

USE OF FORCE

Q3 SEPTEMBER 2021 REPORT

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Type of force used in each incident

Baton	26
Incapacitant Spray	69
Taser	3
Firearms	0

Where did the Incident Occur?

Public Outdoor Area	60%
House	25%
Commerical Premises	5%
Apartment	3%
Other	3%
Garda Stations	2%
Public Building	2%

Time of Day Force was used

Midnight - 3AM	21%
3AM - 6AM	5%
6AM - 12PM	15%
12PM - 6PM	21%
6PM - Midnight	38%

Days of the week force was used

Monday	12%
Tuesday	16%
Wednesday	14%
Thursday	15%
Friday	12%
Saturday	17%
Sunday	14%

Gender of Person Force was used on



Female
10%



Male
90%

Types of Incidents in which force was used

Public Order Offences	45%	Other	4%
Drug Related Offences	15%	Mental Health Act	4%
Assault Related Offences	9%	Domestic Related Offences	4%
Traffic Related Offences	7%	Criminal Damage Offences	4%
Firearm Related Offences	5%	Theft Related Offences	3%

Divisions that used force in September 2021

Cork City	14%	Waterford	3%
DMR South Central	8%	DMR East	2%
Limerick	7%	Sligo/Letrim	2%
DMR North	6%	Wicklow	2%
DMR North Central	6%	Kildare	2%
DMR West	5%	Westmeath	2%
Wexford	5%	Roscommon/Longford	2%
Louth	5%	DMR South	2%
Cavan/Monaghan	4%	Cork West	1%
Tipperary	4%	Meath	1%
Donegal	4%	Kerry	1%
Galway	3%	Mayo	1%
Kilkenny/Carlow	3%	Clare	1%
Cork North	3%	Laois/Offaly	1%

**Use of Force Incidents
are Checked by
Internal Affairs on
a Weekly Basis and
Updated Monthly**

- 43% of all use of force incidents occur during the weekend (Fri to Sun)
- The most common time for a use of force to occur was on a Saturday between 6pm – Midnight

Total Use of Force Incidents

98



A Policing Service for the Future

An Garda Síochána is in process of building baseline data on all Use of Force options in 2021 to facilitate greater monitoring capability and reporting of trend information from 2022 onwards. Indicative data is being published monthly in infographic form from November 2020 onwards for key Use Of Force options. It is operational data and subject to clarification and change as investigations proceed and the overall the data lifecycle process develops during 2021. As such, it is unsuitable for further analysis (such as comparison between months) until the fully validated dataset is published in 2022.