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Statistical News Release: Police use of Taser statistics, England and Wales, 2015

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

The release includes a breakdown of the 7 types of Taser use: drawn, aimed, arced, red-dot, drive stun, angled drive stun and fired.

- In 2015 there were 10,329 uses of Taser by police representing a 2% (234) increase from the previous year.

Discharge

- Of the 10,329 Taser uses, 19% (1,921) were discharges which was a decrease of 3% (-68) from the previous year.
- Of the 1,921 discharges, 90% (1,730) were fired and 10% (191) were drive stun and angled drive stun.
- The proportion of discharges decreased by one percentage point to 19% when compared with the previous year.

Non-discharge

- Of the 10,329 uses of Taser, 81% (8,408) were non-discharges; an increase of 4% (303) from the previous year.
- Red-dot was the most common use and accounted for 51% (5,238) of the total use in 2015.
- The proportion of non-discharges (81%) increased by one percentage point when compared with the previous year.

Notes to editors

1. 'Police use of Taser' statistics, England and Wales, 2015 is available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/use-of-taser-statistics>.

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