USE OF FORCE
Q1 JANUARY 2021 REPORT

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%
- Commercial 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%

Total Use of Force Incidents

70

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

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.