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Reported and Recorded uses of TASER by Police Forces in England and Wales

The tables on pages 2-4 summarises the number of subjects within each category (ethnicity, accurately specified ages only, and all ages including those estimated) and lists the number of subjects for each TASER exposure level per force. The 3 tables are explained briefly below:

1. **Table 2: Subjects exposed to the use¹ of TASER per officer defined ethnicity (16+ Ethnic Classification system) for the period 20 July 2007 to 31 December 2009**
2. **Table 3: Subjects exposed to the use¹ of TASER per age accurately specified (excludes estimated ages) for the period 20 July 2007 to 31 December 2009**
3. **Table 4: Subjects exposed to the use¹ of TASER per age, including estimated ages, for the period 20 July 2007 to 31 December 2009.**

The total number of subjects exposed to the use¹ of TASER over this period totals 5165 individuals. These are broken down per level of TASER use in table 1 below:

Table 1- Breakdown of TASER per level of use

Level of TASER use ¹	Count	Percentage (%)
Total	5165	100.0%
Fired	1307	25.3%
Drive-stun	221	4.3%
Arced	196	3.8%
Red dot	2687	52.0%
Aimed	211	4.1%
Drawn	543	10.5%

NB: Not all forces have participated during these whole periods. All figures are based on forms detailing deployments between the stated dates and submitted to HOSDB by 19th April 2010.

1. 'Use' as defined by ACPO: TASER Operational Guidance December 2008 policy section 5.2 which states:

The term 'use of the Taser' will include any of the following actions carried out in an operational setting:

1. Drawing of a Taser in circumstances where any person perceives the action as a use of force.
2. Sparking of the Taser commonly known as "arcing".
3. Aiming of the Taser or placing the laser sight red dot onto a subject.
4. Firing of a Taser so that the barbs are discharged at a subject.
5. Application and Discharge of a Taser in "drive stun mode" to a subject.

Table 2 - Officer defined ethnicity based on 16+ Ethnic Classification System per level of TASER use

Ethnicity Major Category	Ethnicity Sub-grouping	Total s		Percentage per level of TASER use					
		%	Count	Fired	Drive-stun	Arced	Red dot	Aimed	Drawn
	Grand Total	100 %	5,165	1,307	221	196	2,687	211	543
White	White British	73.7%	3,808	926	159	143	2,029	160	391
	White Irish	0.7%	38	5	1	2	21	1	8
	Any other White background	3.3%	168	38	7	12	88	4	19
	Total White	77.7%	4,014	969	167	157	2,138	165	418
Mixed	White and Black Caribbean	1.7%	89	25	8	3	46	1	6
	White and Black African	0.4%	19	10	0	0	7	0	2
	White and Black Asian	0.0%	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
	Any other mixed background	0.9%	45	10	1	2	23	4	5
	Total Mixed	3.0%	155	46	9	5	77	5	13
Asian or British Asian	Asian - Indian	0.7%	37	15	0	2	13	2	5
	Asian - Pakistani	0.9%	46	12	2	0	26	0	6
	Asian - Bangladeshi	0.1%	6	0	2	0	3	0	1
	Any other Asian background	1.0%	51	16	1	1	25	2	6
	Total Asian or British Asian	2.7%	140	43	5	3	67	4	18
Black or Black British	Caribbean	5.4%	280	76	11	14	140	16	23
	African	2.4%	126	33	4	2	59	9	19
	Any other Black background	2.4%	122	39	8	4	55	5	11
	Total Black or Black British	10.2%	528	148	23	20	254	30	53
Chinese or other ethnic group	Chinese	0.3%	13	6	1	0	4	1	1
	Any other ethnic group	0.7%	38	12	1	1	20	0	4
	Total Chinese or other ethnic group	1.0%	51	18	2	1	24	1	5
Not Stated	Not Specified	5.4%	277	83	15	10	127	6	36

Table 3- Subjects' accurate ages (excluding estimates) per level of TASER use.

Subjects' Age	Totals		Percentage per level of TASER use					
	%	Count	Fired	Drive-stun	Arced	Red dot	Aimed	Drawn
Total per section	100.0%	4,364	1,133	187	146	2,277	185	436
13	0.0%	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
14	0.4%	16	3	2	1	8	1	1
15	0.6%	28	7	2	1	11	1	6
16	1.4%	62	13	2	3	34	3	7
17	2.6%	115	24	6	4	71	2	8
18	3.9%	169	32	10	6	95	7	19
19	4.2%	184	37	10	1	95	16	25
20	4.3%	189	39	11	9	99	7	24
21	3.9%	169	41	5	4	92	10	17
22	3.8%	164	35	15	2	85	8	19
23	3.6%	156	30	6	1	93	6	20
24	3.8%	164	41	6	3	95	5	14
25	3.6%	155	43	5	5	87	6	9
26	3.4%	150	35	6	5	84	7	13
27	3.7%	163	40	10	4	85	3	21
28	3.1%	137	31	9	5	71	6	15
29	2.8%	122	32	4	3	61	7	15
30	3.1%	135	38	4	6	66	11	10
31	2.8%	121	33	6	6	57	3	16
32	2.8%	124	36	1	5	72	3	7
33	2.8%	124	43	4	6	59	2	10
34	2.5%	108	28	6	3	57	6	8
35	3.2%	138	42	5	6	71	4	10
36	2.4%	105	34	2	4	47	5	13
37	2.4%	106	31	3	2	57	6	7
38	2.8%	122	33	7	3	62	6	11
39	2.4%	103	33	2	-	49	7	12
40	2.2%	98	29	6	5	51	4	3
41	2.3%	102	28	3	4	55	3	9
42	2.1%	91	27	4	3	45	4	8
43	2.1%	93	18	1	6	52	6	10
44	1.8%	78	19	2	8	38	1	10
45	1.7%	76	22	7	1	38	2	6
46	1.6%	69	26	2	-	36	1	4
47	1.1%	50	12	1	1	22	4	10
48	1.0%	43	9	2	7	22	3	-
49	0.8%	37	12	2	1	19	-	3
50	0.9%	41	14	-	1	21	1	4
51	0.5%	22	5	-	-	12	2	3
52	0.4%	19	9	-	-	9	-	1
53	0.4%	16	4	-	1	7	1	3
54	0.5%	21	7	1	2	9	1	1
55	0.3%	15	5	-	-	7	1	2
56	0.3%	11	3	-	1	7	-	-
57	0.2%	10	6	-	-	3	-	1
58	0.3%	13	6	1	-	5	-	1
59	0.2%	7	2	1	-	4	-	-
60	0.1%	6	2	1	-	3	-	-
61	0.1%	6	2	-	-	3	-	1
62	0.1%	6	1	-	1	2	-	2
63	0.1%	5	2	-	-	3	-	-
64	0.0%	2	1	-	-	-	-	1
65	0.1%	4	1	-	-	3	-	-
66	0.0%	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
67	0.1%	3	1	1	-	-	-	1
68	0.0%	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
69	0.0%	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
70	0.1%	3	1	-	-	2	-	-
72	0.0%	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
74	0.0%	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
84	0.0%	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
89	0.0%	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Not Specified	1.8%	78	20	3	6	33	2	14

15.5% (801) ages were estimates. These are marked with an asterisk within brackets alongside the number corresponding to the portion of ages estimated. Numbers marked with an asterisk without brackets indicates that all ages within that level of use were estimated.

Table 4 - Subjects' ages (including estimates) per level of TASER use.

Subjects' Age	Totals		Percentage per level of TASER use					
	%	Count	Fired	Drive-stun	Arced	Red dot	Aimed	Drawn
Total per section	100.0%	5,165	1,307	221	196	2,687	211	543
13	0.1%	3	*1	-	-	2	-	-
14	0.3%	18	3	(1*) 3	1	8	1	(1*) 2
15	0.6%	33	7	2	1	(2*) 13	1	(3*) 9
16	1.4%	70	(3*) 16	2	(3*) 6	(1*) 35	3	(1*) 8
17	2.5%	128	(2*) 26	(1*) 7	4	(6*) 77	(2*) 4	(2*) 10
18	4.2%	215	(4*) 36	(3*) 13	(1*) 7	(32*) 127	(2*) 9	(4*) 23
19	3.9%	200	(2*) 39	10	1	(10*) 105	(1*) 17	(3*) 28
20	5.3%	272	(11*) 50	(1*) 12	(6*) 15	(46*) 145	(4*) 11	(15*) 39
21	3.5%	183	(3*) 44	5	(1*) 5	(6*) 98	(2*) 12	(2*) 19
22	3.8%	194	(5*) 40	(3*) 18	(2*) 4	(16*) 101	(2*) 10	(2*) 21
23	3.4%	177	(3*) 33	(1*) 7	(2*) 3	(13*) 106	6	(2*) 22
24	3.6%	187	(5*) 46	(1*) 7	(1*) 4	(13*) 108	5	(3*) 17
25	4.7%	241	(17*) 60	(6*) 11	(6*) 11	(41*) 128	(3*) 9	(13*) 22
26	3.1%	160	(2*) 37	6	(1*) 6	(7*) 91	7	13
27	3.4%	177	(3*) 43	(1*) 11	(1*) 5	(7*) 92	3	(2*) 23
28	2.9%	148	(6*) 37	9	5	(3*) 74	(2*) 6	17
29	2.4%	125	(1*) 33	(1*) 5	3	(1*) 62	7	15
30	4.4%	226	(25*) 63	(4*) 8	(3*) 9	(43*) 109	(1*) 12	(15*) 25
31	2.5%	127	(3*) 36	6	(1*) 7	(2*) 59	3	16
32	2.6%	134	(1*) 37	1	5	(6*) 78	(1*) 4	(2*) 9
33	2.7%	137	(5*) 48	(1*) 5	6	(7*) 66	2	10
34	2.3%	119	(1*) 29	6	3	(7*) 64	6	(3*) 11
35	3.9%	203	(13*) 55	5	(4*) 10	(33*) 104	4	(15*) 25
36	2.1%	110	(2*) 36	2	(1*) 5	(2*) 49	5	13
37	2.3%	119	(4*) 35	(1*) 4	(1*) 3	(7*) 64	6	7
38	2.6%	136	(2*) 35	(1*) 8	(2*) 5	(7*) 69	6	(2*) 13
39	2.1%	111	(1*) 34	2	-	(5*) 54	(1*) 8	(1*) 13
40	3.1%	161	(17*) 46	(3*) 9	(9*) 14	(27*) 78	(2*) 6	(5*) 8
41	2.1%	106	(2*) 30	3	4	(1*) 56	3	(1*) 10
42	1.9%	99	27	4	3	(6*) 51	(2*) 6	8
43	1.9%	99	(2*) 20	1	6	(4*) 56	6	10
44	1.5%	80	19	2	8	(1*) 39	(1*) 2	10
45	2.0%	104	(6*) 28	(1*) 8	(3*) 4	(16*) 54	2	(2*) 8
46	1.5%	75	(3*) 29	(1*) 3	-	(2*) 38	1	4
47	1.0%	53	(2*) 14	1	1	(1*) 23	4	10
48	0.9%	47	(1*) 10	2	7	(2*) 24	3	(1*) 1
49	0.7%	38	(1*) 13	2	1	19	-	3
50	1.3%	65	(5*) 19	*3	(1*) 2	(12*) 33	1	(3*) 7
51	0.5%	25	5	-	-	(2*) 14	(1*) 3	3
52	0.4%	20	(1*) 10	-	-	9	-	1
53	0.3%	18	4	-	1	(1*) 8	(1*) 2	3
54	0.4%	23	7	1	2	(1*) 10	1	(1*) 2
55	0.4%	23	(2*) 7	-	*1	(4*) 11	1	(1*) 3
56	0.2%	12	3	-	1	(1*) 8	-	-
57	0.2%	11	6	-	-	(1*) 4	-	1
58	0.3%	14	(1*) 7	1	-	5	-	1
59	0.1%	7	2	1	-	4	-	-
60	0.2%	10	(4*) 6	1	-	3	-	-
61	0.2%	8	(1*) 3	-	-	(1*) 4	-	1
62	0.2%	8	(1*) 2	-	1	(1*) 3	-	2
63	0.1%	5	2	-	-	3	-	-
64	0.1%	3	1	-	-	*1	-	1
65	0.1%	4	1	-	-	3	-	-
66	0.0%	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
67	0.1%	4	1	1	-	*1	-	1
68	0.1%	3	2	-	-	*1	-	-
69	0.0%	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
70	0.1%	3	1	-	-	2	-	-
72	0.0%	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
74	0.0%	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
84	0.0%	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
89	0.0%	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Not Specified	1.5%	78	20	3	6	33	2	14

Where age estimate indicated an age range, the average was specified. This only applied to 3 records (20-25 = 22, 34-40 = 37 and 30s = 35)