STOP & SEARCH

Quarter 2
Jul 26 – Sep 26

Milton Keynes Chief Superintendent Emma Baillie

Total number of stops

Last 3 months	Same period last year
711	624

Times item was found

Last 3 months	Same period last year
335 47.12%	261 41.83%

During Q2 (01 July – 30 September 2026) , officers in the Milton Keynes LCU carried out 711 stop and searches, an increase (13.9%) compared with the same period last year (624) and a 2.8% decrease from Q1(731) (April-June 2026). This reflects our continued focus on the issues that matter most to our communities, including tackling drug supply, reducing weapon-related harm, addressing anti-social behaviour, and targeting individuals linked to theft and other acquisitive crime across the city.

Drug-related activity remained the predominant driver, accounting for 69.9% of all searches. Milton Keynes recorded a total of 335 primary and secondary finds, equating to a combined find rate of approximately 47.12 %. In these searches, officers located prohibited articles or evidence, demonstrating that stop and search within MK continues to be intelligence-led and proportionate. These encounters resulted in 59 arrests and 143 community resolutions, helping us disrupt criminal behaviour while supporting diversionary and safeguarding opportunities where appropriate. Ethnicity data indicates that white individuals accounted for approximately 59.4% of searches (422), with black individuals 173 (24.3%), asian 63 (8.8%) and mixed ethnicity 39 (5.5%). The data shows that black individuals are 3.0 times more likely to be searched than white individuals. This ongoing disproportionality continues to affect black communities and requires continued scrutiny, oversight, and monitoring to ensure compliance with the principles of PACE Code A.

Safeguarding remains a core priority. A total of 102 searches involved individuals under 18 which is lower compared to 174 searches recorded in Q1. Officers continue to focus on clear communication, lawful grounds and supportive engagement during interactions with young people. We also remain committed to using stop and search in a fair, proportionate and transparent way. Our independently chaired Community Scrutiny Panel continues to review real encounters and provide independent feedback, particularly in relation to grounds, BWV usage and communication style. Looking ahead, we will continue to build on this scrutiny, maintain visible patrols, and keep listening to our communities to ensure Milton Keynes remains a safe place for everyone.

Reason for stop

Article - criminal damage	13 (1.82%)
Drugs	497 (69.90%)
Bladed Article	48 (6.75%)
Going equipped for theft	49 (6.89%)
Offensive weapon	44 (6.19%)
Stolen goods	57 (8.02%)
S. 60 CJPOA	0

Most frequent outcomes of stop

Arrest	59 (8.3%)
Caution - simple/conditional	6 (0.8%)
Community resolution	143 (20.1%)
No further action	453 (63.7%)
Voluntary attendance	7 (0.98%)

Age of individual stopped

Under 18	Over 18
102	566

S.60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act

Last 3 months	Previous 3 months
0 Orders	0 Orders

Ethnicity and disproportionality of those searched

	Population MK (2021 Census)	Search Vol	% of population	% of searches
White	206,081	422	72%	59.4%
Black	27,882	173	10%	24.3%
Asian	35,636	63	12%	8.8%
Mixed ethnicity	11,723	39	4%	5.5%
Other	5,718	14	2%	2.0%
Not stated		119		16.7%