

# STOP & SEARCH

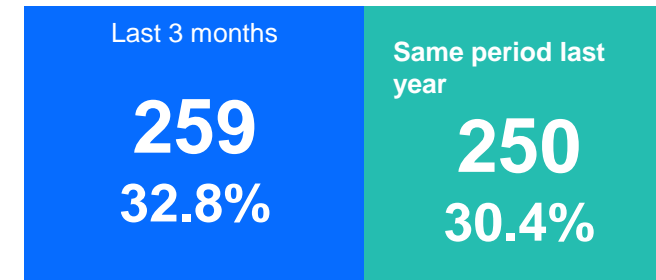
Quarter 4  
Jan 26 –  
Mar 26

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## Total number of stops



## Times item was found



During Q4 (01 January – 31 March 2026), a total of 790 stop and search encounters were recorded across Berkshire West. This represents a continued reduction when compared to the same period in the previous year, maintaining the downward trajectory identified within the wider performance data. However this is a small increase in total from the previous 3 months but not unusual during periods of better weather.

Despite the reduction in volume, search effectiveness remains strong. Berkshire West recorded 259 primary finds and 53 secondary finds, equating to a combined find rate of approximately 39.7%. This is broadly consistent with previous performance and supports the continued shift towards intelligence led and targeted use of stop and search powers. The age profile shows that stop and search activity remains predominantly focused on adults. Of the 790 searches, 151 involved persons under 18, with approximately 639 involving adults aged 18 and over, reflecting established patterns of offending across the LCU.

Ethnicity data indicates that White individuals accounted for approximately 75% of searches (590), with Black individuals 85 (10.7%), Asian individuals 60 (7.6%), and Mixed ethnicity 37 (4.7%). While broadly reflective of local demographics, the data continues to demonstrate disproportionality, particularly affecting Black individuals, and therefore requires ongoing scrutiny in line with Code A PACE principles and is examined regularly with local scrutiny panels.

In relation to grounds, drug related searches remain the dominant driver, with Misuse of Drugs Act searches accounting for 67.9% of all stop and search activity across the force, a trend mirrored at LCU level. Other search types include stolen property, offensive weapons, and going equipped, but at significantly lower volumes. This reinforces that stop and search activity remains intelligence led and focused on priority harm areas.

### Reason for stop

Article - criminal damage	16	(2.0%)
Drugs	515	(65%)
Bladed Article	47	(5.9%)
Going equipped for theft	40	(5.1%)
Offensive weapon	55	(6.9%)
Stolen goods	106	(13.4%)
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### Most frequent outcomes of stop

Arrest	88	(11%)
Caution - simple/conditional	1	(0.12%)
Community resolution	95	(12%)
No further action	566	(71.6%)
Voluntary attendance	20	(2.5%)

### Age of individual stopped



### Ethnicity of individual stopped

White	590	(74.7%)
Black	85	(10.7%)
Asian	60	(7.5%)
Mixed ethnicity	37	(4.6%)
Other	18	(2.2%)
Not Stated	169	(21.4%)

Location Population  
**513,320**

White 407,122  
Asian 59,729  
Mixed 18,429  
Black 18,901  
Other 9,139