



Creating a safer
Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Stop and Search data

1. National context

- 1.1 National oversight between April 2018 to March 2019¹ shows that there were seven stop and searches for every 1000 people.
- 1.2 Over the past 10 years the figures have been gradually falling and this is down from 25 stop and searches per 1000 people between April 2009 and March 2010. Stop and search rates have fallen for every ethnic group, but at different rates. The largest reduction nationally has been for black people who in 2009-10 had a rate of approximately 120 stop and searches for every 1000 people to 38 per 1000.
- 1.3 In the 2018-19 the stop and search rate per 1000 people by ethnicity was:

Asian	Black	White
11	38	4

2. Cambridgeshire Constabulary

- 2.1 Powers, principles and standards of professional behavior in relation to stop and search run through policing from initial training through to every day policing. Cambridgeshire Constabulary (the "Constabulary") hold a clear commitment to this and to the Peelian principles of policing by consent, transparency, integrity and accountability to the community.
- 2.2 In updated guidance, the College of Policing² has suggested that police forces across England and Wales should map areas where stop and search is most frequently used and ask people in those communities to scrutinise police use of the power. The aim is

¹ 'Stop and search', Crime, justice and the law, gov.uk, 14 September 2020
<https://www.ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk/crime-justice-and-the-law/policing/stop-and-search/latest>

² <https://www.college.police.uk/News/College-news/Pages/Stop-and-search-APP-updated-July-2020.aspx>

to further strengthen the understanding around the use of the powers and increase public confidence.

- 2.3 Stop and search training packages have, and remain to be inclusive of material and practical exercises covering stereotypes, unconscious bias and public scrutiny. This is regularly reviewed and updated by the Constabulary's Learning and Development Department. The College of Policing guidance (referred to above) has already been implemented, with training also delivered to new recruits.
- 2.4 As a further measure building on current processes, phase one of the Constabulary's Ethics, Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Strategy is being launched in October 2020. This specifically includes scrutiny of disproportionality around stop and search which will be tracked and reviewed through governance processes every quarter by Chief Officers.
- 2.5 In the 2018-19 the stop and search rate per 1000 people in Cambridgeshire by ethnicity was:

Asian	Black	White
3	10	1

- 2.6 Stop and Search statistics for the period August 2019 to August 2020 are given at Annex A.

Stop and Search records – Cambridgeshire Constabulary – August 2019 to August 2020

Total number of stop and search records (All Ethnicities)

	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Rolling 12
Total	185	157	183	183	238	220	197	222	326	391	309	274	187	2,887
Arrested	17	27	26	20	33	25	29	38	36	36	29	22	33	354

Total number of stop and search (Mixed Ethnicity)

	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Rolling 12
Total	7	10	6	8	4	2	8	4	13	20	4	5	4	88
Arrested	1	5	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	13

Total number of stop and search records (Black ethnicity)

	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Rolling 12
Total	10	14	13	9	18	20	7	16	20	25	17	15	15	189
Arrested	4	5	6	0	6	6	1	2	3	3	4	1	6	43

Total number of stop and search (Asian ethnicity)

	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Rolling 12
Total	7	9	19	17	19	14	19	24	27	31	34	35	12	260
Arrested	0	1	1	3	2	1	4	4	3	3	1	3	3	29

Total number of stop and search records (White ethnicity)

	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Rolling 12
Total	136	95	109	107	151	144	128	125	198	247	196	173	118	1,791
Arrested	8	11	13	12	19	16	19	24	22	18	20	15	18	207

Remaining records across 12 months were recorded as “other” or “no ethnicity stated”

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