

STOP & SEARCH

Quarter 1
Apr 26 –
Jun 26

Milton Keynes Chief Superintendent
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Total number of stops

Last 3 months

731

Same period last
year

676

Times item was found

Last 3 months

306
41.86%

Same period last
year

257
38.02%

During Q1 (01 April – 30 June 2026) , officers in the Milton Keynes LCU carried out 731 stop and searches, an increase compared with the same period last year 676 and 716 from Q4 (Jan-March 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 61.70% of all searches. Milton Keynes recorded a total of 306 primary and secondary finds, equating to a combined find rate of approximately 41.86 %. 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 63 arrests and 122 community resolutions, helping us disrupt criminal behaviour while supporting diversionary and safeguarding opportunities where appropriate. Ethnicity data indicates that white individuals accounted for approximately 60.3% of searches (441), with black individuals 161(22.0%), asian 54(7.4%) and mixed ethnicity 58(7.9%). The data shows that black individuals are 2.7 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 174 searches involved individuals under 18, representing an 83.16% increase from Q4, when 95 searches were recorded. 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 (1.78%)
Drugs	451 (61.70%)
Bladed Article	71 (9.71%)
Going equipped for theft	46 (6.29%)
Offensive weapon	82 (11.21%)
Stolen goods	63 (8.62%)
S. 60 CJPOA	0

Most frequent outcomes of stop

Arrest	63 (8.6%)
Caution - simple/conditional	4 (0.55%)
Community resolution	122 (16.7%)
No further action	511 (69.9%)
Voluntary attendance	14 (1.9%)

Age of individual stopped

Under 18

174

Over 18

557

S.60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act

Last 3 months

0 Orders

Previous 3 months

0 Orders

Ethnicity and disproportionality of those searched

	Population MK (2021 Census)	Search Vol	% of population	% of searches
White	206,081	441	72%	60.3%
Black	27,882	161	10%	22.0%
Asian	35,636	54	12%	7.4%
Mixed ethnicity	11,723	58	4%	7.9%
Other	5,718	17	2%	2.3%
Not stated		121		16.5%