 (2%)**
- Not stated = **327 (4%)**

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

- Black = **8.3**
- 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 = **50%**
- Drugs = **12%**
- Mental Health = **11%**
- Prior Knowledge = **8%**
- Size / Build = **7%**

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 = **20%**
- 11-17 = **10%**
- Male = **82%**
- Female = **18%**