

Types of Force Used By Officers

From July 1st through September 30th of 2025, Madison Police Officers responded to 37,405 calls for service. In that time, there were 102 citizen contacts in which officers used recordable force* during their encounter. This means that in the 3rd quarter, MPD officers used recordable force 0.27% 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	37405		121745	
Citizen Contacts Where Force Was Used	86	86	102		274	
% of CFS Where Force Was Used	0.24%	0.17%	0.27%	#DIV/0!	0.23%	

*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:
<https://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	83		216	58.7%
Active Counter Measures (e.g. officer striking a subject with hand, forearm, foot or knee)	10	12	16		38	10.3%
Taser Deployment	11	11	13		35	9.5%
Hobble Restraints (a belt system which restricts a subject's ability to kick at officers, squad windows, etc)	7	17	9		33	9.0%
OC (i.e. Pepper) Spray Deployment	13	13	10		36	9.8%
Baton Strike	0	0	0		0	0.0%
K9 Bite	1	0	1		2	0.5%
Firearm Discharged Toward Suspect	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Impact Munition (firearm delivered projectile launched at a lower than normal velocity)	3	3	2		8	2.2%
Specialty (SWAT/SET)	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Total	113	121	134	0	368	100.0%
Firearm Discharged to Put Down a Sick or Suffering Animal	48	51	15		114	

District*	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
West	8	4	7		19	6.9%
Midtown	15	12	16		43	15.7%
South	4	2	8		14	5.1%
Central	24	39	34		97	35.4%
North	11	13	13		37	13.5%
East	21	14	22		57	20.8%
Out of County	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Within County - Assist Agency	3	2	2		7	2.6%
Total	86	86	102	0	274	100.0%

Time of Day/Patrol Shift	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
1st Detail (7am-3pm)	20	9	31		60	21.9%
3rd Detail (3pm-11pm)	36	47	35		118	43.1%
5th Detail (11pm-7am)	30	30	36		96	35.0%
Total	86	86	102	0	274	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	104		292	91.5%
Female	7	10	10		27	8.5%
Total	102	103	114	0	319	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	4		9	2.8%
African-American	10	5	8		23	7.2%
Hispanic	8	17	9		34	10.7%
Native American	3	1	0		4	1.3%
Other	5	5	3		13	4.1%
Caucasian	74	72	90		236	74.0%
Total	102	103	114	0	319	100.0%

Citizen- Sex	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Male	70	79	22		171	62.4%
Female	16	7	80		103	37.6%
Unknown	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Total	86	86	102	0	274	100.0%

Citizen- Race	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Asian	2	2	0		4	1.5%
African-American	49	37	60		146	53.3%
Hispanic	10	12	7		29	10.6%
Native American	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Other	1	0	0		1	0.4%
Caucasian	24	35	35		94	34.3%
Unknown	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Total	86	86	102	0	274	100.0%

Other Influencing Factors	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Alcohol	20	31	28		79	33.8%
Drugs	11	12	21		44	18.8%
Alcohol/Drugs Combined	20	19	25		64	27.4%
Other	15	11	21		47	20.1%
Total	66	73	95	0	234	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.

Citizen Race	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Asian	1	2	0		3	1.3%
African-American	44	30	57		131	55.5%
Hispanic	9	10	6		25	10.6%
Native American	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Caucasian	20	30	27		77	32.6%
Unknown	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Total	74	72	90	0	236	100.0%
Asian	1	2	0		3	8.8%
African-American	4	9	7		20	58.8%
Hispanic	1	1	0		2	5.9%
Native American	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Caucasian	2	5	2		9	26.5%
Unknown	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Total	8	17	9	0	34	100.0%
Asian	0	0	0		0	0.0%
African-American	6	2	2		10	43.5%
Hispanic	1	1	1		3	13.0%
Native American	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Caucasian	3	2	5		10	43.5%
Unknown	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Total	10	5	8	0	23	100.0%
Asian	1	0	0		1	25.0%
African-American	1	0	0		1	25.0%
Hispanic	0	1	0		1	25.0%
Native American	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Caucasian	1	0	0		1	25.0%
Unknown	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Total	3	1	0	0	4	100.0%
Asian	0	0	0		0	0.0%
African-American	0	1	1		2	22.2%

Hispanic	0	0	1		1	11.1%
Native American	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Caucasian	2	2	2		6	66.7%
Unknown	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Total	2	3	5	0	9	100.0%
Asian	0	0	0		0	0.0%
African-American	2	2	3		7	53.8%
Hispanic	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Native American	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Other	1	0	0		1	7.7%
Caucasian	2	3	0		5	38.5%
Unknown	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Total	5	5	3	0	13	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 Deadly Force](#)
[Use of Force Documentation](#)

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