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Police Training and Standards Commission

USE OF FORCE COMPLAINTS REPORT - 2024

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INTRODUCTION

Public Safety Article §3-514 requires law enforcement agencies to collect data of police officers' use of force and report to the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC) the data, aggregated by numbers of complaints administratively charged, not charged, unfounded, and exonerated. This includes aggregated data of all use of force complaints and not just those considered serious officer-involved incidents.

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

The Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC) staff developed a reporting process for agencies to report this information. On January 13, 2025, agency heads were emailed an informational reporting guide and reporting link to a Google Doc reporting system where the required data was entered by each agency and uploaded into a system maintained by staff of MPCTC. Agencies were required to report the number of events for the following during calendar year 2023:

- (1) Number of use of force complaints administratively charged*
- (2) Number of use of force complaints not charged*
- (3) Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded*
- (4) Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated*
- (5) Number of complaints pending*

2024 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTING

There were 157 agencies employing approximately 16,000 Commission certified police officers in 2024. However, not all of the agencies were identified as being required to comply with Public Safety Article §3-514 (b)(2) as some of the agencies have employees who are certified as law enforcement officers by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, but are not defined as law enforcement agencies under Public Safety Article §3-101(e). Additionally, several small agencies were inactive, as they were unable to staff their authorized positions. Thus, 138 agencies were required to report use of force complaints for the 2024 reporting year. Only one agency, Princess Anne Police, failed to submit their report.

In 2024, 47 agencies reported having use of force complaints, compared to 36 agencies in 2023. There was a significant reduction in the total number use of force complaints received by law enforcement agencies. Since 2022, the number of use of force complaints have declined sharply, by 54%. In 2022, agencies reported 621 use of force complaints, compared to 456 complaints reported in 2023, and 284 complaints in 2024. Other notables from the data collected include:

- The number of agencies reporting use of force complaints has remained fairly consistent over the three-year period.
- The number of police officers administratively charged with use of force remained consistent, with 43 reported in 2024, compared with 42 in 2023.

Note: Due to the number of pending cases each year, it is difficult to draw any firm conclusions with the data provided.

Below is a statewide summary of use of force complaints reported by law enforcement agencies, followed by individual agency reporting of data. The data included in this report was provided by each law enforcement agency and has not been verified by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission. Questions regarding the accuracy of data should be submitted directly to the agency in question. This information will also be posted on Public Safety Education and Training Center website <https://mpctc.dpscs.maryland.gov>.

| Statewide Agency Summary of Use of Force Complaints | |
|---|------------|
| Agencies That Reported No Use of Force Complaints | 90 |
| Agencies Reporting Use of Force Complaints | 47 |
| Total Number of Use of Force Complaints | 284 |
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 43 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 123 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 34 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 112 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending (as of 12/31/24) | 118 |

| Three Year Summary of Use of Force Complaints | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 3 Year Average |
|---|------|------|------|-----------------------|
| Agencies Reporting No Use of Force Complaints | 90 | 96 | 98 | 95 |
| Agencies Reporting Use of Force Complaints | 47 | 36 | 38 | 40 |
| Total Number of Use of Force Complaints | 284 | 456 | 621 | 454 |
| Number of Use of Force Complaints Administratively Charged | 43 | 42 | 24 | 36 |
| Number of Use of Force Complaints NOT Administratively Charged | 123 | 266 | 440 | 276 |
| Of those Cases Not Charged, Number of Complaints Unfounded (if determined) | 34 | 56 | 51 | 47 |
| Of those Cases Not Charged, Number of Complaints Exonerated (if determined) | 112 | 79 | 79 | 90 |
| Number of Pending Use of Force Complaints | 118 | 148 | 157 | 141 |

Agencies with Use of Force Complaints Detailed Data

| Aberdeen Police (001) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 1 |

| Annapolis Police (005) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Anne Arundel County Police (009) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 3 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 3 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 8 |

| Baltimore City Police (011) | |
|---|----|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 37 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 2 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 2 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 5 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 36 |

| Baltimore City School Police (406) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 1 |

| Baltimore County Police (013) | |
|---|----|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 46 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 9 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 37 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 22 |

| Bladensburg Police (025) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Bowie Police Department (028) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 1 |

| Calvert County Sheriff (308) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 3 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 3 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Cambridge Police (033) | |
|---|----|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 10 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 9 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 10 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Centreville Police (037) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 1 |

| Charles County Sheriff (316) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 1 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 5 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 4 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 9 |

| Chestertown Police (043) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| District Heights Police (067) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 1 |

| Edmonston Police (071) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Elkton Police (073) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 1 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 2 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 2 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Frederick County Sheriff (320) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 2 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 2 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 2 |

| Glenarden Police (093) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 1 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Greenbelt Police (099) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Hagerstown Police (103) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 1 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 1 |

| Howard County Police (111) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 3 |

| Howard County Sheriff (326) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Kent County Sheriff (328) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| La Plata Police (119) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Laurel Police (121) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 3 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 3 |

| Manchester Police (127) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Maryland State Police (141) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 5 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 4 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 2 |

| Maryland Transit Administration Police (145) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 1 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 2 |

| Maryland Transportation Authority Police (143) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 1 |

| Montgomery County Police (151) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 4 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 2 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 1 |

| North East Police (165) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 2 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 2 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Ocean City Police (169) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 2 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 2 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Prince George's County Police (181) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 7 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 7 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 9 |

| Prince George's County Sheriff (332) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 2 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 2 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 5 |

| Rockville City Police (195) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 1 |

| Saint Mary's County Sheriff (338) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 2 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 2 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 6 |

| Salisbury City Police (199) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 2 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 2 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Somerset County Sheriff (336) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Sykesville Police (209) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Takoma Park Police (211) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 1 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Talbot County Sheriff (340) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Towson University Police (217) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 1 |

| University of MD Baltimore County Police (223) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| University of MD Baltimore Police (221) | |
|---|----|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 12 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Washington County Sheriff (342) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Westminster Police (235) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 1 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 0 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 0 |

| Worcester County Sheriff (346) | |
|---|---|
| Number of use of force complaints administratively charged | 0 |
| Number of complaints NOT charged | 2 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints unfounded (if determined) | 0 |
| Of those NOT charged, number of complaints exonerated (if determined) | 1 |
| Number of use of force complaints pending | 1 |