

USE OF FORCE

Q1 FEBRUARY 2021 REPORT

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Type of force used in each incident

Baton	17
Incapacitant Spray	78
Taser	1
Firearms	2

Where did the Incident Occur?

Public Outdoor Area	54%
House	26%
Apartment	9%
Commerical Premises	8%
Public Building	1%
Garda Stations	1%
Other	1%

Time of Day Force was used

Midnight - 3AM	15%
3AM - 6AM	10%
6AM - 12PM	11%
12PM - 6PM	26%
6PM - Midnight	38%

Days of the week force was used

Monday	10%
Tuesday	10%
Wednesday	15%
Thursday	17%
Friday	12%
Saturday	19%
Sunday	17%

Gender of Person Force was used on



Female
11%



Male
89%

Types of Incidents in which force was used

Public Order Offences	42%	Theft Related Offences	5%
Drug Related Offences	20%	Firearm Related Offences	3%
Traffic Related Offences	9%	Criminal Damage Offences	3%
Assault Related Offences	8%	Other	3%
Mental Health Act	5%	Domestic Related Offences	2%

Divisions that used force in February 2021

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

**Use of Force Incidents
are Recorded on the
Garda PULSE System
and Published on a
Monthly Basis.**

➤ 48% 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



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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.