

FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
REPORTABLE RESPONSE RESISTANCE PROJECT



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## Use of Reportable Response Resistance (Force) Data Collection

Despite Fresno police officers routine use of verbal commands, and attempts to negotiate peaceful solutions when involved in adversarial situations, there are times when physical force is necessary to make an arrest, prevent an escape, overcome resistance, or defend against injury to officers or citizens. Officers use force as a last resort, with the vast majority of confrontations resolved with very little, if any, force applied. On rare occasions, deadly force must be used; however, the public is often unaware of the vast majority of potentially deadly confrontations that are peacefully resolved without resorting to deadly force.

The Professional Standards Unit reviews police reports and other force data for comparative analysis and composite reporting. This information is used to determine effectiveness and necessity of the force used, reliability of equipment, training needs, policy modifications, etc.

The Department defines reportable force as any force when:

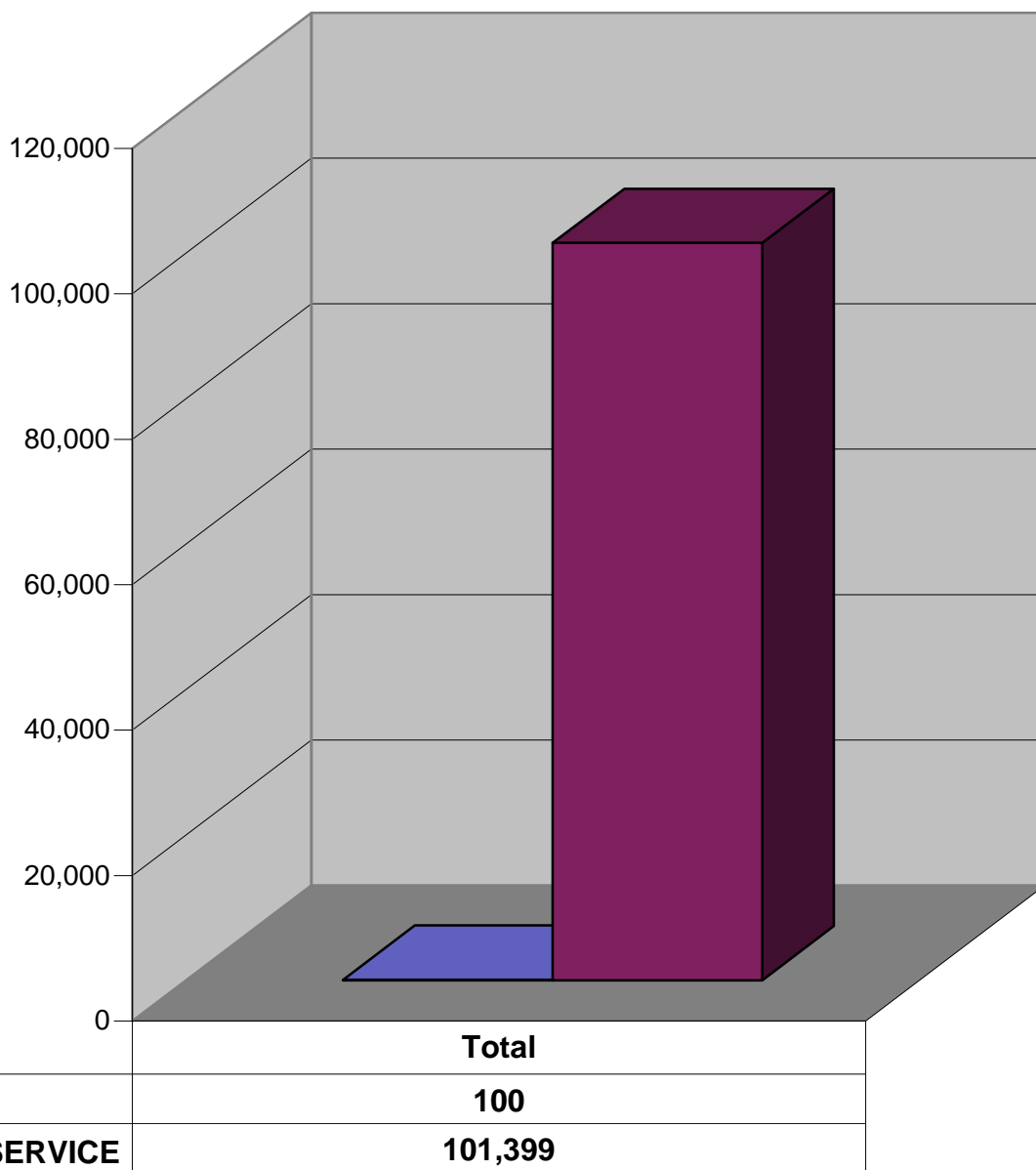
1. Officers (including canines) use force and a person is injured; or
2. Officers strike a person with a body part (i.e., fist, foot, elbow, etc.) or any object (i.e. flashlight, clipboard, etc); or
3. Officers use (not merely display) a department issued weapon (i.e., electronic immobilizing device, less-lethal impact projectile, chemical agents, baton, firearm, etc.).

Fresno police officers applied force in 100 incidents while responding to 101,399 calls for service (CFS). This equates to officers applying force in approximately one-tenth of one percent (0.10%) of all calls for service for this reporting period.

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## Calls For Service (CFS) vs. Reportable Response Resistance (Force) Incidents



CFS does not include events handled telephonically.  
0.10% of all CFS resulted in the application of reportable force.

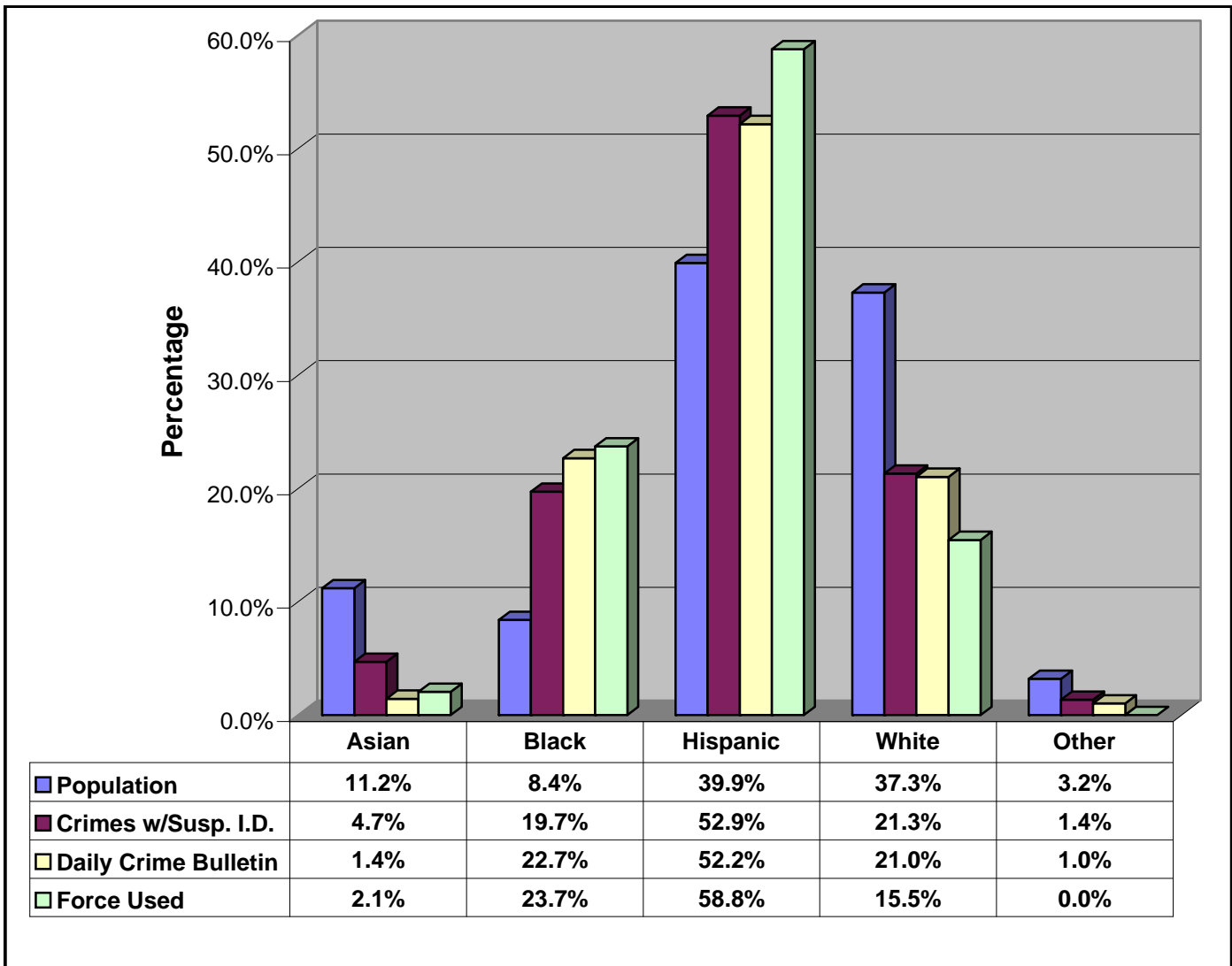
### Suspect Demographics

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other
<b>City of Fresno Pop. (427,652)*</b>	48,028	35,763	170,520	159,473	13,868
<b>Percentage</b>	11.2%	8.4%	39.9%	37.3%	3.2%
<b>Crimes with Suspect's Race/Age Identified (13,678)</b>	644	2,697	7,237	2,915	185
<b>Percentage</b>	4.7%	19.7%	52.9%	21.3%	1.4%
<b>Daily Crime Bulletin Listings (477)**</b>	7	110	253	102	5
<b>Percentage</b>	1.4%	22.7%	52.2%	21.0%	1.0%
<b>Force Applications (97)***</b>	2	23	57	15	0
<b>Percentage</b>	2.1%	23.7%	58.8%	15.5%	0.0%

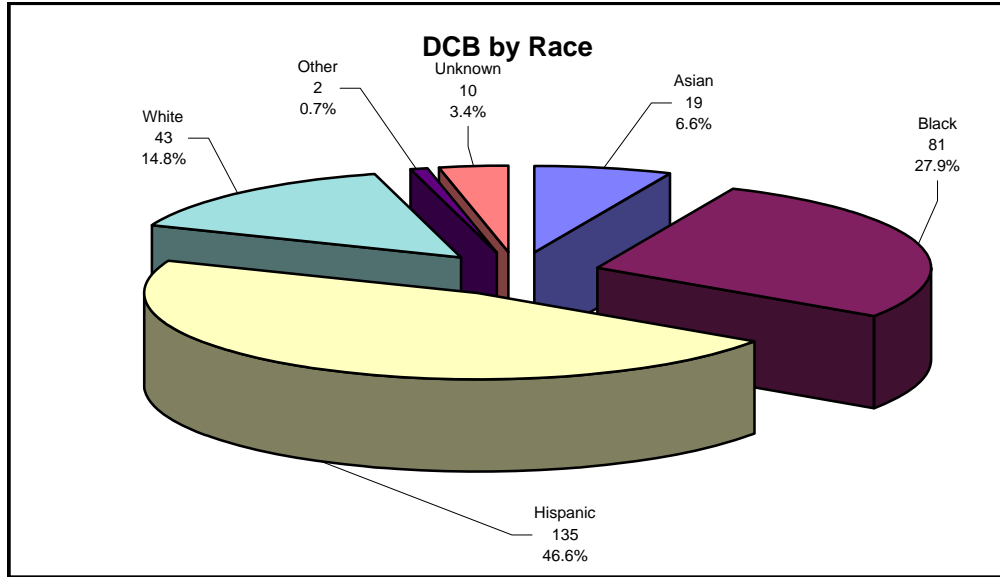
\* 2000 Census

\*\* 8 persons or 1.6% were listed as 'unknown' (see page 3 for definition of Daily Crime Bulletin - DCB)

\*\*\* Of the 100 reportable force cases, 3 had no age or race data available



### DAILY CRIME BULLETIN (WANTED PERSONS) BY RACE LISTINGS – 485

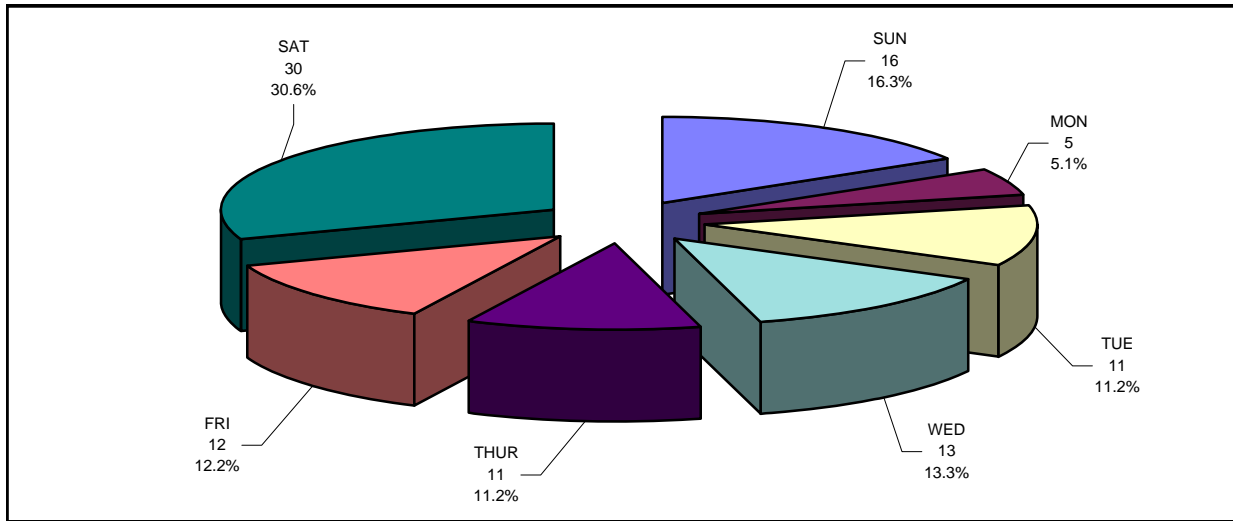


Order by Race:	Hispanic	-	52.2%
	Black	-	22.7%
	White	-	21.0%
	Unknown	-	1.6%
	Asian	-	1.4%
	Other	-	1.0%

The Daily Crime Bulletin (DCB) is a restricted, law enforcement use only document, issued department wide to all sworn personnel and twelve other local/state agencies to assist in locating/arresting suspects and wanted persons. The DCB is issued seven days a week and typically contains the following information:

- 1) Felonies with known, at-large suspects
- 2) Wanted parolees
- 3) Officer safety information (vehicle occupants in possession of firearms, possible armed subjects, etc.)

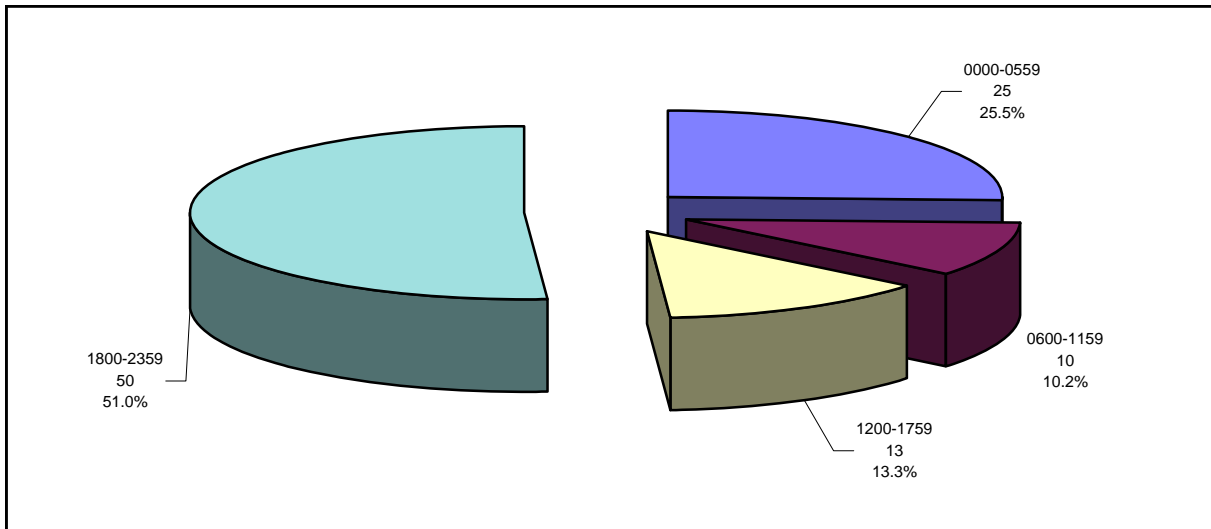
### FORCE INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK, CITY-WIDE



Order by Day of the Week:

Saturday	-	30.6%
Sunday	-	16.3%
Wednesday	-	13.3%
Friday	-	12.2%
Thursday	-	11.2%
Tuesday	-	11.2%
Monday	-	5.1%

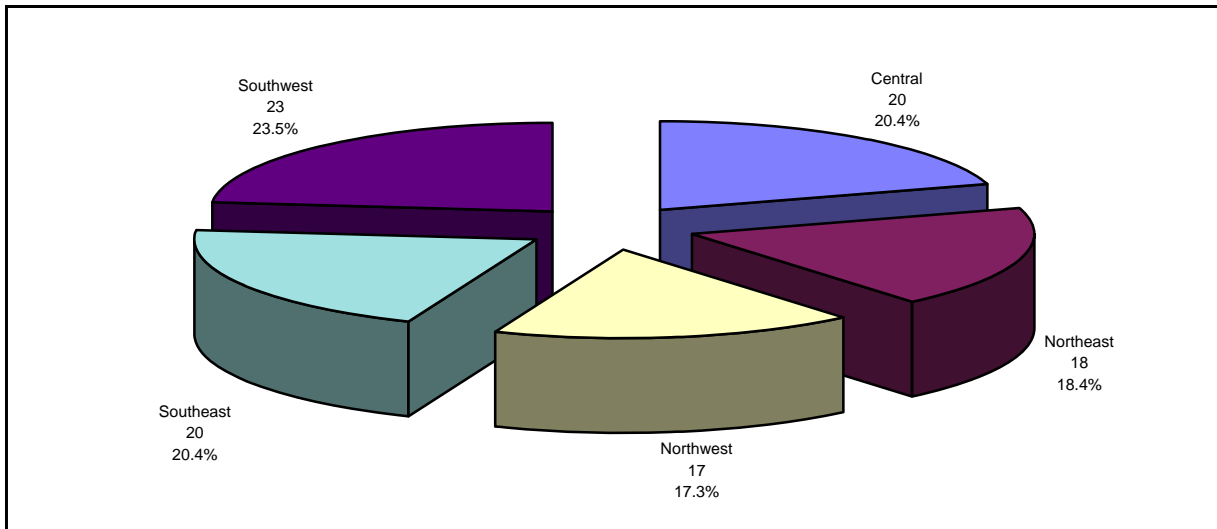
### FORCE INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY, CITY-WIDE



Order by Hours of the Day:

1800 to 2359 hrs	-	51.0%
0000 to 0559 hrs	-	25.5%
1200 to 1759 hrs	-	13.3%
0600 to 1159 hrs	-	10.2%

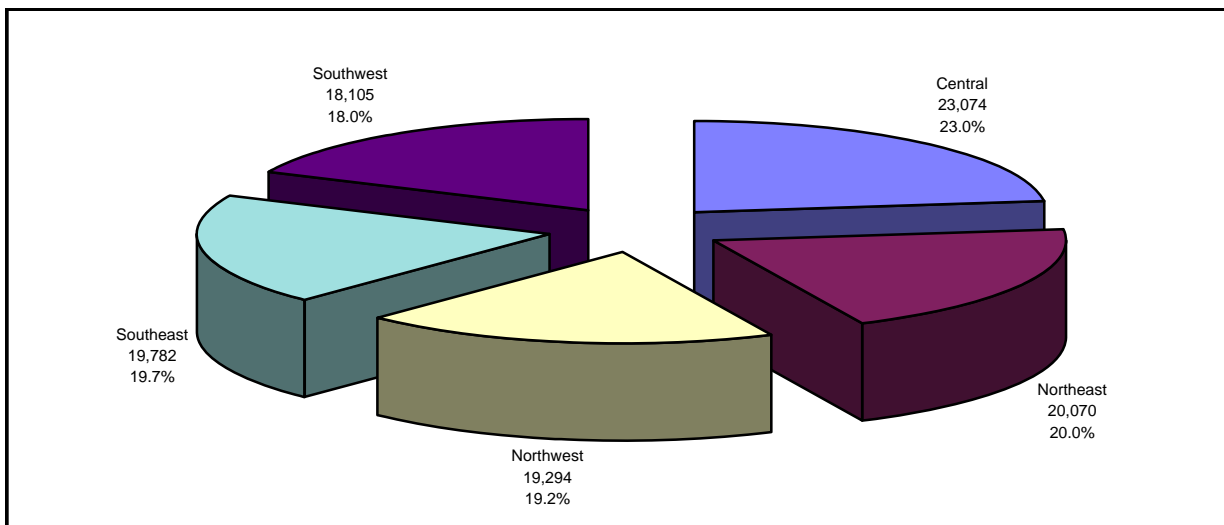
### FORCE INCIDENTS BY POLICING DISTRICT\*



Of the 100 force incidents, 2 were not assigned to a specific district.

Order by District:	Southwest	-	23.5%
	Central	-	20.4%
	Southeast	-	20.4%
	Northeast	-	18.4%
	Northwest	-	17.3%

### ALL CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS) BY POLICING DISTRICT\*

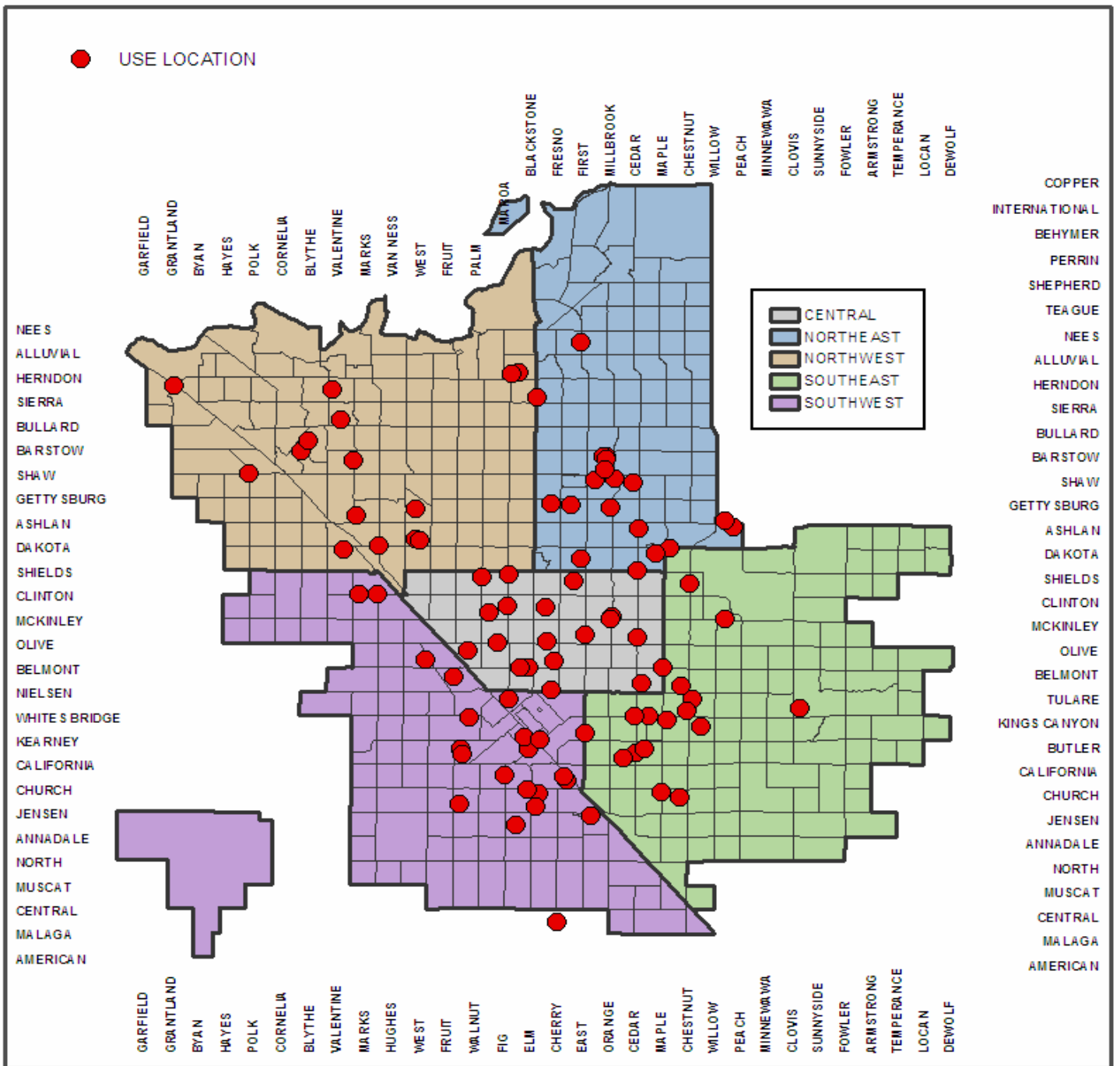


Of the 101,399 CFS, 1,074 were not assigned to a specific district.

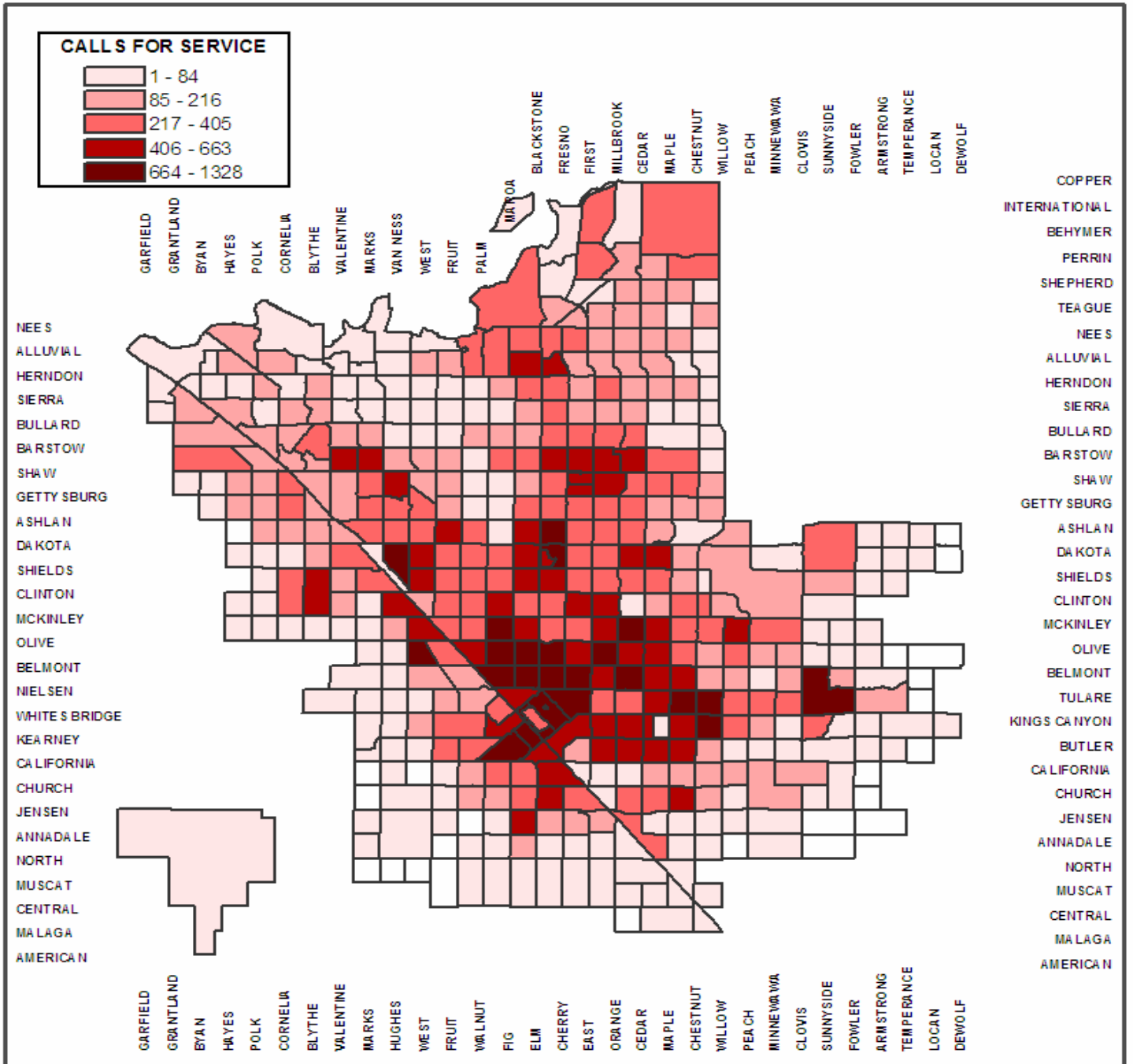
Order by District:	Central	-	23.0%
	Northeast	-	20.0%
	Southeast	-	19.7%
	Northwest	-	19.2%
	Southwest	-	18.0%

\* See page 6 for policing district boundaries.

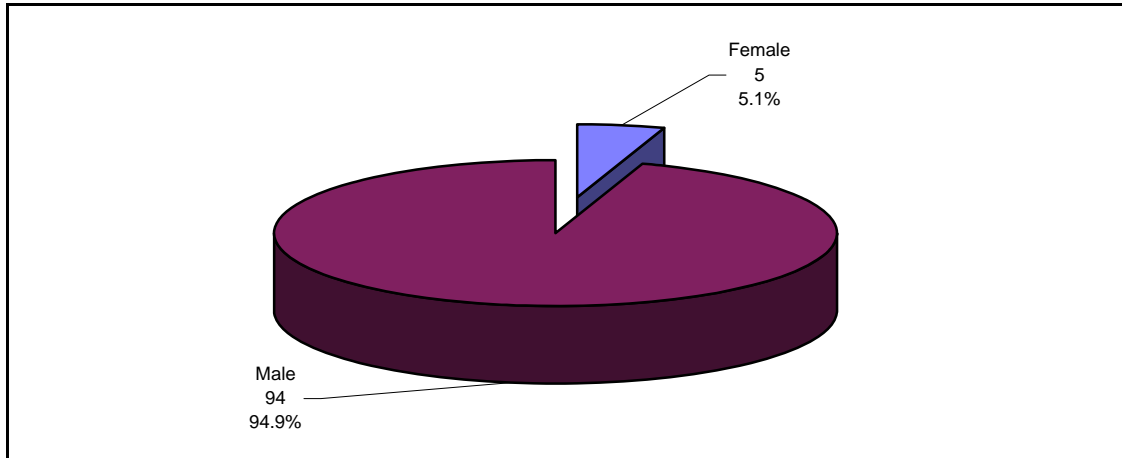
# FORCE USED BY DISTRICT



# PART I CRIMES BY ZONE



## FORCE INCIDENTS BY GENDER OF SUSPECTS



Of the 100 force incidents, 1 had no gender data available.

## REPORTED CRIMES BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17	92	363	1,087	202	23	1,767
18-23	232	569	1,591	504	50	2,946
24-29	148	475	1,557	561	27	2,768
30-35	70	319	1,083	385	22	1,879
36-41	42	311	760	455	30	1,598
42-47	32	287	606	401	17	1,343
48-53	12	223	346	235	11	827
54-59	8	112	127	120	4	371
60-65	3	23	60	32	0	118
66 and Over	5	15	20	20	1	61
<b>Total</b>	644	2,697	7,237	2,915	185	13,678

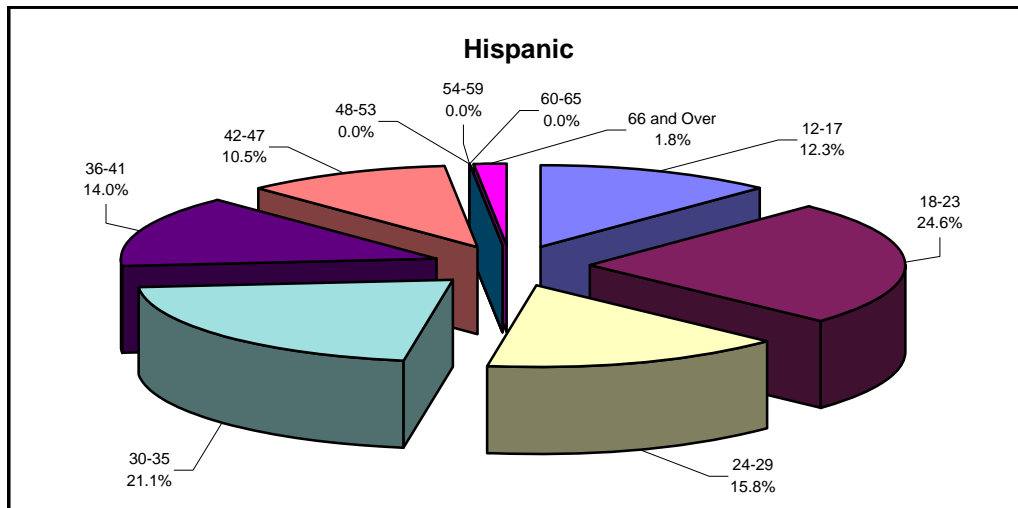
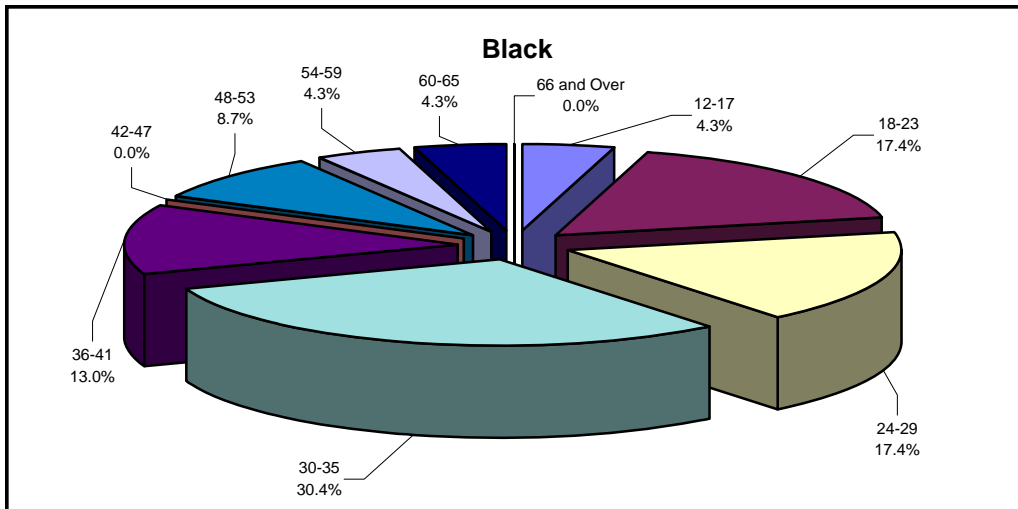
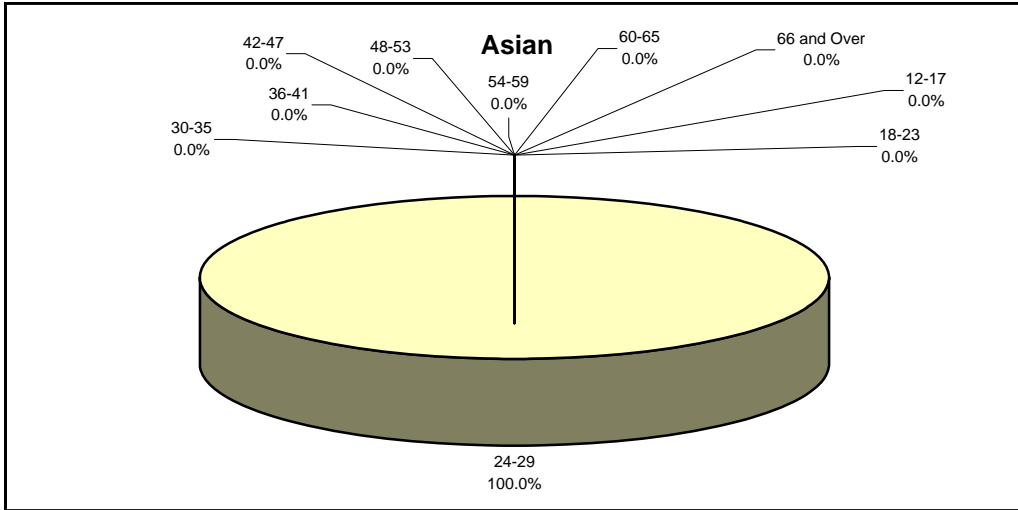
Of the 13,756 reported crime suspects, 13,678 had both age and race data.

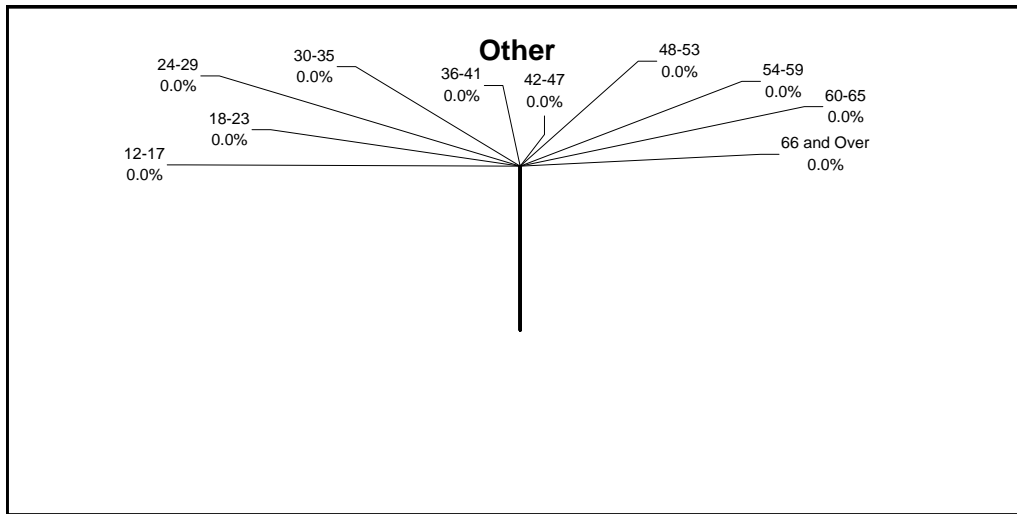
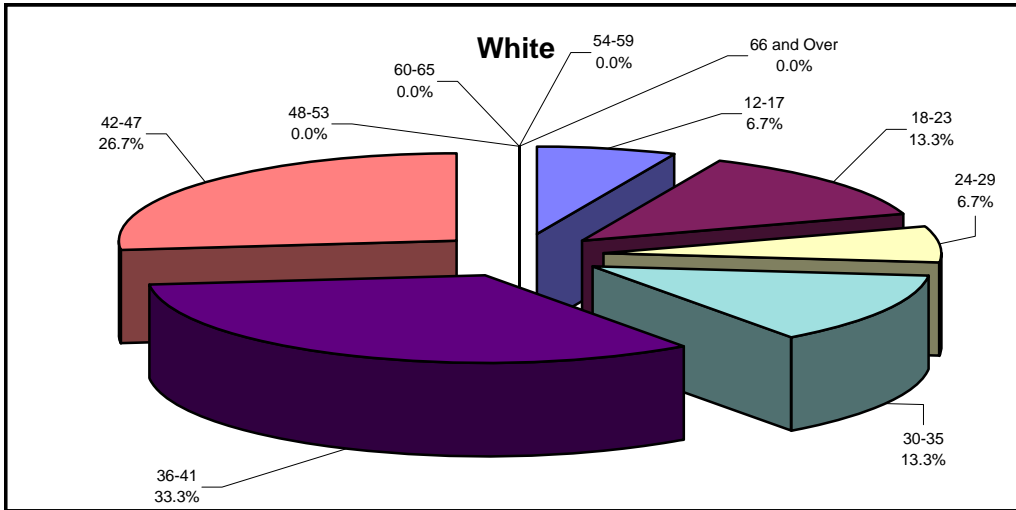
## REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17		1	7	1		9
18-23		4	14	2		20
24-29	2	4	9	1		16
30-35		7	12	2		21
36-41		3	8	5		16
42-47			6	4		10
48-53		2				2
54-59		1				1
60-65		1				1
66 and Over			1			1
<b>Total</b>	2	23	57	15	0	97

Of the 100 force incidents, 97 had both age and race data.

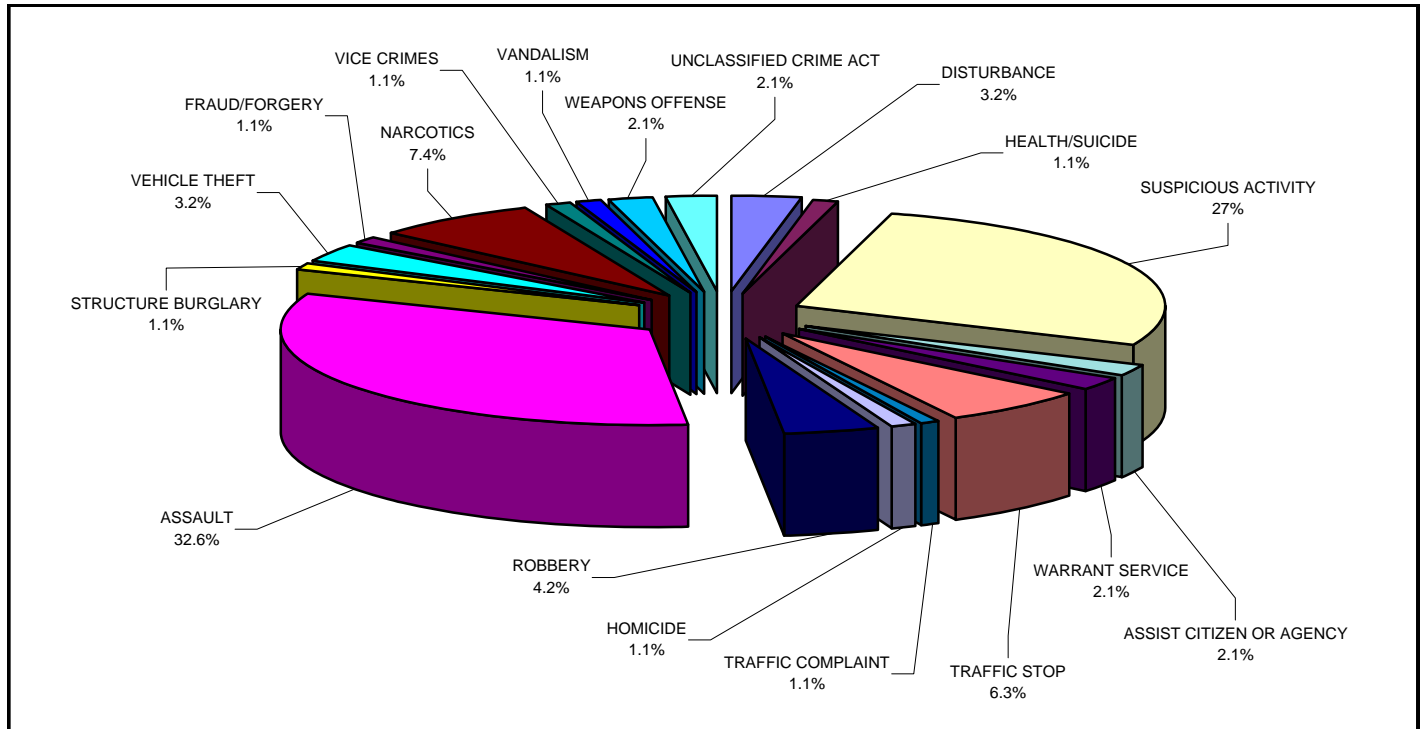
# REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS





"Other" refers to persons whose race is not defined as Asian, Black, Hispanic or White, i.e., persons from the Pacific Islands, Mid-East, or India.

## TYPE OF CFS RESULTING IN REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS



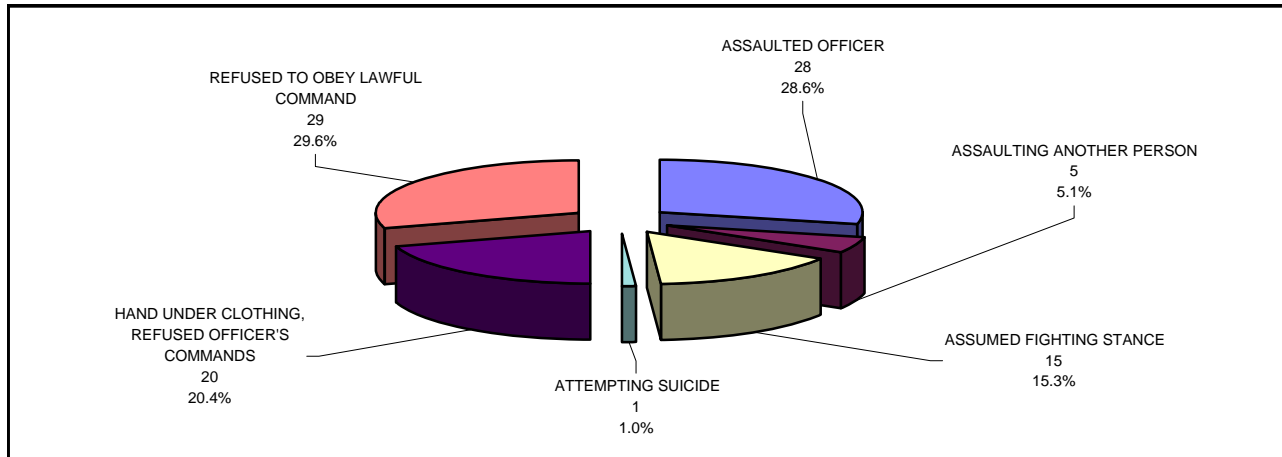
Order by Force Incident Clearance Code:

Force Incident	Force Incidents:	CFS Total:
ASSAULT	31	1732
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	26	19234
NARCOTICS	7	1310
TRAFFIC STOP	6	17912
ROBBERY	4	434
DISTURBANCE	3	13602
VEHICLE THEFT	3	2590
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	2	3727
WARRANT SERVICE	2	5754
WEAPONS OFFENSE	2	987
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	2	416
HEALTH/SUICIDE	1	2916
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	1	4090
HOMICIDE	1	32
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	1	4270
FRAUD/FORGERY	1	420
VICE CRIMES	1	309
VANDALISM	1	1644
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95 **</b>	

\* Vice Crimes refers to acts of illegal gambling, prostitution, etc.

\*\* 5 force incidents had wrong or no clearance codes.

## SUSPECT'S ACTIONS NECESSITATING THE USE OF FORCE



Order by Action:

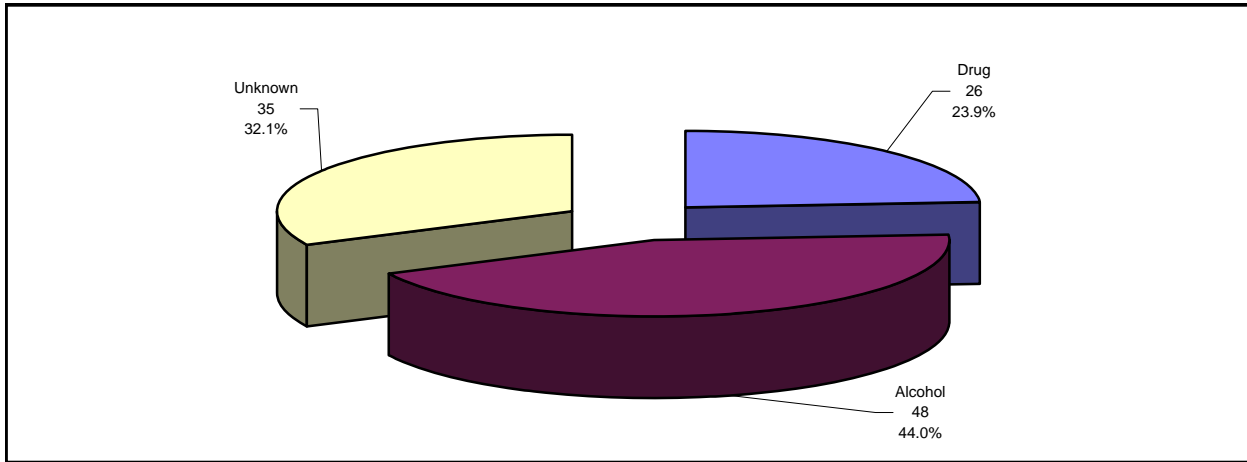
REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND	-	29.6%
ASSAULTED OFFICER	-	28.6%
HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	-	20.4%
ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	-	15.3%
ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	-	5.1%
ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	-	1.0%

## REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY TYPE OF CFS AND SUSPECT'S ACTION

TYPE OF CFS	ASSAULTED OFFICER	ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND
DISTURBANCE	0	2	0	0	0	1
HEALTH/SUICIDE	1	0	0	0	0	0
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	1	1	7	1	4	12
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	1	0	0	0	0	1
WARRANT SERVICE	0	0	0	0	2	0
TRAFFIC STOP	3	0	0	0	1	2
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	0	0	0	0	0	1
HOMICIDE	1	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	2	2
ASSAULT	18	2	4	0	4	3
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	1	0
VEHICLE THEFT	1	0	0	0	0	2
FRAUD/FORGERY	0	0	0	0	0	1
NARCOTICS	2	0	0	0	3	2
VICE CRIMES	0	0	1	0	0	0
VANDALISM	0	0	1	0	0	0
WEAPONS OFFENSE	0	0	1	0	0	1
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	0	0	0	0	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>

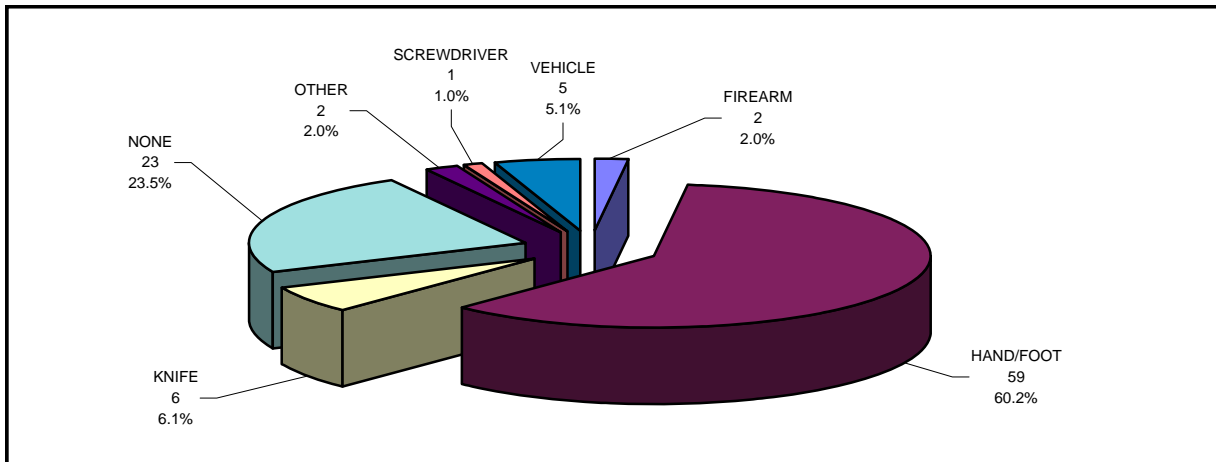
\* 3 force incidents had wrong or no clearance codes (one for each category).

### SUSPECT'S DRUG/ALCOHOL USE WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



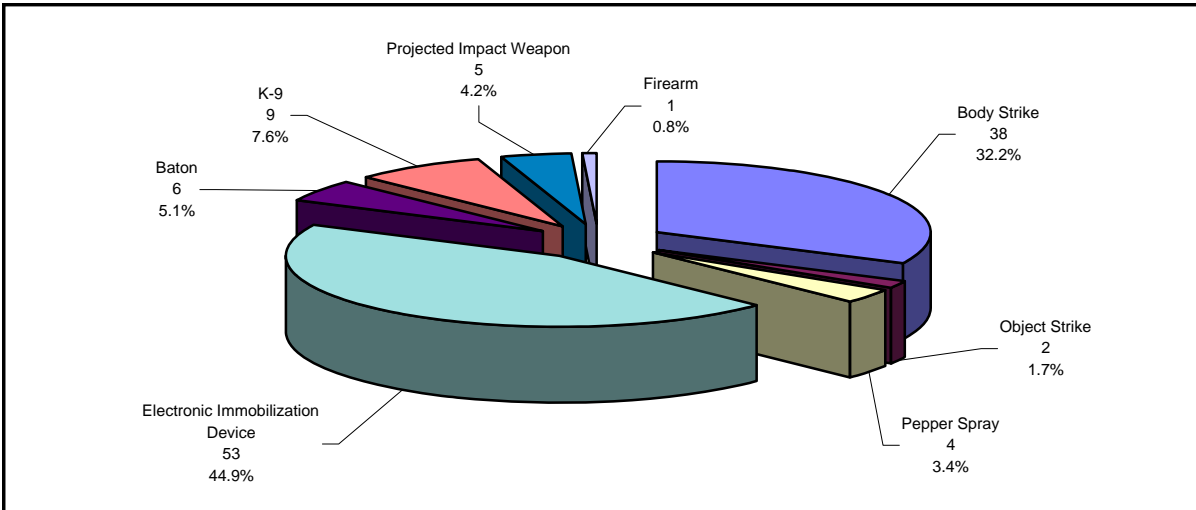
Some suspects were under the influence of both drugs and alcohol.

### SUSPECT WEAPONS WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



Order by Weapon:	HAND/FOOT	-	60.2%
	NONE	-	23.5%
	KNIFE	-	6.1%
	VEHICLE	-	5.1%
	FIREARM	-	2.0%
	OTHER	-	2.0%
	SCREWDRIVER	-	1.0%

## REPORTABLE FORCE USED BY OFFICERS



Some incidents require multiple applications of force to take a suspect into custody or stop an unlawful attack.

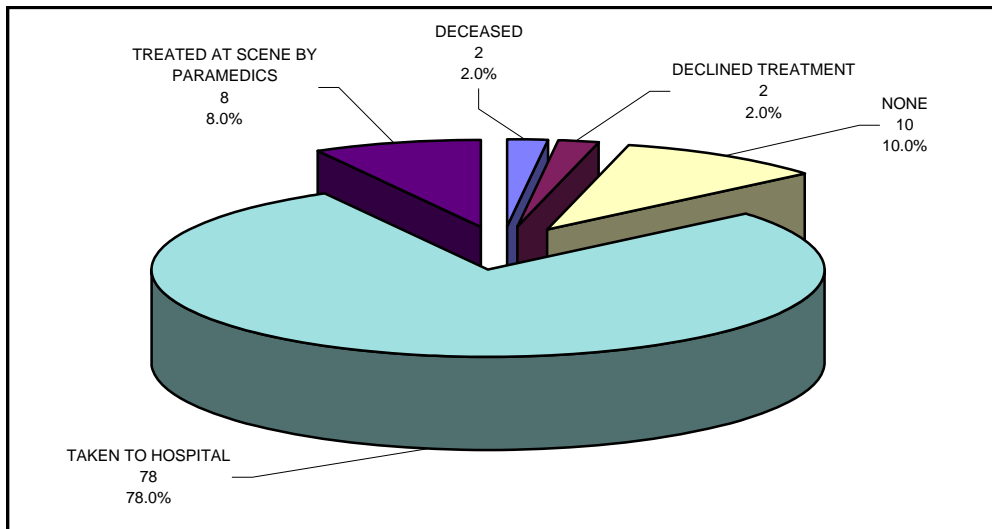
### Order by Force:

Electronic Immobilization Device	-	44.9%
Body Strike	-	32.2%
K-9	-	7.6%
Baton	-	5.1%
Projected Impact Weapon	-	4.2%
Pepper Spray	-	3.4%
Object Strike	-	1.7%
Firearm	-	0.8%

Note: Electronic Immobilization Device is also referred to as a Taser.

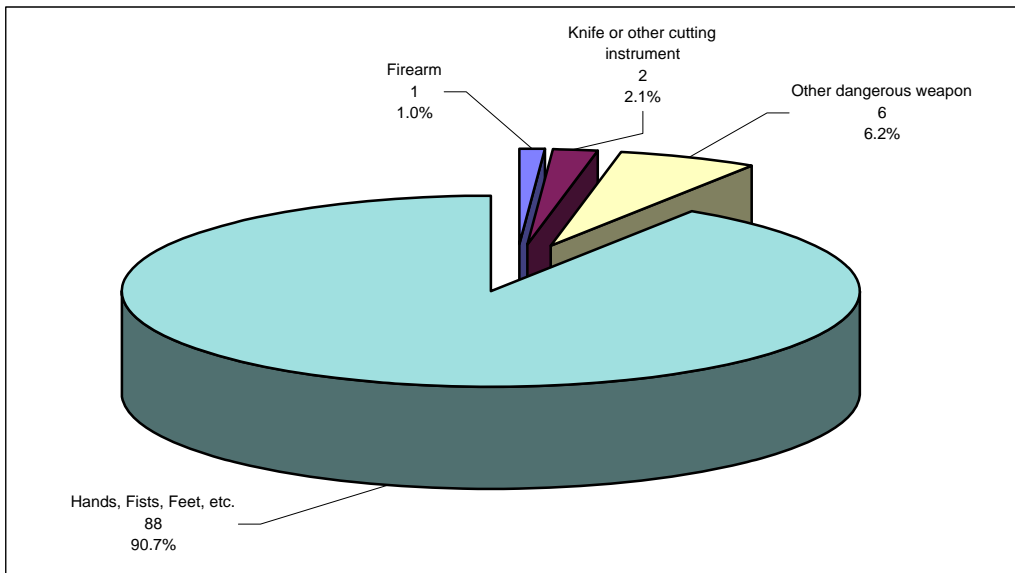
Projected Impact Weapon is also referred to as a Less Lethal Shotgun or bean bag gun.

### SUSPECT MEDICAL REVIEW AFTER REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



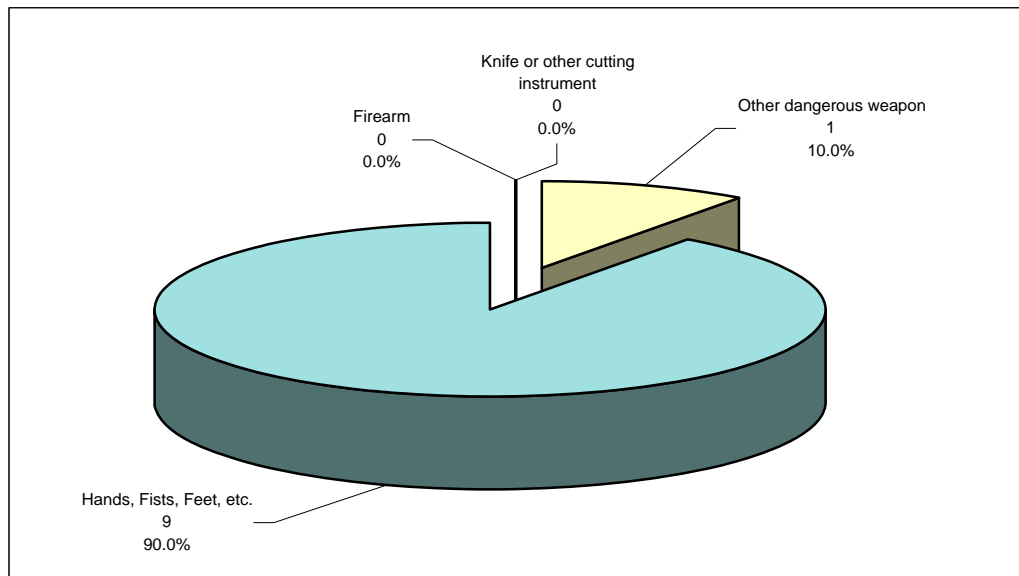
Not all suspects who received medical review were injured. Per Department policy, any person subjected to a chemical agent/mace, electronic immobilizing device (taser), less lethal impact projectile, or any force which causes injury or renders temporary disability to an arrestable subject, is automatically provided medical care by on-scene medical personnel or at a hospital.

### OFFICER'S ASSAULTED \*



97 officers were assaulted.

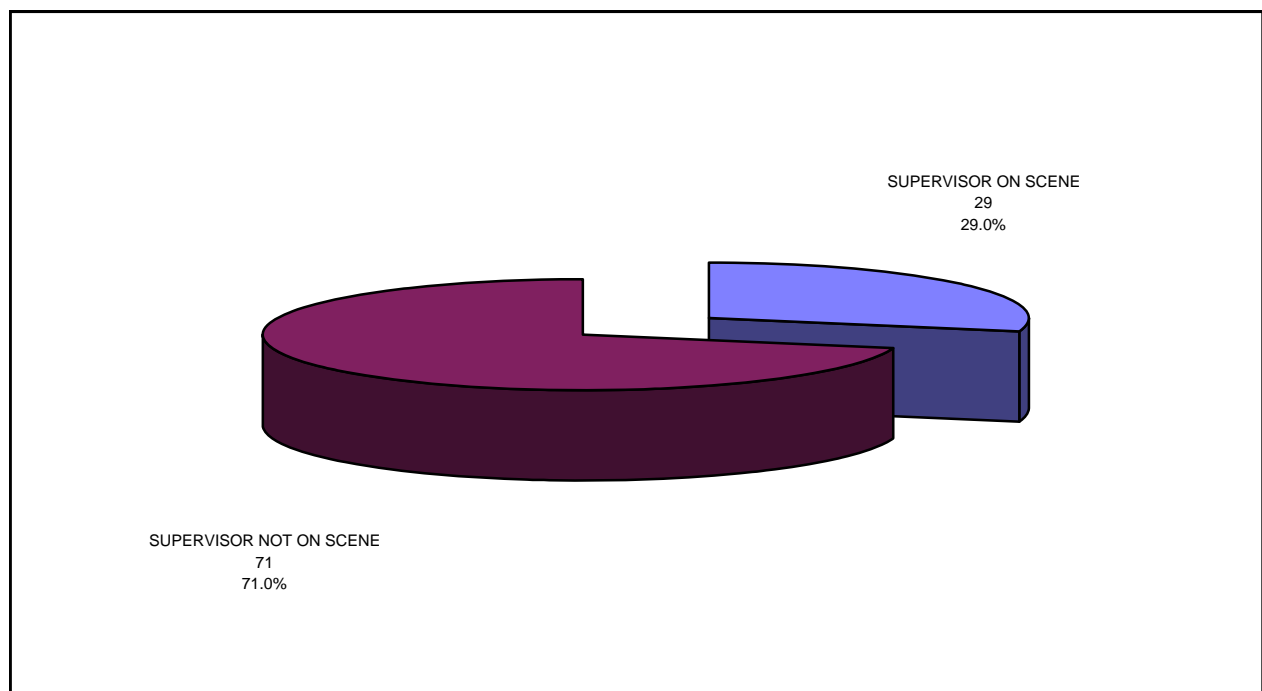
## OFFICERS INJURED \*



10 officers were injured requiring immediate medical treatment.

\* Data based on the 1st Qtr 2008 LEOKA (Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted) report. Not all incidents, where an officer was injured, involved a use of reportable force, i.e., the suspect gives up after injuring an officer.

## SUPERVISOR ON SCENE WHEN REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



A supervisor may be enroute to assist an officer on a call; however, the officer may be required to use reportable force prior to the supervisor's arrival. In these circumstances, the supervisor would be considered "not on scene."

