Independent Advisory & Accountability Meeting (IAAM)
Stop Search Report
July 2026 – September 2026

November 2026

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STOP SEARCH DATA NOTES

CAVEATS

The data in the following report only includes data that has 'Cheshire Constabulary' recorded as the owning agency.

The data in the following report was run on **20/10/2026** and will therefore be subject to change in line with updates made to the source system.

There are several caveats specific to this data set. These have been referenced throughout the report where appropriate and should be taken into consideration when reviewing the information presented.

In this report the terms Action Taken, Linked Find, Non-Linked Find and Total Find Rate are used, (*the definition of Action Taken has been taken from the HMICFRS PEEL Digital Analysis Pack*) and refer to the following outcomes:

Action Taken: Arrest, Caution, Community Resolution, Drug Warning, Other Action, Seizure of Property, Penalty Notice for Disorder, Voluntary Attendance or Summons.

Linked Find: a stolen or prohibited item linked to the original reason for the search was found.

Non-Linked Find: a stolen or prohibited item that the officers were not originally searching for was found.

Total Find Rate: The rate at which police officers find a stolen or prohibited item when they stop and search someone. The item can be either a Linked Find or a Non-Linked Find.

The term 'Positive Find Outcome' has been removed from this report. Previously, it referred to stop searches resulting in a Linked Find, Non-Linked Find, or where the subject was arrested/summonsed for another reason. Searches resulting in an arrest/summons for another reason are now reported separately to better align with HMICFRS methodology.

HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

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STOP SEARCH SUMMARY

SUMMARY (July 2026 to September 2026)

During the current quarter, a total of 3,003 Stop Searches were conducted at Force level. A decrease of 496 (-14.2%) was recorded when compared to the previous quarter (3,499 to 3,003).

37.5% of Stop Searches resulted in Police Action Taken, which is an increase (+3.6pp) on the previous quarter (33.9%).
33.9% of Stop Searches resulted in a Find (either a Linked Find or a Non-Linked Find) which is an increase (+3.0pp) on the previous quarter (30.9%).
28.4% of Stop Searches resulted in a Linked Find, which is an increase (+2.4pp) on the previous quarter (26.0%).
14.9% of Stop Searches resulted in an Arrest which has increased (+3.0pp) on the previous quarter (11.9%).

No searches were conducted under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994 during the quarter. However, 23 were conducted in the 12-months ending September 2026, all of which were conducted for Offensive Weapons, and all resulted in No Further Action.

In 72% (2,148) of stop searches the 'object of search' was Controlled Drugs under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (S23), with the majority specific to Suspect Possession of Controlled Drugs (1,854, 86%) and the remainder for Suspect Possession of Controlled Drugs with Intent to Supply (294, 14%).

Police Action was taken in 813 searches for Drugs (27.1% of all searches), 795 searches for Drugs (28.6% of all searches) resulted in a Find, with 706 of those being a Linked Find (23.5% of all searches).

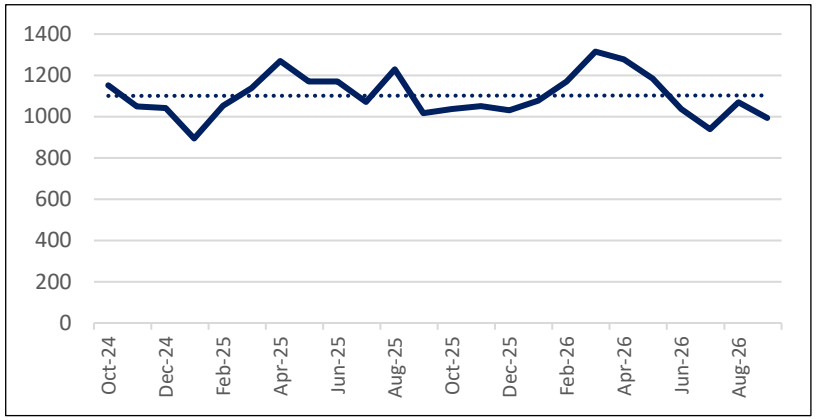
The highest volume of Stop Searches were conducted on Males (2,535, 84.4%) notably, those aged between 18-34 years old (1,184, 46.7%) of which 30.9% (366) resided outside of Cheshire.

While interpreting Self Defined Ethnicity data, it is important to note that due to non-resident stops and the ability for nominals to provide different ethnicities other than their own, caution must be taken with population rates. Findings show the highest stop search rate per 1,000 population was for individuals whose self-defined ethnic group was Black or Black British (13.8 Stop searches/1000 pop). This is 5.8 times higher than the equivalent rate for individuals defined as White.

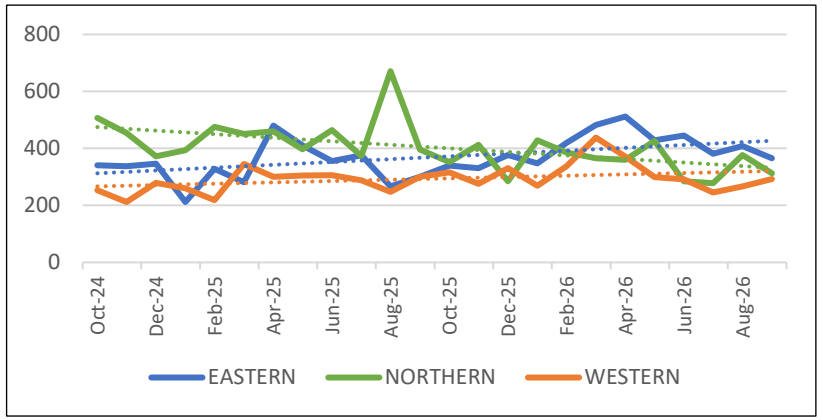
When comparing persons stopped and searched within Cheshire during the current quarter by their SDE, those self-defined as White are proportionally the least likely to result in Police Action Taken (36.3%) and those from a Mixed Ethnic Group were most likely (49.3%). Those from a Mixed Ethnic group were also proportionally the most likely to be the subject of a search that resulted in being arrested/summonsed for another matter (9.3%).

VOLUME OF STOP SEARCHES

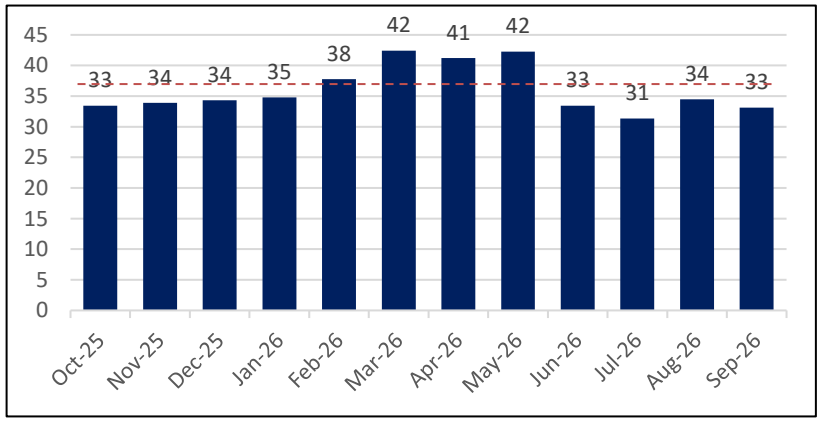
Force Stop Search volumes (Oct 2024 - Sept 2026)



Stop Search volumes by Area (Oct 2024 - Sept 2026)



Stop Search daily average (Oct 2025 - Sept 2026)



In the latest quarter (Jul26-Sep26) there have been 3,003 stop searches conducted within Cheshire. This is the lowest quarterly volume over the latest 12-month period (Apr26-Jun26 = 3499, Jan26-Mar26 = 3,564 and Oct25-Dec25 = 3,118).

Cheshire recorded a decrease in stop searches over the quarterly period, (-496, -14.2%) when compared to the previous quarter (3,499 to 3,003) with all Areas recording decreases over the comparative periods.

- Eastern Area recorded the highest quarterly volume (1,155) despite also recording the largest decrease (-16.6%, -230).
- Northern Area (-9.6%, -103) recorded the smallest decrease over the quarter.
- Western Area (-16.3%, -157) continues to record the lowest quarterly volumes out of the Areas (805).

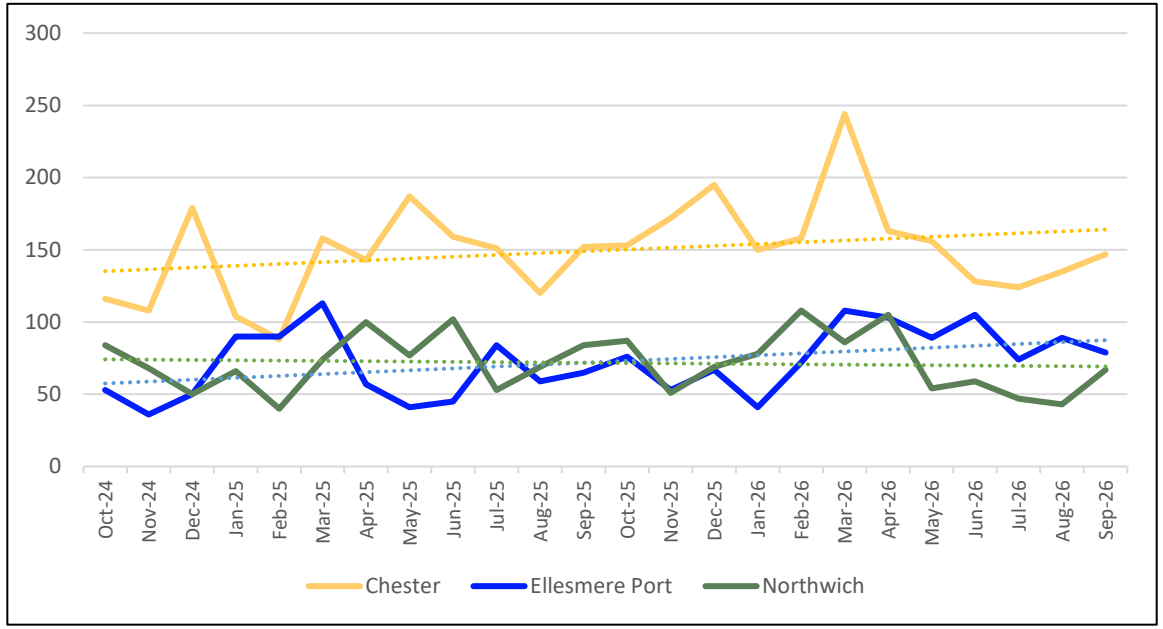
Across the quarter, 2,491 individual persons were stopped out of a total of 3,003 searches, 268 subjects had multiple searches equating to a combined 676 searches and 104 persons declined to provide any details.

At the point of search, 74% of subjects resided within Cheshire, 23% outside Cheshire and 3% did not have an address recorded.

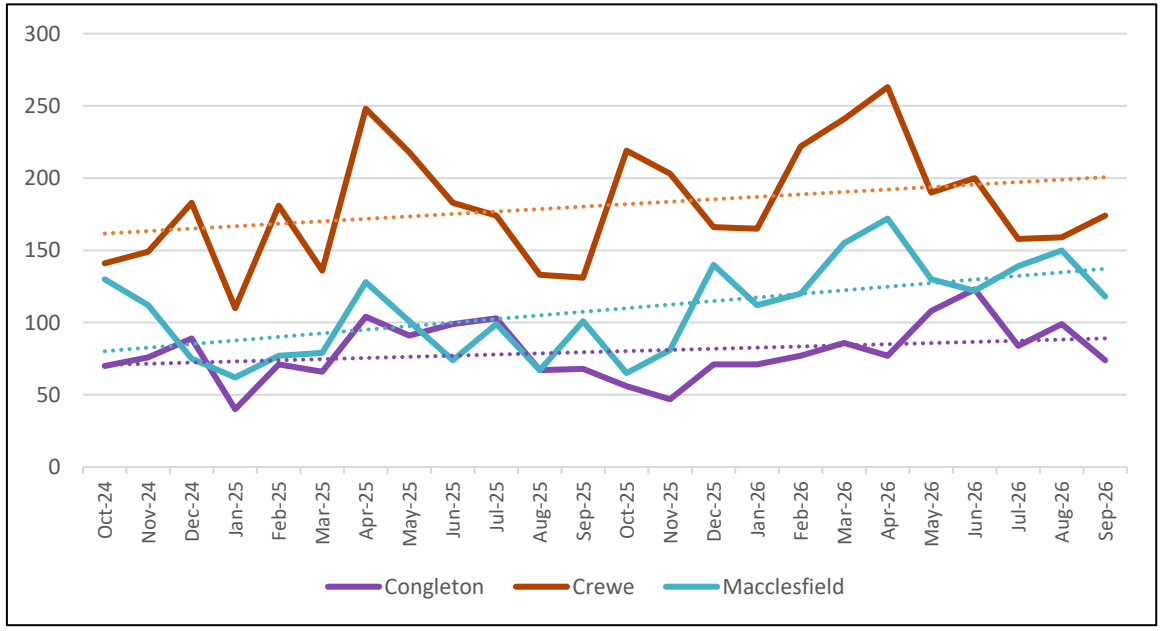
Error Rate: In the 12 months ending September 2026, 2.6% (345) of Stop Searches were not attributed to a location, 2.5% (75) during the current quarter and 2.2% (22) during the current month.

VOLUME OF STOP SEARCHES BY LPU

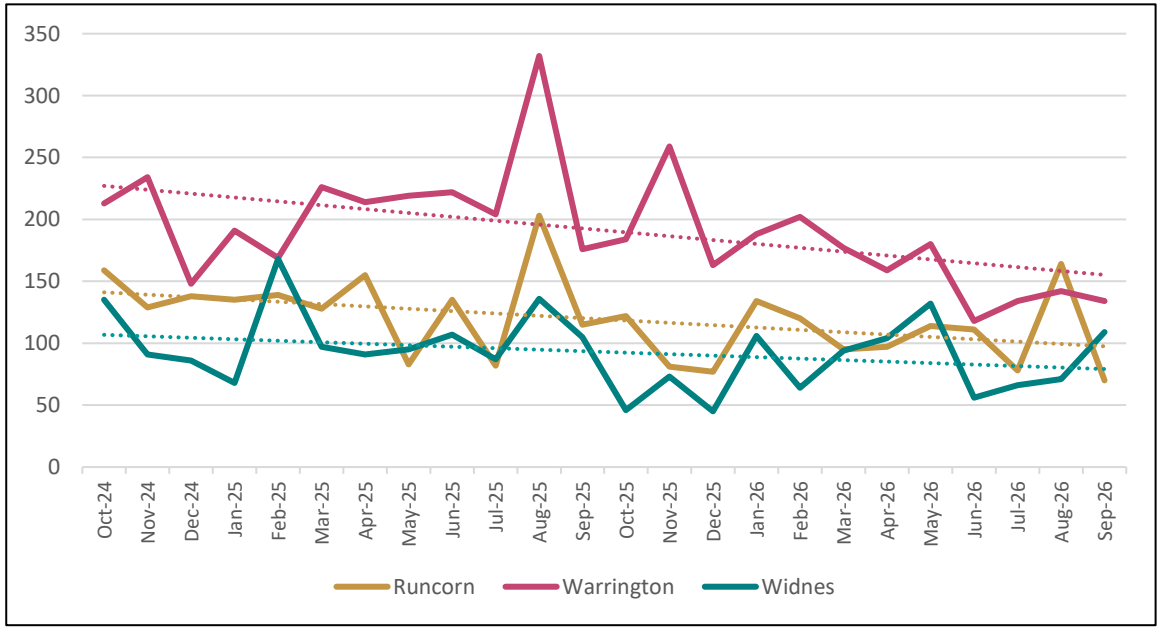
Western LPU Stop Search volumes (Oct 2024 - Sept 2026)



Eastern LPU Stop Search volumes (Oct 2024 - Sept 2026)



Northern LPU Stop Search volumes (Oct 2024 - Sept 2026)



VOLUME OF STOP SEARCHES

Stop Search Period Volumes (Oct 2024 - Sept 2026)

Stop Search	12-Month Vol.		Quarter Vol.		Month Vol.	
	Previous	Latest	Previous	Latest	Previous	Latest
Force	13,253	13,184	3,499	3,003	1,069	994
East	4,036	4,837	1,385	1,155	408	366
North	5,415	4,269	1,071	968	377	313
West	3,315	3,735	962	805	267	293
Congleton	944	973	308	257	99	74
Crewe	1,987	2,360	653	491	159	174
Macclesfield	1,105	1,504	424	407	150	118
Runcorn	1,601	1,263	322	312	164	70
Warrington	2,548	2,040	457	410	142	134
Widnes	1,266	966	292	246	71	109
Chester	1,665	1,925	447	406	135	147
Ellesmere Port	783	956	297	242	89	79
Northwich	867	854	218	157	43	67

Stop Search Period Volume Comparative Change (Oct 2024 - Sept 2026)

Stop Search	Volume and % Change					
	12-Months		Quarter		Month	
Force	-69	-0.5%	-496	-14.2%	-75	-7.0%
East	801	19.8%	-230	-16.6%	-42	-10.3%
North	-1,146	-21.2%	-103	-9.6%	-64	-17.0%
West	420	12.7%	-157	-16.3%	26	9.7%
Congleton	29	3.1%	-51	-16.6%	-25	-25.3%
Crewe	373	18.8%	-162	-24.8%	15	9.4%
Macclesfield	399	36.1%	-17	-4.0%	-32	-21.3%
Runcorn	-338	-21.1%	-10	-3.1%	-94	-57.3%
Warrington	-508	-19.9%	-47	-10.3%	-8	-5.6%
Widnes	-300	-23.7%	-46	-15.8%	38	53.5%
Chester	260	15.6%	-41	-9.2%	12	8.9%
Ellesmere Port	173	22.1%	-55	-18.5%	-10	-11.2%
Northwich	-13	-1.5%	-61	-28.0%	24	55.8%

At LPU level over the 12-month comparative period,
Macclesfield LPU saw the largest comparative increase (+399, +36.1%) with the 4th highest volume (1,504) when compared to all LPUs.
Widnes LPU saw the largest comparative decrease (-300, -23.7%) with the 3rd lowest volume (966) followed by Runcorn LPU (-338, -21.1%) with the 5th lowest volume (1,263) when compared to all LPUs.

At LPU level over the quarterly comparative period,
All LPUs recorded decreases; Macclesfield LPU saw the smallest comparative decrease (-17, -4.0%) with the 3rd highest volume (407).
Northwich LPU saw the largest comparative decrease (-61, -28.0%) and recorded the lowest volume (157) out of the LPUs.

At LPU level over the monthly comparison period,
Northwich LPU saw the largest comparative increase (+24, +55.8%) despite having the lowest volume (67) when compared to all LPUs.
Runcorn LPU saw the largest volume decrease (-94, -57.3%) with the 2nd lowest volume (70) followed by Macclesfield LPU (-32, -21.3%) despite having the 4th highest volume (118) when compared to all LPUs.

Force Object of Search & Legislation Used (July 2026 - Sept 2026)

Object of Search	Legislation Used				Total
	FIREARMS ACT 1968 (S47)	MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT 1971 (S23)	PACE 1984 (S1)	CUSTOMS & EXCISE MANAGEMENT ACT 1979 (S163)	
CONTROLLED DRUGS		2148			**2148**
ARTICLES FOR THEFT			239		**239**
BLADED OR SHARP ARTICLES			250		**250**
STOLEN GOODS			168		**168**
OFFENSIVE WEAPONS / FIREARMS	16		80		**96**
ARTICLES FOR CRIMINAL DAMAGE			96		**96**
FIREWORKS			4		**4**
OTHER			1	1	**2**
Grand Total	**16**	**2148**	**838**	**1**	**3003**

During Jul 26 – Sep 26;

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28% or 838 stop searches were conducted under PACE 1984 (S1) of which 30% (250) were searches for Bladed or Sharp articles, 29% (239) for Articles used for Theft, and 20% (168) for Stolen Goods.

No searches were conducted under the Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994 (S60) during the current quarter however, details for the current 12 months ending September 2026 can be found on Slide 18.

STOP SEARCH SELF-DEFINED ETHNICITY

Force Self-Defined Ethnicity (July 2026 - Sept 2026)

Self-Defined Ethnic Group	Self-Defined Ethnicities	Total	Population (2021 Census)	Stop Searches per 1000 pop
White	White - White British (W1)	2,272	*989,198*	2.3
	White - White Irish (W2)	24	*7,261*	3.3
	White - Gypsy/Traveller (W3)	19	*905*	21.0
	White - Roma (W4)	0	*874*	0.0
	White - Any other White ethnic background (W9)	145	*39,947*	3.6
White Total		**2,460**	***1,038,185***	**2.4**
Asian or Asian British	Asian or Asian British - Indian (A1)	20	*8,540*	2.3
	Asian or Asian British - Pakistani (A2)	52	*3,978*	13.1
	Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi (A3)	3	*1,623*	1.8
	Asian or Asian British - Chinese (A4)	3	*4,624*	0.6
	Asian or Asian British - Any other Asian ethnic background (A9)	28	*6,387*	4.4
Asian or Asian British Total		**106**	***25,152***	**4.2**
Black or Black British	Black or Black British - Caribbean (B1)	19	*1,342*	14.2
	Black or Black British - African (B2)	47	*4,355*	10.8
	Black or Black British - Any other Black ethnic background (B9)	25	*919*	27.2
Black or Black British Total		**91**	***6,616***	**13.8**
Mixed	Mixed - White and Black Caribbean (M1)	20	*4,448*	4.5
	Mixed - White and Black African (M2)	13	*2,723*	4.8
	Mixed - White and Asian (M3)	13	*6,099*	2.1
	Mixed - Any other Mixed ethnic background (M9)	29	*4,206*	6.9
Mixed Total		**75**	***17,476***	**4.3**
Other Ethnic Group	Any other ethnic Group - Arab (O2)	25	*1,938*	12.9
	Other ethnic group - Any other ethnic group (O9)	29	*6,005*	4.8
Any Other Ethnic Group Total		**54**	***7,943***	**6.8**
Not Stated	Not Stated (NS)	217	*0*	0.0
Not Stated Total		**217**	***0***	**0.0**
Grand Total		**3,003**	***1,095,372***	**2.7**
DCG		**326**	***57,187***	**5.7**

During the current quarter, the highest stop search rate per 1,000 population was for individuals whose self-defined ethnic group was Black or Black British (13.8 stop searches/1000 pop). This is 5.8 times greater than the equivalent rate for individuals defined as White.

Overall, the number of individuals stop searched from DCG ethnic groups was low (326, 10.9%). However, 7.2% (217) of stop searched individuals were categorised as Not Stated and these individuals could fall into any of the self-defined ethnic groupings, thus impacting on the totals.

While interpreting these results, it is important to note that due to non-resident stops and the ability for nominals to provide different ethnicities other than their own, caution must be taken with population rates.

STOP SEARCH SELF-DEFINED ETHNICITY

Stop Search Ethnicity Volumes

QUARTER Jul 26 - Sep 26	East	North	West	Force
Black or Black British	37	26	22	91
Other Ethnic Group	20	20	12	54
White	893	814	694	2460
Mixed	42	23	9	75
Asian or Asian British	68	19	16	106
Not Stated	*95*	*66*	*52*	*217*

Stop Search Ethnicity % by Area

QUARTER Jul 26 - Sep 26	East	North	West	Force
Black or Black British	3.2%	2.7%	2.7%	3.0%
Other Ethnic Group	1.7%	2.1%	1.5%	1.8%
White	77.3%	84.1%	86.2%	81.9%
Mixed	3.6%	2.4%	1.1%	2.5%
Asian or Asian British	5.9%	2.0%	2.0%	3.5%
Not Stated	*8.2%*	*6.8%*	*6.5%*	*7.2%*

Stop Searches Per 1,000 Population (2021 Census)

QUARTER Jul 26 - Sep 26	East	North	West	Force
Black or Black British	15.28	12.46	10.44	13.75
Other Ethnic Group	6.22	7.79	5.56	6.80
White	2.37	2.53	2.04	2.39
Mixed	5.95	4.49	1.70	4.29
Asian or Asian British	7.13	2.26	2.21	4.21

Error Rate; In the quarter ending September 2026 2.5% (75) of searches were not attributed to a location.

Black or Black British persons within Cheshire are 5.8x more likely to be searched per 1000 pop than those who had a White SDE, with variations were seen at Area level, Eastern (6.4x), Northern (4.9x) & Western (5.1x).

The Eastern Area (14.5%) had the highest proportion of searches which were conducted on persons from a Diverse Community Group: Northern Area (9.1%) & Western Area (7.3%).

During the latest quarter there were 326 stop searches on persons from a Diverse Community Group (DCG) of which,

- 159 (49%) were Non-Cheshire Residents
- 154 (47%) were Cheshire Residents
- 13 (4%) had no recorded address or declined details

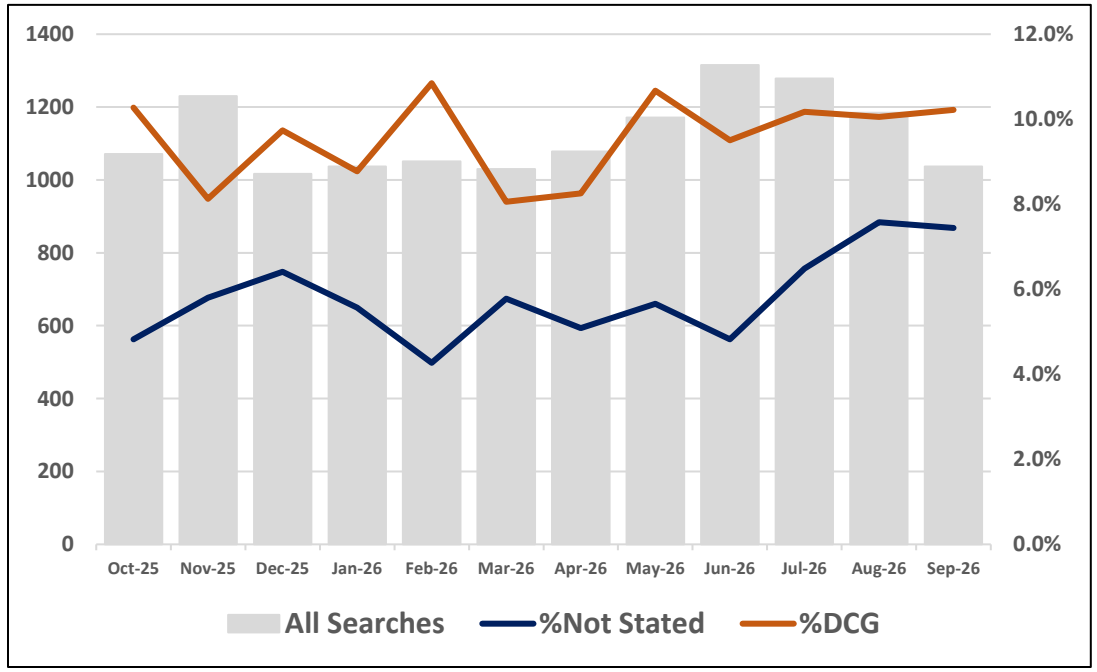
The Eastern Area had a higher proportion of searches where the DCG stopped individual was not a Cheshire Resident (56% or 94 persons) compared to the Northern (38% or 33 persons) & Western (39% or 23 persons) Areas.

DCG Stop Searches - Cheshire Resident Volumes

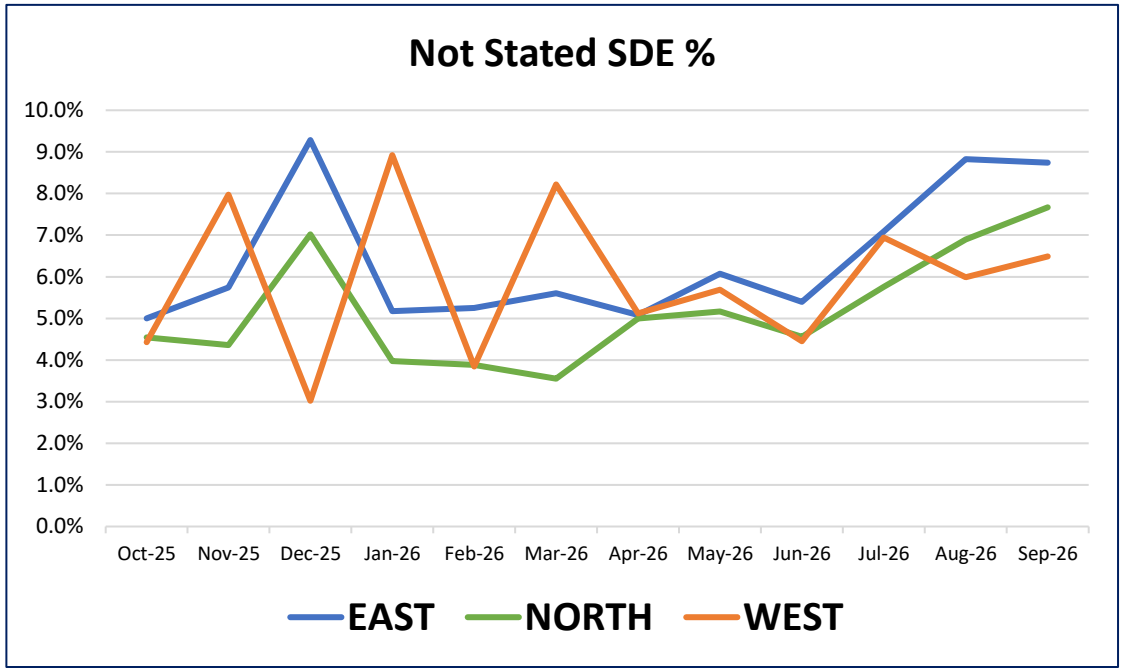
DCG Cheshire Resident Jul 2026 - Sept 2026	EAST	NORTH	WEST	No Location	Force
Yes	68	49	34	3	154
No	94	33	23	9	159
No Address / Declined	5	6	2	0	13
DCG Total	**167**	**88**	**59**	**12**	**326**

STOP SEARCH SELF-DEFINED ETHNICITY

% Force DCG & Not Stated Stop Search (Oct 2025 - Sept 2026)



% Not Stated SDE by Area (Oct 2025 - Sept 2026)



The rate of Stop Searches where individuals have not stated their SDE has fluctuated across all Areas during the current 12 months and within Cheshire. During the latest quarter the North and West are relatively in line with each other, while the East recorded a slightly higher not stated rate, specifically in August (8.8%) and September (8.7%).

In the latest quarter, the most common reason for a person's SDE being Not Stated was that the person 'Declined' (129, 59%). This proportion is in line with that observed over the current 12-month period (462, 60%).

Force Not Stated Reason Stop Search (Oct 2025 - Sept 2026)

SDE Not Stated Reason	EAST	NORTH	WEST	No Location	Force
Declined	204	136	115	7	**462**
No suitable option	90	78	99	8	**275**
Absconded	14	4	7	0	**25**
Language barrier	1	0	0	0	**1**
Total	**309**	**218**	**221**	**15**	**763**

Force Officer-defined Ethnicity (July 2026 - Sept 2026)

Officer Defined Ethnicity	Volume	%
WHITE - NORTH EUROPEAN	2625	87.4%
BLACK	133	4.4%
ASIAN	117	3.9%
WHITE - SOUTH EUROPEAN	65	2.2%
ARABIC OR NORTH AFRICAN	33	1.1%
UNKNOWN	24	0.8%
CHINESE,JAPANESE,SE ASIAN	6	0.2%
Total	**3003**	

DCG	289	9.6%

Most searched persons had an officer-defined ethnicity (ODE) of 'White – North European' (2,625, 87.4%).

In 289 searches (9.6%) the person had an ODE from a Diverse Community Group.

There were 24 persons (0.8%) who were subject to a stop search who had an ODE of Unknown.

STOP SEARCH PERSON AGE & GENDER

Force Stop Search volumes by Age Range & Gender (July 2026 - Sept 2026)

Age Range	GENDER			Total
	MALE	FEMALE	UNKNOWN	
Under 18	413	71	0	**484**
18 - 24	672	107	1	**780**
25 - 34	512	90	0	**602**
35 - 44	497	117	0	**614**
45 - 54	241	52	0	**293**
Over 55	105	14	0	**119**
Declined/Blank	95	16	0	**111**
Total	**2535**	**467**	**1**	**3003**

Force Stop Search Percentages by Age Range & Gender (July 2026 - Sept 2026)

Age Range	GENDER			Total
	MALE	FEMALE	UNKNOWN	
Under 18	**13.8%**	**2.4%**	**0.0%**	**16.1%**
18 - 24	**22.4%**	**3.6%**	**0.0%**	**26.0%**
25 - 34	**17.0%**	**3.0%**	**0.0%**	**20.0%**
35 - 44	**16.6%**	**3.9%**	**0.0%**	**20.4%**
45 - 54	**8.0%**	**1.7%**	**0.0%**	**9.8%**
Over 55	**3.5%**	**0.5%**	**0.0%**	**4.0%**
Declined/Blank	**3.2%**	**0.5%**	**0.0%**	**3.7%**
Total	**84.4%**	**15.6%**	**0.0%**	**100.0%**

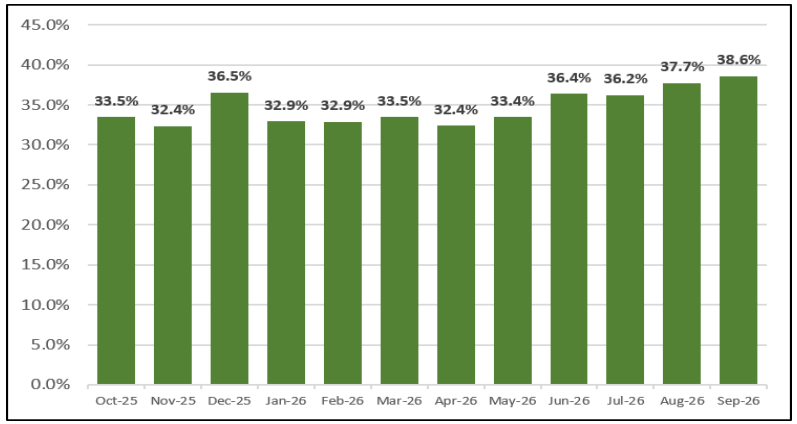
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18 – 34 years was also the most common age for all persons searched (1,382, 46.0%).

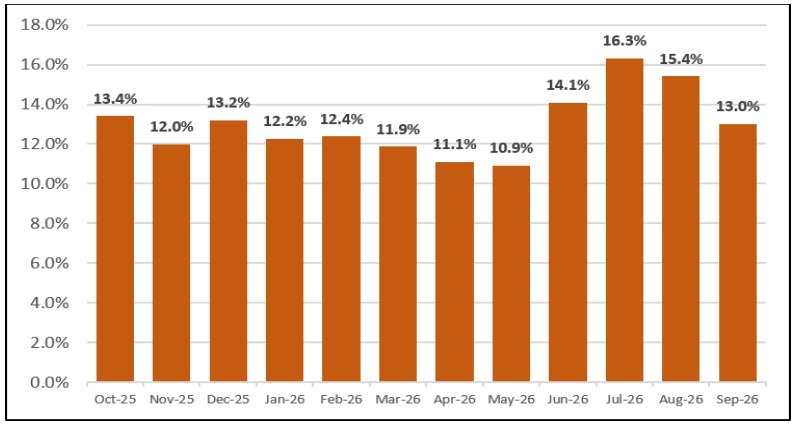
In 111 (3.7%) of searches the person's age was not recorded and in 1 search the Gender was unknown.

STOP SEARCH: OUTCOME RATES

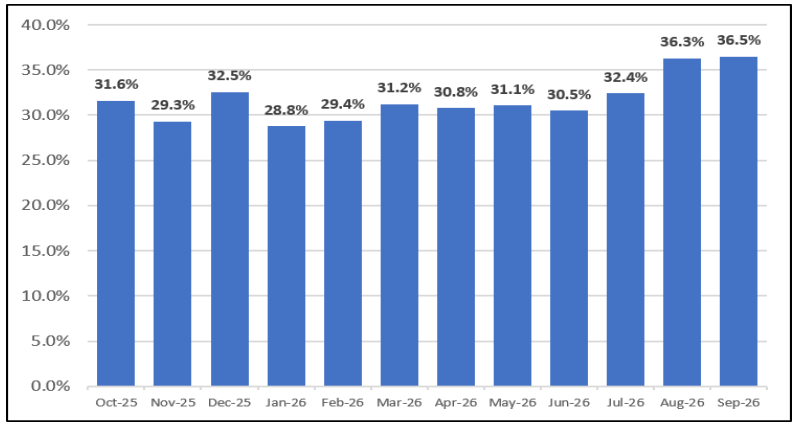
Police Action Taken Rate (Oct 2025 - Sept 2026)



Arrest Rate (Oct 2025 - Sept 2026)



Total Find Outcome Rate (Oct 2025 - Sept 2026)



Force Stop Search Outcome Volumes (July 2026 - Sept 2026)

Stop Searches by Outcome: July to September 2026		Total	% Proportion	% Total Find Rate *(the search resulted in either a Linked Find or a Non-Linked Find)*	
Generalised Outcome	**Detailed Outcome**				
Police Action Taken	ARREST	447	**14.9%**	300	**10.0%**
	COMMUNITY RESOLUTION	364	**12.1%**	344	**11.5%**
	OTHER POSITIVE OUTCOME	160	**5.3%**	71	**2.4%**
	CHARGE / SUMMONS	132	**4.4%**	116	**3.9%**
	VOLUNTARY ATTENDANCE	22	**0.7%**	17	**0.6%**
	CANNABIS WARNING	2	**0.1%**	2	**0.1%**
	KHAT WARNING	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
No Further Action	**NO FURTHER ACTION**	**1876**	**62.5%**	169	**5.6%**
Total		**3003**	**100.0%**	**1019**	**33.9%**

* This table no longer refers to Positive Find Outcomes, searches where the subject was arrested/summonsed for another reason have been removed but are reported separately on slides 15 and 17.

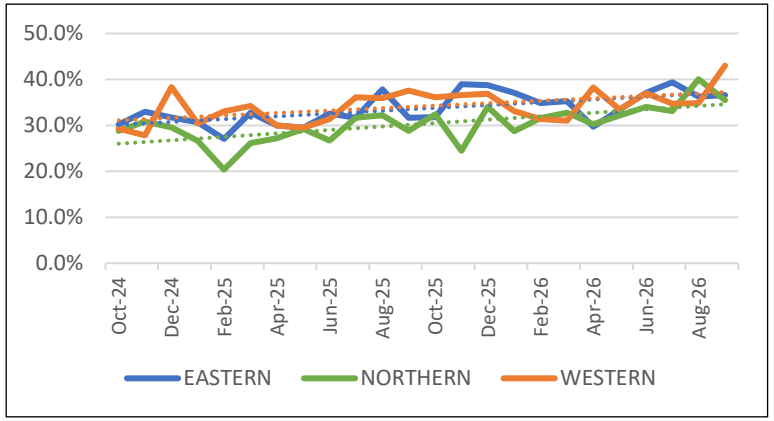
During the quarter, the percentage of stop searches which resulted in Police Action Taken was 37.5%, an increase (+3.6pp) on the previous quarter (33.9%).

During the quarter, the percentage of stop searches which resulted in Arrest was 14.9%, increasing (+3.0pp) on the previous quarter (11.9%).

During the quarter, the percentage of stop searches which resulted in either a Linked Find or a Non-Linked Find was 33.9%, an increase (+3.0pp) on the previous quarter (30.9%).

STOP SEARCH: OUTCOME RATES BY AREA

Area Monthly Stop Search Police Action Taken Rate (Oct 2024 - Sept 2026)



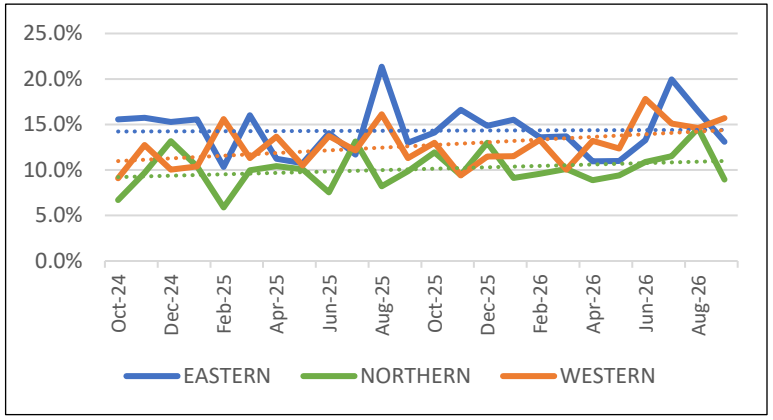
During the latest quarter, Western Area recorded the highest Action Taken rate (37.8%), while the North recorded the largest quarterly increase (+4.6pp). This was driven by an increase in Action Taken outcomes for searches linked to Controlled Drugs with Intent to Supply (26 to 33) and Offensive Weapons (7 to 11).

The North were the only Area to see a decrease in Action Taken rate (-4.6pp) when compared to the previous month. This is driven by a decrease in Action Taken outcomes for all searches.

Action Taken Rate	Quarter		Month	
	Previous	Latest	Previous	Latest
Force	33.9	37.5	37.7	38.6
East	33.2	37.4	36.3	36.6
North	32.0	36.6	40.1	35.5
West	36.4	37.8	34.8	43.0

Action Taken Rate	PP Change	
	Quarter	Month
Force	3.6	0.9
East	4.2	0.3
North	4.6	-4.6
West	1.4	8.2

Area Monthly Stop Search Arrest Rate (Oct 2024 - Sept 2026)



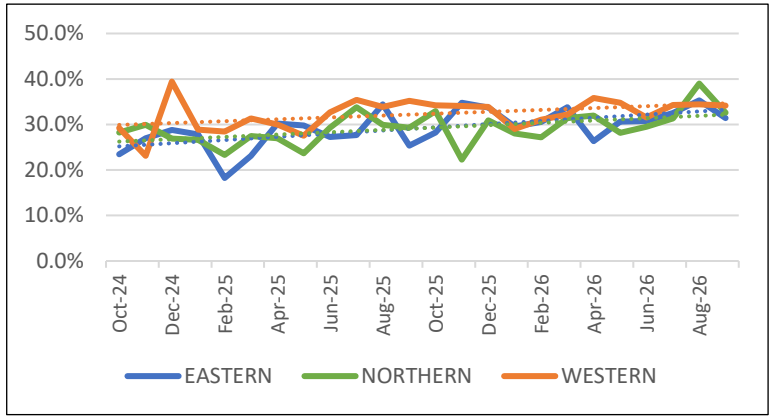
During the latest quarter, the Eastern Area recorded the highest Arrest rate (16.5%) and the largest quarterly increase (+4.8pp). This was driven by an increase in searches resulting in an arrest for all searches, Controlled Drugs with Intent to Supply (23 to 35) saw the largest increase.

North recorded the largest arrest rate decrease (-5.7pp) and the lowest rate of the Areas (8.9%) in September. This is driven by a decrease in all searches resulting in an arrest, Stolen Goods (6 to 1) recorded the largest decrease.

ARREST RATE	Quarter		Month	
	Previous	Latest	Previous	Latest
Force	11.9	14.9	15.4	13.0
East	11.7	16.5	16.5	13.1
North	9.6	11.9	14.6	8.9
West	14.3	15.2	14.6	15.7

ARREST RATE	PP Change	
	Quarter	Month
Force	3.0	-2.4
East	4.8	-3.4
North	2.3	-5.7
West	0.9	1.1

Area Monthly Stop Search Total Find Rate (Oct 2024 - Sept 2026)



During the latest quarter, Northern Area recorded the highest Total Find Rate (34.7%), although all Areas were relatively in line with each other. The North also recorded the largest quarterly increase in Total Find Rate (+4.9pp). This was driven by an increase in Linked Finds, specifically relating to Drugs (222 to 281).

The East recorded the lowest Total Find Rate for September (31.4%) however the North recorded the largest monthly decrease (-6.4pp). The decrease in the North was driven by a decrease in Linked Finds, specifically Linked Finds relating to Drugs (111 to 79).

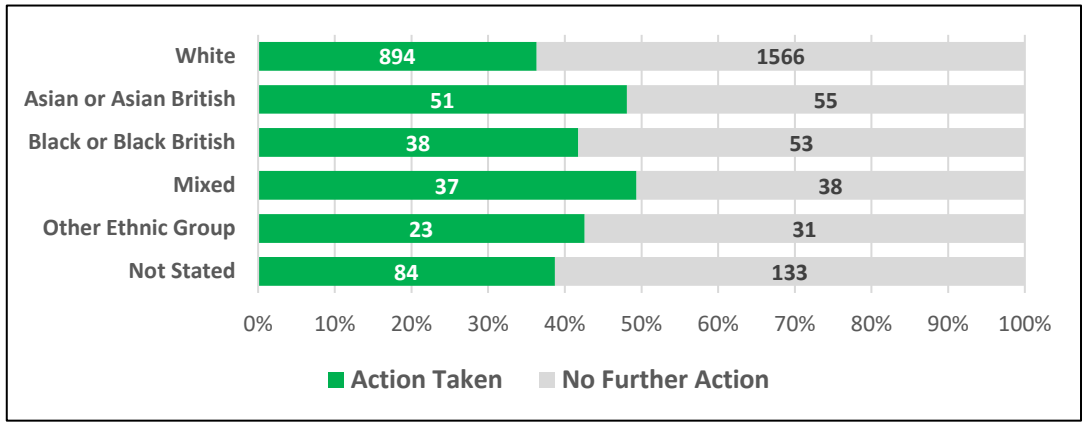
Total Find Rate	Quarter		Month	
	Previous	Latest	Previous	Latest
Force	30.9	33.9	36.5	32.7
East	29.1	33.2	35.3	31.4
North	29.8	34.7	39.0	32.6
West	34.2	34.3	34.5	34.1

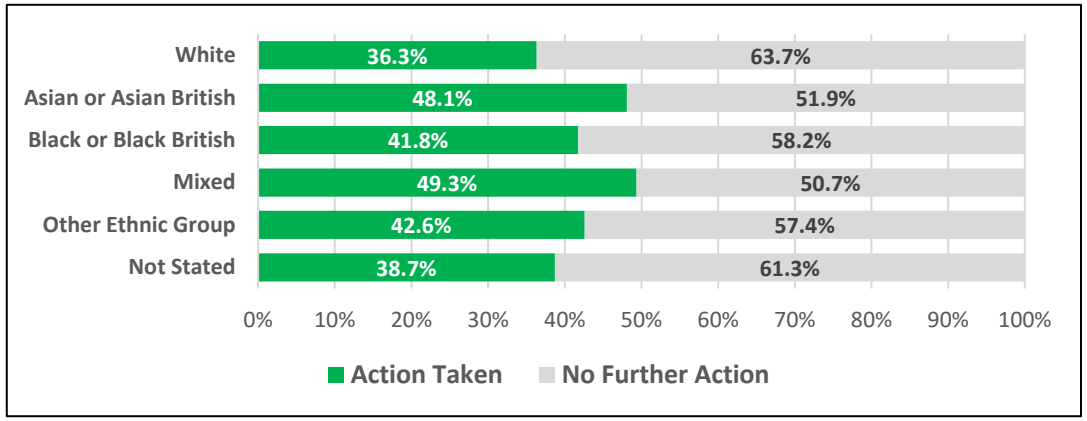
Total Find Rate	PP Change	
	Quarter	Month
Force	3.0	-3.8
East	4.1	-3.9
North	4.9	-6.4
West	0.1	-0.4

STOP SEARCH: OUTCOME RATES BY ETHNICITY

*Searches where the subject was arrested/summonsed for another reason have been reported separately in the below graphs to better align with HMICFRS.

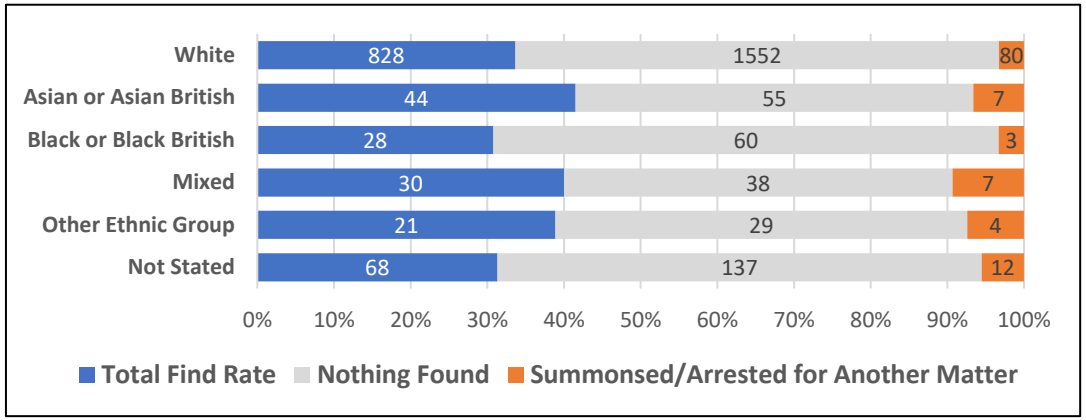
Force Stop Search Police Action Taken by Ethnicity (July 2026 - Sept 2026)

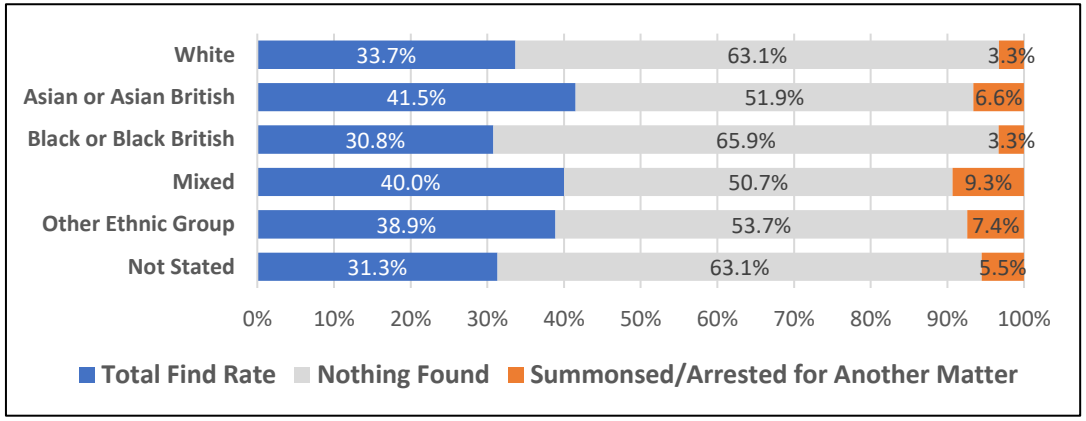




When comparing persons stopped and searched within Cheshire during the current quarter by their SDE, those self-defined as White were proportionally the least likely to result in Police Action Taken (36.3%) and Mixed Ethnic Group was most likely (49.3%).

Force Stop Search Outcome by Ethnicity (July 2026 - Sept 2026)





When comparing persons stopped and searched within Cheshire during the current quarter by their SDE, those self-defined as Black or Black British are proportionally the least likely to result in a Find (30.8%) and Asian or Asian British most likely (41.5%). Of note, individuals who self-defined as Mixed are proportionally the most likely to result in being Summonsed or Arrested for another Matter (9.3%).

It should be kept in mind that the outcomes for those whose self-defined ethnicity was White will be closer to the rates of the searches overall because they account for most of the overall searches and low volumes of other ethnicities will make the percentages more volatile.

Force Stop Search Object of Search x Outcome (July 2026 - Sept 2026)

Outcome Type	CONTROLLED DRUGS	ARTICLES FOR THEFT	BLADED OR SHARP ARTICLES	STOLEN GOODS	OFFENSIVE WEAPONS / FIREARMS	ARTICLES FOR CRIMINAL DAMAGE	FIREWORKS	OTHER	Total
NO FURTHER ACTION	1335	139	192	76	60	71	3	0	**1876**
ARREST	267	60	32	55	22	11	0	0	**447**
COMMUNITY RESOLUTION	317	10	10	16	2	9	0	0	**364**
OTHER POSITIVE OUTCOME	104	18	14	10	8	3	1	2	**160**
POSTAL REQUISITION/POSTAL CHARGE/SUMMONS	110	7	2	10	3	0	0	0	**132**
VOLUNTARY ATTENDANCE	13	5	0	1	1	2	0	0	**22**
CANNABIS WARNING	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
KHAT WARNING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Total	**2148**	**239**	**250**	**168**	**96**	**96**	**4**	**2**	**3003**

Police Action Outcome Rate	CONTROLLED DRUGS	ARTICLES FOR THEFT	BLADED OR SHARP ARTICLES	STOLEN GOODS	OFFENSIVE WEAPONS / FIREARMS	ARTICLES FOR CRIMINAL DAMAGE	FIREWORKS	OTHER	Total
ARREST	8.9%	2.0%	1.1%	1.8%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	14.9%
COMMUNITY RESOLUTION	10.6%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	12.1%
OTHER POSITIVE OUTCOME	3.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	5.3%
POSTAL REQUISITION/POSTAL CHARGE/SUMMONS	3.7%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4%
VOLUNTARY ATTENDANCE	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%
CANNABIS WARNING	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
KHAT WARNING	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Action Taken Rate	**27.07%**	**3.33%**	**1.93%**	**3.06%**	**1.20%**	**0.83%**	**0.03%**	**0.07%**	**37.53%**
Total Find Rate	**26.47%**	**2.23%**	**1.43%**	**2.30%**	**0.90%**	**0.53%**	**0.03%**	**0.03%**	**33.93%**
Linked Find Rate (object searched for was found)	**23.51%**	**1.40%**	**0.73%**	**1.86%**	**0.57%**	**0.30%**	**0.00%**	**0.03%**	**28.40%**

* This table no longer refers to Positive Find Outcomes, searches where the subject was arrested/summonsed for another reason have been removed but are reported separately on slides 15 and 17.

During the quarter, the highest Police Action Taken, Total Find Rate and Linked Find Rate resulted from the 'object of search' being Controlled Drugs with Action Taken in 813 searches (27.1% of all searches), a Total Find Rate for 795 searches (26.5% of all searches), with 706 searches (23.5% of all searches) resulting in Drugs being found during the search.

A Community Resolution was more likely to be the outcome of a stop search when the object of search was for Controlled Drugs (317, 10.6%).

STOP SEARCH: OUTCOME LINKED x SDE

Force Stop Search Outcome Linked x Ethnicity (July 2026 - Sept 2026)

Outcome Linked x Ethnicity	White	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Mixed	Other Ethnic Group	Not Stated	Total
Total number of SS	2460	106	91	75	54	217	3003
Action Taken	894	51	38	37	23	84	1127
Total Find Volumes	828	44	28	30	21	68	1019
Linked Find Volumes	691	41	24	26	17	54	853
Summonsed/Arrested for Another Matter Volumes	80	7	3	7	4	12	113
Proportion of Action Taken	36.3%	48.1%	41.8%	49.3%	42.6%	38.7%	37.5%
Proportion of Total Finds	33.7%	41.5%	30.8%	40.0%	38.9%	31.3%	33.9%
Proportion of Linked Finds	28.1%	38.7%	26.4%	34.7%	31.5%	24.9%	28.4%
Proportion of Summonsed/Arrested for Another Matter	3.3%	6.6%	3.3%	9.3%	7.4%	5.5%	3.8%
% Action Taken Rate	**29.8%**	**1.7%**	**1.3%**	**1.2%**	**0.8%**	**2.8%**	**37.5%**
% Total Finds	**27.6%**	**1.5%**	**0.9%**	**1.0%**	**0.7%**	**2.3%**	**33.9%**
% Linked Finds	**23.0%**	**1.4%**	**0.8%**	**0.9%**	**0.6%**	**1.8%**	**28.4%**
% Summonsed/Arrested for Another Matter	**2.7%**	**0.2%**	**0.1%**	**0.2%**	**0.1%**	**0.4%**	**3.8%**

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During the latest quarter, 28.4% (853) of all stop searches (3,003) resulted in a Linked Find. Individuals who self-defined as White accounted for 691 of these searches (23.0% of all searches).

The proportion of stop searches resulting in a Linked Find are higher for those whose self-defined ethnicity is Asian or Asian British (38.7%), Mixed Ethnic Group (34.7%) and Other Ethnic Group (31.5%) compared to both White SDE individuals (28.1%) as well as to the rate overall (28.4%).

The proportion of stop searches where nothing was found but the subject was Summonsed/Arrested for another matter was higher for individuals whose self-defined ethnicity is Asian or Asian British (6.6%), Mixed Ethnic Group (9.3%) and Other Ethnic Group (7.4%) compared to White and Black SDE individuals (3.3% each) and the rate overall (3.8%).

STOP SEARCH: SECTION 60

During the current quarter there were 0 searches conducted under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994.

During the current 12 months there were 23 searches conducted under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994.

Section 60 Ethnicity (Oct 2025 - Sept 2026)

Self Defined Ethnicity	Volume	%
White	9	39.1%
Black or Black British	1	4.3%
Asian or Asian British	6	26.1%
Mixed	1	4.3%
Other Ethnic Group	4	17.4%
Not Stated	2	8.7%
Total	**23**	

During the most recent 12 months, most S60 searches were conducted on persons with an SDE of White (9, 39%).

12 S60 searches were conducted on persons from a DCG, these were all within the Northern Area in February 2026.

Section 60 Searches by Outcome (Oct 2025 - Sept 2026)

Outcome		Volume	%
Nothing Found - NFA	NO FURTHER ACTION	23	100.0%
	Total	**23**	

In all S60 searches, no objects were found and all resulted in No Further Action (23, 100%).

All searches were for Offensive Weapons, and all were carried out during February 2026 with 22 in the Northern Area and 1 in the Western Area.

Section 60 Age/Range & Gender (Oct 2025 - Sept 2026)

Age Range	GENDER		Volume	%
	FEMALE	MALE		
Under 18	0	2	2	8.7%
18 - 24	0	2	2	8.7%
25 - 34	0	11	11	47.8%
35 - 44	0	5	5	21.7%
45 - 54	0	2	2	8.7%
Blank	0	1	1	4.3%
Total	**0**	**23**	**23**	

All S60 searches were on Males and mostly aged 25 to 34 years old (11, 48%). Of note, 6 of the 11 (55%) individuals aged 25-34 self-defined as Asian or Asian British.