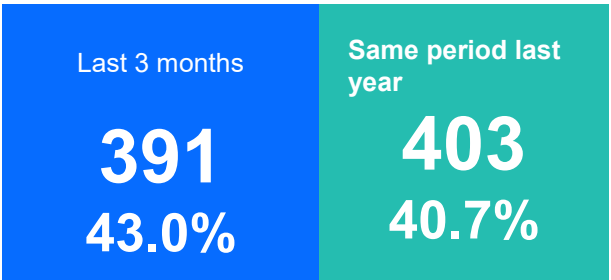
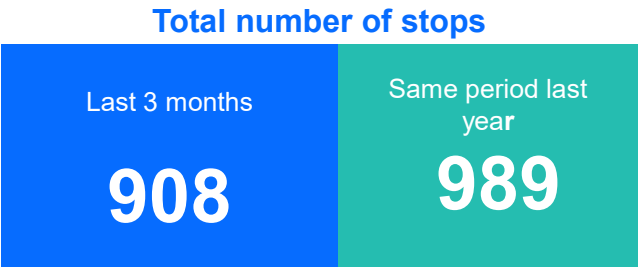


STOP & SEARCH

Quarter 1
Apr 26 – Jun 26

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During Quarter 1 (01 April to 30 June 2026), Berkshire East recorded 908 stop and search encounters, an 8.2% reduction compared with the same period last year. Despite fewer searches, effectiveness improved, with the combined find rate increasing from 40.7% to 43.0%. Force was used in 349 encounters and 77 searches resulted in arrest. Drug-related searches remained the principal driver of activity, accounting for 61.9% of all searches. A further 331 searches were conducted under PACE powers relating to offences such as stolen property, going equipped and bladed articles, reflecting a continued focus on intelligence-led policing and priority crime threats. Stop and search activity remained primarily focused on adults, with under 18s accounting for 160 searches. Ethnicity data shows white individuals accounted for the highest volume of searches, with 25.8% of individuals choosing not to state their ethnicity, a slight improvement on Quarter 4. Disproportionality continues to be monitored through local governance and independent scrutiny. Overall ethnic minority disproportionality remains relatively low at 1.30; however, black individuals remain the most disproportionately searched group, with a ratio of 4.63. The Local Command Unit continues to review search activity to ensure search powers are used fairly and proportionately. Section 60 powers were authorised on two occasions during the quarter, resulting in 12 searches in Bracknell on 22 May 2026 as part of activity to prevent serious violence and protect those at risk of harm. No items were recovered and all searches resulted in No Further Action. Associated Body Worn Video footage was reviewed by the Community Scrutiny Panel, which was satisfied that the authority was implemented appropriately and officer actions were proportionate. Community Resolution remained the most common positive outcome, with 171 disposals, followed by arrests. Alongside ongoing supervisory reviews and independent scrutiny, these outcomes provide assurance that stop and search powers continue to be used proactively to tackle crime and harm whilst maintaining transparency and public accountability.

Reason for stop

PACE- Going equipped/Stolen goods/Bladed articles/criminal damage	331 (36.54%)
Drugs	562 (61.89%)
Firearms	3 (0.33%)
S. 60 CJPOA	12 (1.32%)

Most frequent outcomes of stop

Arrest	77 (8.48%)
Caution - conditional	6 (0.66%)
Police discretion	35 (3.85%)
Community resolution	171 (18.8%)
No further action	591 (65%)
Voluntary attendance	15 (1.65%)



Ethnicity of individual stopped

White	434 (53.45%)
Black	114 (14.04%)
Asian	205 (25.25%)
Mixed ethnicity	43 (5.30%)
Other	35 (4.31%)
Not Stated	234 (25.77%)

Location Population 436,596

White	286,945
Asian	103,048
Mixed	15,384
Black	17,353
Other	13,866