

## Use of Force Incidents 2015-2018

### 1. Reasons for Use of Force

For each use of force, there must be a reason for why force was used. However, it is also department policy to document injuries which happened prior to and during custody on the same form (DPD Form 12), regardless of cause.

Use of Force Event Type	2015	2016	2017	2018
Injury Prior To Arrest	140	104	90	79
Injury While In Custody	88	84	74	101
UOF During Arrest	555	523	524	506

### 2. Use of Force Incidents per 1,000 Arrests

All Use of Force Incidents By District	2015			2016			2017			2018		
	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate
District 1	125	5,295	23.6	117	5,028	23.3	122	4,912	24.8	123	4,754	25.9
District 2	103	4,728	21.8	100	4,244	23.6	106	4,357	24.3	91	3,973	22.9
District 3	108	3,577	30.2	93	3,689	25.2	82	4,062	20.2	63	4,234	14.9
District 4	133	4,571	29.1	118	4,565	25.8	105	3,978	26.4	136	4,398	30.9
District 5	74	2,723	27.2	62	2,617	23.7	61	2,483	24.6	60	2,749	21.8
District 6	226	7,917	28.5	207	7,827	26.4	183	8,006	22.9	194	7,918	24.5
District 7 (DIA)	9	149	60.4	9	235	38.3	20	282	70.9	13	268	48.5
Total	783	28,960	27	711	28,205	25.2	688	28,080	24.5	679	28,294	24.0

These include all use of force incidents, including those marked as "injury prior to arrest" and "injury while in custody". Arrests only include those made in the City and County of Denver.

### 3. Use of Force Incidents During Arrest per 1,000 Arrests

All Use of Force Incidents By District	2015			2016			2017			2018		
	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate
District 1	95	5,295	17.9	85	5,028	16.9	91	4,912	18.5	95	4,754	20.0
District 2	80	4,728	16.9	63	4,244	14.8	86	4,357	19.7	71	3,973	17.9
District 3	64	3,577	17.9	65	3,689	17.6	61	4,062	15.0	49	4,234	11.6
District 4	91	4,571	19.9	91	4,565	19.9	78	3,978	19.6	99	4,398	22.5
District 5	46	2,723	16.9	46	2,617	17.6	48	2,483	19.3	41	2,749	14.9
District 6	166	7,917	21.0	161	7,827	20.6	139	8,006	17.4	137	7,918	17.3
District 7 (DIA)	8	149	53.7	9	235	38.3	13	282	46.1	10	268	37.3
Total	550	28,960	19.0	519	28,205	18.4	516	28,080	18.4	492	28,294	17.4

This table only includes those uses of force which were documented as effected during an arrest. Arrests only include those made in the City and County of Denver.

### 4. Use of Force Incidents per Officer

Force Incidents per officer	2015	2016	2017	2018
0	885	943	927	975
1	337	301	318	301
2	132	143	156	142
3	69	65	72	77
4	42	36	25	23
>=5	36	23	30	40
<b>Total DPD Officers</b>	<b>1501</b>	<b>1511</b>	<b>1528</b>	<b>1558</b>

Officers who were documented as using one or more types of force during a Use of Force incident. Officers who were only witnesses to the incident or specifically documented not using force were not counted as having participated in the use of force event. This may include officers who were injured during the incident but did not use force themselves.

### 5. Use of Force Incidents captured on BWC

Captured on Body Worn Camera	2015	2016	2017	2018
BWC	0	108	552	457
NO BWC	783	603	136	229
% Captured on BWC	0%	15.2%	80.2%	66.6%

This counts all Use of Force Incidents, including those listed as Injury Prior to Arrest and Injury While In Custody. If there was no specific indication that the event was captured on BWC, it is marked as not captured, regardless of the officers having a BWC or not.

### 6. Use of Force Incidents During Arrest captured on BWC

Captured on Body Worn Camera	2015	2016	2017	2018
BWC	0	106	448	454
NO BWC	555	417	76	52
% Captured on BWC	0%	20.3%	85.5%	89.7%

This only includes those uses of force which were documented as effected during an arrest. If there was no specific indication that the event was captured on BWC, it is marked as not captured, regardless of the officers having a BWC or not.

### 7. Officer Race/Ethnicity vs Subject Race/Ethnicity

These tables capture all Use of Force incidents, not just those that occurred while effecting an arrest. Each officer involved is counted. Each incident may have multiple officers and subjects, so numbers will not add up to the total count of Use of Force incidents. Officer and subject race/ethnicity information is self-reported.

2015							
Officer Race							
Subject Race	Native American	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Unknown	White	Total
Asian	0	0	0	2	0	7	9
Black	6	11	46	61	1	229	354
Hispanic	6	6	21	49	0	164	246
Native American	0	0	1	2	0	6	9
Unknown	0	1	4	3	0	16	24
White	3	14	34	111	3	388	553
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1195</b>
2016							
Officer Race							
Subject Race	Native American	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Unknown	White	Total
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Black	4	11	35	59	1	204	314
Hispanic	3	5	14	41	0	165	228
Native American	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
Unknown	0	1	4	3	0	16	24
White	6	15	37	107	3	328	496
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>1068</b>
2017							
Officer Race							
Subject Race	Native American	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Unknown	White	Total
Asian	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Black	0	7	35	80	1	235	358
Hispanic	3	6	23	60	1	171	264
Native American	0	1	0	1	0	3	5
Unknown	1	1	3	9	0	21	35
White	4	13	29	107	1	344	498
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>1162</b>
2018							
Officer Race							
Subject Race	Native American	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Unknown	White	Total
Asian	0	1	1	7	0	11	20
Black	3	4	26	69	2	191	295
Hispanic	0	4	11	45	0	141	201
Native American	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Unknown	0	0	0	7	0	20	27
White	6	11	36	140	3	393	589
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>1134</b>

### 8. Officer Force level vs Subject Race/Ethnicity

Tier I level of force are those less likely to cause serious bodily injury or death, such as Takedown or strikes using hand, foot, etc., Pepper spray or other chemical agent, ECW (Taser), RIPP Restraint or other less lethal weapons such as Pepper Ball rounds or 40mm impact rounds.

Tier II level of force includes lethal force or force likely to cause serious bodily injury such as Police Service Dog, Handgun, Rifle, or Shotgun

Totals do not include incidents where no force was used by officers.

<b>2015</b>	<b>Tier I Force</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Tier II Force</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Total	519	100.00%	46	100.00%
Asian	4	0.77%	0	0.00%
Black	155	29.87%	19	41.30%
Hispanic	105	20.23%	15	32.61%
Native American	3	0.58%	1	2.17%
Unknown	0	0.00%	1	2.17%
White	252	48.55%	10	21.74%
<b>2016</b>	<b>Tier I Force</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Tier II Force</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Total	443	100.00%	55	100.00%
Asian	3	0.68%	0	0.00%
Black	128	28.89%	8	14.55%
Hispanic	84	18.96%	19	34.55%
Native American	1	0.23%	0	0.00%
Unknown	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
White	227	51.24%	28	50.91%
<b>2017</b>	<b>Tier I Force</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Tier II Force</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Total	489	100.00%	43	100.00%
Asian	1	0.20%	0	0.00%
Black	138	28.22%	8	18.60%
Hispanic	117	23.93%	13	30.23%
Native American	4	0.82%	0	0.00%
Unknown	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
White	229	46.83%	22	51.16%
<b>2018</b>	<b>Tier I Force</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Tier II Force</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Total	467	100.00%	45	100.00%
Asian	6	1.28%	3	6.67%
Black	120	25.70%	7	15.56%
Hispanic	94	20.13%	14	31.11%
Native American	2	0.43%	0	0.00%
Unknown	11	2.36%	1	2.22%
White	234	50.11%	20	44.44%

### 9. Force level used by officer vs subject resistance level

These tables only include those use of force incidents occurring while effecting an arrest. Subjects may exhibit different levels of resistance during the encounter and afterward. Each use of force incident could have both tier I and tier II force used as the officers' response is escalated, or no Tier I nor Tier II force if no force was used.

Tier I level of force are those less likely to cause serious bodily injury or death, such as Takedown or strikes using hand, foot, etc., Pepper spray or other chemical agent, ECW (Taser), RIPP Restraint or other less lethal weapons such as Pepper Ball rounds or 40mm impact rounds.

Tier II level of force includes lethal force or force likely to cause serious bodily injury such as Police Service Dog, Handgun, Rifle, or Shotgun

Total Incidents also includes those incidents where no force was used, however a report was mandated by policy.

2015	Tier I Force	%	Tier II Force	%	Total Incidents with that level of Subject Resistance
45 Psych Intimidation	5	100.0%	0	0.0%	5
46 Verbal Non-Compliance	29	100.0%	0	0.0%	29
47 Defensive Resistance	154	99.4%	3	1.9%	155
48 Active Aggression	201	99.5%	4	2.0%	202
49 Agg Active Aggression	30	88.2%	8	23.5%	34
50 No Resistance	14	87.5%	1	6.3%	16
51 Passive Resistance	28	93.3%	1	3.3%	30
52 Combative After Custody	37	100.0%	0	0.0%	37
53 Foot Pursuit	64	97.0%	11	16.7%	66
54 Vehicle Pursuit	20	100.0%	15	75.0%	20
55 Attempt to Flee/Escape	59	100.0%	15	25.4%	59
56 Actively	10	100.0%	0	0.0%	10
57 Assault/Resisted Arrest	21	91.3%	2	8.7%	23

2016	Tier I Force	%	Tier II Force	%	Total Incidents with that level of Subject Resistance
45 Psych Intimidation	3	100.0%	0	0.0%	3
46 Verbal Non-Compliance	22	100.0%	3	13.6%	22
47 Defensive Resistance	129	97.0%	2	1.5%	133
48 Active Aggression	150	98.7%	4	2.6%	152
49 Agg Active Aggression	32	84.2%	11	28.9%	38
50 No Resistance	6	100.0%	1	16.7%	6
51 Passive Resistance	13	72.2%	2	11.1%	18
52 Combative After Custody	24	88.9%	0	0.0%	27
53 Foot Pursuit	90	100.0%	11	12.2%	90
54 Vehicle Pursuit	19	100.0%	13	68.4%	19
55 Attempt to Flee/Escape	64	97.0%	23	34.8%	66
56 Actively	7	87.5%	2	25.0%	8
57 Assault/Resisted Arrest	29	93.5%	1	3.2%	31

2017	Tier I Force	%	Tier II Force	%	Total Incidents with that level of Subject Resistance
45 Psych Intimidation	9	90.0%	0	0.0%	10
46 Verbal Non-Compliance	33	100.0%	0	0.0%	33
47 Defensive Resistance	161	100.0%	1	0.6%	161
48 Active Aggression	171	99.4%	5	2.9%	172
49 Agg Active Aggression	24	85.7%	6	21.4%	28
50 No Resistance	7	77.8%	0	0.0%	9
51 Passive Resistance	26	100.0%	2	7.7%	26
52 Combative After Custody	26	96.3%	0	0.0%	27
53 Foot Pursuit	88	100.0%	18	20.5%	88
54 Vehicle Pursuit	9	90.0%	4	40.0%	10
55 Attempt to Flee/Escape	91	96.8%	25	26.6%	94
56 Actively	4	100.0%	1	25.0%	4
57 Assault/Resisted Arrest	29	93.5%	2	6.5%	31

2018	Tier I Force	%	Tier II Force	%	Total Incidents with that level of Subject Resistance
45 Psych Intimidation	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2
46 Verbal Non-Compliance	18	94.7%	0	0.0%	19
47 Defensive Resistance	139	100.0%	0	0.0%	139
48 Active Aggression	189	97.4%	3	1.5%	194
49 Agg Active Aggression	23	76.7%	8	26.7%	30
50 No Resistance	8	100.0%	1	12.5%	8
51 Passive Resistance	19	95.0%	4	20.0%	20
52 Combative After Custody	15	100.0%	0	0.0%	15
53 Foot Pursuit	60	96.8%	7	11.3%	62
54 Vehicle Pursuit	7	100.0%	5	71.4%	7
55 Attempt to Flee/Escape	71	100.0%	22	31.0%	71
56 Actively	13	86.7%	6	40.0%	15
57 Assault/Resisted Arrest	31	96.9%	0	0.0%	32

## **10. Methodology**

Records were retrieved from the IA Pro database. These records include information copied over from paper forms which are filled out by officers according to the department's operations manual and training.

In cases where information appeared to be inconsistent or incorrect, the IA department was notified and corrections, if needed, were made. Typically, these were cases where the information in two sections were swapped, such as gender and race, where a white male was listed as having race of male and sex of white. Once corrections were made, data was re-pulled to ensure that the corrections were in the system.

Each Use of Force Incident may contain one or more suspects and one or more officers. Additionally, each suspect may exhibit multiple levels of resistance and officers may use multiple levels of force during the incident.