

USE OF FORCE

Q1 JANUARY 2022 REPORT

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Type of force used in each incident

Baton	25
Incapacitant Spray	70
Taser	1
Firearms	0

Where did the Incident Occur?

Public Outdoor Area	62%
House	21%
Commerical Premises	10%
Public Building	3%
Apartment	2%
Garda Stations	1%
Other	1%

Time of Day Force was used

Midnight - 3AM	22%
3AM - 6AM	3%
6AM - 12PM	9%
12PM - 6PM	27%
6PM - Midnight	39%

Days of the week force was used

Monday	11%
Tuesday	12%
Wednesday	9%
Thursday	12%
Friday	13%
Saturday	22%
Sunday	21%

Gender of Person Force was used on



Female
10%



Male
90%

Types of Incidents in which force was used

Public Order Offences	53%	Domestic Related Offences	5%
Drug Related Offences	10%	Theft Related Offences	4%
Assault Related Offences	8%	Criminal Damage Offences	4%
Traffic Related Offences	7%	Mental Health Act	3%
Firearm Related Offences	5%	Other	1%

Divisions that used force in January 2022

DMR South Central	10%	Cork West	3%
DMR West	9%	Donegal	3%
Cork City	7%	Kilkenny/Carlow	3%
DMR North Central	6%	Kildare	3%
DMR South	6%	Laois/Offaly	3%
Louth	6%	Wexford	2%
Kerry	5%	Sligo/Letrim	2%
Cavan/Monaghan	4%	Waterford	2%
Galway	4%	Meath	2%
DMR North	3%	Clare	1%
Limerick	3%	Roscommon/Longford	1%
Cork North	3%	Mayo	1%
DMR East	3%	Westmeath	1%
Tipperary	3%	Wicklow	1%

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

- 56% 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

96



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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.