



USE OF FORCE – CUMBRIA

2021/22 data

This report summarises use of force between 1st July 2021 and 30th of September 2021.

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All figures quoted in the document are for the date period 01/07/2021 to 30/09/2021.

During the above period, there were **700** 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	341	23.15%
Unarmed skills	273	18.53%
Non-compliant handcuffing	254	17.24%
Compliant handcuffing	190	12.90%
Ground restraint	181	12.29%
Irritant spray - PAVA used	64	4.34%
Other / improvised	58	3.94%
C.E.D.	49	3.33%
Limb / Body restraints	25	1.70%
Irritant spray - PAVA drawn	21	1.43%
Spit guard	8	0.54%
AEP drawn	4	0.27%
Baton used	3	0.20%
Dog deployed	2	0.14%
Grand Total	1473	100.00%

Taser Usage:

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

Taser Use	Count
Red-dot	22
Drawn	12
Aimed	7
Fired	7

Subject data

The table below represents the gender breakdown of the subjects:

Gender	Count	%
Male	502	71.71%
Female	155	22.14%
Unknown	43	6.14%
Grand Total	700	100.00%

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

Officer Defined Ethnicity	Count	%
White	643	91.86%
Unknown	44	6.29%
Black (or Black British)	9	1.29%
Asian (or Asian British)	3	0.43%
Mixed	1	0.14%
Grand Total	700	100.00%

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

Age Group	Count	%
11 - 17 years	50	7.14%
18 - 34 years	336	48.00%
35 - 49 years	177	25.29%
50 - 64 years	47	6.71%
65 and over	3	0.43%
Unknown	87	12.43%
Grand Total	700	100.00%

There were 69 injuries to subjects (9 were not caused by the force) – of these 68 were minor, and one was severe.

Officers injured

There was a total of 30 (4.29%) 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.

Reasons	Count	%
Reason for force: protect self	500	17.76%
Reason for force: protect other officers	441	15.66%
Reason for force: effect arrest	374	13.28%
Reason for force: protect subject	314	11.15%
Reason for force: prevent escape	267	9.48%
Reason for force: prevent harm	233	8.27%
Reason for force: protect public	229	8.13%
Reason for force: prevent offence	227	8.06%
Reason for force: effect other search	94	3.34%
Reason for force: secure evidence	67	2.38%
Reason for force: other	34	1.21%
Reason for force: remove handcuffs	30	1.07%
Reason for force: effect search in custody	6	0.21%
Grand Total	2816	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	529	72.07%
Outcome - other	116	15.80%
Outcome - detained (Mental Health Act)	39	5.31%
Outcome - hospitalised	36	4.90%
Outcome - no further action	14	1.91%
Grand Total	734	100.00%