



CUMBRIA  
CONSTABULARY

# USE OF FORCE – CUMBRIA

2023/24 data

This report summarises use of force between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024.

## Use of Force – Cumbria

All figures quoted in the document are for the date period 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024 and concern the number of use of force forms submitted by officers, not the total number of incidents.

During the above period, there were **11498** 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 and Not Applicable was removed).

Tactic	Count	%
Compliant handcuffing	4680	29.6%
Unarmed skills	4292	27.1%
Non-compliant handcuffing	2716	17.2%
Ground restraint	1584	10.0%
Other / improvised	1168	7.4%
C.E.D.	436	2.8%
Irritant spray - used	346	2.2%
Limb / Body restraints	281	1.8%
Irritant spray - drawn	134	0.8%
Spit guard	113	0.7%
Dog deployed	33	0.2%
Baton used	15	0.1%
Baton drawn	13	0.1%
Firearms aimed	11	0.1%
Shield	10	0.1%
Dog bite	3	0.0%
Handcuffing (non-specific)	0	0.0%
Dog (non-specific)	0	0.0%
Baton (non-specific)	0	0.0%
Irritant spray (non-specific)	0	0.0%
Firearms fired	0	0.0%
Firearms (non-specific)	0	0.0%
AEP drawn	0	0.0%
AEP used	0	0.0%
AEP (non-specific)	0	0.0%
Grand Total	15835	100.0%

### Taser Usage:

As above, more than one taser tactic can be used on one individual (this data excludes 'not applicable').

CED Usage	Count	%
Red-dot	216	49.5%
Drawn	122	28.0%
Aimed	50	11.5%
Discharged	28	6.4%
Not stated	17	3.9%
Arced	3	0.7%
Grand Total	436	100.0%

### Subject Data

The table below represents the gender breakdown of the subjects:

Gender	Count	%
Male	8647	75.20%
Female	2816	24.49%
Other	35	0.30%
Grand Total	11498	100.00%

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

Officer Defined Ethnicity	Count	%
White	10982	95.51%
Asian (or Asian British)	152	1.32%
Black (or Black British)	128	1.11%
Other	127	1.10%
Mixed	100	0.87%
Chinese	9	0.08%
Grand Total	11498	100.00%

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

Age Group	Count	%
18 - 34 years	5687	49.46%
35 - 49 years	3416	29.71%
11 - 17 years	1320	11.48%
50 - 64 years	930	8.09%
65 and over	132	1.15%
under 11 years	13	0.11%
Grand Total	11498	100.00%

**Subjects Injured:**

There were 701 injuries to subjects (132 were not caused by force) – of these 690 were minor, and 11 were severe.

**Officers Injured:**

There was a total of 258 (2.24%) injuries against officers. There were 256 minor injuries and 2 severe injuries.

**Reasons:**

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

Reason	Count	%
Protect Self	7413	15.47%
Other	6714	14.01%
Protect Other Officers	6042	12.61%
Effect Arrest	5350	11.16%
Protect Subject	4964	10.36%
Prevent Escape	3841	8.01%
Prevent Offence	2905	6.06%
Prevent Harm	2835	5.91%
Protect Public	2717	5.67%
Secure Evidence	1652	3.45%
Effect Stop and Search	1164	2.43%
Effect Other Search	933	1.95%
Effect Search in Custody	722	1.51%
Remove Handcuffs	678	1.41%
Grand Total	47930	100.00%

**Outcomes:**

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

Outcome	Count	%
Arrested	7979	67.83%
No Further Action	1796	15.27%
Other	1121	9.53%
Hospitalised	535	4.55%
Detained Mental Health Act	332	2.82%
Grand Total	11763	100.00%