

Stop and Search.

Quarter 2. July to September 2025.

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Stop and search activity in Portsmouth this quarter shows an overall increase compared to the previous period, with a notable rise in arrests and a reduction in cases resulting in no further action. Drug-related searches continue to dominate, reflecting ongoing enforcement priorities, while searches for offensive weapons and stolen goods remain significant. Positive outcome rates have improved, suggesting greater effectiveness in targeting individuals where grounds are stronger. However, disproportionality persists, the figures highlight the need for continued scrutiny of fairness and proportionality to maintain public confidence. This is done through the Independent Advisory Group. Supervisors are expected to complete two reviews each month to ensure stop and searches are completed respectfully and in line with powers. This includes a review on the interaction by watching the BWV.

Total number of stops.

This Quarter – 608, Previous 3 months – 553.

Arrests.

This Quarter – 134, Previous 3 months – 72.

No further action taken/advice given.

This Quarter – 370, Previous 3 months – 379.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

This Quarter – 238.

Previous 3 months – 174.

Portsmouth population.

White – 177,277.

Asian – 14,370.

Mixed Race – 5,487.

Black – 7,070.

Other – 3,797.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 2.4 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1 times more likely.

Asian – 0.7 times more likely.

Other – 2.2 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Criminal damage – 5.

Drugs – 361.

Firearms – 2.

Going equipped – 36.

Offensive weapon – 103.

Psychoactive substance – 1.

Stolen goods – 100.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 134.

Caution – 2.

Community resolution – 74.

No further action – 370.

Postal requisition – 9.

Voluntary attendance – 12.

Other/words of advice – 7.