

USE OF FORCE

Q2 MAY 2021 REPORT

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Type of force used in each incident

Baton	14
Incapacitant Spray	77
Taser	2
Firearms	5

Where did the Incident Occur?

Public Outdoor Area	55%
House	29%
Public Building	5%
Apartment	4%
Commerical Premises	3%
Garda Stations	2%
Other	2%

Time of Day Force was used

Midnight - 3AM	12%
3AM - 6AM	8%
6AM - 12PM	12%
12PM - 6PM	25%
6PM - Midnight	43%

Days of the week force was used

Monday	15%
Tuesday	12%
Wednesday	9%
Thursday	10%
Friday	11%
Saturday	25%
Sunday	18%

Gender of Person Force was used on



Female
11%



Male
89%

Types of Incidents in which force was used

Public Order Offences	50%	Other	5%
Drug Related Offences	19%	Theft Related Offences	2%
Assault Related Offences	8%	Firearm Related Offences	2%
Mental Health Act	5%	Traffic Related Offences	2%
Criminal Damage Offences	5%	Domestic Related Offences	2%

Divisions that used force in May 2021

DMR South Central	12%	Limerick	3%
DMR South	9%	Cork West	3%
DMR North	8%	Roscommon/Longford	2%
Cork City	7%	Waterford	2%
Louth	6%	Tipperary	2%
Galway	5%	Sligo/Letrim	2%
Cavan/Monaghan	4%	Wicklow	2%
DMR West	4%	Mayo	2%
DMR East	4%	Laois/Offaly	1%
DMR North Central	4%	Wexford	1%
Cork North	4%	Meath	1%
Donegal	3%	Clare	1%
Kildare	3%	Kerry	1%
Westmeath	3%	Kilkenny/Carlow	1%

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

- 54% 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

98



A Policing Service for the Future

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.