

Types of Force Used By Officers

From October 1st through December 31st of 2025, Madison Police Officers responded to 33,054 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 4th quarter, MPD officers used recordable force 0.26% 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	38,359	37405	33054	143985	
Citizen Contacts Where Force Was Used	86	86	102	86	360	
% of CFS Where Force Was Used	0.24%	0.22%	0.27%	0.26%	0.25%	

*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: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.cityofmadison.com/police/documents/sop/UseofForce.pdf](https://www.cityofmadison.com/police/documents/sop/UseofForce.pdf)

Force	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Decentralization/Takedown (e.g. officer pushing or pulling a subject to the ground)	68	65	83	72	288	60.0%
Active Counter Measures (e.g. officer striking a subject with hand, forearm, foot or knee)	10	12	16	10	48	10.0%
Taser Deployment	11	11	13	8	43	9.0%
Hobble Restraints (a belt system which restricts a subject's ability to kick at officers, squad windows, etc)	7	17	9	11	44	9.2%
OC (i.e. Pepper) Spray Deployment	13	13	10	7	43	9.0%
Baton Strike	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
K9 Bite	1	0	1	2	4	0.8%
Firearm Discharged Toward Suspect	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Impact Munition (firearm delivered projectile launched at a lower than normal velocity)	3	3	2	2	10	2.1%
Specialty (SWAT/SET)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	113	121	134	112	480	100.0%
Firearm Discharged to Put Down a Sick or Suffering Animal	48	51	15	11	125	

District*	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
West	8	4	7	5	24	6.7%
Midtown	15	12	16	12	55	15.3%
South	4	2	8	8	22	6.1%
Central	24	39	34	32	129	35.8%
North	11	13	13	11	48	13.3%
East	21	14	22	17	74	20.6%
Out of County	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Within County - Assist Agency	3	2	2	1	8	2.2%
Total	86	86	102	86	360	100.0%

Time of Day/Patrol Shift	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
1st Detail (7am-3pm)	20	9	31	18	78	21.7%
3rd Detail (3pm-11pm)	36	47	35	29	147	40.8%
5th Detail (11pm-7am)	30	30	36	39	135	37.50.0%
Total	86	86	102	86	360	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	88	380	91.1%
Female	7	10	10	10	37	8.9%
Total	102	103	114	98	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 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	5	14	3.4%
African-American	10	5	8	9	32	7.7%
Hispanic	8	17	9	12	46	11.0%
Native American	3	1	0	2	6	1.4%
Other	5	5	3	4	17	4.1%
Caucasian	74	72	90	66	302	72.4%
Total	102	103	114	98	417	100.0%

Citizen- Sex	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Male	70	79	22	67	238	66.1%
Female	16	7	80	19	122	33.9%
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	86	86	102	86	360	100.0%

Citizen- Race	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Asian	2	2	0	0	4	1.1%
African-American	49	37	60	53	199	55.3%
Hispanic	10	12	7	5	34	9.4%
Native American	0	0	0	1	1	0.3%
Other	1	0	0	0	1	0.3%
Caucasian	24	35	35	27	121	33.6%
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	86	86	102	86	360	100.0%

Other Influencing Factors	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Alcohol	20	31	28	29	108	35.5%
Drugs	11	12	21	16	60	19.7%
Alcohol/Drugs Combined	20	19	25	15	79	26.0%
Other	15	11	21	10	57	18.8%
Total	66	73	95	70	304	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	2	0	0
African-American	44			30	57	44	175	57.9%
Hispanic	9			10	6	3	28	9.3%
Native American	0			0	0	1	1	0.3%
Other	0			0	0	0	0	0.0%
Caucasian	20			30	27	18	95	31.5%
Unknown	0			0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	74			72	90	66	302	100.0%
Hispanic	Asian		1	2	0	0	3	6.5%
	African-American		4	9	7	7	27	58.7%
	Hispanic		1	1	0	1	3	6.5%
	Native American		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Other		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Caucasian		2	5	2	4	13	28.3%
	Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Total		8	17	9	12	46	100.0%
African-American	Asian		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	African-American		6	2	2	7	17	53.1%
	Hispanic		1	1	1	0	3	9.4%
	Native American		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Other		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Caucasian		3	2	5	2	12	37.5%
	Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Total		10	5	8	9	32	100.0%
Native American	Asian		1	0	0	0	1	16.7%
	African-American		1	0	0	1	2	33.3%
	Hispanic		0	1	0	0	1	16.7%
	Native American		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Other		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Caucasian		1	0	0	1	2	33.3%
	Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Total		3	1	1	2	6	100.0%

	Asian	Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		African-American	0	1	1	2	4	28.6%
		Hispanic	0	0	1	1	2	14.3%
		Native American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		Caucasian	2	2	2	2	8	57.1%
		Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		Total	2	3	5	5	14	100.0%
	Other	Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		African-American	2	2	3	2	9	52.9%
		Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		Native American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		Other	1	0	0	0	1	5.9%
		Caucasian	2	3	0	2	7	41.2%
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Total		5	5	3	4	17	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](#)

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: 01/15/2026