

Stop & Search

Analysis 2024/25

12 Months to September 2025

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Stop & search is a power used by the police where an officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that someone is carry one or more prohibited items, or items that could be used to commit a crime. It is primarily used to **prevent** crime or violence.

Data limitations to note: This summary provides an insight into the number and content of the stop & search reports submitted by officers. **It should be noted that this does not provide an overview of the incidents themselves.**

Values have been rounded to the nearest whole number and so some total may not sum to 100% on the face of the report.

Data Quality: A minority of records are missing data, this continues to be investigated and controls introduced to improve data quality.

Stop & Search - Locations

For the year to **September 2025** there were **5637** Stop & Search Reports across Devon & Cornwall.

In **37%** of stops a **positive** outcome was recorded (see Outcome chart).

In **29%** of searches the officer found the object they expected to find (this rate is based on the Primary Object of the Search ONLY).

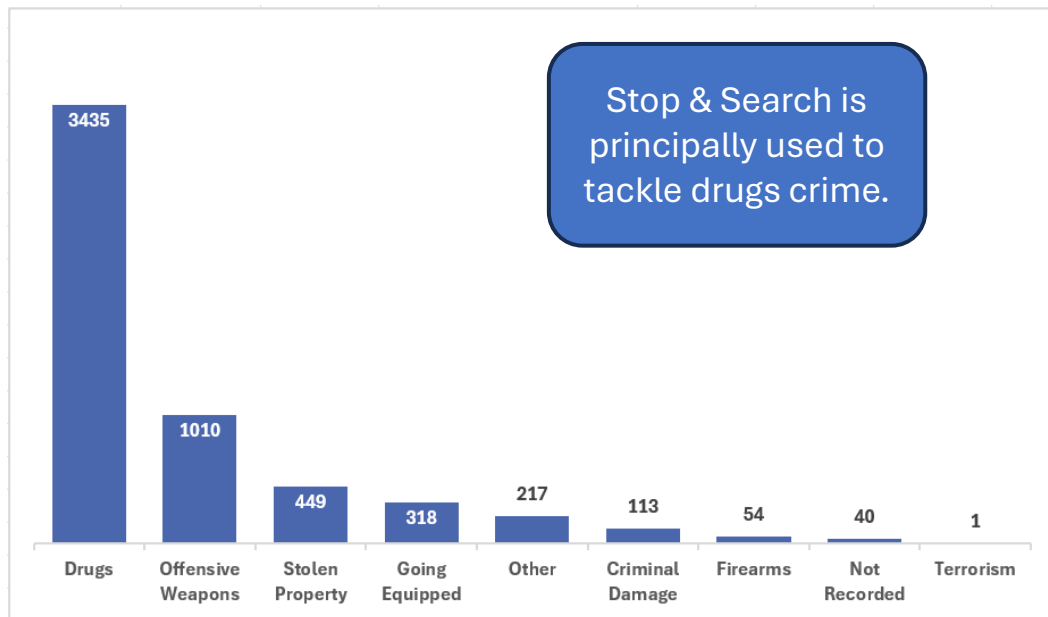


Reports by Officer's LPA

Officer Station LPA	Volume	Percentage
West Cornwall LPA	343	6%
East Cornwall LPA	527	9%
Plymouth LPA	1707	30%
South Devon LPA	1020	18%
Exeter, East & Mid Devon LPA	1482	26%
North & West Devon LPA	519	9%
Out of Force	0	0%
Not Recorded	39	1%

Stop & Search – Object & Outcome of Search

Object of Stop & Search



61% of searches were for Drugs.

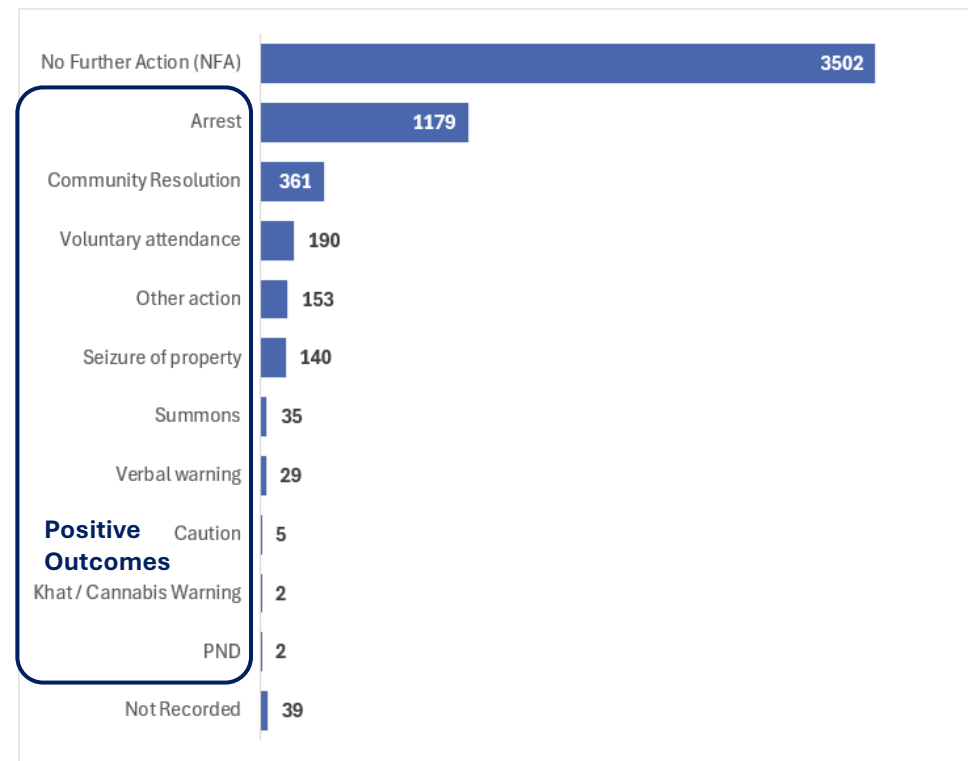
18% were for Offensive Weapons.

8% were for Stolen Property.

There were 40 records where the object of the search was Not Recorded.

Officers record a **primary** and possibly also a secondary and tertiary object of search: the rate and charts are based only on the **primary** object data

Outcome of Stop & Search



62% of searches resulted in **NFA**

21% in **arrest**

6% in **community resolutions**

There were 39 records where no outcome was recorded

Stop & Search – Subject Characteristics

This slide shows characteristics of the subjects of a stop and search.
This data excludes vehicle only searches, which is why the volume is lower.

Table showing the Age of the Subject of a Stop & Search

Subject Age	Records	Percentage
0 to 10	0	0
11 to 17	1008	18%
18 to 25	1363	25%
26 to 34	1123	21%
35 to 44	1164	21%
45 to 54	515	9%
55 to 64	177	3%
65 and over	33	1%
Unknown	86	2%
Total	5469	100.00%

In **18% (n=1008)** of the stops were children (under 18).
In **2%** of stops the age was 'Unknown'.

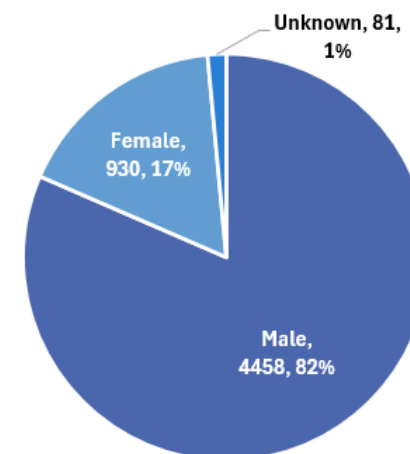
Table showing the Race of the Subject of a Stop & Search

Subject Race	Self-defined	Percentage	Officer Perceived	Percentage
White	4753	87%	5069	93%
Black	130	2%	191	3%
Asian	77	1%	92	2%
Mixed	105	2%		
Other ethnic group	62	1%	60	1%
Not Stated/Unknown	342	6%	57	1%
Total	5469	100.00%	5469	100.00%

In **6% (n=342)** of the stops the self-defined race was not obtained / provided by the subject.

For the Table showing the Race of the Subject, 'Other ethnic group' (officer perceived) includes Chinese, Japanese, SE Asian, Arabic and North African.
Mixed is not an available option for officers to select.

Pie Chart showing the Sex of the Subject of a Stop & Search



The majority of subjects of Stop & Search are males, **82%**.
In **1%** of stops the sex is 'Unknown'.

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