

Alaska Department of Public Safety



Use of Force 5-Year Report

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2022

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USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

Overview

The Alaska Department of Public Safety (DPS) annually publishes a five-year trend analysis Use of Force report for all Use of Force incidents involving the Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, Court Service Officers, and Deputy Fire Marshals. This report includes data from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2022.

DPS also voluntarily participates in the US Department of Justice Law Enforcement Use of Force data collection effort.

For more information on DPS' Use of Force policy, you can review our Operating Procedures Manual Chapter 107 at: https://dps.alaska.gov/AST/PIO/CompleteOPM_Redacted.pdf

Total Instances of Use of Force

Between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2022, there were 1,777 instances where force was used by a law enforcement officer employed by DPS.

Effectiveness of Types of Force¹

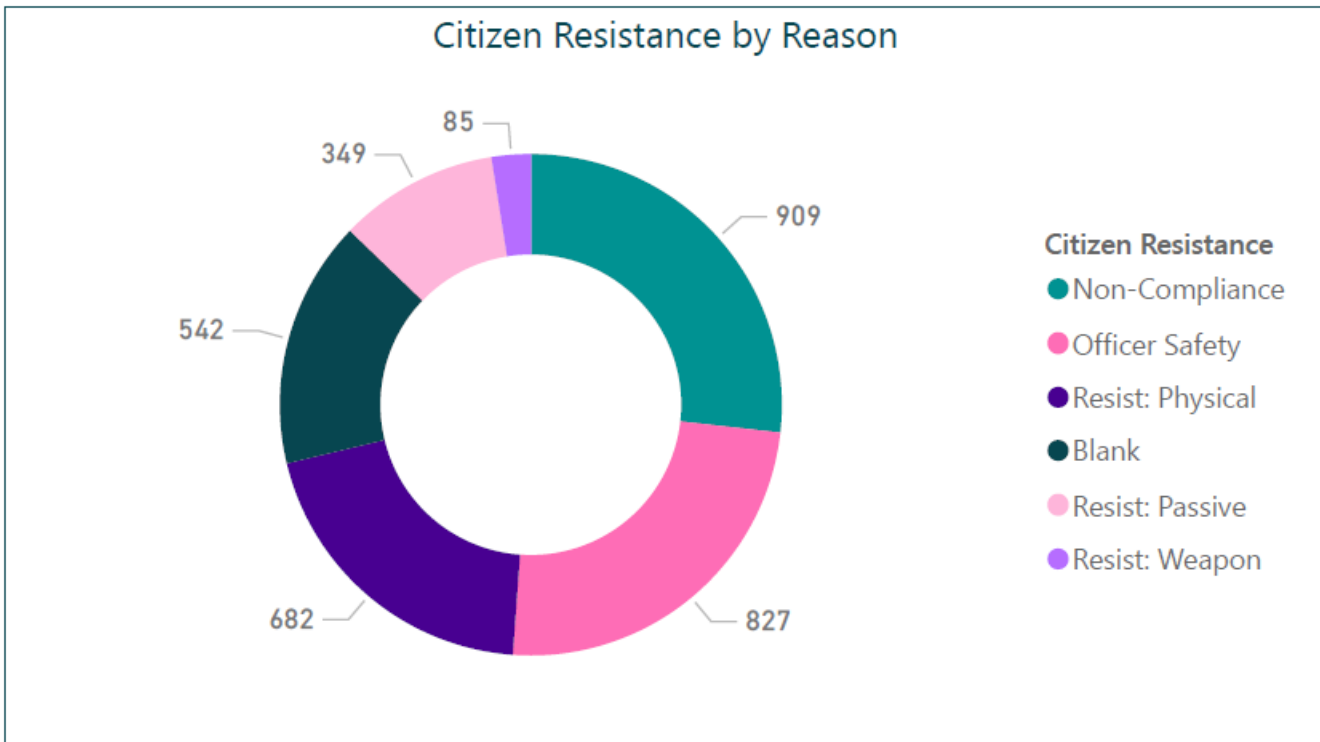
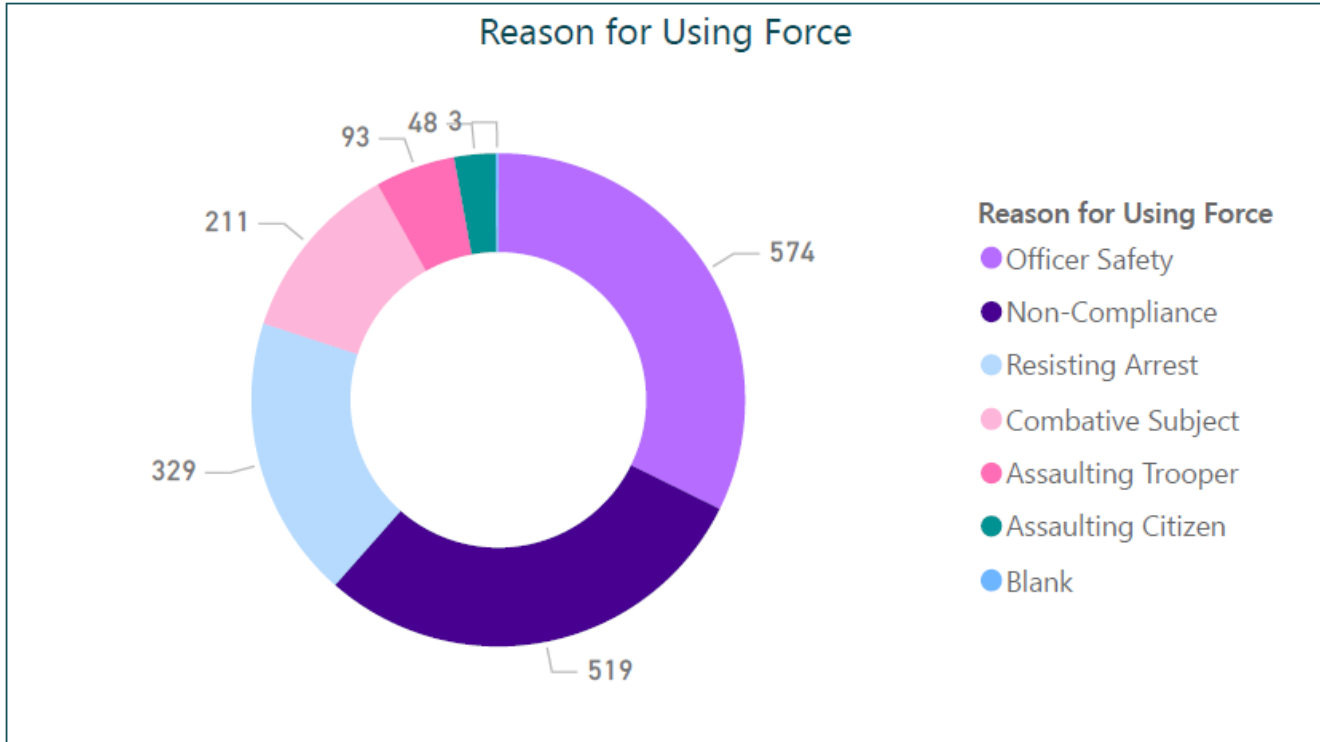
Effectiveness of Types of Force					
Type of Force Used	Blank	Effective	Limited Effectiveness	Not Effective	Total
Armored Vehicle		39		2	41
Bean Bag Projectile		11		4	15
Blank	131				131
CS		10		4	14
CS Projectile		7		3	10
Display Firearm		38		10	48
Extraordinary		13		2	15
Firearm		1547		133	1680
Impact Weapon		26		5	31
K-9		59		10	69
LVNR		2			2
NFDD		1			1
OC		129		28	157
OC Projectile		13		7	20
Taser		421	24	141	586
Unarmed		1311		84	1395
Total	131	3627	24	433	4215

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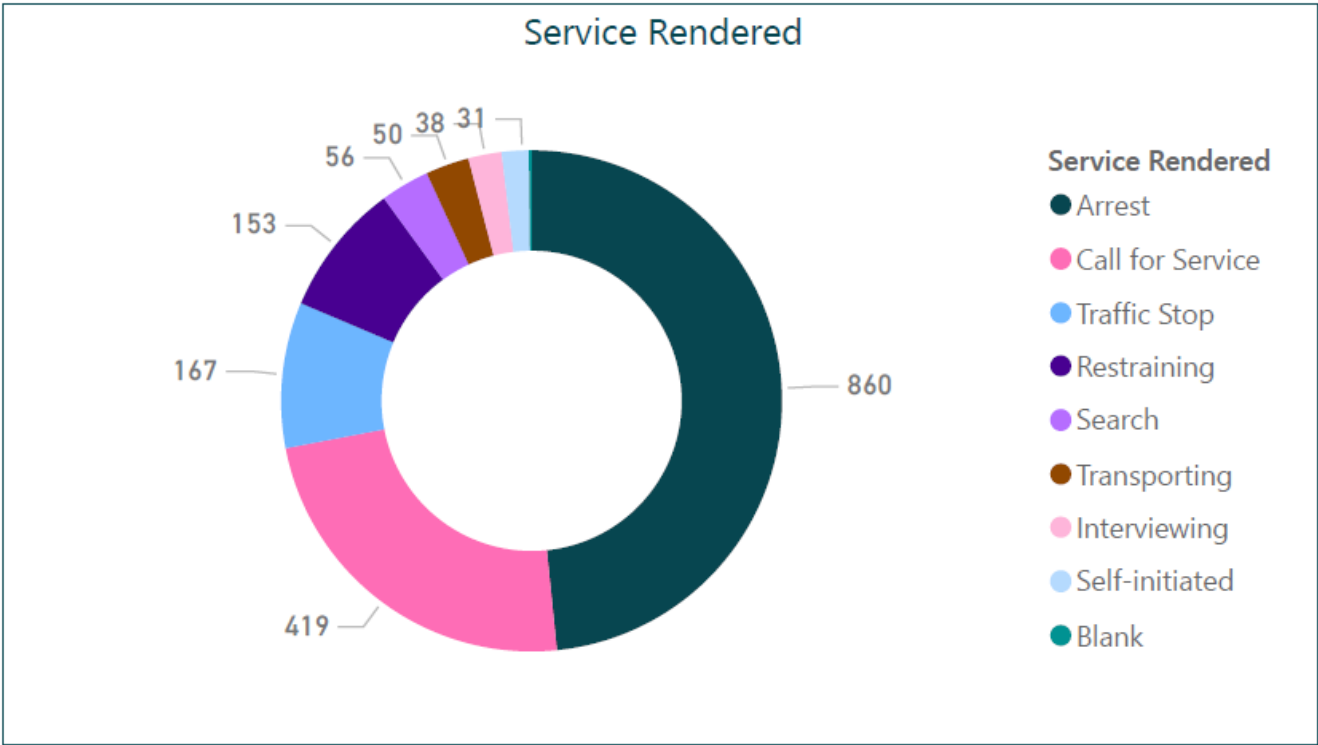
¹ An incident can have more than one type of force.

² "Display firearm" was added as a picklist option in January 2022. This is the same as "Firearm" but is selected when officers go to guard. If DPS discharges a firearm, it does not display as a Use of Force option as it is its own category of Firearm Discharge for an officer involved shooting.

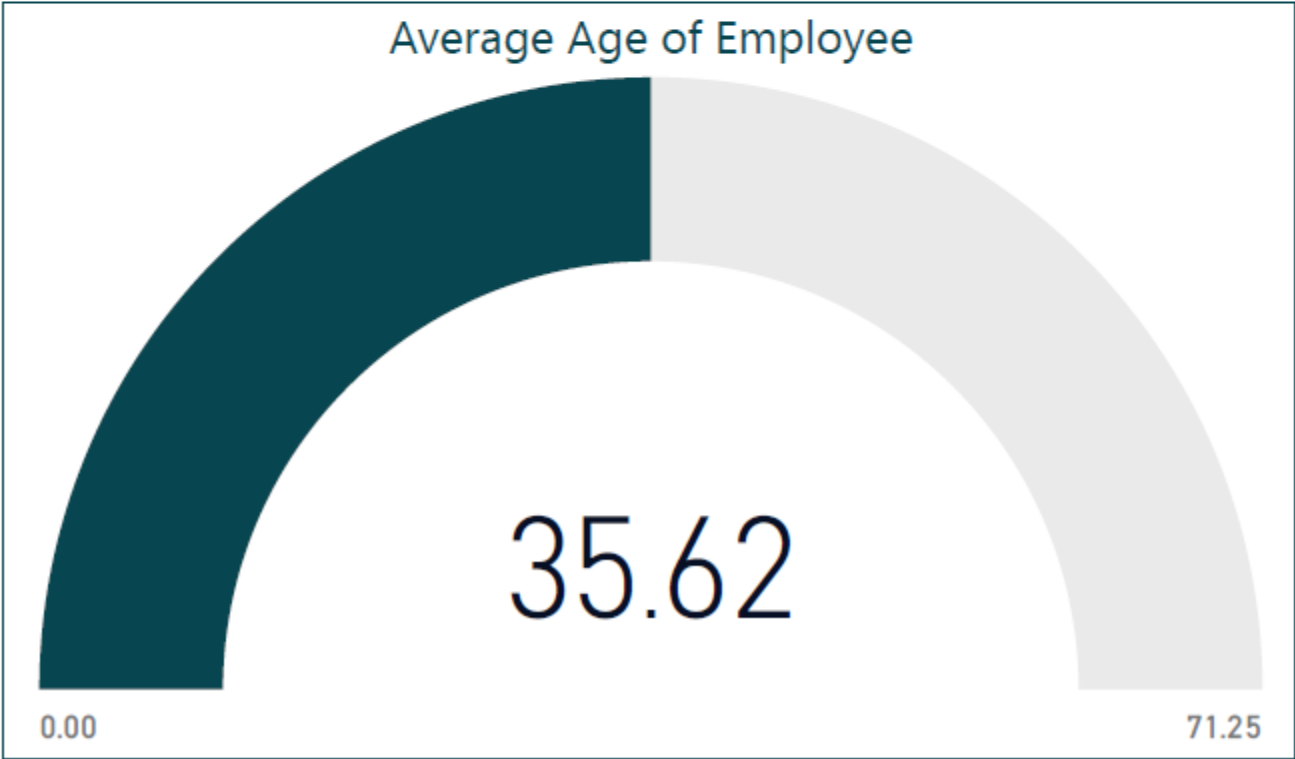
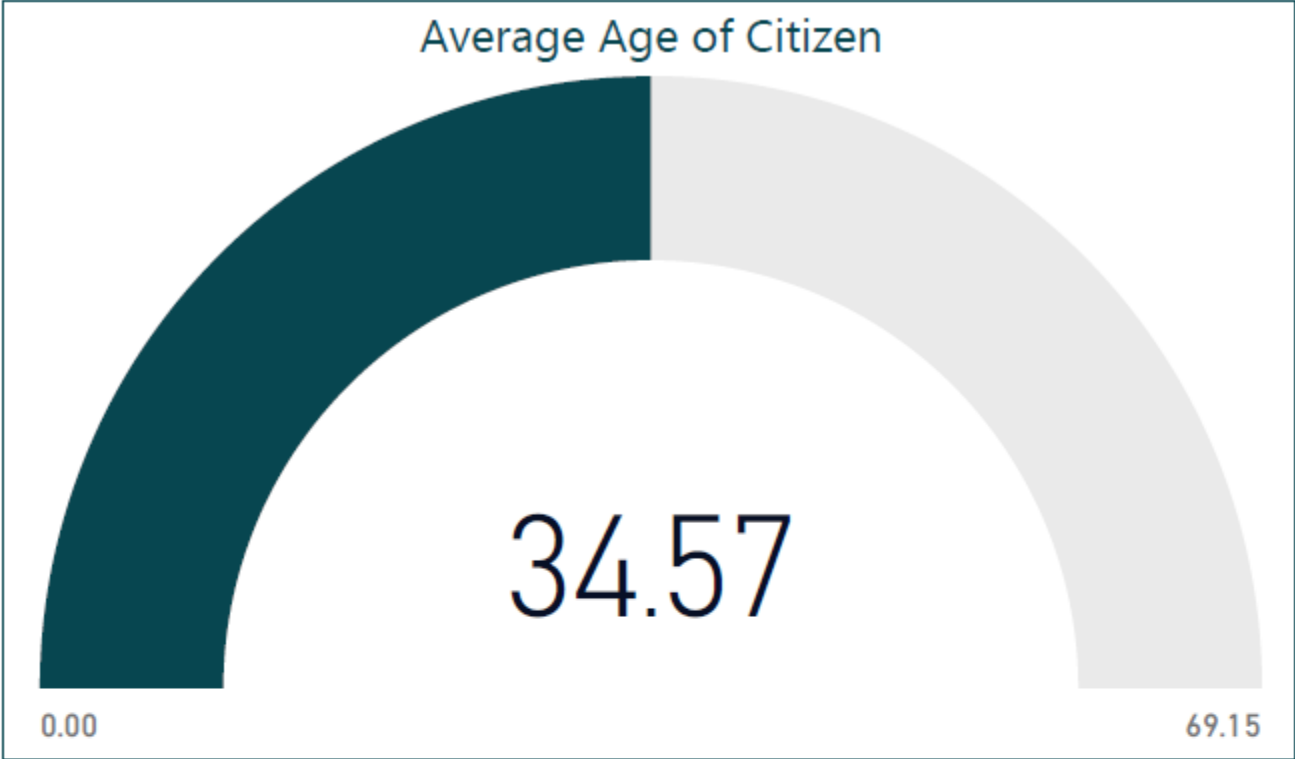
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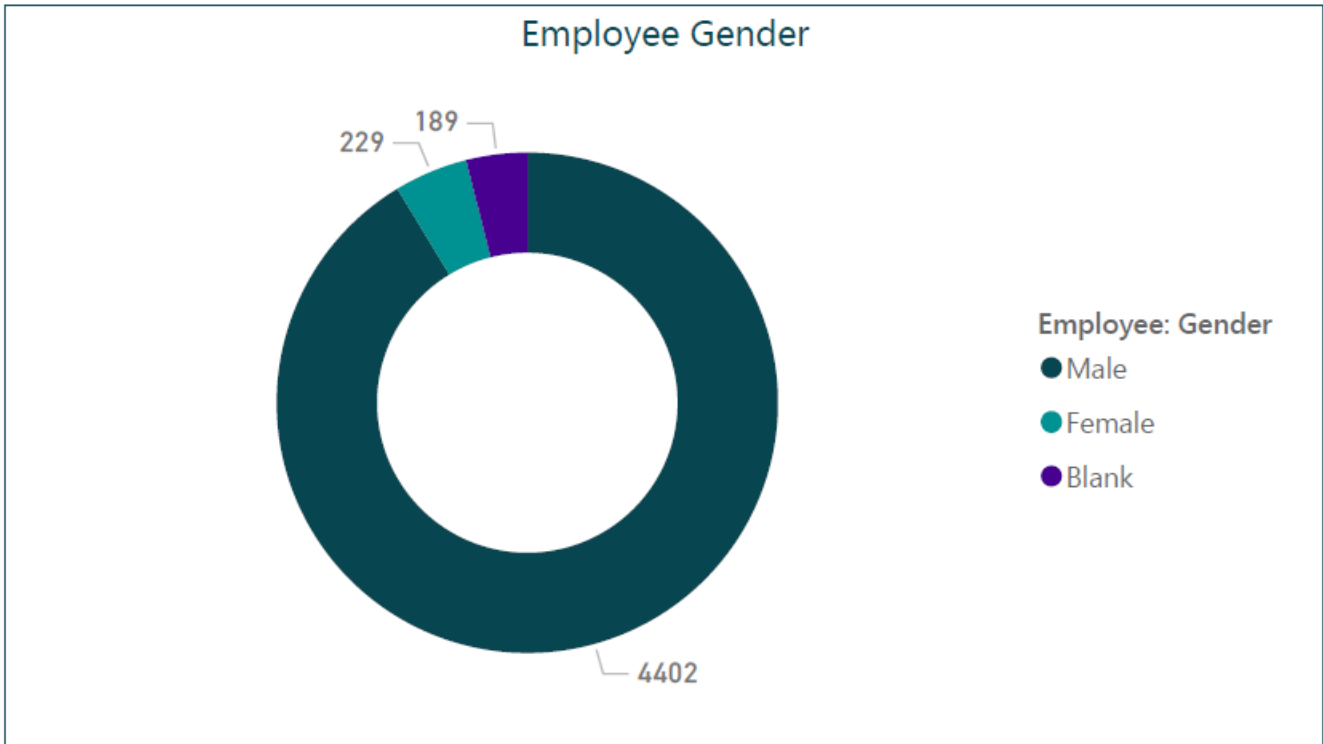
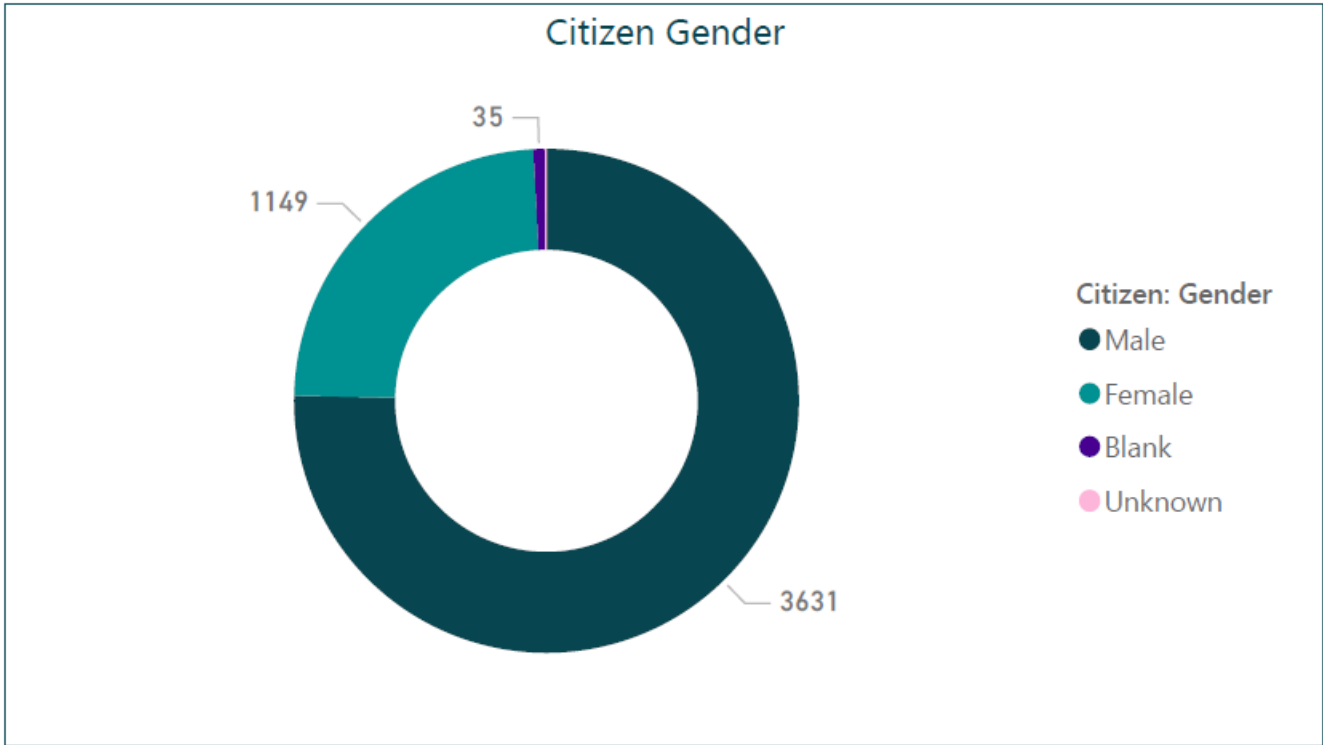
³ Use of Force incidents can have more than one reason for using force, more than one citizen resistance type, and more than one service rendered.

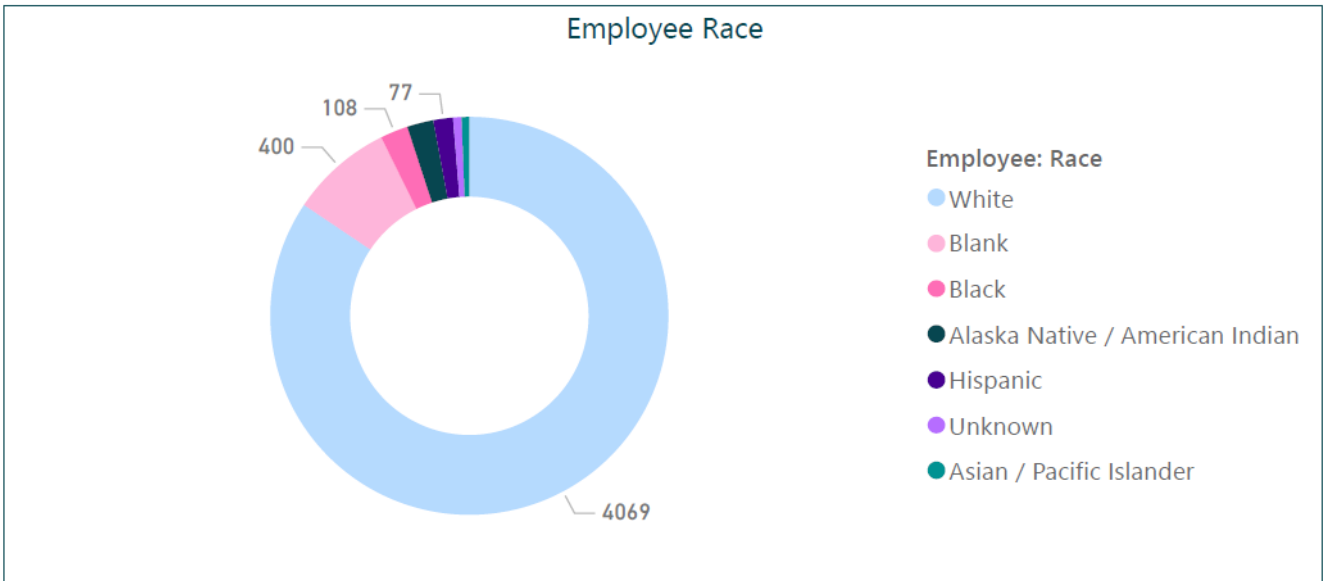
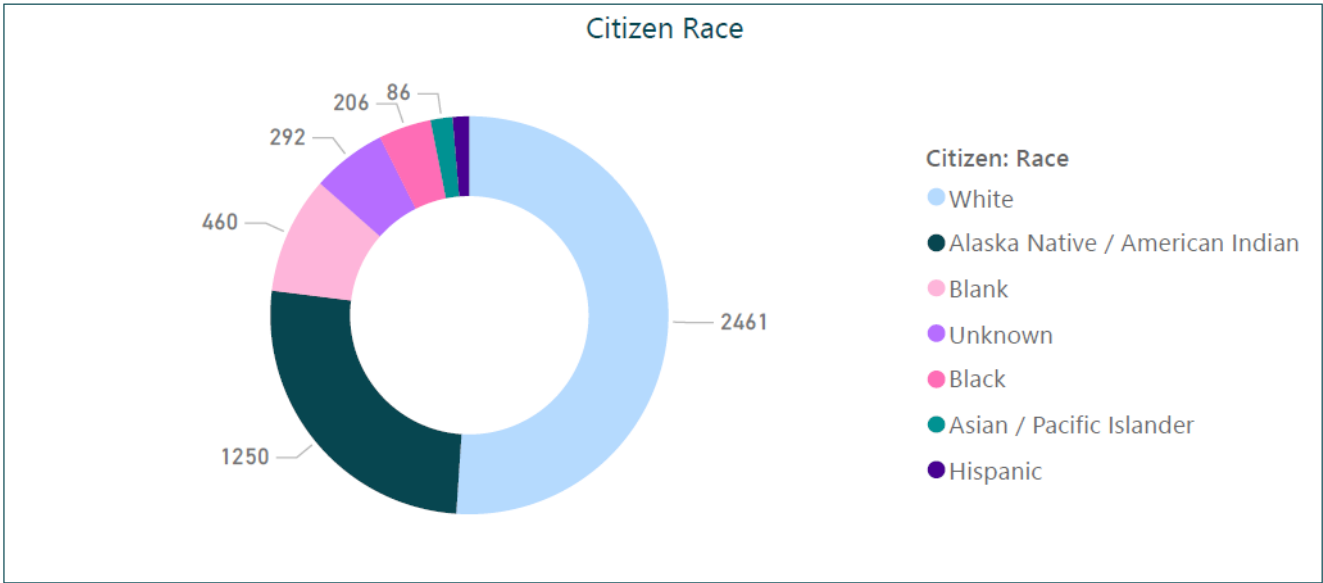


Demographic Data⁴

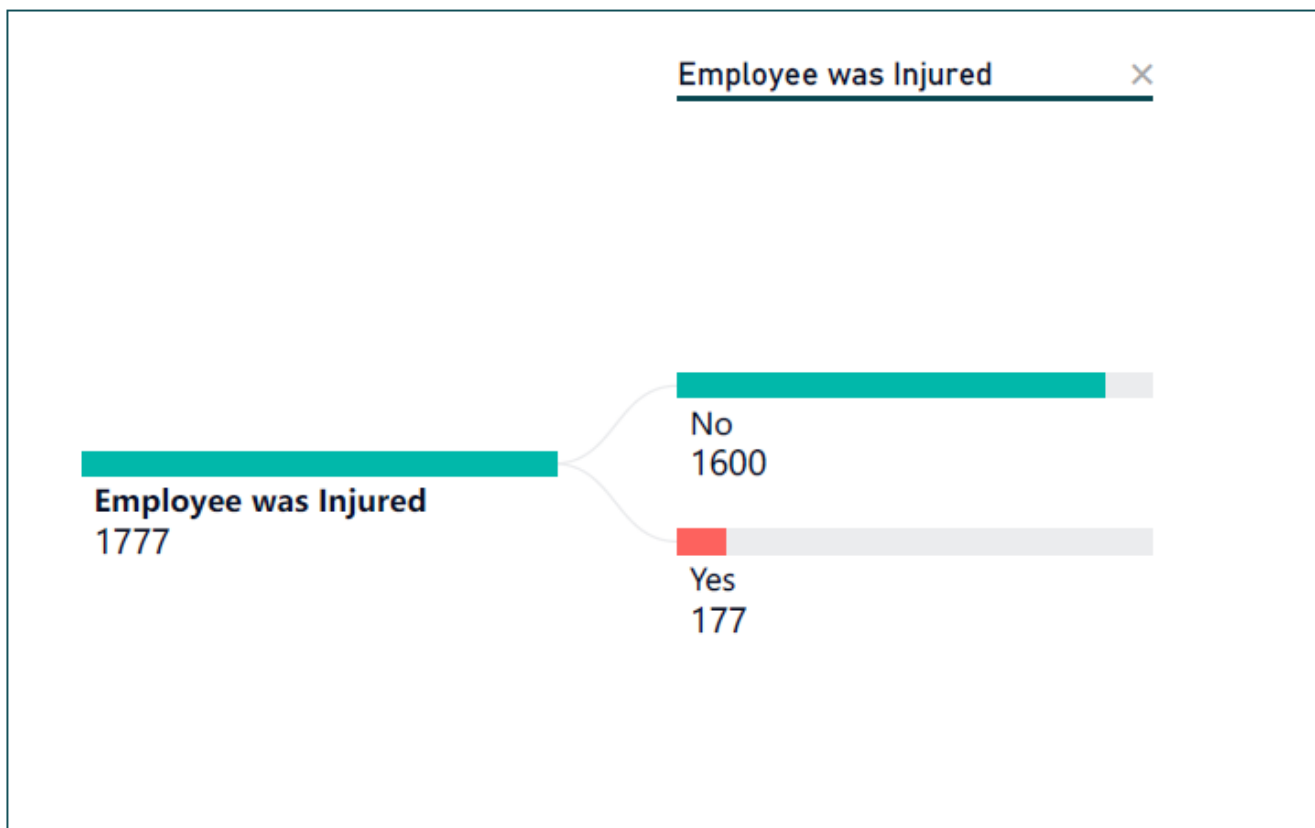
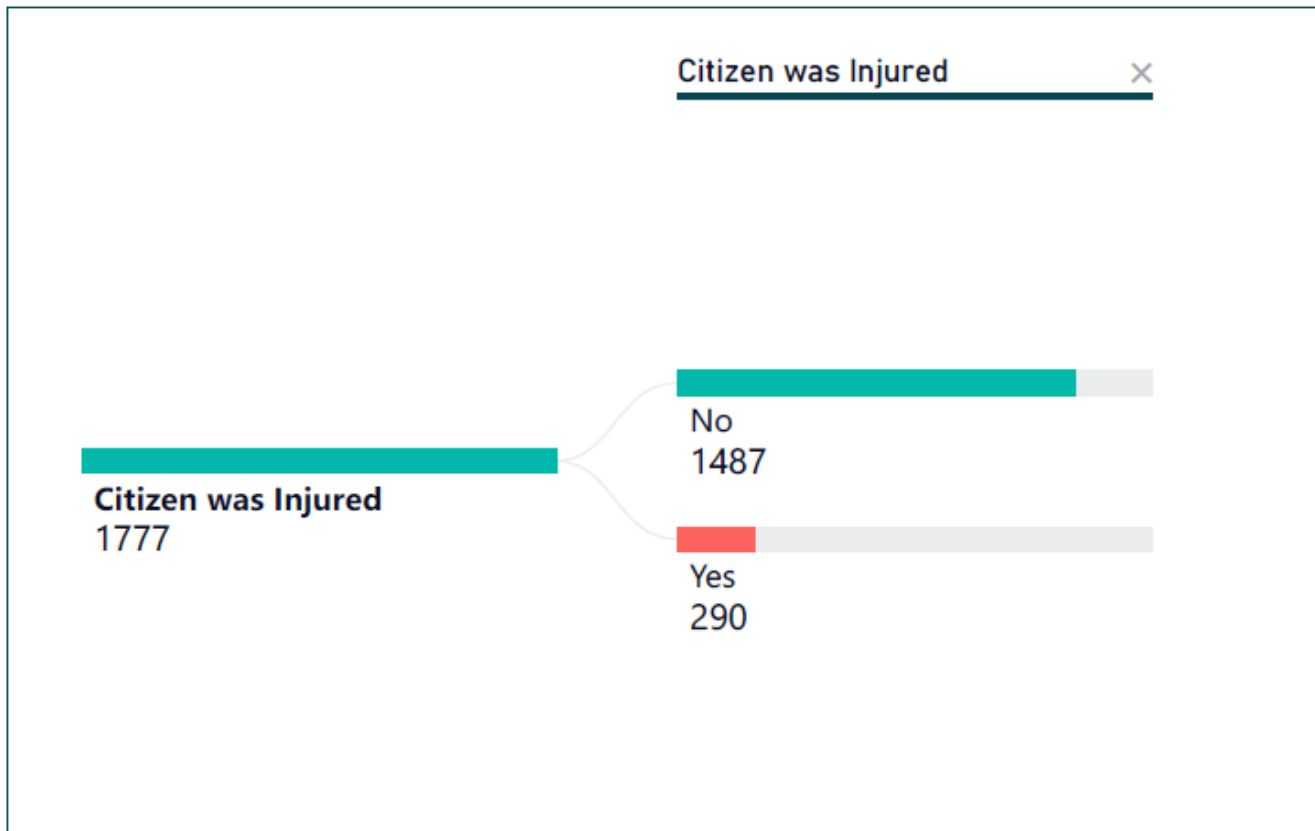


⁴ Demographic data included in this report is self-reported by members of the public and DPS employees.





Injury Data



Citizen went to the Hospital ×

Citizen went to the Hospital
1777

No
1455

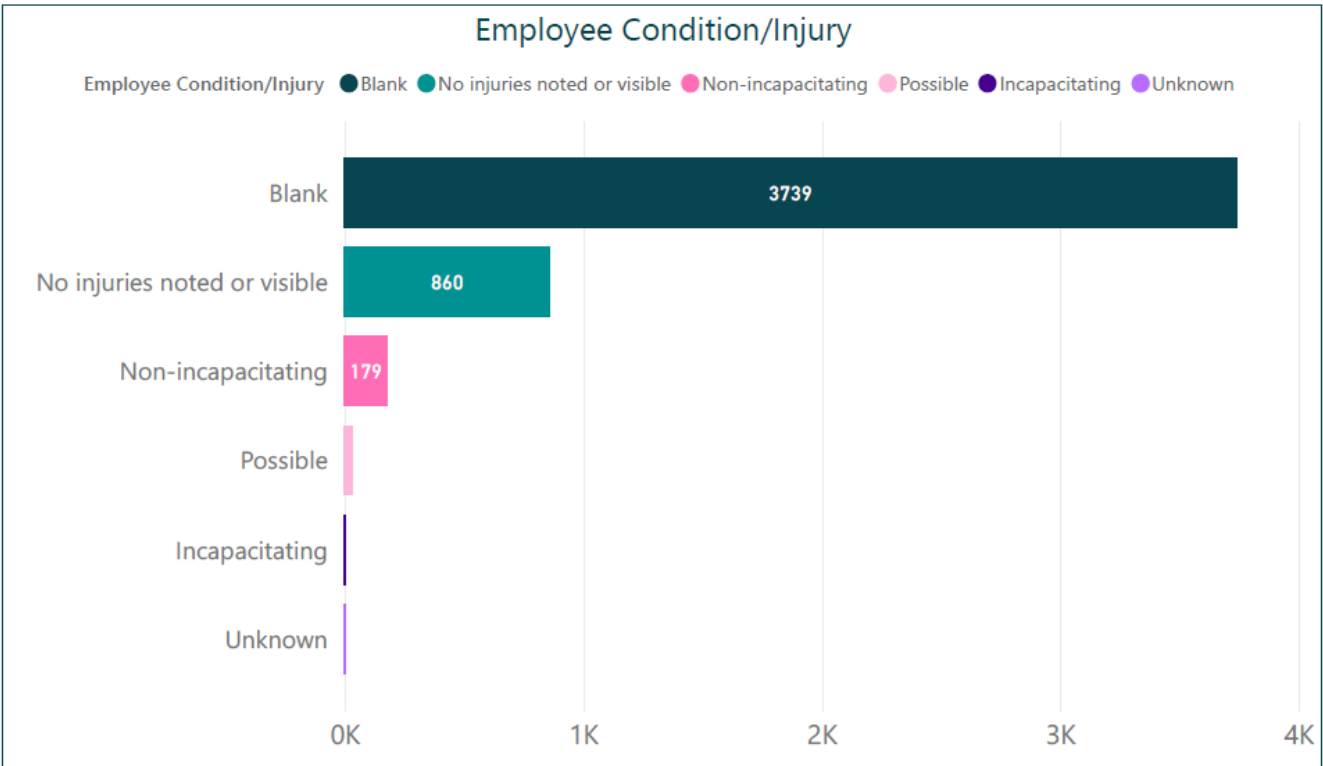
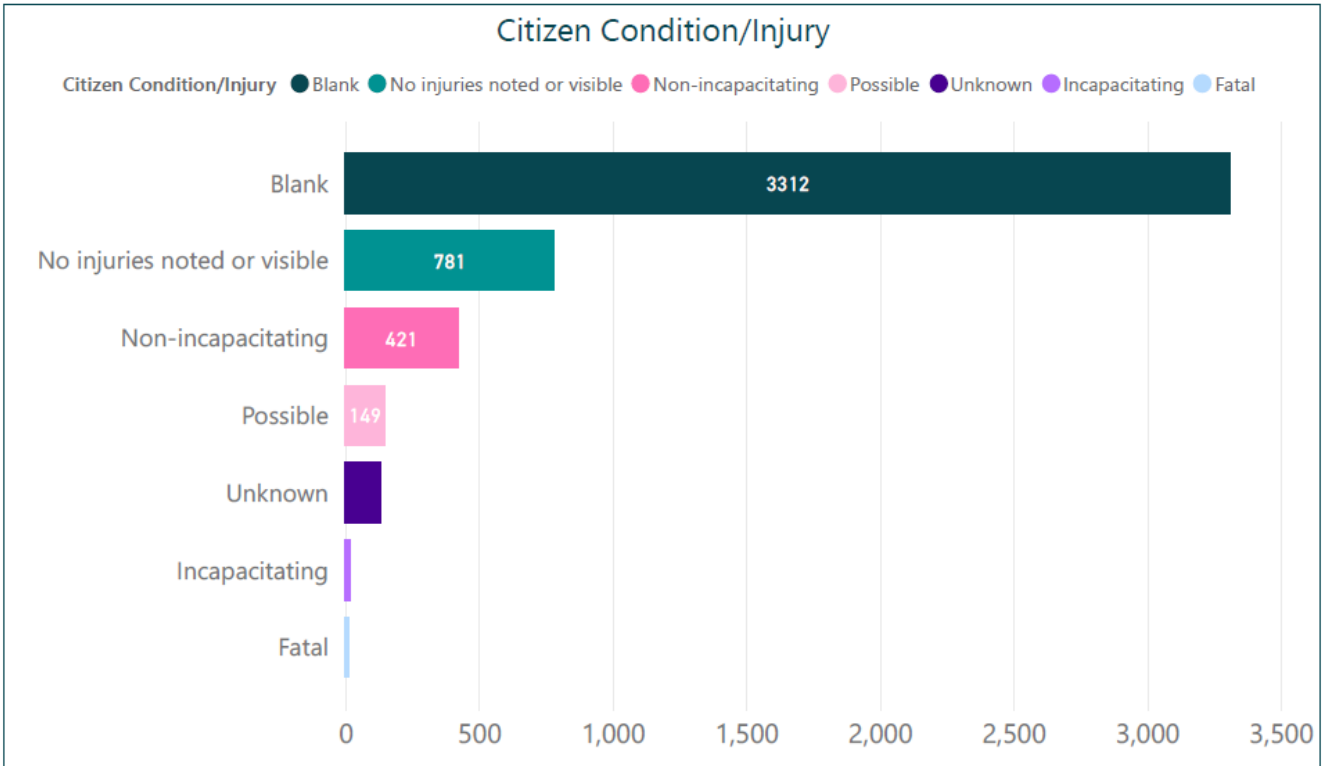
Yes
322

Employee went to the Hospital ×

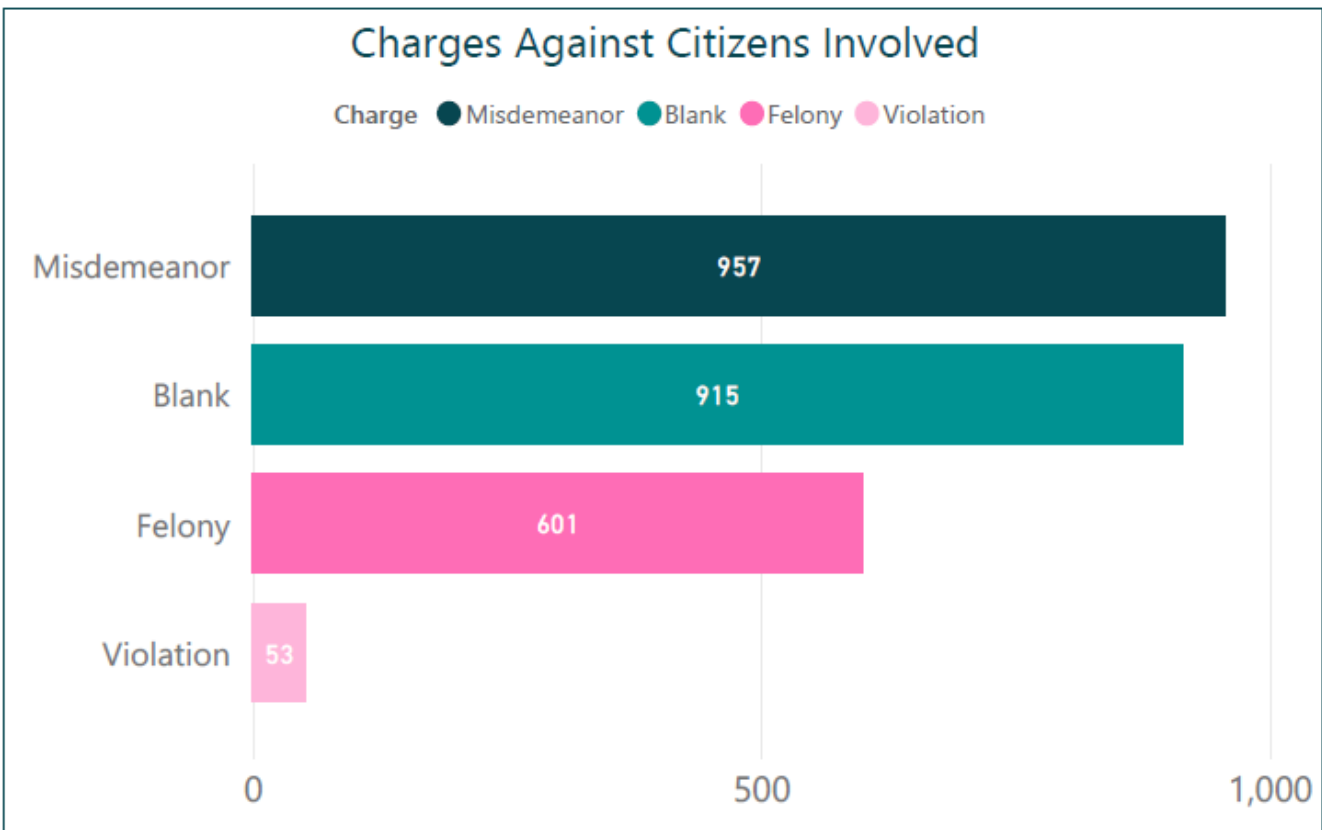
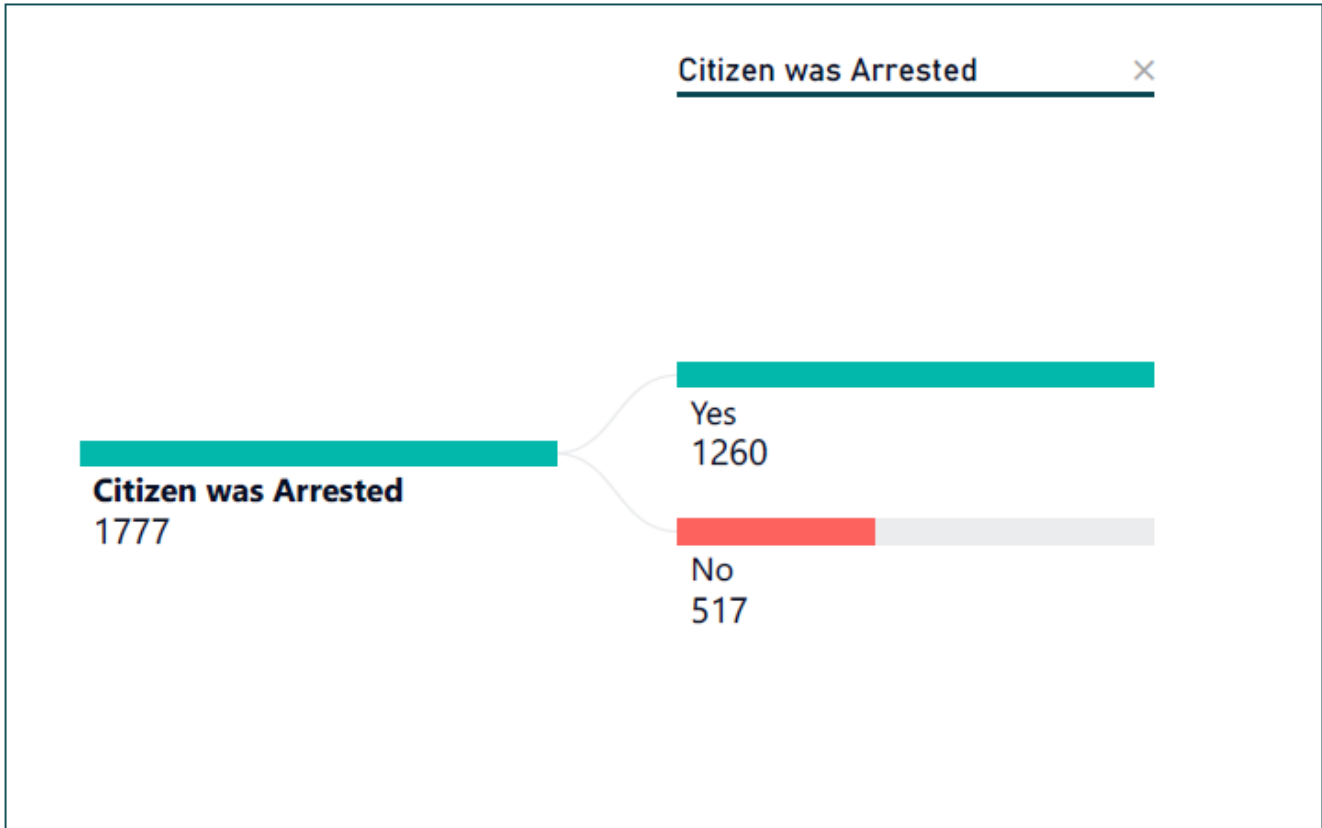
Employee went to the Hospital
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No
1736

Yes
41



Arrest and Charge Data



Employee Race by Citizen Race Data

Employee Race by Citizen Race								
Employee: Race	Alaska Native / American Indian	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Blank	Hispanic	Unknown	White	Total
Alaska Native / American Indian	55		3	8	1	4	32	103
Asian / Pacific Islander	4	1	2	2		1	20	30
Black	23	1	4	6	3	4	67	108
Blank	120	2	20	38	8	28	184	400
Hispanic	18	1	2	2	4	9	41	77
Unknown	9		2	3		3	16	33
White	1021	81	173	401	49	243	2101	4069
Total	1250	86	206	460	65	292	2461	4820

Firearm Discharge Data

Totals: 41 officers discharged a firearm, 23 incidents involving citizens, 17 citizens were fatally wounded, and five citizens received non-life-threatening wounds.

Firearm Discharge Data						
Detachment	Location	Number of Involved Citizens	Number of Involved Citizens Fatally Wounded	Number of Involved Citizens with Non-life threatening Wounds	Number of Officers who Discharged Firearms	Suspect Armed with
A	Anchor Point	1	1	0	2	Handgun
A	Kasilof	1	1	0	1	Handgun
A	Sterling	1	0	0	1	Handgun
B	Copper Center	1	1	0	1	Accelerant
B	Glennallen	1	0	0	2	Rifle
B	Palmer	1	0	1	1	Handgun
B	Palmer	1	1	0	1	Knife
B	Wasilla	1	1	0	1	Unarmed Combat
B	Wasilla	1	1	0	3	Handgun
B	Wasilla	1	1	0	5	Shotgun
C	Dillingham	1	0	1	3	Rifle
C	Golovin	1	0	1	1	Shotgun
C	Holy Cross	1	1	0	1	Rifle
C	Pilot Station	1	1	0	4	Handgun
C	Selawik	1	1	0	1	Shotgun
C	St. Mary's	1	1	0	1	Knife
C	Togiak	1	0	1	1	Handgun & Shotgun
D	Fairbanks	1	1	0	1	Handgun
D	Fairbanks	1	1	0	1	Paintball Gun
D	Fairbanks	1	1	0	2	Handgun
D	Fairbanks	1	1	0	3	Handgun
D	Fairbanks	1	1	0	4	Handgun
D	Fairbanks	2	1	1	3	Handgun
D	North Pole	1	1	0	1	Axe
D	Salcha	1	1	0	1	Rifle
E	Anchor Point	1	0	1	1	Rifle
E	Nikolaevsk	1	1	0	1	Unarmed Combat
E	Soldotna	1	0	1	1	Handgun
I	Delta Junction	1	1	0	2	Rifle
I	Wasilla	1	1	0	1	Handgun