



USE OF FORCE – CUMBRIA

2021/22 data

This report summarises use of force between 1st January 2022 and 31st of March 2022.

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All figures quoted in the document are for the date period 01/01/2022 to 31/03/2022.

During the above period, there were **1317** use of force forms completed in Cumbria.

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	669	30.09%
Unarmed skills	441	19.84%
Compliant handcuffing	370	16.64%
Non-compliant handcuffing	263	11.83%
Ground restraint	191	8.59%
Other / improvised	96	4.32%
C.E.D.	63	2.83%
Irritant spray - PAVA used	51	2.29%
Limb / Body restraints	31	1.39%
Irritant spray - PAVA drawn	21	0.94%
Spit guard	16	0.72%
Dog deployed	3	0.13%
AEP drawn	3	0.13%
Baton used	2	0.09%
Dog bite	1	0.04%
Baton drawn	1	0.04%
Firearms Aimed	1	0.04%
Grand Total	2223	100.00%

Taser Usage:

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

Taser Use	Count
Red-dot	28
Drawn	22
Aimed	6
Drive stun	2
Angled drive stun	1
Fired	1

Subject data

The table below represents the gender breakdown of the subjects:

Gender	Count	%
Male	961	72.97%
Female	279	21.18%
Unknown	69	5.24%
Other	8	0.61%
Grand Total	1317	100.00%

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

Officer Defined Ethnicity	Count	%
White	1192	90.51%
Unknown	72	5.47%
Black (or Black British)	20	1.52%
Asian (or Asian British)	16	1.21%
Mixed	9	0.68%
Other	8	0.61%
Grand Total	1317	100.00%

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

Age Group	Count	%
under 11 years	7	0.53%
11 - 17 years	148	11.24%
18 - 34 years	623	47.30%
35 - 49 years	346	26.27%
50 - 64 years	103	7.82%
65 and over	16	1.21%
Unknown	74	5.62%
Grand Total	1317	100.00%

There were 77 injuries to subjects (4 were not caused by force) – of these 76 were minor, and 1 was severe.

Officers injured

There was a total of 21 (1.59%) 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	853	17.42%
Reason for force: protect other officers	711	14.52%
Reason for force: effect arrest	621	12.68%
Reason for force: protect subject	560	11.43%
Reason for force: prevent escape	469	9.58%
Reason for force: prevent offence	376	7.68%
Reason for force: protect public	358	7.31%
Reason for force: prevent harm	351	7.17%
Reason for force: secure evidence	163	3.33%
Reason for force: other	100	2.04%
Reason for force: effect search in custody	99	2.02%
Reason for force: effect other search	83	1.69%
Reason for force: effect stop and search	77	1.57%
Reason for force: remove handcuffs	77	1.57%
Grand Total	4898	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	905	67.64%
Outcome - other	187	13.98%
Outcome - no further action	140	10.46%
Outcome - hospitalised	54	4.04%
Outcome - detained (Mental Health Act)	52	3.89%
Grand Total	1338	100.00%