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Statistical News Release: Police use of Taser statistics, England and Wales, 2014

The Home Office published today the latest official statistics on police use of Taser in England and Wales.

The release includes breakdowns on the 7 types of Taser use: drawn, aimed, arced, red-dot, drive stun, angle-drive stun and fired.

These statistics show that in 2014, in the 43 police forces of England and Wales:

- The police used Taser 10,062 times, representing a decrease of 3% (-318) compared with 2013. Of these:
 - non-discharges accounted for 8,081 uses, representing a fall of 3% (-279) compared with 2013
 - drive stun and angle-drive stun accounted for 256 uses, representing a fall of 11% (-31) compared with 2013
 - fired accounted for 1,724 uses, representing a fall of 1% (-9) compared with 2013
- Non-discharges accounted for 80% of Taser use, with this mainly comprising of either the use of red-dot (64%) or an officer drawing the Taser (27%)
- Drive stun and angle-drive stun accounted for 3% of Taser use
- Fired accounted for 17% of Taser use

Notes to editors

1. 'Police use of Taser statistics, England and Wales, is available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/use-of-taser-statistics>.

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