

British Transport Police Use of Force Headline Figures for 2023

January to December 2023

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Suitable for Publication – Yes

Creating Branch : Use of Force Compliance Team



Tactic	Number of Submissions
Tactical Communications	11,642
Unarmed Skills	7,839
Handcuffing (compliant)	6,621
Handcuffing (non-compliant)	5,329
Ground Restraint	2,987
Limb/Body Restraints	1,122
Other/Improvised	1,102
Captor Drawn	363
Spit Guard	369
Taser	271
Captor Used	168
Baton Drawn	321
Dog Deployment	74
Baton Used	87
Shield	9

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Incident Locations	Number of Submissions
At a Railway/Underground Station	14,450
Street/Highway	3,177
Other Railway Location	769
On Train	877
Custody Suite (BTP)	774
Hospital or A&E	668
Other	489
Custody Suite (Non BTP)	529
Police Station	437
Dwelling	389
On Tracks	362
Retail Premises	291
Police Vehicle with cage	305
Other Public Transport	123
Licensed Premises	108
Mental Health Setting	108
Ambulance	92
Police Vehicle without cage	52
Sports or Event Stadia	24

Reason For Force	Number of Submissions
Protect self	13,114
Protect other officers	12,224
Protect public	9,397
Protect subject	9,022
Prevent escape	9,199
Effect arrest	8,736
Prevent offence	8,020
Prevent harm	7,397
Effect search of a person	5,237
Secure evidence	2,899
Other	1,704
Remove handcuffs	1,087
Effect search of a premises	90
Method of Entry	66
Effect search of a vehicle	40

Incident Location Division	
B Division	11,661
C Division	8622
D Division	1124

Officer Duty	Count
Foot Patrol	10,894
Mobile Patrol	6,747
Plain Clothed	2,155
Other	1,202
PSU/Public Order	783
Custody	650
Dog Handler	222
ARV	345
Off Duty	166
CID	45
Surveillance	6

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Subject Age Range	# UoF
18-34	9,938
35-49	5,270
11-17	3,888
50-64	1,388
65 and over	90
Below 11	24
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Subject Perceived Ethnicity	# UoF
White	12,883
Black	4,417
Asian	1,428
Mixed	781
Other	872
Unknown	225

Subject Perceived Gender	# UoF
Male	17,020
Female	3,493
Transgender	93

Medical Offered 402	Medical Provided 259
Perceived to have a Physical Disability 231	Perceived to have a Mental Disability 1,224