



USE OF FORCE – CUMBRIA

2021/22 data

This report summarises use of force between 1st April 2021 and 30th of June 2021.

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All figures quoted in the document are for the date period 01/04/2021 to 30/06/2021.

During the above period, there were **513** use of force forms completed in Cumbria. The Constabulary changed IT systems at the beginning of April-21, and there was issues with the new system on implementation resulting in some loss of data and a reduction in recorded figures. Considerable work has been undertaken to improve this area and recording since implementation.

Tactics Used

Please see the data table below which highlights the different tactics used: (please note there may be more than one tactic used against an individual).

Tactics	Count	%
Tactical communications	243	23.50%
Unarmed skills	195	18.86%
Compliant handcuffing	157	15.18%
Non-compliant handcuffing	143	13.83%
Ground restraint	131	12.67%
Other / improvised	61	5.90%
C.E.D.	34	3.29%
Irritant spray - PAVA used	27	2.61%
Limb / Body restraints	17	1.64%
Spit guard	10	0.97%
Irritant spray - PAVA drawn	9	0.87%
Dog deployed	4	0.39%
Baton drawn	1	0.10%
AEP drawn	1	0.10%
Baton used	1	0.10%
Grand Total	1034	100.00%

Taser Usage:

As above, note the following could be subsequent taser tactics on the same form.

Row Labels	Count
Red-dot	17
Drawn	8
Fired	5
Aimed	2

Subject data

The table below represents the gender breakdown of the subjects:

Row Labels	Count	%
Male	381	74.27%
Female	106	20.66%
Unknown	25	4.87%
Other	1	0.19%
Grand Total	513	100.00%

The table below represents the ethnic breakdown (officer defined) of the subjects:

Row Labels	Count	%
White	468	91.23%
Unknown	29	5.65%
Black (or Black British)	10	1.95%
Other	2	0.39%
Asian (or Asian British)	2	0.39%
Mixed	2	0.39%
Grand Total	513	100.00%

The table below represents the age group breakdown of the subjects:

Row Labels	Count	%
11 - 17 years	42	8.19%
18 - 34 years	223	43.47%
35 - 49 years	110	21.44%
50 - 64 years	59	11.50%
65 and over	9	1.75%
Unknown	70	13.65%
Grand Total	513	100.00%

There were 37 injuries to subjects (2 were not caused by the force) – of these 36 were minor, and one was severe.

Officers injured

There was a total of 26 (5.07%) injuries against officers. All injuries were minor.

Reasons:

The following table shows the reasons why the police have used force – multiple reasons can be selected per form.

Row Labels	Count	%
Reason for force: protect self	338	16.76%
Reason for force: protect other officers	320	15.87%
Reason for force: protect subject	238	11.80%
Reason for force: effect arrest	214	10.61%
Reason for force: prevent escape	199	9.87%
Reason for force: prevent harm	178	8.82%
Reason for force: protect public	153	7.59%
Reason for force: prevent offence	149	7.39%
Reason for force: effect other search	94	4.66%
Reason for force: secure evidence	61	3.02%
Reason for force: other	44	2.18%
Reason for force: remove handcuffs	29	1.44%
Grand Total	2017	100.00%

Outcomes:

The following table shows the outcomes entered per use of force form – multiple outcomes can be selected per form.

Outcomes	Count	%
Outcome - arrested	339	62.89%
Outcome - other	111	20.59%
Outcome - detained (Mental Health Act)	49	9.09%
Outcome - hospitalised	39	7.24%
Outcome - no further action	1	0.19%
Grand Total	539	100.00%