Use of Force Incidents 2016-2019

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	2016	2017	2018	2019
Injury Prior To Arrest	104	90	78	115
Injury While In Custody	84	74	100	120
UOF During Arrest	523	524	508	497

2. Use of Force Incidents per 1,000 Arrests

All Use of Force Incidents By District	2016			2017			2018			2019		
District	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate
District 1	117	5,028	23.3	122	4,912	24.8	123	4,754	25.9	108	4,243	25.5
District 2	100	4,244	23.6	106	4,357	24.3	91	3,973	22.9	107	3,236	33.1
District 3	93	3,689	25.2	82	4,062	20.2	63	4,234	14.9	77	3,891	19.8
District 4	118	4,565	25.8	105	3,978	26.4	136	4,398	30.9	142	4,285	33.1
District 5	62	2,617	23.7	61	2,483	24.6	60	2,749	21.8	72	2,706	26.6
District 6	207	7,827	26.4	183	8,006	22.9	194	7,918	24.5	237	7,906	30.0
District 7 (DIA)	9	235	38.3	20	282	70.9	13	268	48.5	15	288	52.1
Total	711	28,205	25.2	688	28,080	24.5	680	28,294	24.0	758	26,555	28.5

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.

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

All Use of Force Incidents By District	2016			2017			2018			2019		
District	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate	Use of Force	Arrest	Rate
District 1	85	5,028	16.9	91	4,912	18.5	95	4,754	20.0	71	4,243	16.7
District 2	63	4,244	14.8	86	4,357	19.7	71	3,973	17.9	74	3,236	22.9
District 3	65	3,689	17.6	61	4,062	15.0	49	4,234	11.6	49	3,891	12.6
District 4	91	4,565	19.9	78	3,978	19.6	99	4,398	22.5	85	4,285	19.8
District 5	46	2,617	17.6	48	2,483	19.3	41	2,749	14.9	55	2,706	20.3
District 6	161	7,827	20.6	139	8,006	17.4	137	7,918	17.3	151	7,906	19.1
District 7 (DIA)	9	235	38.3	13	282	46.1	10	268	37.3	8	288	27.8
Total	519	28,205	18.4	516	28,080	18.4	502	28,294	17.7	493	26,555	18.6

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	2016	2017	2018	2019
0	943	927	975	921
1	301	318	302	313
2	143	156	141	146
3	65	72	76	75
4	36	25	26	37
>=5	23	30	39	50
Total DPD Officers	**1511**	**1528**	**1558**	**1542**

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	2016	2017	2018	2019
BWC	108	552	647	683
NO BWC	603	136	39	49
% Captured on BWC	15.2%	80.2%	94.3%	93.3%

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	2016	2017	2018	2019
BWC	106	448	483	465
NO BWC	417	76	25	32
% Captured on BWC	20.3%	85.5%	95.1%	93.6%

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.

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
Total	13	33	90	210	4	718	1068

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**
Total	**8**	**28**	**91**	**257**	**3**	**775**	**1162**

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**
Total	**9**	**20**	**74**	**269**	**5**	**757**	**1134**

2019	Officer Race						
Subject Race	Native American	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Unknown	White	**Total**
Asian	1	0	1	1	0	8	**11**
Black	4	9	28	86	4	187	**318**
Hispanic	5	5	11	53	5	161	**240**
Native American	0	0	0	2	0	6	**8**
Unknown	1	1	0	7	2	8	**19**
White	4	12	32	141	8	398	**595**
Total	**15**	**27**	**72**	**290**	**19**	**768**	**1191**

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. As records

2016	Tier I Force	% of Total	Tier II Force	% of Total
Total	478	100.00%	57	100.00%
Asian	2	0.42%	0	0.00%
Black	129	26.99%	8	14.04%
Hispanic	96	20.08%	20	35.09%
Native American	1	0.21%	0	0.00%
Unknown	11	2.30%	0	0.00%
White	239	50.00%	29	50.88%
2017	Tier I Force	% of Total	Tier II Force	% of Total
Total	500	100.00%	44	100.00%
Asian	1	0.20%	0	0.00%
Black	135	27.00%	8	18.18%
Hispanic	118	23.60%	14	31.82%
Native American	4	0.80%	0	0.00%
Unknown	11	2.20%	0	0.00%
White	231	46.20%	22	50.00%
2018	Tier I Force	% of Total	Tier II Force	% of Total
Total	468	100.00%	45	100.00%
Asian	6	1.28%	3	6.67%
Black	122	26.07%	7	15.56%
Hispanic	89	19.02%	14	31.11%
Native American	2	0.43%	0	0.00%
Unknown	15	3.21%	1	2.22%
White	234	50.00%	20	44.44%
2019	Tier I Force	% of Total	Tier II Force	% of Total
Total	464	100.00%	32	100.00%
Asian	3	0.65%	0	0.00%
Black	119	25.65%	4	12.50%
Hispanic	94	20.26%	12	37.50%
Native American	4	0.86%	0	0.00%
Unknown	9	1.94%	1	3.13%
White	235	50.65%	15	46.88%

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.

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	88.0%	3	12.0%	25
47 Defensive Resistance	129	98.5%	2	1.5%	131
48 Active Aggression	150	97.4%	4	2.6%	154
49 Agg Active Aggression	32	74.4%	11	25.6%	43
50 No Resistance	6	85.7%	1	14.3%	7
51 Passive Resistance	13	86.7%	2	13.3%	15
52 Combative After Custody	24	100.0%	0	0.0%	24
53 Foot Pursuit	90	89.1%	11	10.9%	101
54 Vehicle Pursuit	19	59.4%	13	40.6%	32
55 Attempt to Flee/Escape	64	73.6%	23	26.4%	87
56 Actively	7	77.8%	2	22.2%	9
57 Assault/Resisted Arrest	29	96.7%	1	3.3%	30

2017	Tier I Force	%	Tier II Force	%	Total Incidents with that level of Subject Resistance
45 Psych Intimidation	9	100.0%	0	0.0%	9
46 Verbal Non-Compliance	33	100.0%	0	0.0%	33
47 Defensive Resistance	161	99.4%	1	0.6%	162
48 Active Aggression	171	97.2%	5	2.8%	176
49 Agg Active Aggression	24	80.0%	6	20.0%	30
50 No Resistance	7	100.0%	0	0.0%	7
51 Passive Resistance	26	92.9%	2	7.1%	28
52 Combative After Custody	26	100.0%	0	0.0%	26
53 Foot Pursuit	88	83.0%	18	17.0%	106
54 Vehicle Pursuit	9	69.2%	4	30.8%	13
55 Attempt to Flee/Escape	91	78.4%	25	21.6%	116
56 Actively	4	80.0%	1	20.0%	5
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	3	100.0%	0	0.0%	3
46 Verbal Non-Compliance	18	100.0%	0	0.0%	18
47 Defensive Resistance	141	100.0%	0	0.0%	141
48 Active Aggression	190	98.4%	3	1.6%	193
49 Agg Active Aggression	23	74.2%	8	25.8%	31
50 No Resistance	8	88.9%	1	11.1%	9
51 Passive Resistance	19	82.6%	4	17.4%	23
52 Combative After Custody	15	100.0%	0	0.0%	15
53 Foot Pursuit	59	89.4%	7	10.6%	66
54 Vehicle Pursuit	7	58.3%	5	41.7%	12
55 Attempt to Flee/Escape	71	76.3%	22	23.7%	93
56 Actively	13	68.4%	6	31.6%	19
57 Assault/Resisted Arrest	31	100.0%	0	0.0%	31

2019	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	16	88.9%	2	11.1%	18
47 Defensive Resistance	182	100.0%	0	0.0%	182
48 Active Aggression	171	99.4%	1	0.6%	172
49 Agg Active Aggression	32	74.4%	11	25.6%	43
50 No Resistance	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2
51 Passive Resistance	10	90.9%	1	9.1%	11
52 Combative After Custody	13	100.0%	0	0.0%	13
53 Foot Pursuit	64	92.8%	5	7.2%	69
54 Vehicle Pursuit	8	57.1%	6	42.9%	14
55 Attempt to Flee/Escape	35	79.5%	9	20.5%	44
56 Actively	13	86.7%	2	13.3%	15
57 Assault/Resisted Arrest	6	100.0%	0	0.0%	6

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.

Due to the dynamic nature of the data being analyzed, the number of records may change for future requests.

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.