

USE OF FORCE

Q1 MARCH 2021 REPORT

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Type of force used in each incident

Baton	19
Incapacitant Spray	68
Taser	0
Firearms	1

Where did the Incident Occur?

Public Outdoor Area	61%
House	23%
Apartment	5%
Commerical Premises	4%
Garda Stations	3%
Public Building	2%
Other	2%

Time of Day Force was used

Midnight - 3AM	12%
3AM - 6AM	8%
6AM - 12PM	14%
12PM - 6PM	28%
6PM - Midnight	38%

Days of the week force was used

Monday	17%
Tuesday	9%
Wednesday	18%
Thursday	15%
Friday	9%
Saturday	18%
Sunday	14%

Gender of Person Force was used on



Female
8%



Male
92%

Types of Incidents in which force was used

Public Order Offences	59%	Mental Health Act	3%
Drug Related Offences	16%	Criminal Damage Offences	3%
Traffic Related Offences	5%	Theft Related Offences	2%
Assault Related Offences	4%	Firearm Related Offences	2%
Domestic Related Offences	4%	Other	2%

Divisions that used force in March 2021

DMR South Central	12%	Mayo	2%
Wicklow	8%	Sligo/Letrim	2%
Cork City	8%	Tipperary	2%
DMR South	7%	Wexford	2%
DMR North	7%	Kildare	2%
Louth	6%	Laois/Offaly	2%
DMR West	6%	Waterford	2%
DMR North Central	4%	Galway	1%
Donegal	4%	Westmeath	1%
Cavan/Monaghan	4%	Kilkenny/Carlow	1%
DMR East	4%	Roscommon/Longford	1%
Limerick	3%	Cork North	1%
Kerry	3%	Clare	1%
Cork West	3%	Meath	1%

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

- 41% 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

88



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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 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.