

Types of Force Used By Officers

From October 1st through December 31st of 2023, Madison Police Officers responded to 34,238 calls for service. In that time, there were 80 citizen contacts in which officers used recordable force* during their encounter. This means that in the 4th quarter, MPD officers used recordable force 0.23% of the time when engaging with our citizens. Each of these force incidents documented by officers was reviewed for compliance with MPD standard operating procedures.

Description	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	
Calls for Service	33173	39943	39531	34238	146885	
Citizen Contacts Where Force Was Used	74	94	111	80	359	
% of CFS Where Force Was Used	0.22%	0.24%	0.28%	0.23%	0.24%	

*Please refer to MPDs SOP on use of force data collection for the definition of recordable force and distinction between reportable and recordable use of force: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/documents/sop/UseOfForceData.pdf>

Force	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Decentralization/Takedown (e.g. officer pushing or pulling a subject to the ground)	51	77	79	64	271	57.9%
Active Counter Measures (e.g. officer striking a subject with hand, forearm, foot or knee)	22	19	19	13	73	15.6%
Taser Deployment	9	10	14	5	38	8.1%
Hobble Restraints (a belt system which restricts a subject's ability to kick at officers, squad windows, etc)	9	9	8	12	38	8.1%
OC (i.e. Pepper) Spray Deployment	3	7	20	6	36	7.7%
Baton Strike	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
K9 Bite	0	3	4	0	7	1.5%
Firearm Discharged Toward Suspect	1	0	0	0	1	0.2%
Impact Munition (firearm delivered projectile launched at a lower than normal velocity)	1	0	2	1	4	0.9%
Specialty (SWAT/SET)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	96	125	146	101	468	100.0%
Firearm Discharged to Put Down a Sick or Suffering Animal	9	21	20	14	64	

District*	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
West	8	6	10	9	33	9.2%
Midtown	17	12	13	10	52	14.5%

South	7	10	7	4	28	7.8%
Central	19	30	39	26	114	31.8%
North	6	14	21	21	62	17.3%
East	16	20	20	7	63	17.5%
Out of County	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Within County - Assist Agency	1	2	1	3	7	1.9%
Total	74	94	111	80	359	100.0%

Time of Day/Patrol Shift	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
1st Detail (7am-3pm)	16	15	18	14	63	17.5%
3rd Detail (3pm-11pm)	31	36	37	35	139	38.7%
5th Detail (11pm-7am)	27	43	56	31	157	43.7%
Total	74	94	111	80	359	100.0%

For 2022, MPD is comprised of 71% male officers as compared to 29% female officers. MPD employed about 2.5 times the number of women than the national average of 12%. The MPD officers who used force, broken down quarterly, were:

Officer*- Sex	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Male	82	99	116	80	377	90.4%
Female	6	10	14	10	40	9.6%
Total	88	109	130	90	417	100.0%

MPD is comprised of men and women who represent many different racial groups and is generally reflective of the general Madison population. For 2022, MPD employed 77% Caucasian officers and 23% minority officers. MPD officers who used force, broken down by quarter, were:

Officer*- Race	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Asian	2	2	1	2	7	1.7%
African-American	5	9	10	9	33	7.9%
Hispanic	8	6	21	9	44	10.6%
Native American	1	0	0	0	1	0.2%
Other	0	2	1	0	3	0.7%
Caucasian	72	90	97	70	329	78.9%
Total	88	109	130	90	417	100.0%

Citizen- Sex	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Male	60	66	83	66	275	76.6%
Female	14	28	28	14	84	23.4%
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	74	94	111	80	359	100.0%

Citizen- Race	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Asian	0	0	1	1	2	0.6%
African-American	38	55	67	41	201	56.0%
Hispanic	2	8	5	3	18	5.0%
Native American	0	0	0	1	1	0.3%
Other	0	1	1	0	2	0.6%
Caucasian	34	30	37	34	135	37.6%
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Total	74	94	111	80	359	100.0%
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Other Influencing Factors	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Alcohol	18	26	30	22	96	33.8%
Drugs	12	13	19	7	51	18.0%
Alcohol/Drugs Combined	13	19	19	23	74	26.1%
Other	19	17	13	14	63	22.2%
Total	62	75	81	66	284	100.0%

Broken down quarterly, the following officers used force against the following citizens, broken out by race. These numbers can reflect calls for service in which more than one officer used force against one citizen during a single incident, or a single officer used more than one type of force against a citizen during the same incident.

Officer to Citizen Demographics

		Citizen Race	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Officer Race	Caucasian	Asian	0	0	1	1	2	0.6%
		African-American	36	53	62	35	186	56.5%
		Hispanic	3	8	7	3	21	6.4%
		Native American	0	1	0	1	2	0.6%
		Other	0	28	1	0	29	8.8%
		Caucasian	33	0	26	30	89	27.1%
		Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		Total	72	90	97	70	329	100.0%
	Hispanic	Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		African-American	1	4	8	6	19	43.2%
		Hispanic	1	0	0	0	1	2.3%
		Native American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		Caucasian	6	2	13	3	24	54.5%
		Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Total	8	6	21	9	44	100.0%	
	African-American	Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		African-American	4	4	7	6	21	63.6%
		Hispanic	0	2	1	0	3	9.1%
		Native American	0	0	0	1	1	3.0%
Other		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Caucasian		1	3	2	2	8	24.2%	
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Total	5	9	10	9	33	100.0%		
Native American	Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
	African-American	1	0	0	0	1	100.0%	
	Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
	Native American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
	Caucasian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
	Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Total	1	0	0	0	1	100.0%		
Asian	Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
	African-American	1	2	1	0	4	57.1%	
	Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
	Native American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	

Other	Caucasian	1	0	0	2	3	42.9%
	Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Total	2	2	1	2	7	100.0%
	Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	African-American	0	1	0	0	1	33.3%
	Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Native American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Caucasian	0	1	1	0	2	66.7%
	Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Total	0	2	1	0	3	100.0%

For further information regarding the Madison Police Department's Standard Operating Procedures on the use of force, follow the links below:

[Use of Force](#)

[Use of Force Documentation](#)

Due to the dynamic nature of data, this information is a snapshot in time as of the creation of this report. The processing of additional records and corrections will be reflected in updates to existing and future sections of this report. Data generated on: 1/18/2024

