

USE OF FORCE

Q4 DECEMBER 2020 REPORT

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Type of force used in each incident

Baton	26
Incapacitant Spray	87
Taser	3
Firearms	1

Where did the Incident Occur?

Public Outdoor Area	72%
House	15%
Commerical Premises	5%
Garda Stations	4%
Apartment	3%
Other	1%
Public Building	0%

Time of Day Force was used

Midnight - 3AM	21%
3AM - 6AM	5%
6AM - 12PM	12%
12PM - 6PM	20%
6PM - Midnight	42%

Days of the week force was used

Monday	10%
Tuesday	20%
Wednesday	10%
Thursday	12%
Friday	12%
Saturday	19%
Sunday	17%

Gender of Person Force was used on



Female
11%



Male
89%

Types of Incidents in which force was used

Public Order Offences	59%	Firearm Related Offences	3%
Drug Related Offences	10%	Criminal Damage Offences	3%
Assault Related Offences	10%	Theft Related Offences	3%
Mental Health Act	6%	Domestic Related Offences	1%
Traffic Related Offences	4%	Other	1%

Divisions that used force in December 2020

Cork City	14%	Meath	2%
DMR South Central	12%	Sligo/Letrim	2%
DMR North Central	9%	Kilkenny/Carlow	2%
Kildare	7%	Tipperary	2%
Donegal	7%	Limerick	2%
DMR South	6%	DMR East	2%
Waterford	4%	Cavan/Monaghan	2%
Galway	4%	Clare	1%
Laois/Offaly	3%	Cork North	1%
Kerry	3%	Mayo	1%
Westmeath	3%	Roscommon/Longford	1%
Wicklow	3%	Wexford	1%
Louth	2%	Cork West	1%
DMR North	2%	DMR West	1%

Use of Force Incidents are Recorded on the Garda PULSE System and Published on a Monthly Basis.

- 48% 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 Tuesday between 6pm – Midnight

Total Use of Force Incidents

117



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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 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.