



Use of Force 5-Year Report

Alaska Department of Public Safety

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2024

Overview

The Alaska Department of Public Safety (DPS) publishes an annual Use of Force 5-Year Report for all use of force incidents involving the Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, Court Services Officers, Village Public Safety Officers, and Deputy Fire Marshals.

This report includes data from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2024.

DPS 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.

USE OF FORCE

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

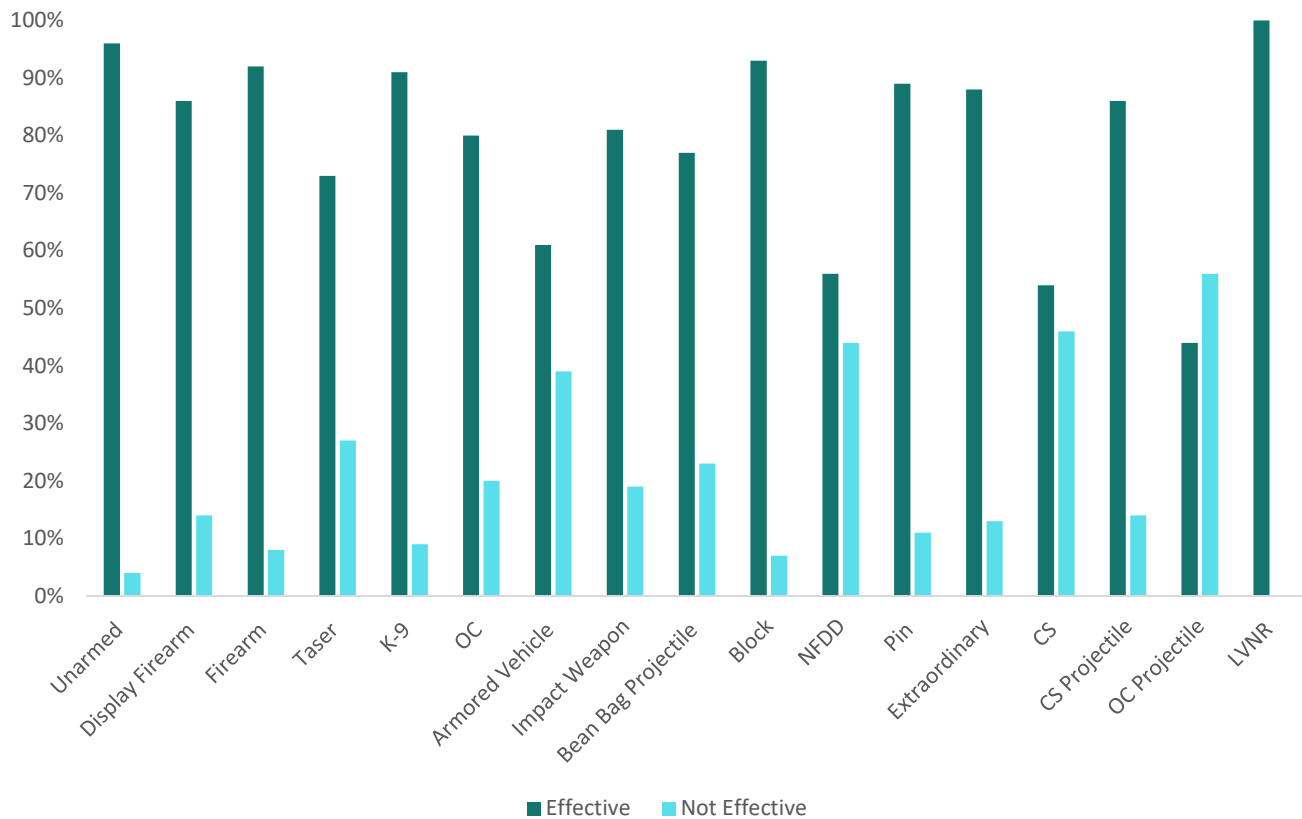
“Display firearm” was added as a picklist option in January 2022. This is the same as “Firearm” but is selected when officers go to guard. If DPS discharges a firearm, it does not display as a use of force option as it is its own category of firearm discharge for an officer involved shooting.

Total instances: 2,268

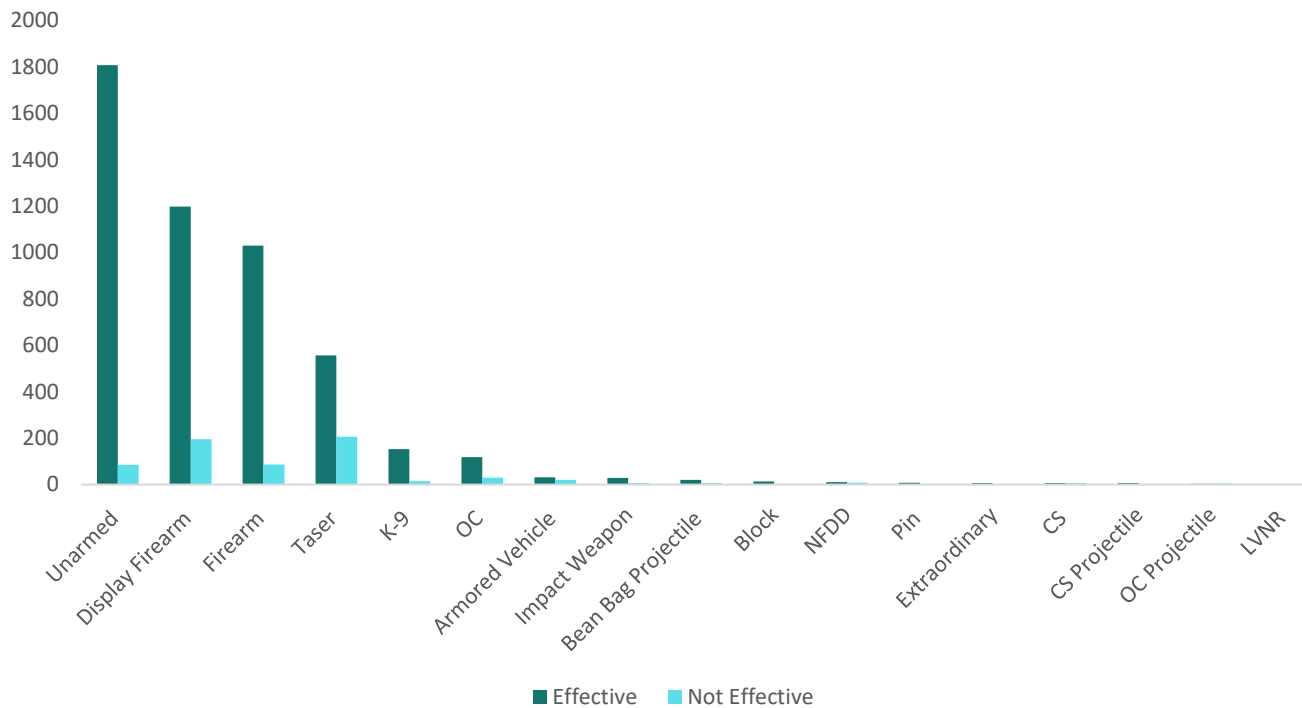
Total number of officers involved: 5,003

Average age of involved citizen: 36

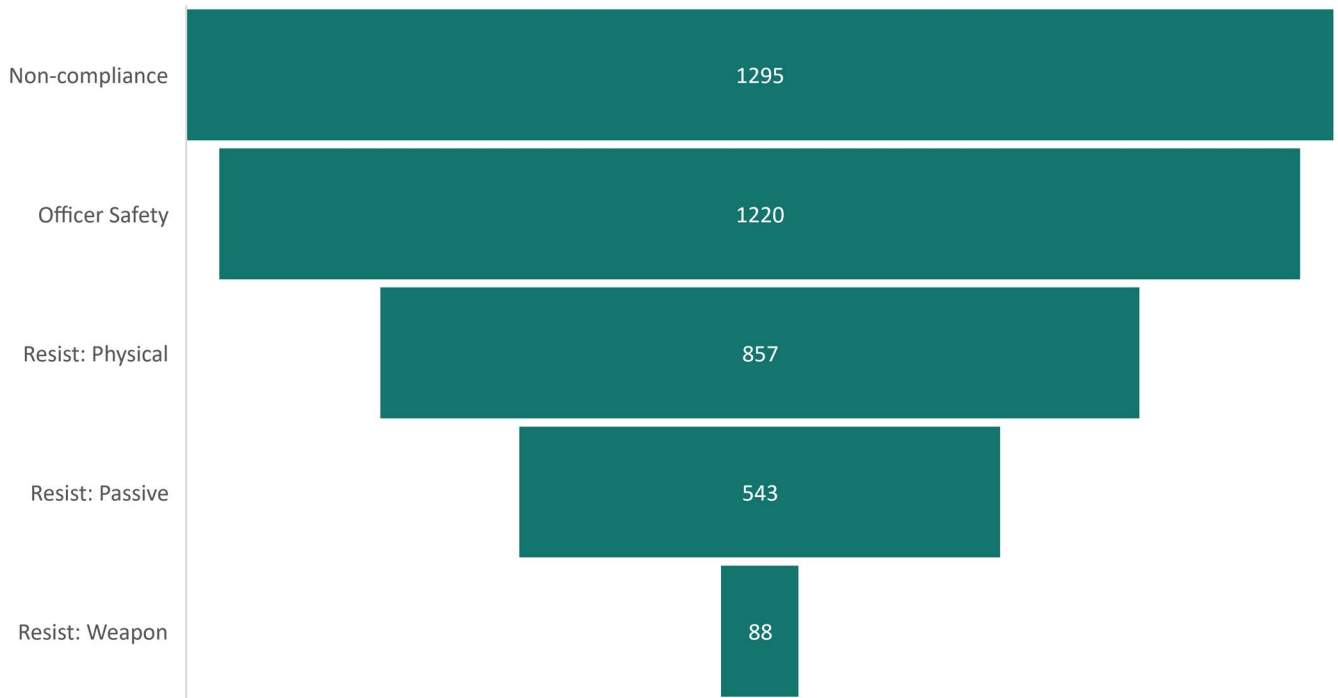
Types of Use of Force by Percent of Effectiveness



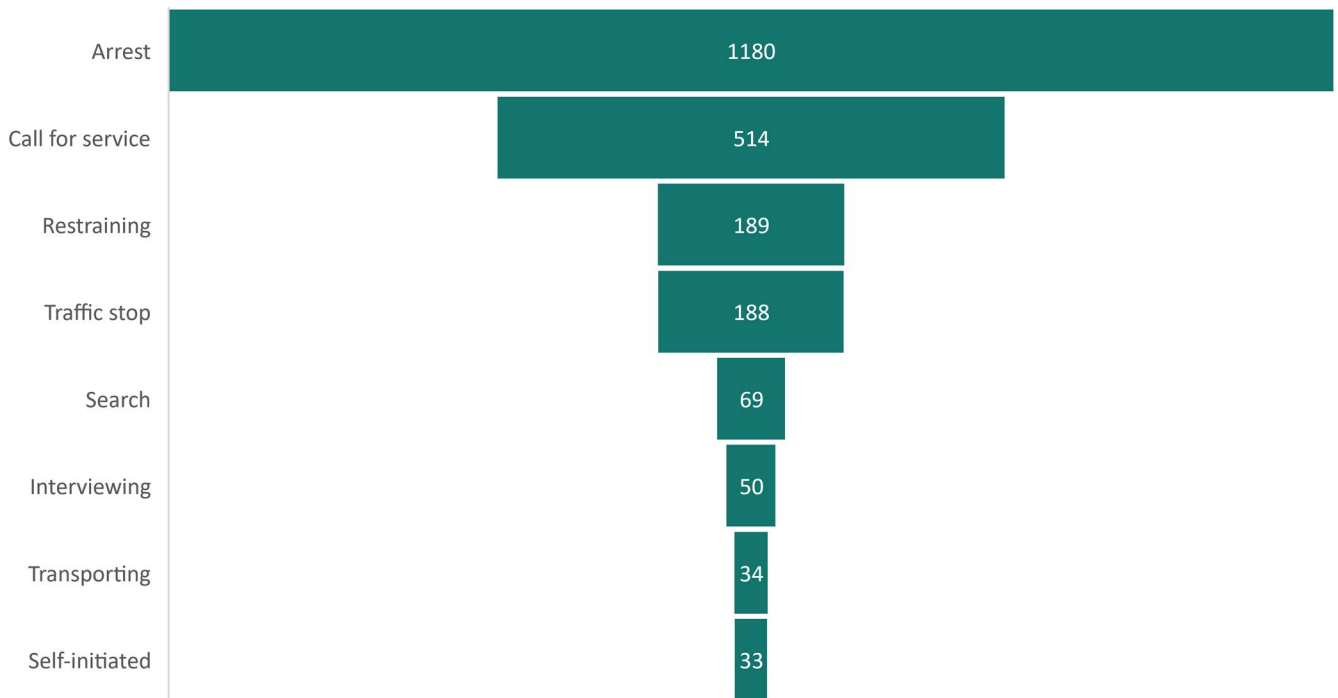
Types of Use of Force by Totals of Effectiveness



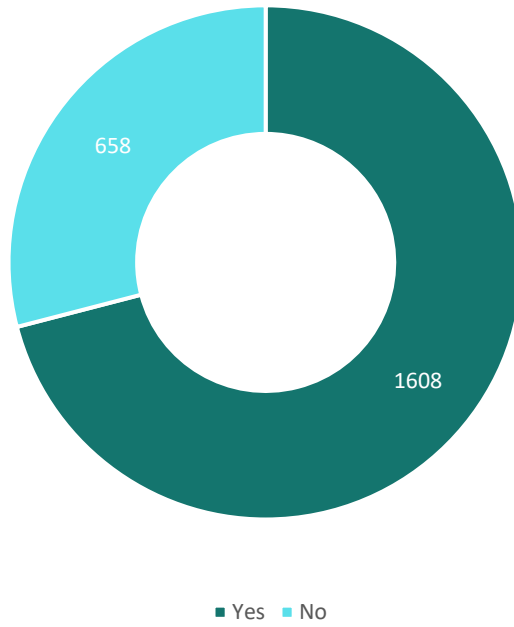
Types of Citizen Resistance



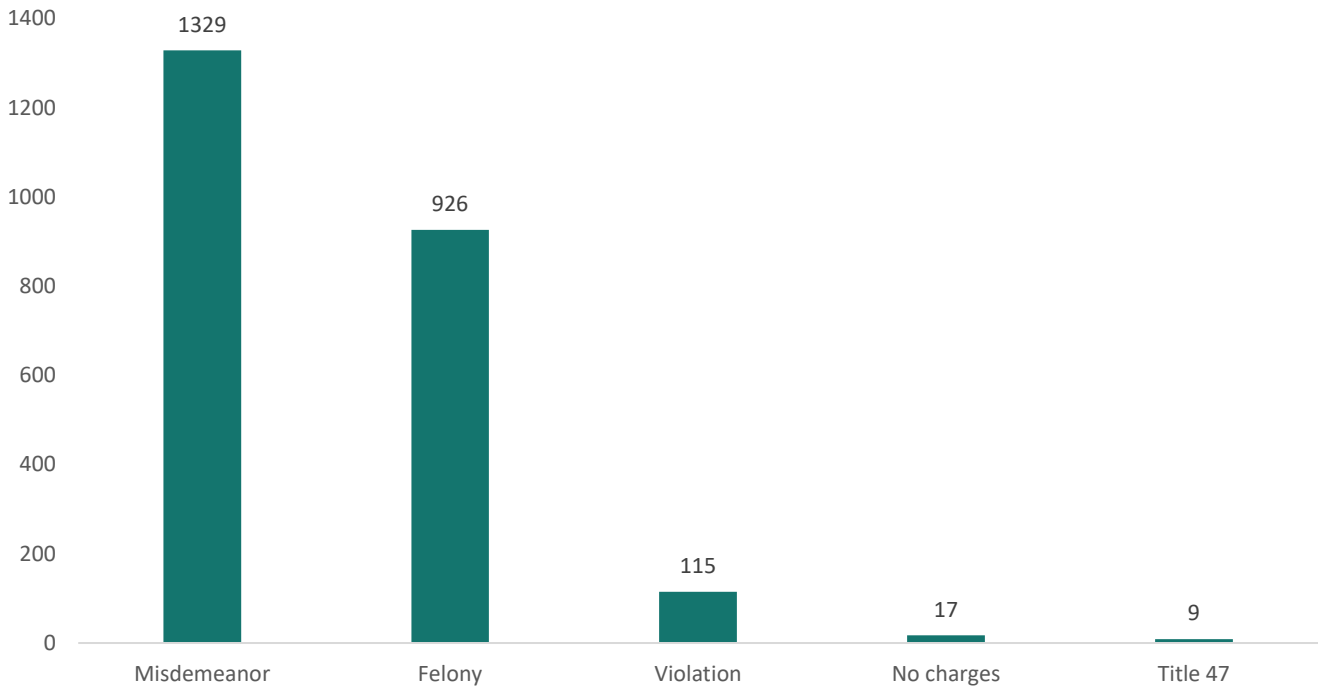
Types of Service Rendered



Citizen Arrested

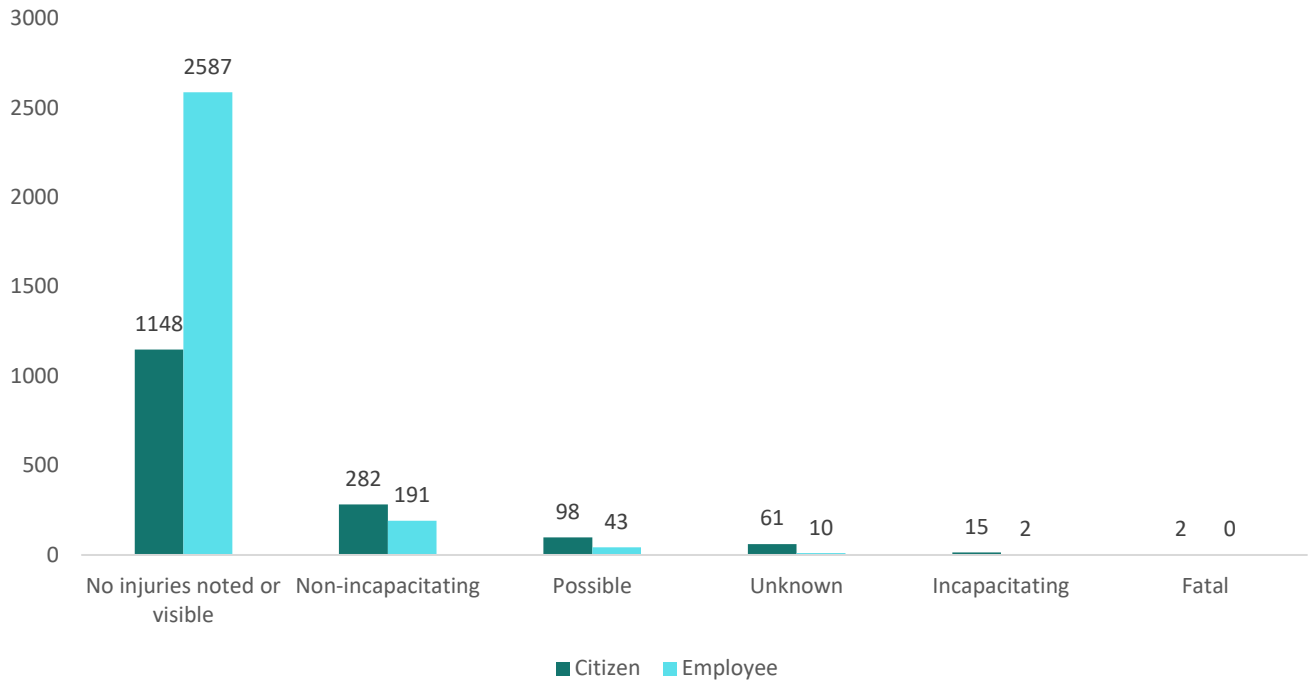


Charges Against Involved Citizens

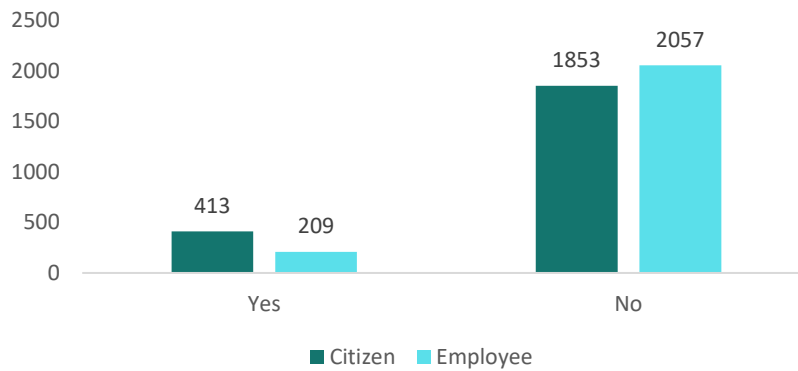


Title 47 is not a criminal charge. This refers to when a person was transported to a medical facility for a mental health evaluation.

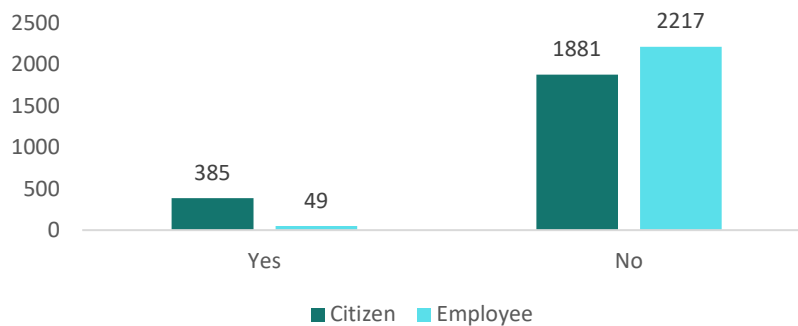
Types of Citizen and Employee Injuries



Citizen or Employee was Injured



Citizen or Employee was Taken to the Hospital



Firearm Discharges

Location	Detachment	Suspect Armed with	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
Sterling	A	Handgun	1	0	0	1
Anchor Point	A	Handgun	1	1	0	2
Kasilof	A	Handgun	1	1	0	1
Wasilla	B	Knife	1	0	1	1
Wasilla	B	Handgun	1	1	0	1
Wasilla	B	Handgun	1	1	0	3
Wasilla	B	Shotgun	1	1	0	5
Palmer	B	Handgun	1	0	1	1
Glennallen	B	Rifle	1	0	0	2
Wasilla	B	Unarmed Combat	1	1	0	1
Marshall	C	Handgun	1	0	0	1
Golovin	C	Shotgun	1	0	1	1
Holy Cross	C	Rifle	1	1	0	1
Selawik	C	Shotgun	1	1	0	1
Dillingham	C	Rifle	1	0	1	3
Togiak	C	Handgun & Shotgun	1	0	1	1
Healy	D	Handgun	1	1	0	3
Tok	D	Rifle	1	1	0	1
Fairbanks	D	Rifle	1	1	0	2
Fairbanks	D	Unarmed Combat	1	0	0	1
North Pole	D	Handgun	1	0	1	2
Fairbanks	D	Rifle	1	1	0	2
Fairbanks	D	Handgun	2	1	1	3
Salcha	D	Rifle	1	1	0	1
Fairbanks	D	Paintball Gun	1	1	0	1
Fairbanks	D	Handgun	1	1	0	4
Wasilla	I	Handgun	1	1	0	1
Delta Junction	I	Rifle	1	1	0	2
Totals			29	18	7	49