STOP & SEARCH

Quarter 2
Jul 26 – Sep 26

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Total number of stops

Last 3 months	Same period last year
767	921

Times item was found

Last 3 months	Same period last year
344 44.85%	344 37.1%

During Q2 (July – September 2026), a total of 767 stop and search encounters were recorded across Berkshire West. This represents a significant reduction when compared to the same period in the previous year, maintaining the downward trajectory identified within the wider performance data. There is also a small decrease in total from the previous 3 months .

Despite the reduction in volume, search effectiveness remains strong. Berkshire West recorded 298 primary finds and 46 secondary finds, equating to a combined find rate of approximately 44.85%. 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 767 searches, 119 involved persons under 18, with approximately 613 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 (525), with Black individuals 112 (14.6%), Asian individuals 66 (8.6%), and Mixed ethnicity 46 (6.0%). While broadly reflective of local demographics, the data continues to demonstrate disproportionality, particularly affecting black individuals who are 4.8 times more likely to be searched than a white person. We continue to work with our local scrutiny panels to understand the drivers of disproportionality.

In relation to grounds, drug related searches remain the dominant driver, with Misuse of Drugs Act searches accounting for 61.1% 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	10	(1.3%)
Drugs	469	(61.1%)
Bladed Article	39	(5.0%)
Going equipped for theft	36	(4.7%)
Offensive weapon	52	(6.8%)
Stolen goods	100	(13.0%)
S. 60 CJPOA	0	

Most frequent outcomes of stop

Arrest	78	(10.2%)
Caution - simple/conditional	1	(0.13%)
Community resolution	146	(19.1%)
No further action	494	(64.5%)
Voluntary attendance	20	(2.61%)

Age of individual stopped

Under 18	Over 18
119	613

S.60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act

Last 3 months	Previous 3 months
0 Orders	1 Orders

Ethnicity of individual stopped

White	525	(74.7%)
Black	112	(14.6%)
Asian	66	(8.6%)
Mixed ethnicity	46	(6.0%)
Other	18	(2.35%)
Not Stated	186	(24.3%)

Location Population
513,320

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