

Types of Force Used By Officers

From January 1 through March 31, 2026, Madison Police Officers responded to 34,175 calls for service. In that time, there were citizen contacts in which officers used recordable force* during their encounter. This means that in the first quarter, MPD officers used recordable force 0.28% 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	34175				34175	
Citizen Contacts Where Force Was Used	94				94	
% of CFS Where Force Was Used	0.28%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0.28%	

*Please refer to MPDs SOP on use of force data collection (on our public website) for the definition of recordable force and distinction between reportable and recordable use of force.

Force	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Decentralization/Takedown (e.g. officer pushing or pulling a subject to the ground)	86				86	62.8%
Active Counter Measures (e.g. officer striking a subject with hand, forearm, foot or knee)	21				21	15.3%
Taser Deployment	15				15	10.9%
Hobble Restraints (a belt system which restricts a subject's ability to kick at officers, squad windows, etc)	7				7	5.1%
OC (i.e. Pepper) Spray Deployment	6				6	4.4%
Baton Strike	0				0	0.0%
K9 Bite	2				2	1.5%
Firearm Discharged Toward Suspect	0				0	0.0%
Impact Munition (firearm delivered projectile launched at a lower than normal velocity)	2					0.0%
Specialty (SWAT/SET)	0				0	0.0%
Total	139				137	100.0%
Firearm Discharged to Put Down a Sick or Suffering Animal	21				21	
District*	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
West	4				4	4.3%
Midtown	10				10	10.6%
South	6				6	6.4%
Central	37				37	39.4%
North	12				12	12.8%
East	24				24	25.5%
Out of County	0				0	0.0%
Within County - Assist Agency	1				1	1.1%
Total	94	0	0	0	94	100.0%

Time of Day/Patrol Shift	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
1st Detail (7am-3pm)	20				20	21.3%
3rd Detail (3pm-11pm)	35				35	37.2%
5th Detail (11pm-7am)	39				39	41.5%
Total	94	0	0		94	100.0%

For 2026, MPD is comprised of 72% male officers as compared to 28% female officers. MPD employed about 2.3 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	107				107	89.2%
Female	13				13	10.8%
Total	120	0	0	0	120	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 2026, MPD employed 66% Caucasian officers and 34% minority officers. MPD officers who used force, broken down by quarter, were:

Officer*- Race	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Asian	5				5	4.2%
African-American	12				12	10.0%
Hispanic	19				19	15.8%
Native American	0				0	0.0%
Other	2				2	1.7%
Caucasian	82				82	68.3%
Total	120	0	0	0	120	100.0%

Citizen- Sex	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Male	73				73	77.7%
Female	21				21	22.3%
Unknown	0				0	0.0%
Total	94	0	0	0	94	100.0%

Citizen- Race	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Asian	1				1	1.1%
African-American	49				49	52.1%
Hispanic	8				8	8.5%
Native American	0				0	0.0%
Other	0				0	0.0%
Caucasian	36				36	38.3%
Unknown	0				0	0.0%
Total	94	86	0	0	94	100.0%

Other Influencing Factors	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Alcohol	17				17	23.9%
Drugs	15				15	21.1%
Alcohol/Drugs Combined	22				22	31.0%
Other	17				17	23.9%
Total	71	0	0	0	71	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	1				1	1.2%
		African-American	37				37	45.1%
		Hispanic	11				11	13.4%
		Native American	0				0	0.0%
		Other	0				0	0.0%
		Caucasian	33				33	40.2%
		Unknown	0				0	0.0%
		Total	82	0	0	0	82	100.0%
	Hispanic	Asian	0				0	0.0%
		African-American	8				8	42.1%
		Hispanic	2				2	10.5%
		Native American	0				0	0.0%
		Other	0				0	0.0%
		Caucasian	9				9	47.4%
		Unknown	0				0	0.0%
	Total	19	0	0	0	19	100.0%	
	African-American	Asian	0				0	0.0%
		African-American	7				7	58.3%
		Hispanic	1				1	8.3%
		Native American	0				0	0.0%
Other		0				0	0.0%	
Caucasian		4				4	33.3%	
Unknown		0				0	0.0%	
Total	12	0	0	0	12	100.0%		
Native American	Asian	0				0	#DIV/0!	
	African-American	0				0	#DIV/0!	
	Hispanic	0				0	#DIV/0!	
	Native American	0				0	#DIV/0!	
	Other	0				0	#DIV/0!	
	Caucasian	0				0	#DIV/0!	
	Unknown	0				0	#DIV/0!	
Total	0	0		0	0	#DIV/0!		
Asian	Asian	0				0	0.0%	
	African-American	4				4	80.0%	
	Hispanic	0				0	0.0%	
	Native American	0				0	0.0%	
	Other	0				0	0.0%	
	Caucasian	1				1	20.0%	
	Unknown	0				0	0.0%	
Total	5			0	5	100.0%		
Other	Asian	0				0	0.0%	
	African-American	1				1	50.0%	
	Hispanic	0				0	0.0%	
	Native American	0				0	0.0%	
	Other	0				0	0.0%	
	Caucasian	1				1	50.0%	
	Unknown	0				0	0.0%	
Total	2	0	0	0	2	100.0%		

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

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