





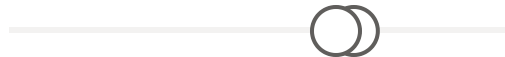
Protecting Our Communities

**Use of Force Performance Pack
Produced by Strategic Governance**

Dates Covered:

01/07/2025 

30/09/2025 



Caveats

Please note, data in this report is based on each individual form submitted by an officer, not individuals force is used on or the distinct incidents unless stated otherwise.

Use of force data is beset by data quality issues across many of the fields that are recorded. All analysis needs to be viewed with this in mind as a result.

Forms

Counts are based on a distinct count of a unique ID field for each form.

This will have an effect on the counting of number of tactics used. The counts are not the number of times each tactic was used, but how many times that tactic appeared at least once on the form. So, for example, if an officer has recorded that they have used unarmed skills on 6 occasions within one use of force form, the count will treat that as 1 rather than 6. So the counts show the number of times that tactic appeared at least once on the use of force form.

Ethnicity

Ethnicity is based on a combination of self defined and officer defined ethnicity.

Self defined takes priority, but where the self-defined ethnicity is not recorded the officer defined is used as a substitute.

It is possible that the person is recorded as having different ethnicities across forms even within the same incident.

Please note, that self defined and officer defined are not recorded in the same way. It is not possible for an officer to record someone as Mixed ethnicity.

Summing of Percentages

Please note, percentages will often add up to more than 100%. This is because an officer can record more than one impact factor or reason, for example, on the form.

Subject Behaviour

Several categories are contained in this column. Only one of these options can be selected.

Compliant behaviour is based on the number of times someone is being recorded as 'Compliant'.

Resistance focuses on where the subject is recorded as resisting, from passive resistance to serious or aggravated resistance.

Verbal/gestures has not been included in either count.

Duplicates

Due to the complexity of identifying duplicates in this data they have not been removed.

With multiple forms for particular incidents able to be recorded, it's not clear how these could be identified and removed accurately.

High Level Overview

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Forms

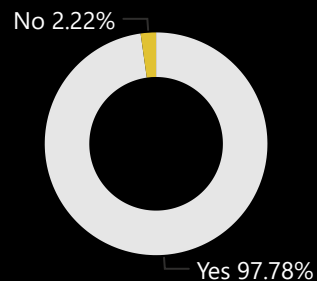
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Per 1000

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Total Dispro

BWV Used?



This pack details information on Use of Force within Thames Valley Police for the following time period: 01/07/2025-30/09/2025.

There were 7387 use of force forms submitted in this period, with an overall disproportionality ratio of 1.58. There were 2.94 forms completed per 1000 of the population.

The figure on the bottom left shows the number of times body worn video was used where it was available. BWV was not available to be used 9.27% of the time.

Disproportionality was highest for those of black ethnic origin, with a ratio of 3.90. This means a black person was around 4 times as likely to have force used on them as a white person. Please note this is based on a count of each individual form, so it does not refer to an individual subject.

At present 6 columns in the data return as blank and so are not reported until this is fixed. This includes four reasons for using force (protect self, protect other officers, protect public, and protect subject) and two columns related to the effectiveness of the force used (compliant handcuffing and non-compliant handcuffing). At present these pages are removed from the pack or the data excluded until reliability is established. This is why there is a small jump in figure numbers in the pack.

34.97%

Compliant Handcuffing Only (%)

4212

Individuals - Distinct

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Taser

Subject profile

This page outlines the subject profile of those who have had force used on them in the specified time period (see front of pack). The top of the page shows ethnicity and gender breakdowns, whereas the bottom shows age grouping and whether the subject was perceived to have physical or mental health impairments by the officer.

Below is a breakdown of the number of form submitted for each LCU and the per 1000 information for each area.

Figure 1: Force by LPA

LCU	Forms	Population	Per 1000
Milton Keynes	1178	287040	4.10
Berkshire East	1417	436596	3.25
Buckinghamshire	1440	553035	2.60
Berkshire West	1271	513320	2.48
Oxfordshire	1795	725280	2.47
Out of Force	286		
Total	7387	2515271	2.94

Figure 2: Use of Force by Ethnicity

Ethnicity (Combined)	Forms	%
Asian	824	11.15%
Black	936	12.67%
Mixed	316	4.28%
Other	135	1.83%
Unknown	92	1.25%
White	5084	68.82%
Total	7387	100.00%

Figure 3: Use of Force by Gender

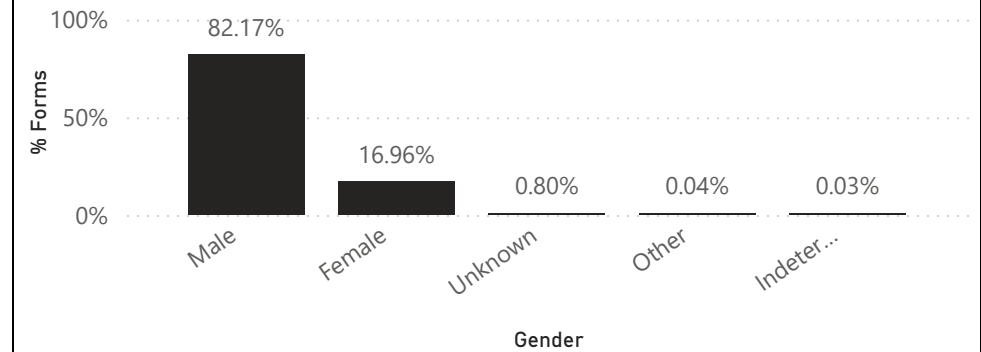
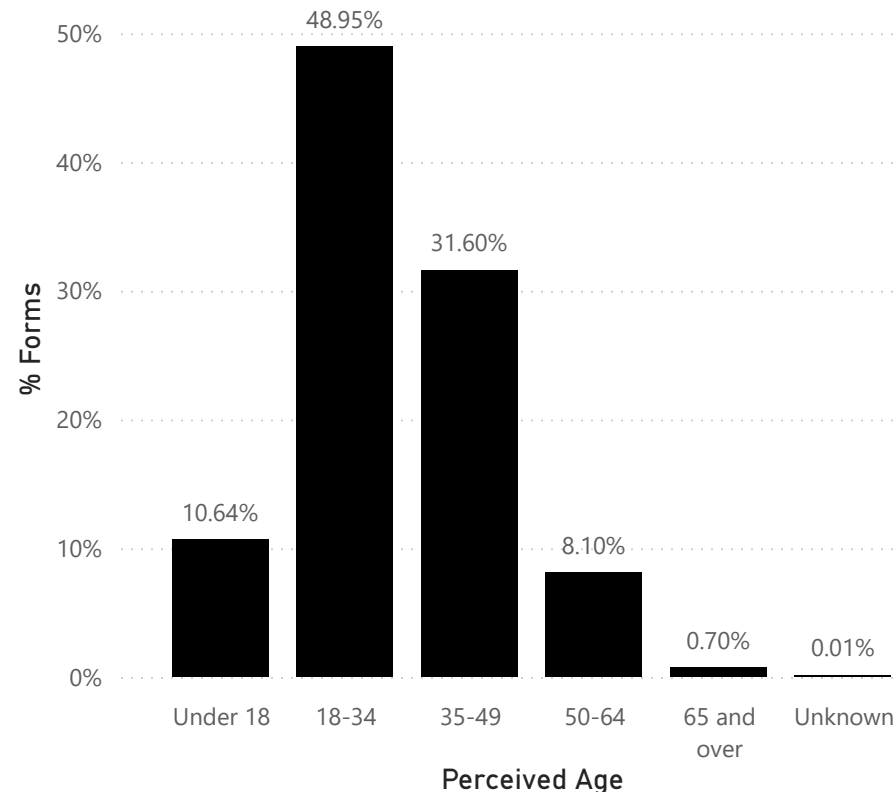


Figure 4: Use of Force by Age Group (Officer Perceived)



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Self-Defined Physical Health Condition

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Self-Defined Mental Health Condition

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Self-Defined Mental & Physical Cond...

Figure 5: Use of Force by Location

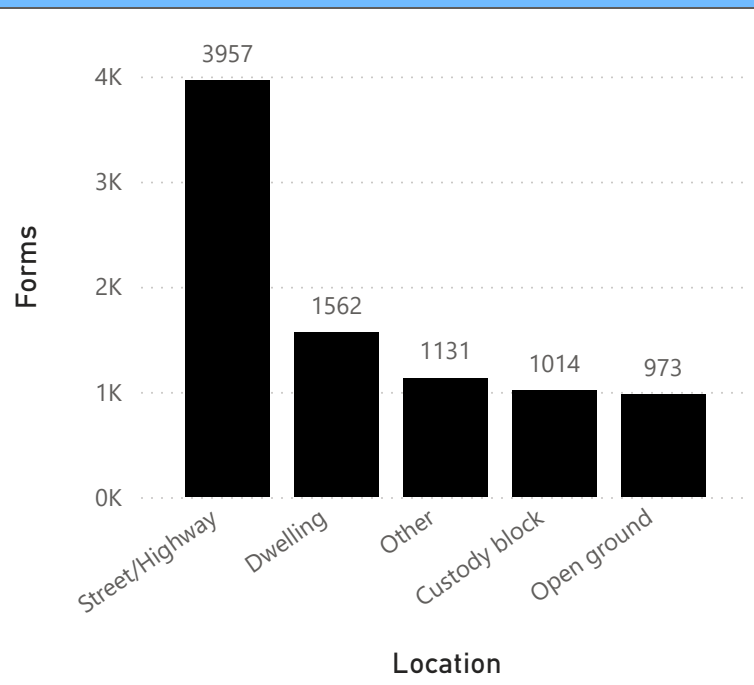


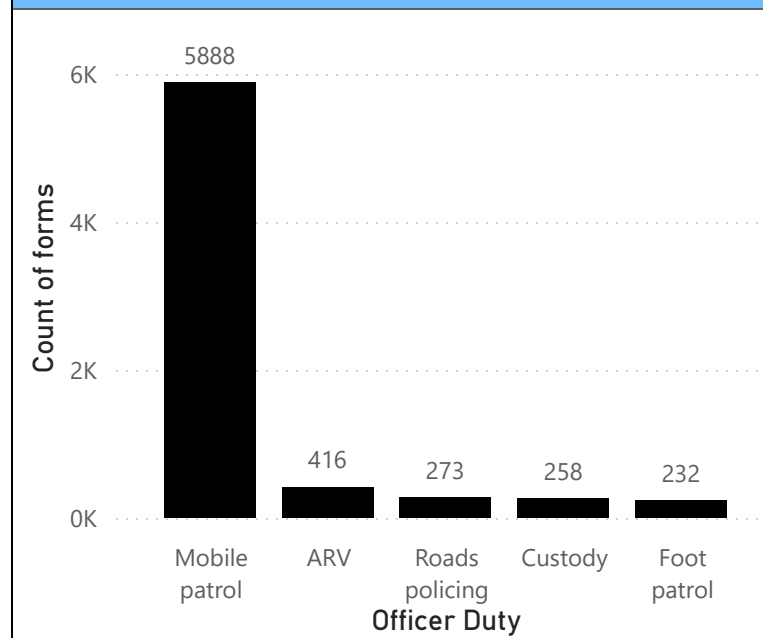
Figure 6: Reasons for using force: prevalence on forms by ethnicity

Reason	Forms	White	Eth Min	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other
Prevent Escape	55.85%	54.84%	58.74%	60.10%	57.34%	61.29%	54.14%
Effect Arrest	53.88%	53.93%	53.59%	55.05%	51.69%	56.45%	51.13%
Prevent Harm	44.44%	45.34%	42.36%	43.47%	41.46%	43.23%	39.85%
Protect Self	44.22%	43.85%	44.99%	42.73%	49.18%	40.97%	39.10%
Protect Other Officers	34.29%	33.68%	35.37%	32.02%	38.85%	35.81%	30.83%
Prevent Offence	33.56%	33.50%	33.26%	31.77%	34.60%	35.48%	27.82%
Secure Evidence	16.44%	15.09%	19.64%	19.33%	20.57%	19.35%	15.79%
Effect stop and search	16.00%	14.33%	20.24%	19.33%	22.09%	17.74%	18.80%
Remove Handcuffs	10.44%	10.26%	10.72%	10.34%	9.36%	14.84%	12.78%
Effect search in Custody	6.33%	6.26%	6.35%	5.17%	7.40%	5.16%	9.02%
Effect other search	3.34%	3.09%	3.82%	3.33%	3.81%	4.52%	5.26%
Other	1.79%	1.78%	1.84%	1.60%	2.07%	0.97%	3.76%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Figure 7: Impact Factors by Ethnicity: prevalence on forms by ethnicity

Impact Factors	Forms	White	EthMin	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other
Alcohol	35.86%	40.09%	26.05%	25.12%	25.85%	28.80%	26.67%
Drugs	32.41%	33.58%	30.12%	29.49%	31.94%	30.70%	20.00%
Mental Health	30.13%	33.28%	23.02%	23.06%	21.05%	28.80%	22.96%
Prior Knowledge	29.57%	30.17%	28.40%	28.40%	28.95%	27.22%	27.41%
Size/Gender/Build	22.89%	21.93%	25.24%	19.78%	28.95%	26.90%	28.89%
Possession of a Weapon	16.68%	15.56%	19.45%	18.57%	20.51%	18.99%	18.52%
Other	13.28%	12.16%	15.65%	15.41%	15.17%	16.46%	18.52%
Crowd	8.91%	8.58%	9.32%	9.71%	9.08%	9.18%	8.89%
Acute Behavioural Disorder	1.72%	1.87%	1.40%	2.18%	0.64%	2.22%	
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Figure 8: Top 5 forms by Officer Duty



Reasons, Impact Factors, Locations, and Officer Duty

This page shows the reasons, impact factors, locations, and officer duties when using force.

Please note, percentages will add up to more than 100% as officers can record more than one impact factor and reason per form.

Figures 6 and 7 each shows the prevalence of each impact factor and reason on each form, and then break this down by prevalence on the form for each ethnic group.

This allows for a comparison to see which impact factors and reasons may be driving use of force against each ethnic group more or less than others.

For example, alcohol is an impact factor recorded far more consistently where the subject is recorded as white, and recorded far less where they are ethnic minority.

This page shows details on threats towards officers within an incident.

Figures 14 and 16 show threats made by subject ethnicity and gender. They provide a comparison of the proportion on the form against the proportion of threats made by each grouping.

Please note that the percentages will count that a threat has been made, not each individual threat offered. So it shows that a subject threatened the officer in some way, it doesn't count that they were threatened with a knife and a firearm, for example.

Figure 15 shows threats by the recorded behaviour shown by the subject, and figure 17 shows the top 10 tactics used by officers when the subject had threatened them.

Finally, there are various cards showing whether the officer had intelligence of weapons, reported violence by a third party, and shows how many times an officer had recorded the subject as spitting at them.

Figure 14: Forms and Threats by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Forms	Threats
Asian	11.30%	11.38%
Black	12.83%	5.69%
Mixed	4.33%	3.25%
Other	1.85%	1.63%
White	69.69%	78.05%
Total	100.00%	100.00%

Figure 15: Threat by Subject Behaviour

Subject Behaviour	Threats
Aggressive resistance	38
Active resistance	26
Serious or aggravated resistance	20
Compliant	17
Verbal / Gestures	14
Passive resistance	8

Figure 16: Forms and Threats by Gender

Gender	Forms	Threats
Female	8.28%	
Male	89.66%	100.00%
Other	2.07%	
Total	100.00%	100.00%

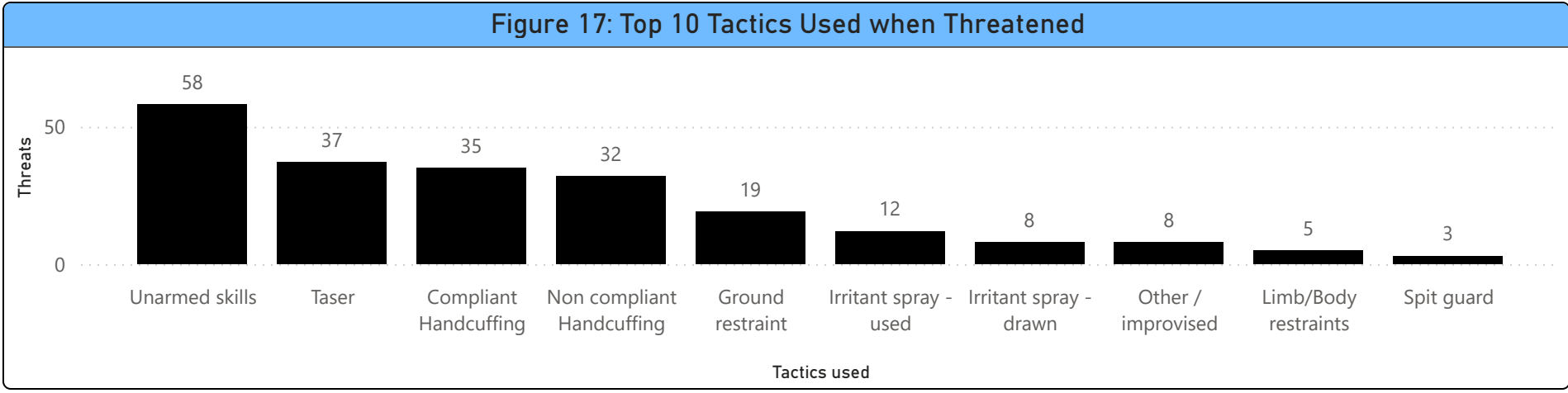
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Intelligence - Weapons

Threats

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Threats

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Violence - Reported

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Officer spat at



Assaults & Injuries

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Injured from assault

This page shows information where an officer has recorded an injury to themselves.

This splits out where they were injured through being assaulted, where they were injured but not from an assault, and where they were assaulted but not injured.

Instances where the officer was not assaulted have been excluded.

The page also shows the level of violence experienced. This ranges from no violence, actual violence, threatened violence, to violence as reported by a third party (this was only consistently recorded from July 24).

Assaults are also split out by the various impact factors recorded on the forms.

Figure 18: Officer Injured or Assaulted

Officer Injured	Forms	%
I was not injured but was assaulted	269	58.73%
I was injured but not as a result of an assault	119	25.98%
I was injured as a result of an assault	70	15.28%
Total	458	100.00%

Figure 19: Level of Violence

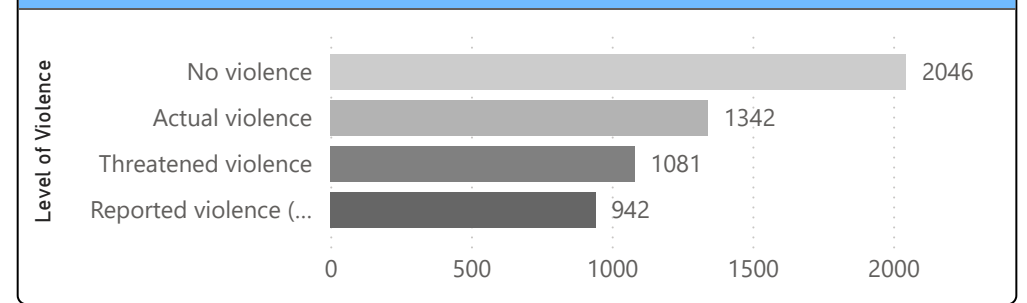
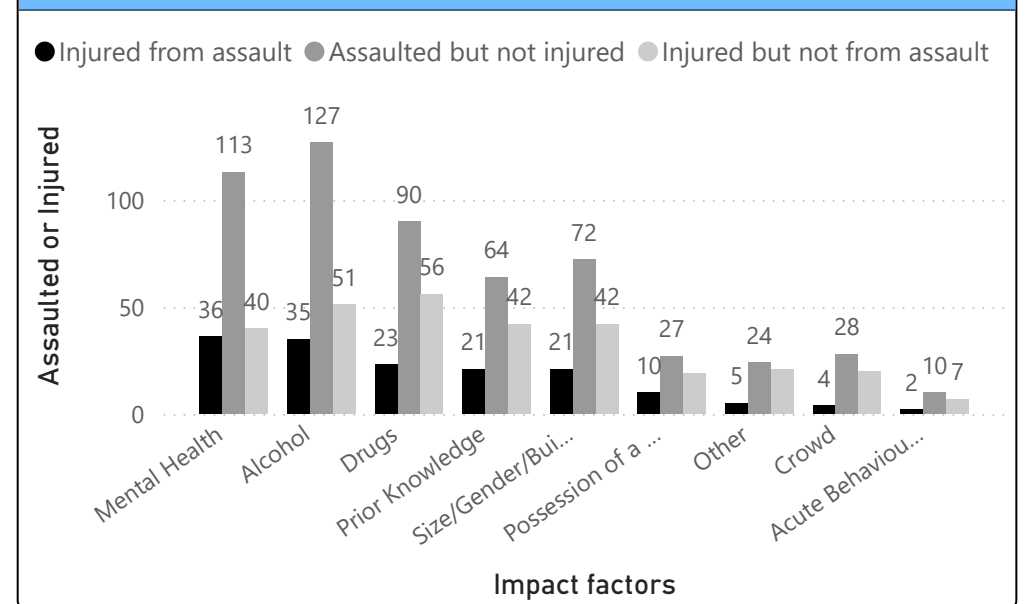


Figure 20: Injuries and assaults by LPA

LCU	Injured from assault	Assaulted but not injured	Injured but not from assault
Berkshire East	12	47	24
Berkshire West	10	47	30
Buckinghamshire	12	44	24
Milton Keynes	16	43	10
Out of Force	0	12	4
Oxfordshire	20	76	27
Total	70	269	119

Figure 21: Assaults and injuries by Impact Factor



Disproportionality by LCU

Figure 22: Asian

Incident LCU	Forms	Population	per 1000	Dispro
Buckinghamshire	244	68294	3.57	1.70
Oxfordshire	127	46379	2.74	1.27
Berkshire West	108	59729	1.81	0.84
Berkshire East	233	103048	2.26	0.74
Milton Keynes	98	35636	2.75	0.71
Out of Force	14			
Total	824	313086	2.63	1.02

Figure 23: Black

Incident LCU	Forms	Population	per 1000	Dispro
Buckinghamshire	164	14233	11.52	5.47
Oxfordshire	174	14850	11.72	5.42
Berkshire West	175	18901	9.26	4.30
Berkshire East	193	17353	11.12	3.63
Milton Keynes	215	27882	7.71	2.00
Out of Force	15			
Total	936	93219	10.04	3.90

Figure 24: White

Incident LCU	Forms	Population	per 1000
Milton Keynes	795	206081	3.86
Berkshire East	878	286945	3.06
Oxfordshire	1363	630090	2.16
Berkshire West	876	407122	2.15
Buckinghamshire	932	442234	2.11
Out of Force	240		
Total	5084	1972472	2.58

Figure 25: Mixed

Incident LCU	Forms	Population	per 1000	Dispro
Berkshire West	63	18429	3.42	1.59
Buckinghamshire	64	19556	3.27	1.55
Oxfordshire	69	22634	3.05	1.41
Berkshire East	63	15384	4.10	1.34
Milton Keynes	45	11723	3.84	1.00
Out of Force	12			
Total	316	87726	3.60	1.40

Figure 26: Other

Incident LCU	Forms	Population	Per 1000	Dispro
Oxfordshire	39	11327	3.44	1.59
Berkshire West	29	9139	3.17	1.47
Buckinghamshire	24	8718	2.75	1.31
Milton Keynes	16	5718	2.80	0.73
Berkshire East	25	13866	1.80	0.59
Out of Force	2			
Total	135	48768	2.77	1.07

Figure 27: Tactics used (Distinct)

Tactics	Forms	% Forms
Unarmed skills	3526	47.73%
Compliant Handcuffing	3351	45.36%
Non compliant Handcuffing	1770	23.96%
Ground restraint	699	9.46%
Other / improvised	382	5.17%
Limb/Body restraints	381	5.16%
Taser	359	4.86%
Irritant spray - used	152	2.06%
Spit guard	99	1.34%
Irritant spray - drawn	97	1.31%
Firearms	30	0.41%
Baton drawn	23	0.31%
Baton used	23	0.31%
Dog deployed	23	0.31%
Dog biting	16	0.22%
Shield	13	0.18%
AEP drawn	3	0.04%
AEP used	1	0.01%
Total	7387	100.00%

Figure 28: Compliant handcuffing only vs not compliant handcuffing by age (%)

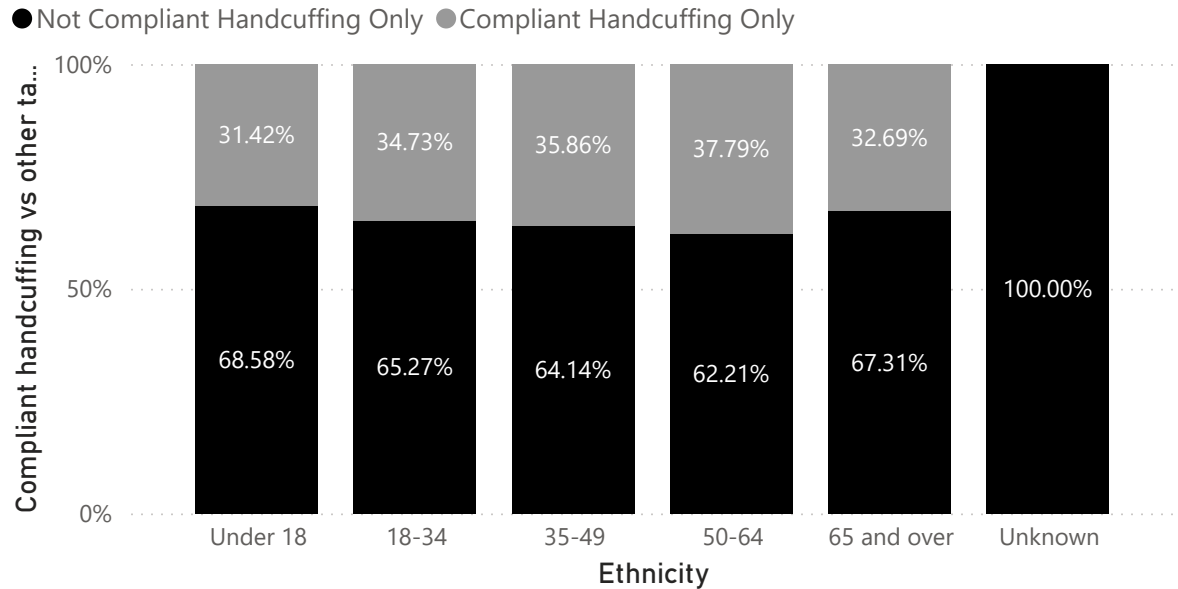
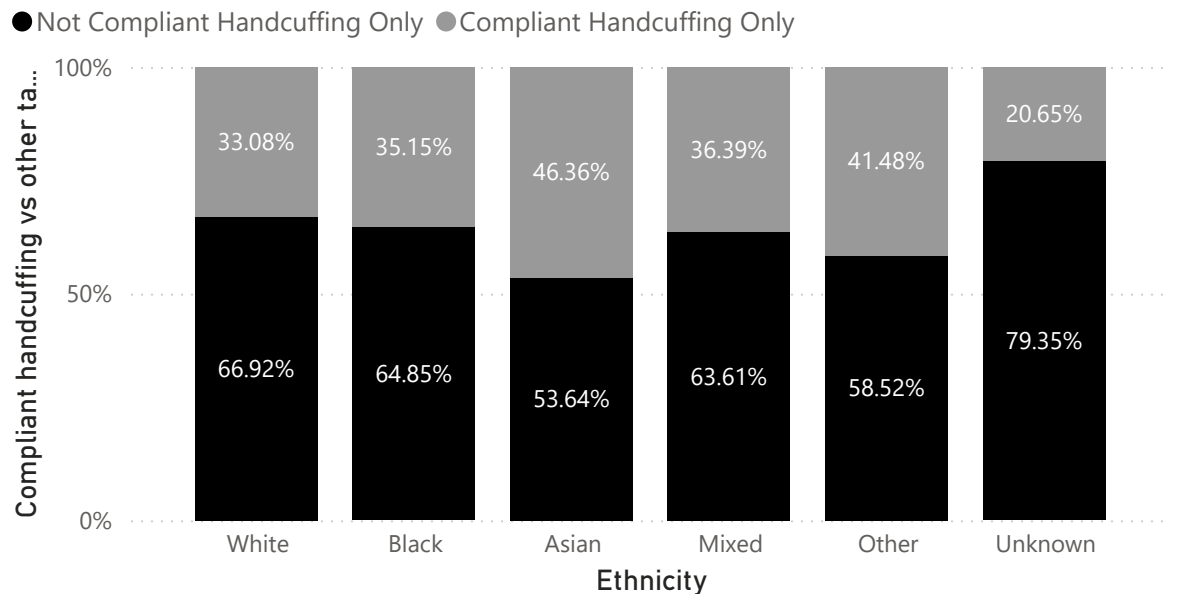


Figure 29: Compliant handcuffing only vs not compliant handcuffing by ethnicity (%)



Tactics

This page breaks down tactics used.

It shows splits of compliant handcuffing only against cases where something other than compliant handcuffing was also used and breaks this down as proportions again age and ethnic groups. Below you can see the proportion of forms using certain numbers of tactics. All forms must have at least one tactic. Where a form does not, it is removed from the data.

Please note, the 'Tactics used (Distinct)' table used a distinct count of tactics. In other words if, for example, someone has recorded unarmed skills 6 times on one form, this will only be counted once.

Figure 30: Tactics by Tactic Number

Tactic No.	% Forms
First Tactic Used	100.00%
Second Tactic Used	35.82%
Third Tactic Used	13.35%
Fourth Tactic Used	5.21%
Fifth Tactic Used	2.23%
Sixth Tactic Used	0.80%
Seventh Tactic Used	0.35%
Eighth Tactic Used	0.19%
Total	100.00%

Figure 35: Compliant Handcuffing Only by Ethnicity (Combined)

Ethnicity	Forms (%)	Compliant Handcuffing Only (%)	More than Compliant Handcuffing Only (%)
Asian	11.30%	14.90%	9.34%
Black	12.83%	12.83%	12.83%
Mixed	4.33%	4.49%	4.25%
Other	1.85%	2.18%	1.67%
White	69.69%	65.60%	71.91%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Figure 36: Not Compliant Handcuffing Only vs Compliant Handcuffing Only by Incident LPA

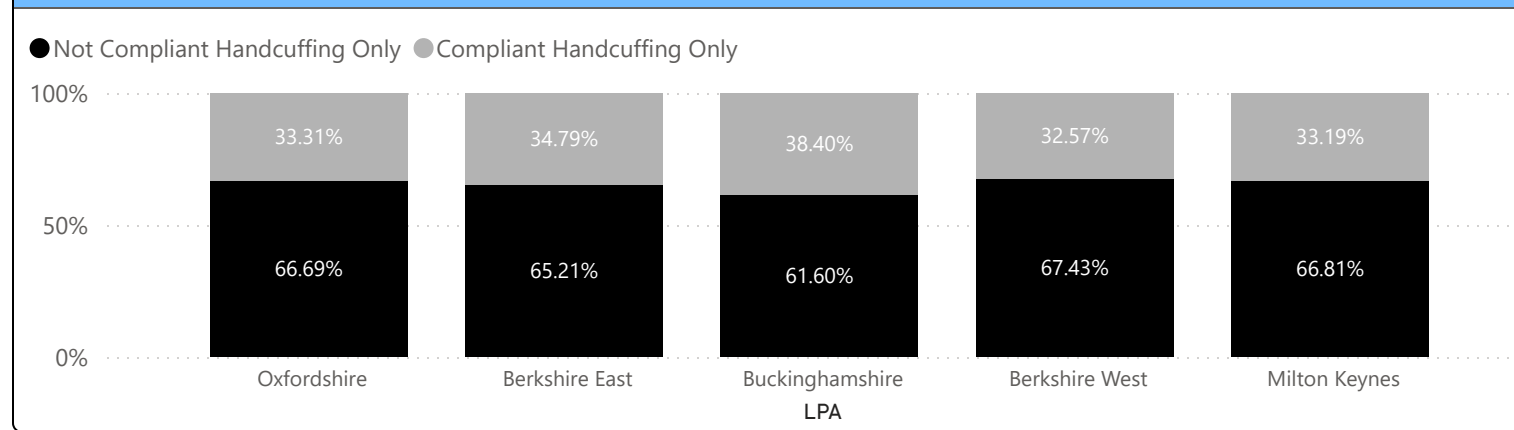
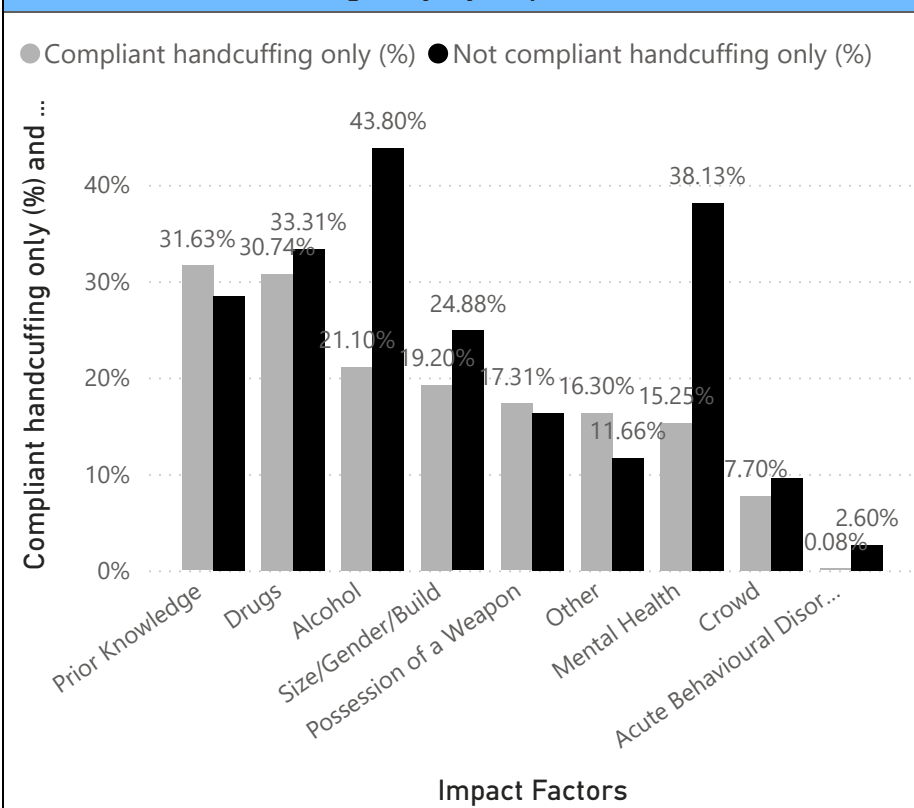


Figure 37: Compliant Handcuffing Only vs Not Compliant Handcuffing Only by Impact Factor (%)



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Injured - compliant handcuffing only

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Injured - not compliant handcuffing only

Figure 38: Compliant handcuffing only and not compliant handcuffing only by reason

Reason	Compliant Handcuffing	%	Not Compliant Handcuffing Only	(%)
Prevent Escape	1522	60.42%	2507	53.40%
Effect Arrest	1384	54.94%	2503	53.31%
Protect Self	916	36.36%	2274	48.43%
Prevent Harm	849	33.70%	2357	50.20%
Effect stop and search	721	28.62%	433	9.22%
Prevent Offence	683	27.11%	1738	37.02%
Secure Evidence	585	23.22%	601	12.80%
Protect Other Officers	581	23.06%	1893	40.32%
Remove Handcuffs	307	12.19%	446	9.50%
Effect other search	73	2.90%	168	3.58%
Effect search in Custody	38	1.51%	419	8.92%
Other	14	0.56%	115	2.45%
Total	2519	100.00%	4695	100.00%

Compliant Handcuffing Only vs Not Compliant Handcuffing only

34.97%

Compliant Handcuffing Only (%)

This page breaks out use of force into a comparison of instances where only compliant handcuffing is recorded against where the officer has said other tactics separate from compliant handcuffing were used.

This is visualised by ethnic group against total number of forms, by Incident LCU, by impact factors and reasons, and then shows the number of times someone has been recorded as injured in some way when the tactics were only compliant handcuffing and not just compliant handcuffing.

Please note, it is possible that the injuries were not caused by the use of force itself. Additionally, it is not possible to tell from the data which type of force caused an injury.

Injuries

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Individual Subjects Injured

This page breaks down the number of times the subject has been recorded as injured on the use of force form.

Unless otherwise stated, this is not injuries caused to distinct individuals but where an injury has been recorded on the form.

The above visual 'Individual Subjects Injured' and figure 41 both show the number of times an individual subject was injured.

All other visuals base the counts on injuries recorded on each form. This means there may be some double counting.

Injury per 1000 is based on a comparison to the population that force has been used on, not comparison to census population.

Figure 39: Injuries by Gender - Prevalence on form against prevalence of injury by gender

Gender	Forms	Injury
Female	16.96%	14.01%
Indeterminate	0.03%	
Male	82.17%	84.51%
Other	0.04%	
Unknown	0.80%	1.47%
Total	100.00%	100.00%

Figure 41: Individuals - Distinct by Subject Injury Level

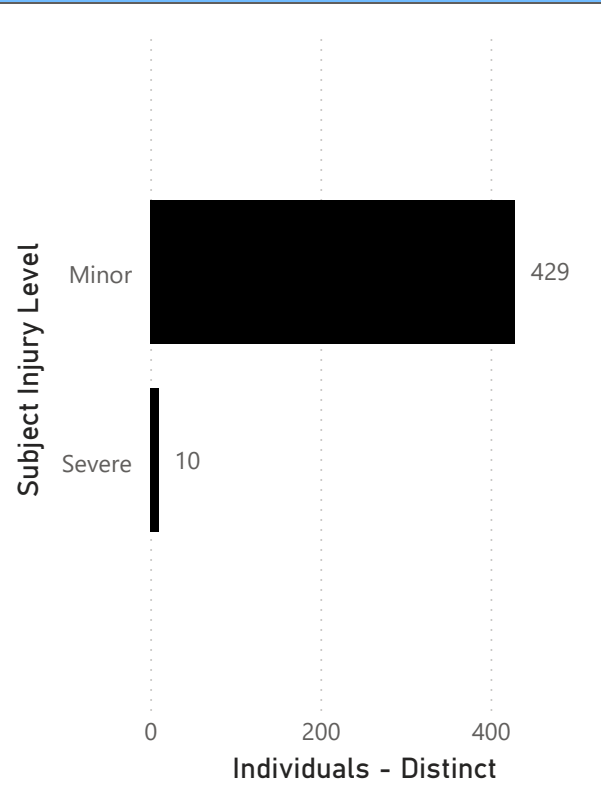


Figure 40: Injury by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Forms	Injury Combined	Injury - per 1000
Asian	11.30%	7.14%	58.25
Black	12.83%	9.97%	71.58
Mixed	4.33%	4.17%	88.61
Other	1.85%	1.34%	66.67
White	69.69%	77.38%	102.28
Total	100.00%	100.00%	92.12

Figure 42: Injuries by Age Group

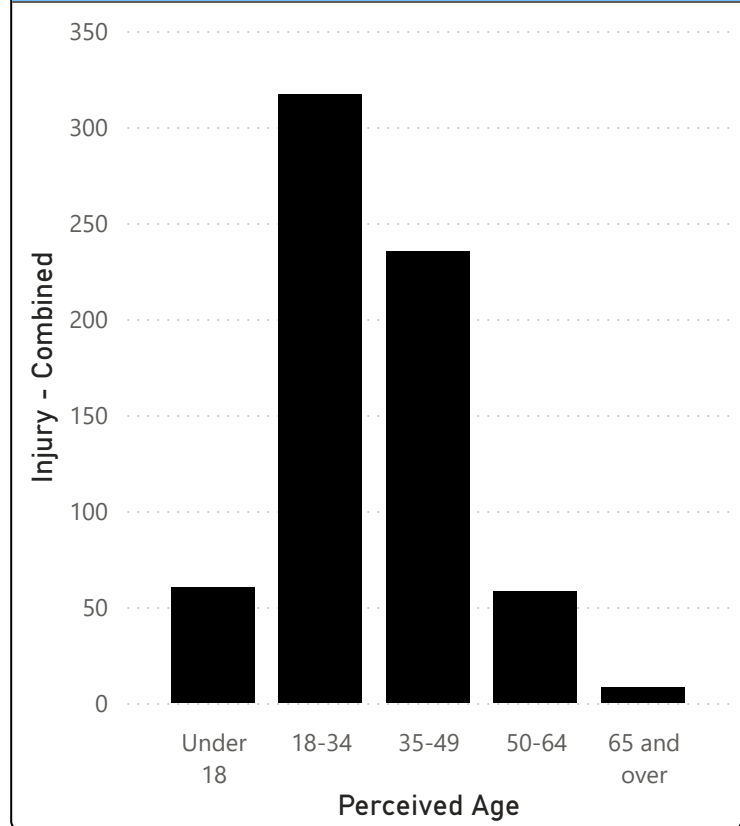
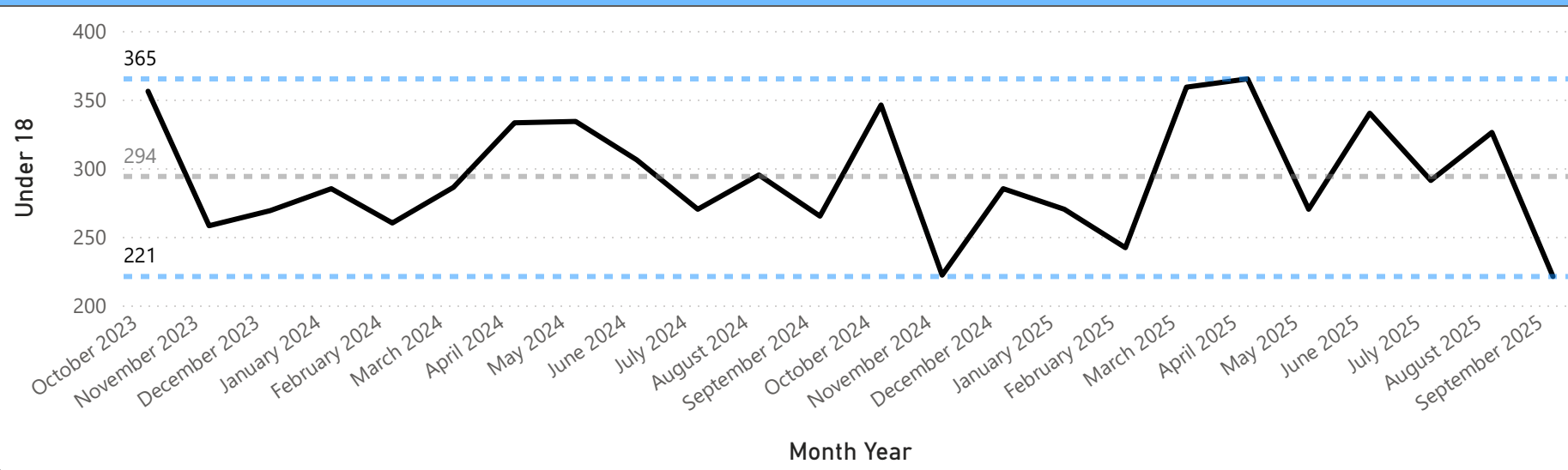


Figure 43: Under 18 by Month Year



U18s

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Compliant Handcuffing Only

This page analyses use of force forms where the subject was recorded as under 18.

Figure 43 shows force used over a 24 month time period, with an average of 294 use of force forms per month.

Figure 44 gives a breakdown of the number of forms completed for under 18s by each LCU with percentage of the total.

Figure 45 gives the figures for under 18s by ethnicity, showing how many forms were filled out for each ethnic group where the subject's age was under 18 in the data.

Finally, the three card show the number of injuries caused when the person was recorded as under 18.

Figure 44: Under 18 by LPA

Incident LCU	Under 18	%
Oxfordshire	225	26.85%
Buckinghamshire	167	19.93%
Milton Keynes	162	19.33%
Berkshire West	139	16.59%
Berkshire East	114	13.60%
Out of Force	31	3.70%
Total	838	100.00%

11.34%

Proportion U18s

60

Injury - U18

Figure 45: Under 18 by Ethnicity

Ethnicity Combined	Under 18	%
Asian	68	8.11%
Black	98	11.69%
Mixed	55	6.56%
Other	12	1.43%
Unknown	12	1.43%
White	593	70.76%
Total	838	100.00%

Notes

Self-Defined Ethnicity

Asian

A1. Indian; A2. Pakistani; A3. Bangladeshi; A4. Chinese; A9. Any other Asian background

Black

B1. Caribbean; B2. African; B9. Any other Black background

Mixed / Multiple

M1. White and Black Caribbean; M2. White and Black African; M3. White and Asian; M9. Any other mixed

Not stated

NS. Not stated

Other

O2. Arab; O9. Any other

White

W1. British; W2. Irish; W3. Gypsy or Irish Traveller; W9. Any other white background

Officer Perceived

Unknown; White - North European; White - South European; Black; Asian; Chinese, Japanese, SE Asian; Middle Eastern

Notes

All population statistics are taken from the 2021 Census published 29th November 2022.

Why use per 1000 population?

Showing the incidence rate per 1000 of population makes comparisons between different areas easier, especially when the population size in those areas differs.

Populations by LPA						
LCU	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other	White	Total
Berkshire East	103048	17353	15384	13866	286945	436596
Berkshire West	59729	18901	18429	9139	407122	513320
Buckinghamshire	68294	14233	19556	8718	442234	553035
Milton Keynes	35636	27882	11723	5718	206081	287040
Oxfordshire	46379	14850	22634	11327	630090	725280
Total	313086	93219	87726	48768	1972472	2515271