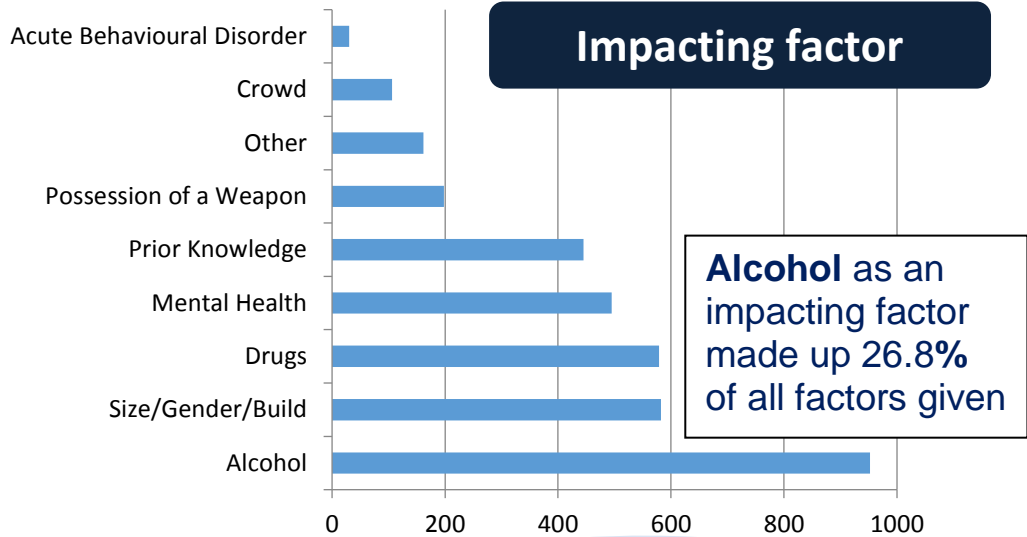


# Use of Force

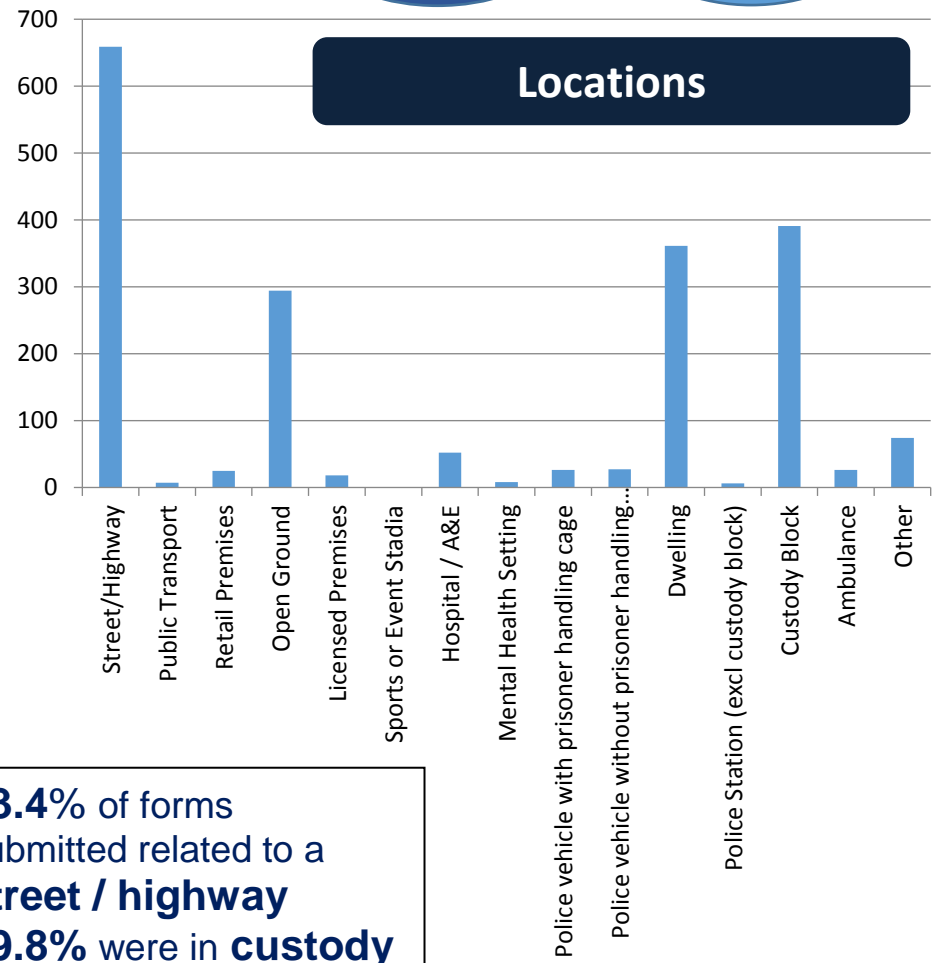
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**Data limitations to note:** This summary provides an insight into the number and content of the submitted use of force forms. **It should be noted that this does not provide an overview of the incidents themselves.** More than one form can be submitted against an individual incident if multiple officers are involved. It should also be noted that each form submitted can include multiple reasons for the use of force and various tactics may have been used. Details of the subject on the forms submitted will be duplicated. Therefore figures provided are purely an indication of the forms themselves.

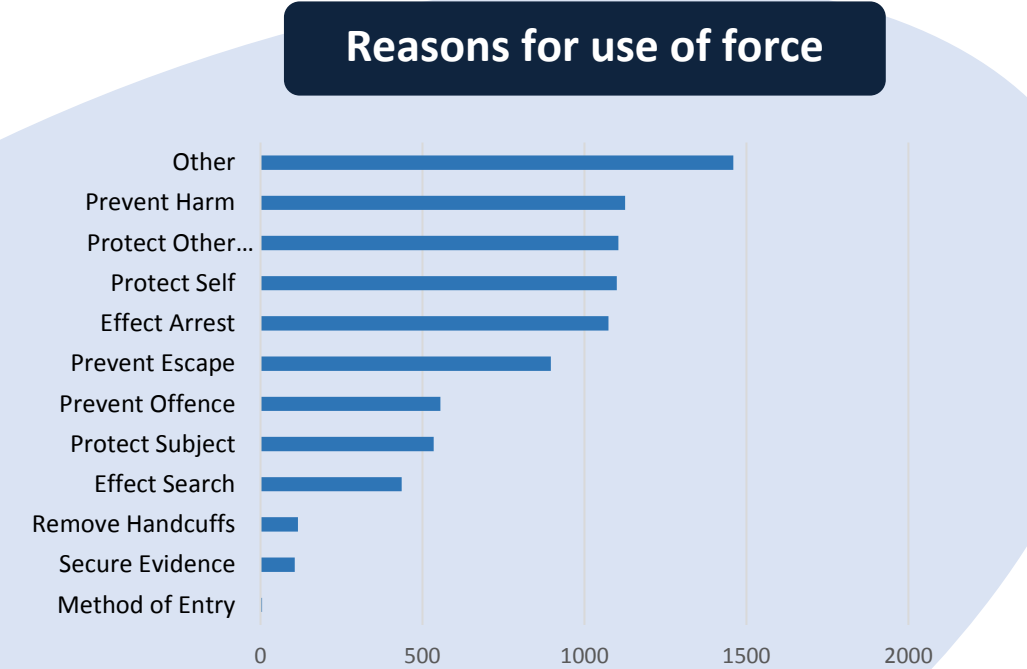


Use of Force is used in a **very small portion** of incidents attended

**1,763**  
Use of Force submissions in Q2 2020/21



**33.4%** of forms submitted related to a **street / highway**  
**19.8%** were in **custody**



Use of force is predominantly used to **protect self**. Police Officers have a **positive duty** to act and therefore will often place themselves between the threat and the public to **protect others**.

### Tactics used

Physical Restraint	1084
Of which Compliant Handcuffing	630
Of which Non-Compliant Handcuffing	1216
Of which limb restraints	245
Of which ground restraint	698
Physical Strike	161
Of which shield	
Of which Unarmed Skills (Physical Restraint + Strike)	539
Baton	6
Firearm	25
Irritant Spray	92
Police Dog	9
Restraint Accoutrement	116
Tactical Communications	121
Taser	31
Other	31

**Physical restraint** is the most used tactic.

### Subjects of forms submitted

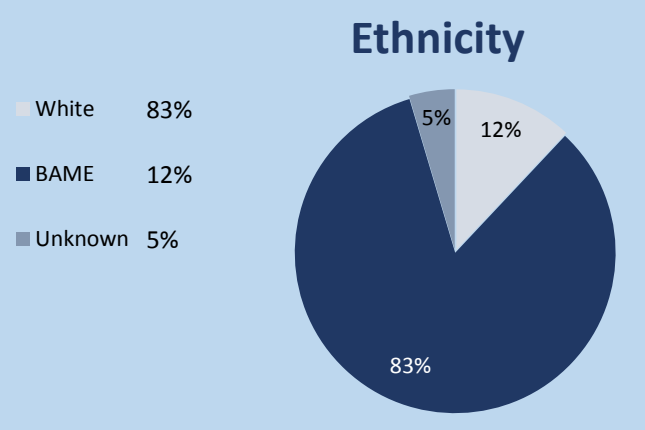
**8 out of 10** subjects were **Male**



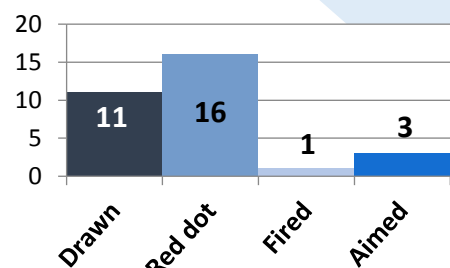
82.0% (1,446) male and 18.0% (317) female

In **51.7%** (912) of the forms submitted the subject was aged between **18-34 years old**

Person Age	Count	Percentage
0-10	1	0.1%
11-17	168	9.5%
18-34	912	51.7%
35-49	502	28.5%
50-64	167	9.5%
65 and over	12	0.7%
Unknown	1	0.1%



### Use of Taser



If the same tactic is used more than once by an officer at an incident it is only counted once. However as more than one tactic can be used in a single incident then the overall totals for tactics used will be higher than the number of incidents recorded.