Disproportionality last 12 months up to: 09/2026

Disproportionality is a measure of the proportion of Stop Searches or Use of Force incidents carried out on different ethnic groups compared with their proportion of the general population of Derbyshire.

Force-wide Disproportionality Rate – Use of Force

Ethnicity Group	UoF Incidents Last Year	% Change from Previous Year	Proportion of Total UoF Incidents	Disproportionality
White	16,590	11%	80%	1.0
Asian	1,264	9%	6%	1.4
Black	1,308	-2%	6%	5.2
Mixed	234	-	1%	0.7
Any Other Ethnic Group	209	-2%	1%	1.2

Age Group	UoF Incidents Last Year	% Change from Previous Year	Proportion of Total UoF Incidents	Disproportionality
Over 18	18,411	12%	89%	1.0
Under 18	**1,913**	**3%**	**9%**	**0.4**

Ethnicity Group	UoF Incidents Last Year	% Change from Previous Year	Proportion of Total Child UoF Incidents	Disproportionality
Under 18 White	1,536	0%	80%	1.0
Under 18 Asian	83	5%	4%	0.8
Under 18 Black	159	5%	8%	6.8
Under 18 Mixed	36	-	2%	0.5
Under 18 Any Other	10	11%	1%	0.5

Use of Force Incidents by Age Group

Age Bracket	L12m	% of Total UoF
0 to 17	1,913	9.2%
18 to 24	3,483	16.8%
25 to 34	5,456	26.2%
35 to 49	7,393	35.6%
50 to 64	1,900	9.1%
65 +	185	0.9%
Not Recorded	462	2.2%

Use of Force in Custody

Ethnicity	L12m	% UoF in Custody	% Total Custody
White	471	66.3%	69.2%
Asian	30	4.2%	5.6%
Black	27	3.8%	3.8%
Mixed	20	2.8%	2.9%
Other	10	1.4%	1.7%

Age	L12m	% UoF in Custody	% Total Custody
Adult	662	93.2%	94.8%
Child	48	6.8%	5.2%

Force-wide Disproportionality Rate – Stop Search

Ethnicity Group	Searches Last Year	% Change from Previous Year	Proportion of Total Stop Searches	Disproportionality
White	4,628	57%	74%	1.0
Asian	396	52%	6%	1.6
Black	274	39%	4%	3.9
Mixed	311	66%	5%	3.1
Any Other Ethnic Group	113	69%	2%	2.3

Age Group	Stop Searches Last Year	% Change from Previous Year	Proportion of Total Stop Searches	Disproportionality
Over 18	5,010	61%	81%	1.0
Under 18	**914**	**29%**	**15%**	**0.7**

Ethnicity Group	UoF during Stop Search Last Year	% Change from Previous Year	Proportion of Total UoF during Stop Search	Disproportionality
White	1,106	94%	68%	1.0
Asian	134	68%	8%	1.4
Black	93	94%	6%	1.4
Mixed	87	74%	5%	1.2
Any Other Ethnic Group	31	210%	2%	1.1

Stop Searches by Age Group

Age Bracket	L12m	% of Total Searches
Under 10	0	0.0%
10 to 17	914	14.7%
18 to 24	1,342	21.6%
25 to 34	1,438	23.1%
35 to 59	2,142	34.4%
60 +	88	1.4%
Not Recorded	295	4.7%

Force used during Searches

Ethnicity	L12m	% Searches: Force used
White	1,106	24.3%
Asian	134	34.4%
Black	93	34.6%
Mixed	87	28.7%
Other	31	27.7%
Not stated	93	31.2%

Disproportionality last 12 months up to: 09/2026

Disproportionality is a measure of the proportion of Stop Searches and Use of Force incidents carried out on different ethnic groups compared with their proportion of the general population of Derbyshire.

Force-wide Disproportionality Rate – Use of Force

Ethnicity

The number of Use of Force incidents has increased for each ethnicity when compared to the previous year, other than for "Black" and "Any Other Ethnic Group", where the number of incidents has decreased by **2.0%.** The majority of Use of Force incidents occurred on White people (**80.0%** of all incidents).
Black people were **5.2** times more likely to have force used on them than white people over the last year. Disproportionality was also seen for Asian people (**1.4** times more likely) and for people from any other ethnic group (**1.2** times more likely). Mixed ethnicity people were less likely to have force used on them than White people.

Age

The number of Use of Force incidents has increased for both adults and children compared to last year; adult incidents have increased by **12.0**%, whereas children by only **3.0%**. **89.0%** of all incidents in the last year were on adults. Children were less likely to have force used on them than adults in the last year.

Ethnicity (Under 18s)

**Please note, disproportionality figures may be inflated due to missing age records from 2021 Census data. Proportion of age split population data that is missing is as follows: White = 0.4%, Black = 26.1%, Asian = 14.1%, Mixed = 31.6% and Other = 24.5%.*
Under 18 Black people were **6.8** times more likely to have force used on them than under 18 White people, over the last year. All other ethnicities were less likely. Use of force incidents on White children has not changed over the year, whereas these have increased for Asian children, Black children and children from Any Other ethnic group.

Use of Force Incidents by Age Group

Age

Over the last year, the largest proportion of Use of Force incidents occurred on people aged between 35 – 49 (**35.6%**), closely followed by people aged between 25 – 34 (**26.2%**).
Only **9.2%** of Use of Force incidents occurred on children, and only **0.9%** occurred on people over the age of 65.
2.2% of Use of Force incidents over the last year did not have subject age recorded.

Use of Force in Custody

Ethnicity

66.3% of Use of Force incidents that occurred in custody over the last year were on White people, which is lower than expected given that white people made up **69.2%** of the total custody population. This same trend was seen for all other ethnicities.

Age

93.2% of incidents in custody occurred on adults which is almost the same as the adult custody population.

Force-wide Disproportionality Rate – Stop Search

Ethnicity

The number of stop searches has increased for each ethnicity when compared to the previous year, which is expected due to a **54.7%** increase in stop searches overall. The majority of stop searches had subjects who were White (**74.0%** of all stop searches).
Black people were **3.9** times more likely to be stop searched than White people over the last year, whilst Mixed ethnicity people were **3.1** times as likely. Disproportionality was also seen in people from any other ethnic group (**2.3** times more likely to be stop searched) and Asian people (**1.6** times more likely to be stop searched).

Age

The number of stop searches has increased for both adults and children compared to last year; searches on adults have increased by **61.0**%, whereas children by only **29.0%**. **81.0%** of all searches in the last year were on adults. Children were less likely to be stop searched than adults in the last year.

Use of Force during Stop Searches – Ethnicity

The number of stop searches where force was used has increased across all ethnicities over the last year, which is expected due to the **54.7%** increase in stop searches. Whilst disproportionality figures are low, Asian people, Black people, Mixed ethnicity people and people from any other ethnic group are all more likely to have force used on them during a stop search than White people, over the last year. Asian and Black people were **1.4** times more likely, whereas Mixed ethnicity people were **1.2** times more likely and people from any other ethnic group were **1.1** times more likely.

Stop Searches by Age Group

Age

Over the last year, the largest proportion of stop searches were on people aged between 35 – 59 (**34.4%**), closely followed by people aged between 25 – 34 (**23.1%**).
Only **14.7%** of stop searches were on children aged between 10 - 17, and **0.0%** of searches were carried out on children under the age of 10.
4.7% of stop searches over the last year did not have subject age recorded.

Force used during Searches

Ethnicity

Overall, **25.1%** of all searches included use of force over the past year, which is slightly higher than for White people being searched. This means that for Asian people, Black people, Mixed ethnicity people and people from any other ethnic group, the proportion of stop searches where force was used was higher than the force average, with this percentage being **9.5%** higher than the force average for Black people.