



# Stop and Search Statistics

April 2020 – March 2021



**72%**

of searches were for **drugs**



**16%**

of stops were under  
**counter-terrorism**  
legislation



**13%**

of searches were for  
**stolen articles,**  
**offensive items,**  
**going equipped**  
**and fireworks**

**6%**

resulted in  
**arrest**



**14%**

resulted in **another**  
**outcome**



**80%**

resulted in  
**no further action**

**26,590**

persons stopped and  
searched/questioned

**↑4%**

on previous 12  
months

**1st** year-on-year  
increase in 5 years



**U18**



**18-25**



**26-35**



**36-45**



**46-55**



**56-65**



**66 +**



**47%**

of those stopped  
were aged **18-25**

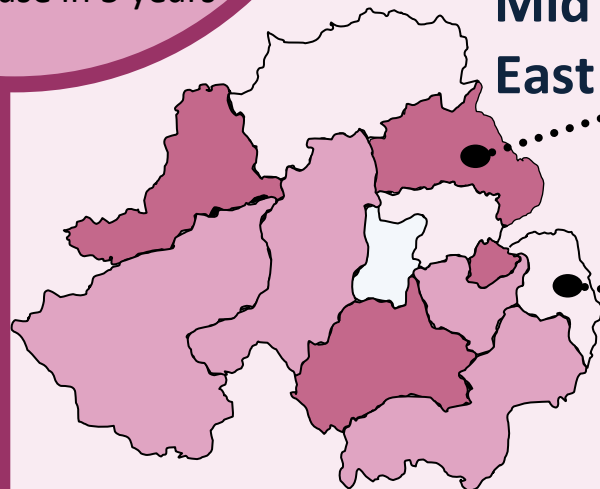
**87%**

of those stopped  
were **male**



**20**

persons stopped  
per 1,000  
population in  
**Mid and**  
**East Antrim**



**4**

persons stopped per 1,000  
population in **Ards & North Down**

Full report available at [psni.police.uk/StopandSearchStatistics](https://psni.police.uk/StopandSearchStatistics)

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