

USE OF FORCE

Q1 JANUARY 2021 REPORT

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Type of force used in each incident

Baton	10
Incapacitant Spray	56
Taser	2
Firearms	2

Where did the Incident Occur?

Public Outdoor Area	54%
House	28%
Other	6%
Apartment	5%
Commerical Premises	4%
Public Building	2%
Garda Stations	1%

Time of Day Force was used

Midnight - 3AM	17%
3AM - 6AM	8%
6AM - 12PM	18%
12PM - 6PM	30%
6PM - Midnight	27%

Days of the week force was used

Monday	10%
Tuesday	8%
Wednesday	13%
Thursday	16%
Friday	21%
Saturday	17%
Sunday	15%

Gender of Person Force was used on



Female
10%



Male
90%

Types of Incidents in which force was used

Public Order Offences	38%	Mental Health Act	6%
Drug Related Offences	17%	Theft Related Offences	6%
Traffic Related Offences	11%	Criminal Damage Offences	3%
Assault Related Offences	9%	Domestic Related Offences	2%
Firearm Related Offences	7%	Other	1%

Divisions that used force in January 2021

Cork City	12%	Laois/Offaly	3%
DMR South	7%	Kerry	2%
Donegal	7%	Galway	2%
DMR West	7%	Wicklow	2%
DMR South Central	6%	Meath	2%
Cavan/Monaghan	6%	Westmeath	2%
Louth	6%	DMR East	2%
Waterford	5%	Limerick	1%
Wexford	5%	Kilkenny/Carlow	1%
DMR North Central	4%	Roscommon/Longford	1%
Cork North	4%	Cork West	1%
Sligo/Letrim	3%	Clare	1%
Tipperary	3%	Mayo	1%
DMR North	3%	Kildare	1%

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

- 53% 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 Friday between 12pm – 6pm

Total Use of Force Incidents

70



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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.