

Types of Force Used By Officers

From April 1st through June 30th of 2025, Madison Police Officers responded to 49,173 calls for service. In that time, there were 86 citizen contacts in which officers used recordable force* during their encounter. This means that in the 2nd quarter, MPD officers used recordable force 0.17% 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	35167	49173			84340	
Citizen Contacts Where Force Was Used	86	86			172	
% of CFS Where Force Was Used	0.24%	0.17%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0.20%	

*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)	68	65			133	56.8%
Active Counter Measures (e.g. officer striking a subject with hand, forearm, foot or knee)	10	12			22	9.4%
Taser Deployment	11	11			22	9.4%
Hobble Restraints (a belt system which restricts a subject's ability to kick at officers, squad windows, etc)	7	17			24	10.3%
OC (i.e. Pepper) Spray Deployment	13	13			26	11.1%
Baton Strike	0	0			0	0.0%
K9 Bite	1	0			1	0.4%
Firearm Discharged Toward Suspect	0	0			0	0.0%
Impact Munition (firearm delivered projectile launched at a lower than normal velocity)	3	3			6	2.6%
Specialty (SWAT/SET)	0	0			0	0.0%
Total	113	121	0	0	234	100.0%
Firearm Discharged to Put Down a Sick or Suffering Animal	48	51			99	

District*	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
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West	8	4			12	7.0%
Midtown	15	12			27	15.7%
South	4	2			6	3.5%
Central	24	39			63	36.6%
North	11	13			24	14.0%
East	21	14			35	20.3%
Out of County	0	0			0	0.0%
Within County - Assist Agency	3	2			5	2.9%
Total	86	86	0	0	172	100.0%

Time of Day/Patrol Shift	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
1st Detail (7am-3pm)	20	9			29	16.9%
3rd Detail (3pm-11pm)	36	47			83	48.3%
5th Detail (11pm-7am)	30	30			60	34.9%
Total	86	86	0	0	172	100.0%

For 2025, 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	95	93			188	91.7%
Female	7	10			17	8.3%
Total	102	103	0	0	205	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 2025, 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	3			5	2.4%
African-American	10	5			15	7.3%
Hispanic	8	17			25	12.2%
Native American	3	1			4	2.0%
Other	5	5			10	4.9%
Caucasian	74	72			146	71.2%
Total	102	103	0	0	205	100.0%

Citizen- Sex	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Male	70	79			149	86.6%
Female	16	7			23	13.4%
Unknown	0	0			0	0.0%
Total	86	86	0	0	172	100.0%

Citizen- Race	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Asian	2	2			4	2.3%
African-American	49	37			86	50.0%
Hispanic	10	12			22	12.8%
Native American	0	0			0	0.0%

Other	1	0			1	0.6%
Caucasian	24	35			59	34.3%
Unknown	0	0			0	0.0%
Total	86	86	0	0	172	100.0%

Other Influencing Factors	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Alcohol	20	31			51	36.7%
Drugs	11	12			23	16.5%
Alcohol/Drugs Combined	20	19			39	28.1%
Other	15	11			26	18.7%
Total	66	73	0	0	139	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								
Officer Race	Caucasian	Citizen Race	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
		Asian	1	2			3	2.1%
		African-American	44	30			74	50.7%
		Hispanic	9	10			19	13.0%
		Native American	0	0			0	0.0%
		Other	0	0			0	0.0%
		Caucasian	20	30			50	34.2%
		Unknown	0	0			0	0.0%
		Total	74	72	0	0	146	100.0%
	Hispanic	Asian	1	2			3	12.0%
		African-American	4	9			13	52.0%
		Hispanic	1	1			2	8.0%
		Native American	0	0			0	0.0%
		Other	0	0			0	0.0%
		Caucasian	2	5			7	28.0%
		Unknown	0	0			0	0.0%
		Total	8	17	0	0	25	100.0%
	African-American	Asian	0	0			0	0.0%
		African-American	6	2			8	53.3%
		Hispanic	1	1			2	13.3%
		Native American	0	0			0	0.0%
		Other	0	0			0	0.0%
		Caucasian	3	2			5	33.3%
		Unknown	0	0			0	0.0%
		Total	10	5	0	0	15	100.0%
	Native American	Asian	1	0			1	25.0%
		African-American	1	0			1	25.0%
		Hispanic	0	1			1	25.0%
		Native American	0	0			0	0.0%
		Other	0	0			0	0.0%
		Caucasian	1	0			1	25.0%
		Unknown	0	0			0	0.0%
		Total	3	1	1	0	4	100.0%
		Asian	0	0			0	0.0%

	Asian	African-American	0	1		1	20.0%
		Hispanic	0	0		0	0.0%
		Native American	0	0		0	0.0%
		Other	0	0		0	0.0%
		Caucasian	2	2		4	80.0%
		Unknown	0	0		0	0.0%
		Total	2	3	5	0	100.0%
	Other	Asian	0	0		0	0.0%
		African-American	2	2		4	40.0%
		Hispanic	0	0		0	0.0%
		Native American	0	0		0	0.0%
		Other	1	0		1	10.0%
		Caucasian	2	3		5	50.0%
		Unknown	0	0		0	0.0%
		Total	5	5	0	0	100.0%

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

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