

Use of Force

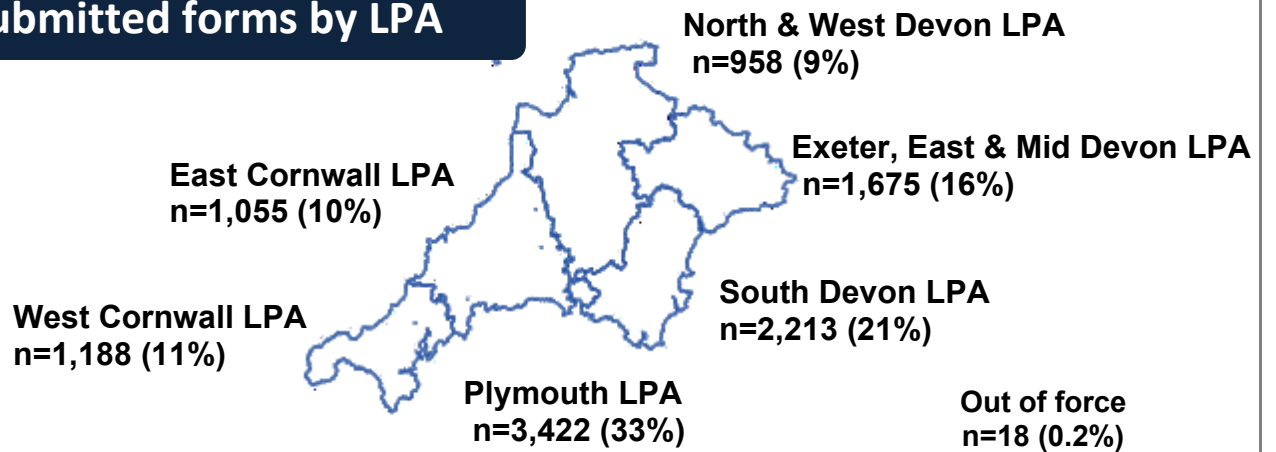
2020/21 - 12 months to June 2020

Data limitations to note: This summary provides an insight into the number and content of the submitted use of force forms. **It should be noted that this does not provide an overview of the incidents themselves.** More than one form can be submitted against an individual incident if multiple officers are involved. It should also be noted that each form submitted can include multiple reasons for the use of force and various tactics may have been used. Details of the subject on the forms submitted will be duplicated. Therefore figures provided are purely an indication of the forms themselves.

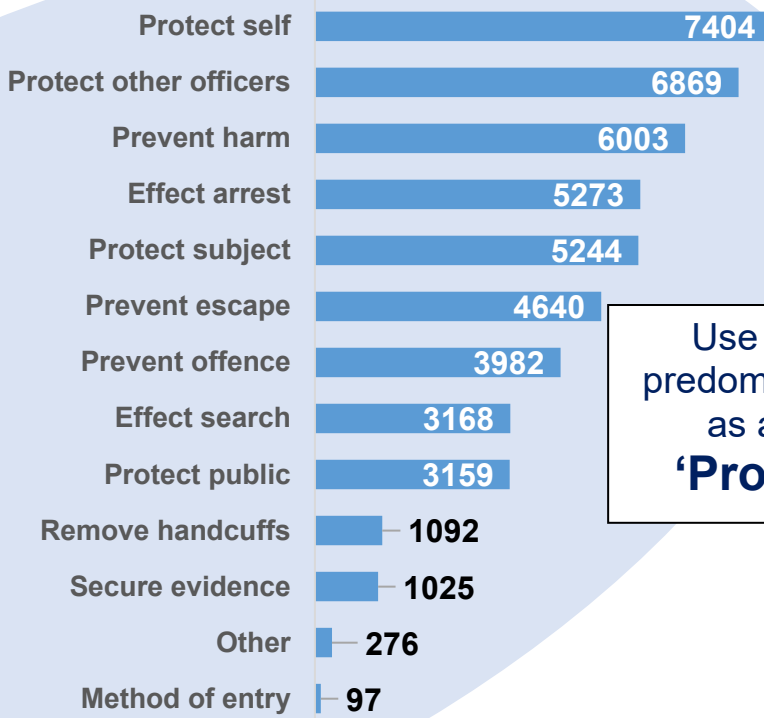
154,152
Incidents attended

10,529
Use of Force submissions
Use of Force is used in a **very small proportion** of incidents attended

Submitted forms by LPA

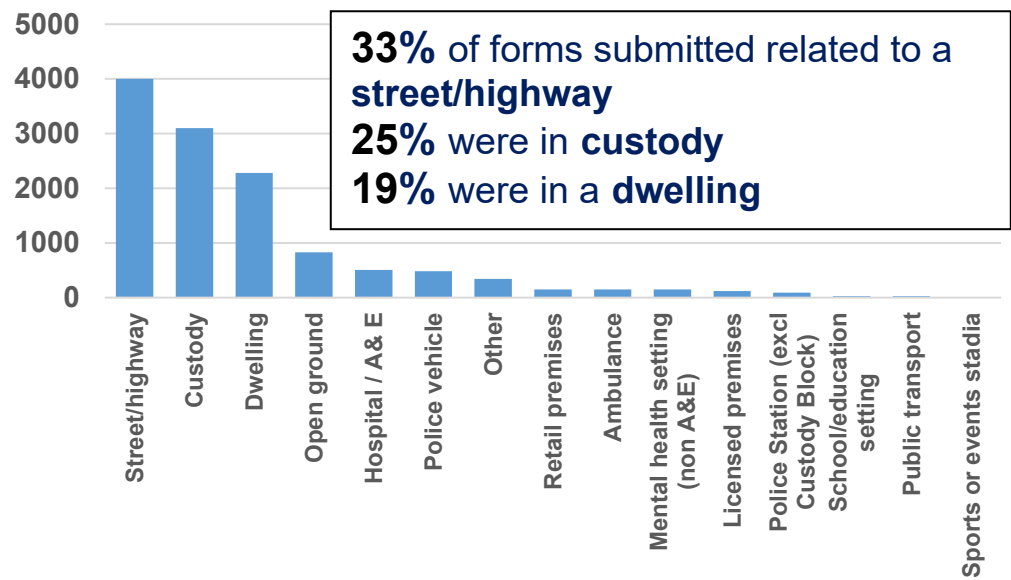


Reasons for use of force



Use of force is predominantly used as a form of **'Protection'**

Locations



33% of forms submitted related to a **street/highway**
25% were in **custody**
19% were in a **dwelling**

Subjects of forms submitted

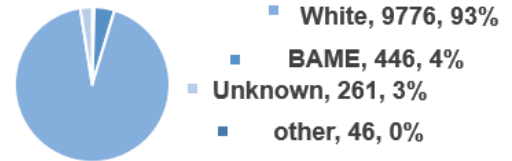
6 out of 10 subjects were **male**



64% (n=6769) male, 17% (n=1741) female, and 0.2% (n=17) transgender

In **51%** (n=5,312) of the forms submitted the subject was aged between **18 - 34 years**

Officer perceived ethnicity



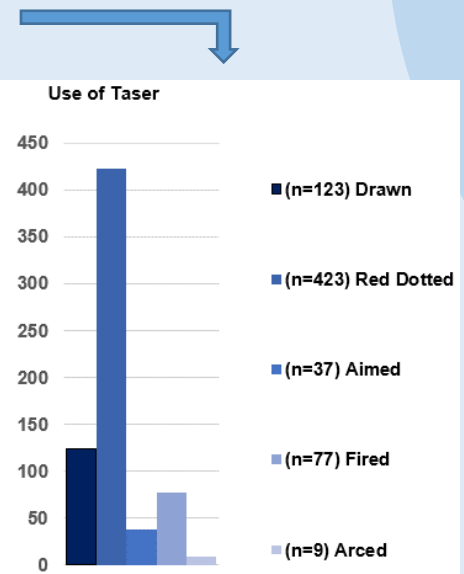
Age

Age Group	Count	Percentage
0 - 10 years	19	0.2%
11 - 17	911	8.7%
18 - 34	5312	50.5%
35 - 49	2477	23.5%
50 - 64	655	6.2%
65 or over	74	0.7%
Age unknown	1081	10.3%

Tactics used

Tactic	Count	Percentage
Tactical communication	8404	34%
Restraint Accoutrement*	6173	25%
Physical Restraint	5599	23%
Compliant Handcuffing	3070	12%
Taser	669	3%
Irritant Spray	320	1%
Other	238	1%
Firearm	81	0%
Baton	25	0%
Police Dog	19	0%

Tactical Communication is the most used tactic



*Of this category, Spit Guard was used 340 times (1% of total Tactics)

If the same tactic is used more than once by an officer at an incident it is only counted once. However as more than one tactic can be used in a single incident then the overall totals for tactics used will be higher than the number of incidents recorded.

