



USE OF FORCE – CUMBRIA

2021/22 data

This report summarises use of force between 1st October 2021 and 31st of December 2021.

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All figures quoted in the document are for the date period 01/10/2021 to 31/12/2021.

During the above period, there were **836** 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	434	29.05%
Unarmed skills	329	22.02%
Non-compliant handcuffing	194	12.99%
Compliant handcuffing	170	11.38%
Ground restraint	146	9.77%
Other / improvised	51	3.41%
Irritant spray - PAVA used	50	3.35%
C.E.D.	45	3.01%
Limb / Body restraints	32	2.14%
Irritant spray - PAVA drawn	22	1.47%
Spit guard	13	0.87%
Firearms Aimed	3	0.20%
Baton drawn	2	0.13%
Dog bite	1	0.07%
Dog deployed	1	0.07%
AEP drawn	1	0.07%
Grand Total	1494	100.00%

Taser Usage:

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

Taser Use	Count
Red-dot	27
Drawn	8
Aimed	4
Fired	3
Angled drive stun	1

Subject data

The table below represents the gender breakdown of the subjects:

Gender	Count	%
Male	602	72.01%
Female	178	21.29%
Unknown	47	5.62%
Other	9	1.08%
Grand Total	836	100.00%

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

Officer Defined Ethnicity	Count	%
White	766	91.63%
Unknown	48	5.74%
Black (or Black British)	11	1.32%
Asian (or Asian British)	5	0.60%
Mixed	5	0.60%
Other	1	0.12%
Grand Total	836	100.00%

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

Age Group	Count	%
under 11 years	1	0.12%
11 - 17 years	69	8.25%
18 - 34 years	433	51.79%
35 - 49 years	201	24.04%
50 - 64 years	76	9.09%
65 and over	8	0.96%
Unknown	48	5.74%
Grand Total	836	100.00%

There were 51 injuries to subjects – of these 51 were minor, and 2 were severe.

Officers injured

There was a total of 21 (2.51%) 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	554	17.65%
Reason for force: protect other officers	497	15.83%
Reason for force: effect arrest	368	11.72%
Reason for force: protect subject	362	11.53%
Reason for force: prevent escape	270	8.60%
Reason for force: prevent offence	256	8.16%
Reason for force: protect public	241	7.68%
Reason for force: prevent harm	238	7.58%
Reason for force: secure evidence	87	2.77%
Reason for force: other	71	2.26%
Reason for force: effect other search	71	2.26%
Reason for force: effect search in custody	53	1.69%
Reason for force: remove handcuffs	36	1.15%
Reason for force: effect stop and search	35	1.12%
Grand Total	3139	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	550	64.71%
Outcome - other	127	14.94%
Outcome - no further action	82	9.65%
Outcome - detained (Mental Health Act)	50	5.88%
Outcome - hospitalised	41	4.82%
Grand Total	850	100.00%