

Use of Force Data

September 2021 Data Update

CPC November 4, 2021

State Database

- Attorney General has attempted to create a consistent data mechanism across police organizations in New Jersey
- All data is collected and available at: www.njoag.gov/force and then click on DASHBOARD.
- This is still a BETA dashboard version; database driven by individual officer report vs. incident

[Access Use of Force Data Dashboard \(Beta Version\)](#)

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Comparing Communities

- You can view data at the state, county, and then individual department level or officer name
- Data captured from October 1, 2020 through September 2021 (so far) – one full year
- Only completed or closed incidents are included (closed by September 30th)
- For all of New Jersey 12 months:
 - 8,389 incidents
 - 14,961 total officer reports
 - 1.78 officer reports per incident

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Questions from September CPC conversation

- How can we tie this data to community member complaints?
- How can we tie this data to internal affairs review of “appropriateness” of use of force?
- How often should this report be updated? Are these the right metrics?
- How would our community react to the demographics of the subjects vs. population (2 white, 6 black, 3 Hispanic, and 1 two or races identified – numbers updated to reflect Sept. data) as was the approach (correctly or not) of the November 2018 NJ.com report?
- How do we provide the context to our community about some of these incidents that go beyond a simple count?

South Orange Data

- Reminder that SOPD responds to about 25 calls a day, so over these 12 months this is more than 9,000 calls
- Between October 2020 and September 2021, South Orange PD reported **12** use of force incidents with 24 officer reports
 - 4 incidents with 1 officer report
 - 4 incidents with 2 officer reports
 - 4 incidents with 3 officer reports
- **Incident Types**
 - 5 of 10 (50%) potential mental health or medical emergencies – 1 arrest (July 17th report in database is listed as interaction type “none provided” should be listed as potential mental health)
 - 1 trespassing, 1 disturbance, 1 MV stop, 1 welfare check (Jan. 1st incident), 1 Burglary, 1 wanted persons, 1 theft/shoplifting– all arrested
- **Subject Demographics**
 - 3 of 12 (25%) involved juveniles; 9 of 12 (75%) males; 2 white, 6 black, 3 Hispanic, and 1 two or races identified
- **Injuries**
 - 2 of 12 (17%) involved injury to the subject
 - 3 of 12 (25%) involved injury to officers (of individual reports this involved **4** officers of 24 reports (17%))

October 2020 – August 2021

Difficult to categorize type of force across incidents

number officers	incident date	incident type 1	Interaction Type	Subject Age	Subject Gender	Subject Race	Subject Resistance 1	subject actions 1	arrested	subject injured	officer injured
1	10/24/20	Disturbance (drinking, fighting, disorderly)	used take down	32	male	hispanic	other	prevent harm to another; threat with edge	yes	no	no
3	11/9/20	medical emergency	used arms / other / other	Juvenile	female	two or more	resistive tension	attempt to self harm	no	no	no
11/28/2020&11/29		potential mental health	used legs/kicked; used arms	39	male	black	verbal	resisted arrest/police officer control	no		yes
1/1/2021 & 1/02/21		other/welfare check / mv traffic stop	used arms; used take down; used arms	50	male	hispanic	resistive tension	resisted arrest/police officer control	yes	no	no
2	3/11/21	Medical Emergency	other; used arms	Juvenile	female	white	non responsive	resisted arrest/police officer control	no	no	no
3	4/3/21	mv/traffic stop	used arms	24	male	hispanic	resistive tension	resisted arrest/police officer control	yes	no	no
1	4/5/21	potential mental health	used arms	Juvenile	female	black	attempt to flee	resisted arrest/police officer control	no	no	no
1	4/6/21	trespassing	used take down	28	male	black	resistive tension	resisted arrest/police officer control	yes	yes	no
2	7/17/21	none provided	used take down	56	male	white	non-responsive	attempt to self harm	yes	no	yes
2	8/13/21	burglary	used take down	19	male	black	resistive tension	attempt to flee	yes	yes	yes
1	9/16/21	theft/shoplifting	used pressure points	31	male	black	resistive tension		yes	no	no
3	9/28/21	wanted person	used arms	33	male	black	resistive tension	attempt to flee	yes	no	no

The combining of incidents with different dates in the database is subjective and due to the context of the incident.

Demographics of SO Police Officers Involved

- 23 reports were made by male officers, one report Other gender identified
- One officer had 4 reports, three had 3, one had 2, and nine had 1 report.