

Use of Force

2020/21 - 12 months to June 2021

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.

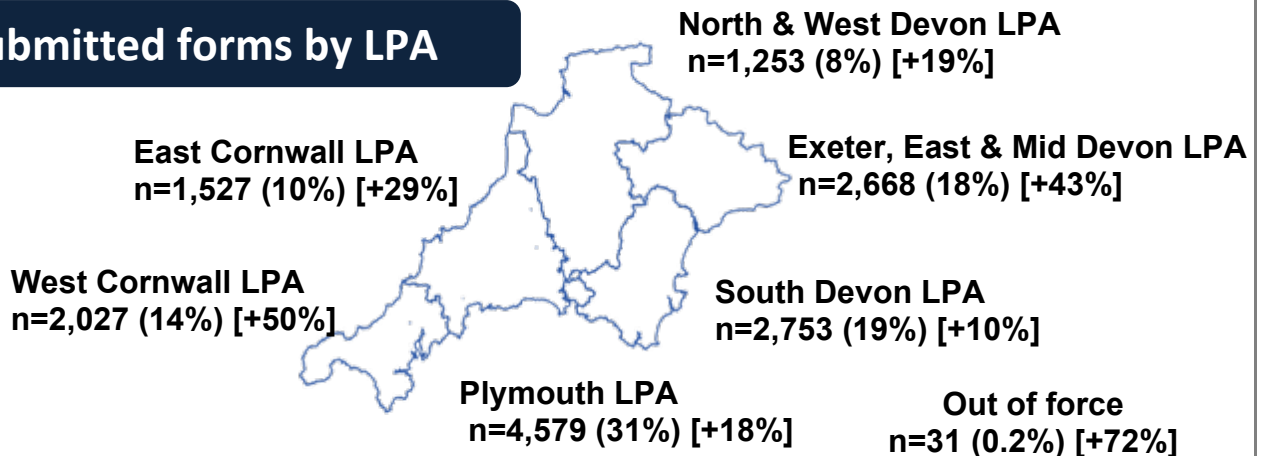
NEW Percentages in square brackets [] show the comparison to the previous 12 month period.

157,267
Incidents attended [+2%]

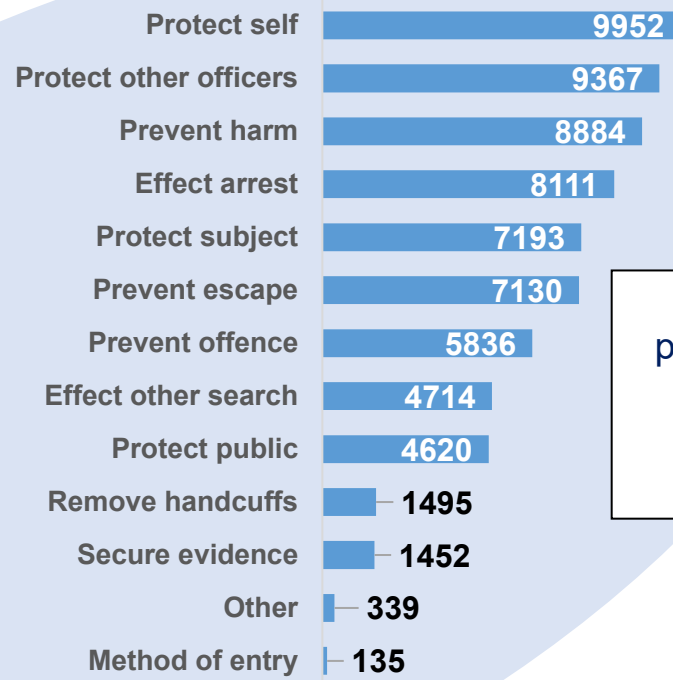
14,838
Use of Force submissions [+25%]

Use of Force is used in a **very small proportion** of incidents attended

Submitted forms by LPA

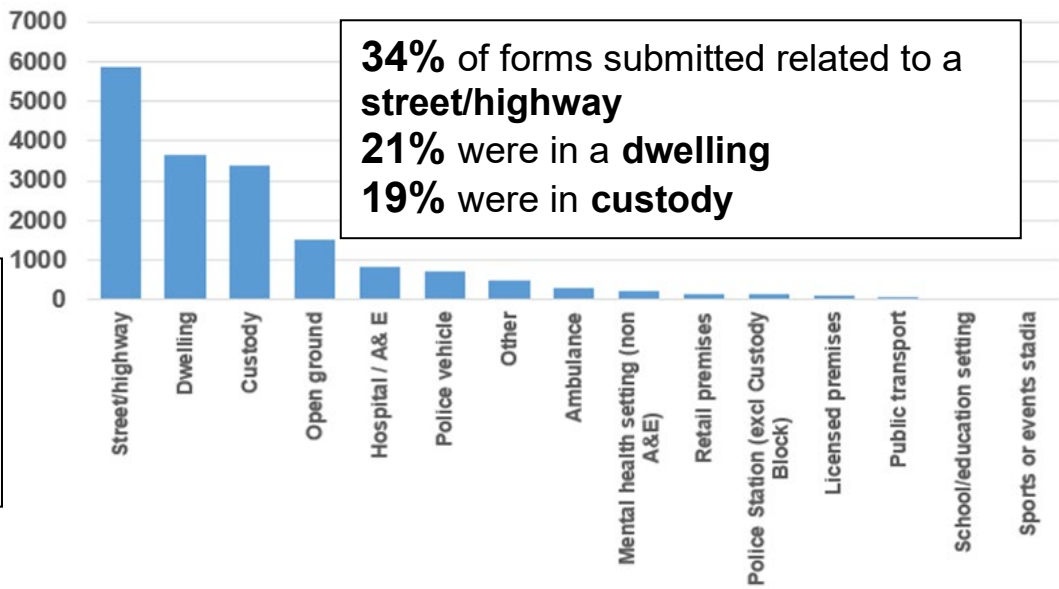


Reasons for use of force



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

Locations

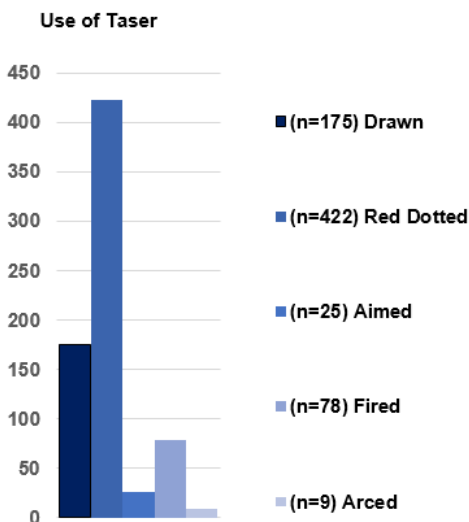


34% of forms submitted related to a **street/highway**
21% were in a **dwelling**
19% were in **custody**

Tactics used

Tactic	Count	Percentage
Tactical communication	12109	34%
Restraint Accoutrement*	8846	25%
Physical Restraint	7632	22%
Compliant Handcuffing	4831	14%
Taser	709	2%
Other	451	1%
Irritant Spray	394	1%
Firearm	81	0%
Police Dog	38	0%
Baton	34	0%

Tactical Communication is the most used tactic



*Of this category, Spit Guard was used 361 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.

Subjects of forms submitted

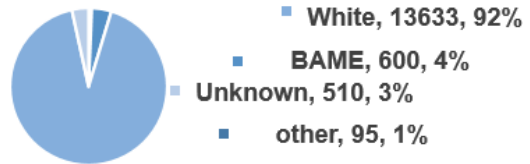
5 out of 10 subjects were male



53% (n=7,813) male, 16% (n=2,324) female, and 0.2% (n=31) other

In 52% (n=7,692) of the forms submitted the subject was aged between **18 - 34 years** [+28%]

Officer perceived ethnicity



Age

Age Group	Count	Percentage
0 - 10 years	27	0.2%
11 - 17	1333	9.0%
18 - 34	7692	51.8%
35 - 49	3510	23.7%
50 - 64	1061	7.2%
65 or over	181	1.2%
Age unknown	1034	7.0%

