Types of Force Used By Officers

From October 1st through December 31st of 2024, Madison Police Officers responded to 35,473 calls for service. In that time, there were 58 citizen contacts in which officers used recordable force* during their encounter. This means that in the 4th quarter, MPD officers used recordable force 0.16% 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	34188	38202	40532	35473	148395	
Citizen Contacts Where Force Was Used	77	93	77	58	305	
% of CFS Where Force Was Used	0.23%	0.24%	0.19%	0.16%	0.21%	

*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)	71	80	62	53	266	67.2%
Active Counter Measures (e.g. officer striking a subject with hand, forearm, foot or knee)	9	7	12	16	44	11.1%
Taser Deployment	1	8	9	6	24	6.1%
Hobble Restraints (a belt system which restricts a subject's ability to kick at officers, squad windows, etc)	11	6	13	7	37	9.3%
OC (i.e. Pepper) Spray Deployment	2	2	1	2	7	1.8%
Baton Strike	0	2	0	0	2	0.5%
K9 Bite	3	1	4	2	10	2.5%
Firearm Discharged Toward Suspect	0	0	1	0	1	0.3%
Impact Munition (firearm delivered projectile launched at a lower than normal velocity)	0	3	2	0	5	1.3%
Specialty (SWAT/SET)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	97	109	104	86	396	100.0%
Firearm Discharged to Put Down a Sick or Suffering Animal	16	23	11	30	80	
District*	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%

West	6	6	6	5	23	7.5%
Midtown	8	12	15	6	41	13.4%
South	4	7	9	7	27	8.9%
Central	25	37	23	21	106	34.8%
North	14	18	11	10	53	17.4%
East	19	12	10	9	50	16.4%
Out of County	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Within County - Assist Agency	1	1	3	0	5	1.6%
Total	77	93	77	58	305	100.0%

Time of Day/Patrol Shift	01	02	03	04	Total	%
1st Detail (7am-3pm)	14	21	17	12	64	21.0%
3rd Detail (3pm-11pm)	40	39	36	33	148	48.5%
5th Detail (11pm-7am)	23	33	24	13	93	30.5%
Total	77	93	77	80	305	100.0%

For 2024, 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	77	91	79	61	308	86.3%
Female	9	10	20	10	49	13.7%
Total	86	101	99	71	357	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 2024, 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	3	1	5	1	10	2.8%
African-American	6	9	6	6	27	7.6%
Hispanic	13	21	13	11	58	16.2%
Native American	0	1	1	1	3	0.8%
Other	1	5	3	0	9	2.5%
Caucasian	63	64	71	52	250	70.0%
Total	86	101	99	71	357	100.0%
Citizen- Sex	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Male	65	73	57	42	237	77.7%
Female	12	19	20	16	67	22.0%
Unknown	0	1	0	0	1	0.3%
Total	77	93	77	58	305	100.0%
Citizen- Race	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Asian	2	4	2	1	9	3.0%
African-American	37	39	35	31	142	46.6%
Hispanic	7	9	5	3	24	7.9%
Native American	1	1	0	0	2	0.7%
Other	0	1	0	0	1	0.3%

Caucasian	30	39	35	23	127	41.6%			
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%			
Total	77	93	77	58	305	100.0%			
Other Influencing Factors	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%			
Alcohol	29	29	18	18	94	37.5%			
Drugs	8	17	14	5	44	17.5%			
Alcohol/Drugs Combined	14	15	14	7	50	19.9%			
Other	18	11	17	17	63	25.1%			
Total	69	72	63	47	251	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.

Office	er t	o Citizen Demographics						
		Citizen Race	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
		Asian	1	2	4	0	7	2.8%
		African-American	33	29	34	27	123	49.2%
	ian	Hispanic	6	8	7	3	24	9.6%
	cas	Native American	2	0	0	0	2	0.8%
	Caucasian	Other	0	2	0	0	2	0.8%
	U	Caucasian	21	23	26	0	70	28.0%
		Unknown	0	0	0	22	22	8.8%
		Total	63	64	71	52	250	100.0%
		Asian	1	0	0	0	1	1.7%
		African-American	3	8	2	7	20	34.5%
	J	Hispanic	1	1	0	0	2	3.4%
	Hispanic	Native American	0	1	0	0	1	1.7%
	lisp	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	-	Caucasian	8	11	11	4	34	58.6%
		Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		Total	13	21	13	11	58	100.0%
		Asian	0	1	0	0	1	3.7%
	an	African-American	2	4	3	0	9	33.3%
	eric	Hispanic	0	2	0	5	7	25.9%
	Ĩ,	Native American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	African-American	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
a	rica	Caucasian	4	2	3	1	10	37.0%
Rac	Af	Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Officer Race		Total	6	9	6	6	27	100.0%
Offic		Asian	0	0	0	1	1	33.3%
0	an	African-American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	sric	Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	e American	Native American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	٩ ٩	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Nativ	Caucasian	0	1	1	0	2	66.7%
	Z	Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		Total	0	1	1	1	3	100.0%
		Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		African-American	2	0	2	0	4	40.0%
		Hispanic	0	0	1	0	1	10.0%

sian	Native American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Asi	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Caucasian	1	1	2	1	5	50.0%
	Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Total	3	1	5	1	10	100.0%
	Asian	0	1	0	0	1	11.1%
	African-American	1	1	1	0	3	33.3%
	Hispanic	0	1	1	0	2	22.2%
her	Native American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Othei	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Caucasian	0	2	1	0	3	33.3%
	Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Total	1	5	3	0	9	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: 01/08/2025