

USE OF FORCE

Q4 NOVEMBER 2020 REPORT

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Type of force used in each incident

Baton	19
Incapacitant Spray	55
Taser	2
Firearms	1

Where did the Incident Occur?

Public Outdoor Area	62%
House	26%
Apartment	3%
Other	3%
Commerical Premises	2%
Garda Stations	2%
Public Building	2%

Time of Day Force was used

Midnight - 3AM	22%
3AM - 6AM	10%
6AM - 12PM	12%
12PM - 6PM	23%
6PM - Midnight	33%

Days of the week force was used

Monday	12%
Tuesday	13%
Wednesday	12%
Thursday	8%
Friday	16%
Saturday	22%
Sunday	17%

Gender of Person Force was used on



Female
15%



Male
85%

Types of Incidents in which force was used

Public Order Offences	46%	Firearm Related Offences	4%
Drug Related Offences	15%	Theft Related Offences	4%
Assault Related Offences	14%	Criminal Damage Offences	2%
Mental Health Act	7%	Domestic Related Offences	2%
Traffic Related Offences	6%	Other	0%

Divisions that used force in November 2020

DMR South Central	11%	Laois/Offaly	3%
DMR South	11%	Kildare	3%
DMR North Central	8%	Kilkenny/Carlow	2%
Cork City	8%	Wicklow	2%
Donegal	8%	Meath	2%
DMR North	7%	Waterford	2%
DMR West	6%	Roscommon/Longford	1%
Westmeath	4%	Cork North	1%
DMR East	4%	Galway	1%
Cavan/Monaghan	3%	Tipperary	1%
Louth	3%	Cork West	0%
Limerick	3%	Clare	0%
Sligo/Letrim	3%	Mayo	0%
Kerry	3%	Wexford	0%

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

- 55% 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 Saturday between 6pm – Midnight

Total Use of Force Incidents

77



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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.