

Appendix One: Number of times mechanical restraints have been used, broken down by financial year

Year	Handcuffs Other than on Escort	Head Protector	Spit Hood	Tie-down Bed	Total Use of Mechanical Restraints	Prison Population
2009/10	183	11	0	10	204	8683
2010/11	345	11	3	7	363	8547
2011/12	420	1	2	13	434	8579
2012/13	407	1	5	13	421	8597
2013/14	425	0	11	13	438	8606
2014/15	586	3	16	2	591	8835
2015/16	781	4	3	50	835	9487
2016/17	961	1	16	1	963	10229
2017/18	989	1	8	0	998	10435
2018/19	1217	8	14	0	1239	9969
2019/20	1786	7	16	0	1809	9443
2020/21	1984	4	11	0	1999	8364
2021/22	1786	2	13	0	1801	7703
2022/23	1461	7	14	0	1482	8577

Table Notes

- Incidents where handcuffs were used includes only the number of incidents, not the number of prisoners subject to handcuffs. In some incidents, more than one person was involved and subsequently handcuffed.
- As the prison population fluctuates daily, this data is presented as a snapshot taken at the end of each financial year.
- The use of handcuffs has increased in recent years as custodial staff have required them more frequently in Control & Restraint incidents. The use of handcuffs increases safety for everyone involved in an incident

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