

USE OF FORCE

Q4 DECEMBER 2021 REPORT

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Type of force used in each incident

Baton	19
Incapacitant Spray	79
Taser	3
Firearms	0

Where did the Incident Occur?

Public Outdoor Area	58%
House	19%
Commerical Premises	10%
Garda Stations	5%
Apartment	3%
Other	3%
Public Building	2%

Time of Day Force was used

Midnight - 3AM	20%
3AM - 6AM	6%
6AM - 12PM	12%
12PM - 6PM	20%
6PM - Midnight	42%

Days of the week force was used

Monday	15%
Tuesday	9%
Wednesday	16%
Thursday	8%
Friday	15%
Saturday	16%
Sunday	21%

Gender of Person Force was used on



Female
12%



Male
88%

Types of Incidents in which force was used

Public Order Offences	54%	Criminal Damage Offences	4%
Mental Health Act	10%	Theft Related Offences	4%
Assault Related Offences	10%	Firearm Related Offences	2%
Traffic Related Offences	7%	Domestic Related Offences	2%
Drug Related Offences	5%	Other	2%

Divisions that used force in December 2021

Cork City	14%	Limerick	3%
DMR South Central	10%	Wicklow	3%
Louth	6%	Cork West	3%
DMR North Central	5%	Galway	2%
DMR South	5%	Mayo	2%
DMR North	5%	Donegal	2%
Kerry	5%	Kilkenny/Carlow	2%
Tipperary	4%	Roscommon/Longford	2%
Waterford	3%	Wexford	2%
DMR West	3%	Clare	2%
Cavan/Monaghan	3%	Kildare	2%
Cork North	3%	Sligo/Letrim	1%
DMR East	3%	Laois/Offaly	1%
Westmeath	3%	Meath	1%

**Use of Force Incidents
are Checked by
Internal Affairs on
a Weekly Basis and
Updated Monthly**

- 52% 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 Sunday between 6pm – Midnight

Total Use of Force Incidents

101



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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.