



DORSET POLICE

Use Of Force 2024/25

Headlines

7,613 Use of Force Interactions

Total

Quarter 3 (Oct-Dec 2023) = 1984
Quarter 4 (Jan-Feb 2024) = 1878
Quarter 1 (Apr-Jun 2024) = 1904
Quarter 2 (Jul-Sept 2024) = 1847

2900 Individual subject to Use of Force on 1 or more occasions.

857 Officers carried out 1 or more Use of Force Interactions

Reason for Use of Force (Top 5)

- Effect an Arrest = 4,014 (53%)
- Other = 1,523 (20%)
- Effect Search in Custody = 604 (8%)
- Prevent Escape = 510 (7%)
- Prevent Harm = 423 (6%)

Tactics (Top 5)

- Unarmed Skills = 57%
- Compliant Handcuffing = 28%
- Non Compliant Handcuffing = 23%
- Ground Restraint = 21%
- Other / Improvised = 14%

Use of Force by Area (Top 3)

- Bournemouth = 40%
- Weymouth and Portland = 16%
- Poole = 14%

Taser

- Red-Dotted = 152
- Drawn = 61
- Aimed = 22
- Fired = 24
- Arced = 2

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

Use of Force by Ethnicity

- White = 6463 (85%)
- Black = 356 (5%)
- Mixed = 214 (3%)
- Asian = 143 (2%)
- Other = 143 (2%)
- Not stated = 295 (4%)

Disproportionality

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

- Black = 7.60
- Mixed = 1.56
- Asian = 0.91
- Other = 2.2

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 = 49%
- Drugs = 12%
- Mental Health = 11%
- Prior Knowledge = 9%
- Other = 7%

Behaviours being displayed by the subject to the use of force 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 = 68%
- Female = 17%
- Other = 1%
- Unknown = 14%

Top 3 Age Bands

- 18-34 years = 4005 (53%)
- 35-49 years = 2183 (29%)
- 50-64 years = 661 (9%)