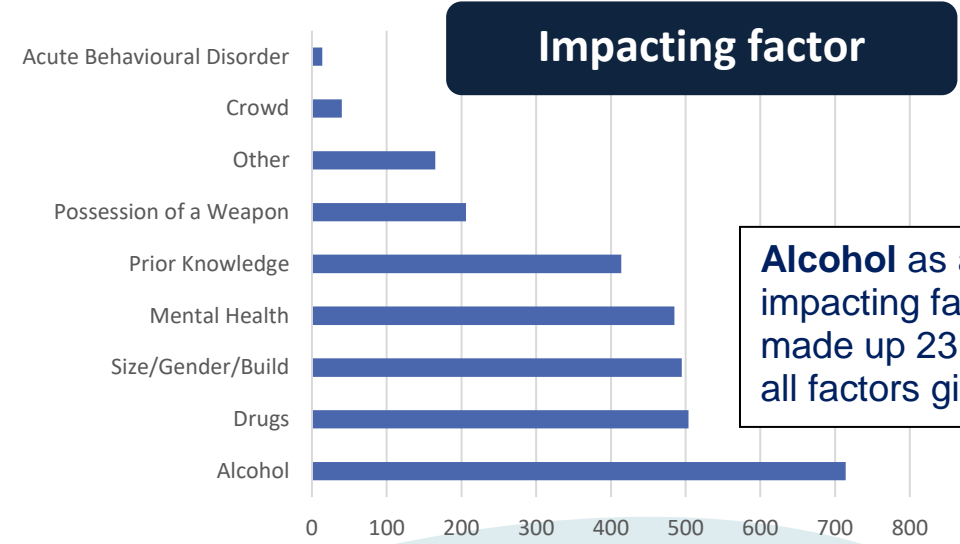


Use of Force

Q4 2020/21 – January to March

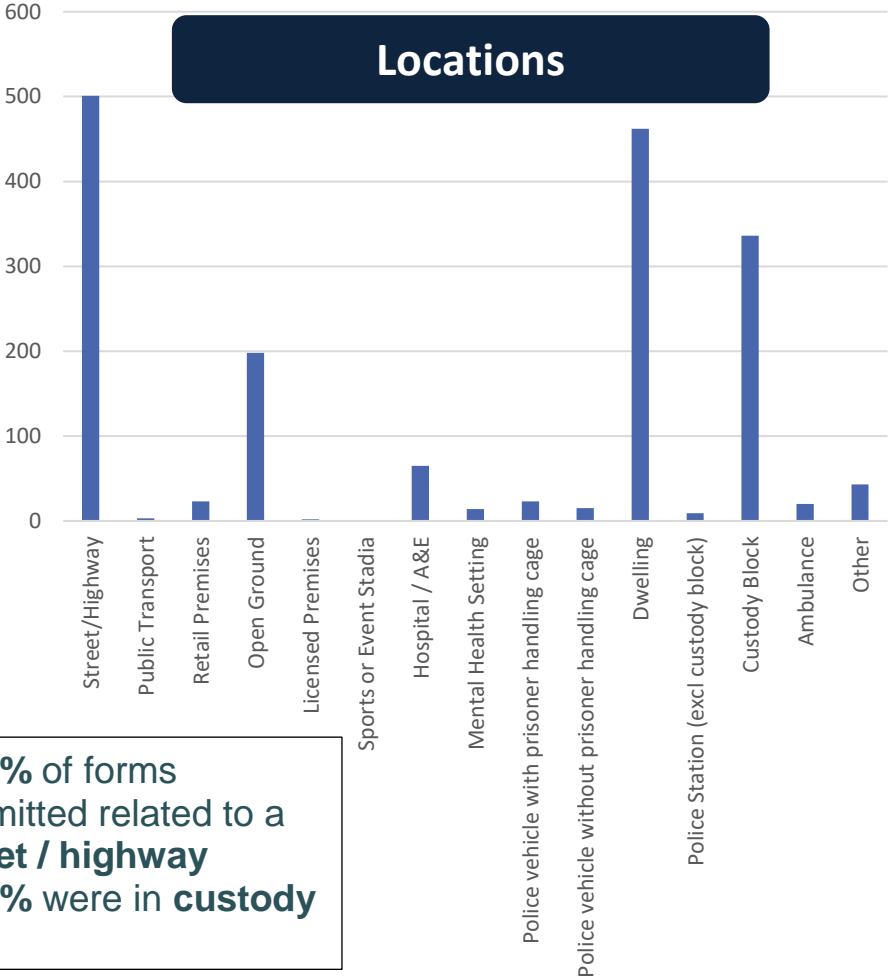
Data limitations to note: This summary provides an insight into the number and content of the submitted use of force forms. **It should be noted that this does not provide an overview of the incidents themselves.** More than one form can be submitted against an individual incident if multiple officers 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.



Alcohol as an impacting factor made up 23.5% of all factors given

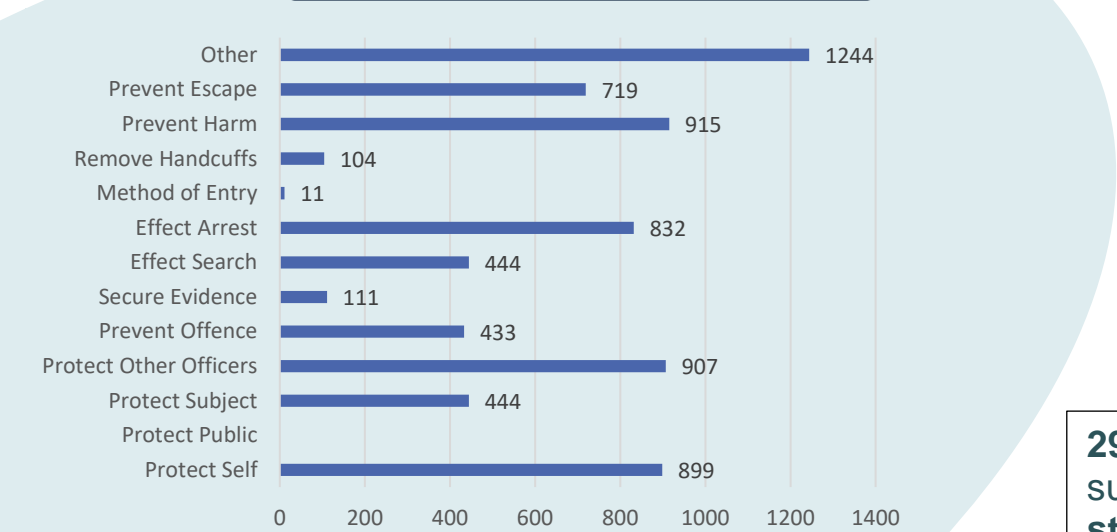
Use of Force is used in a very small portion of incidents attended

1,507 Use of Force submissions in Q4 2020/21



29.2% of forms submitted related to a street / highway
19.6% were in custody

Reasons for use of force



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	910
Of which Compliant Handcuffing	516
Of which Non-Compliant Handcuffing	1030
Of which limb restraints	144
Of which ground restraint	574
Physical Strike	120
Of which shield	1
Of which Unarmed Skills (Physical Restraint + Strike)	479
Baton	3
Firearm	33
Irritant Spray	61
Police Dog	3
Restraint Accoutrement	90
Tactical Communications	99
Taser	69
Other	37

Physical restraint is the most used tactic.

Subjects of forms submitted

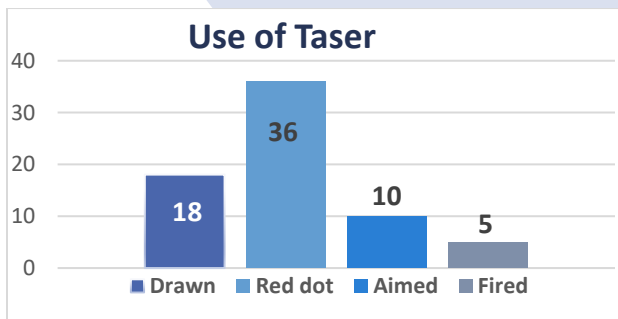
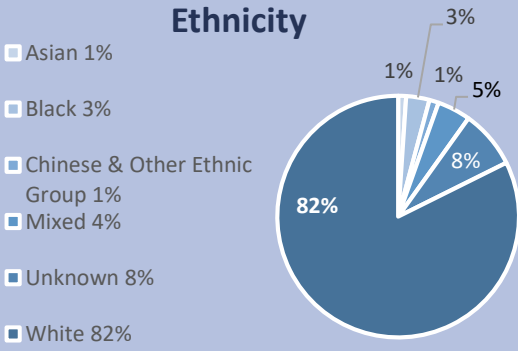
8 out of 10 subjects were **Male**



80.0% (1206) male and 20.0% (301) female

In **49.2%** (742) of the forms submitted the subject was aged between **18-34 years old**

Person Age	Count	Percentage
11-17	125	8.3%
18-34	742	49.2%
35-49	490	32.5%
50-64	132	8.8%
65 and over	16	1.1%



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.