

Louisiana State Police Use of Force / Pursuit Report



*Year - End Review
2024*

*Force Investigation Unit
Technology and Business Support*



Collection of Statistics

Louisiana State Police Force Investigation Unit (FIU) works closely with the Technology and Business Support Unit (TBS) to create and maintain accurate annual use of force related trends and statistics. TBS is building and will maintain the framework for connectivity with our CAD/RMS system to utilize AWS to securely host and manage the data, ensuring accessibility and scalability. TBS will use Tableau and ArcGIS to visualize and analyze data, providing intuitive graphs and insights to better understand trends and patterns, such as the number of calls for service, types of offense/incidents, arrests, citations, use of force, etc. Together, these tools streamline the data collection, storage, and reporting process, ensuring accuracy and efficiency.

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

376,509
Calls for Service

All LSP Troopers and DPS Officers activities are recorded in Mark43 CAD as a Call for Service (CFS).

During 2024, LSP/DPS had 376,509 calls for service.

The graphic shows a breakdown of the Top 20 CFS.

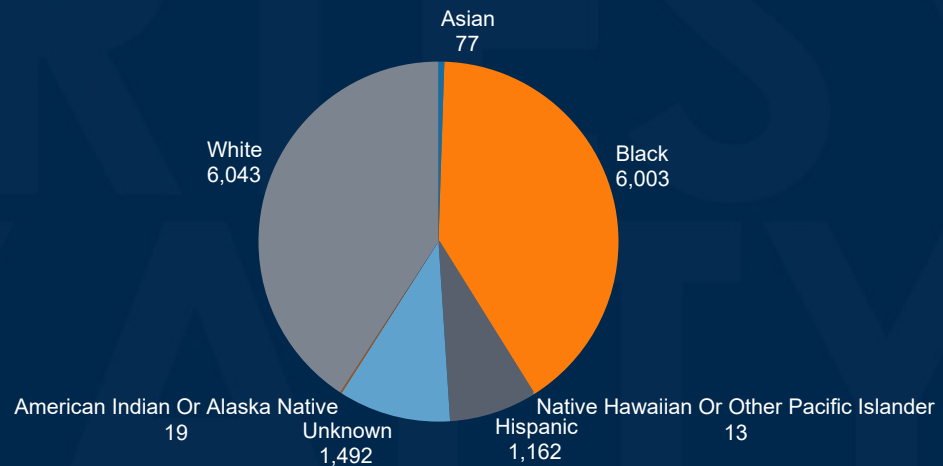
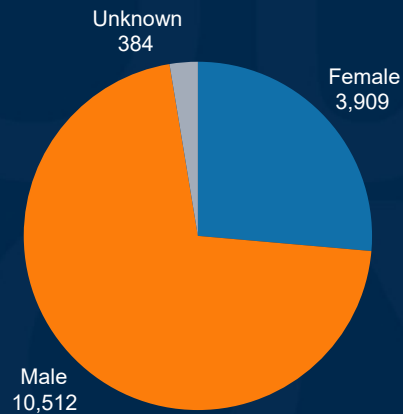
CFS Type (Top 20)

TRAFFIC STOP	222,728
PROPERTY CRASH	29,501
RECKLESS DRIVING	16,454
DISABLED VEHICLE	14,365
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	8,861
DIRECTED PATROL/TRAFFIC STAT	8,576
PHYSICAL INSPECTION	7,864
PUBLIC ASSIST	7,776
INJURY CRASH	7,301
INITIATE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	5,424
ROAD HAZARD	4,866
ESCORT	4,271
HIT AND RUN	4,037
INITIATE GAMING ACTIVITY	3,473
TOWER CHECK	3,362
TRAFFIC DETAIL	2,949
DPS POLICE/BUILDINGS	2,773
SUSPICIOUS PERSON / VEHICLE	2,640
PATROL FOLLOW-UP	2,369
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT / COMPLAINT	2,234

OFFENSE / INCIDENT REPORTS BY SUBJECT SEX AND RACE

19,296

Total Offense/Incident Reports



If a Call for Service (CFS) requires additional reporting, an Offense/Incident Report is created by Louisiana State Police (LSP) Troopers and Department of Public Safety (DPS) Officers. The Offense/Incident Report serves as the official document used to record most incidents or investigations related to enforcement activities. These reports are typically created in situations such as making an arrest, conducting a criminal investigation, documenting a Use of Force (UOF) or Pursuit Report, or recording initial crime reports, among others.

The accompanying graphs provide a breakdown of the demographics of the involved subjects recorded in the Offense/Incident Reports. Out of a total of 376,509 Calls for Service (CFS), 19,296 Offense/Incident Reports were generated.

*This data does not include citations and crash reports written by Troopers/Officers.

TOTAL UOF / PURSUIT REPORTS

483
2023 Total

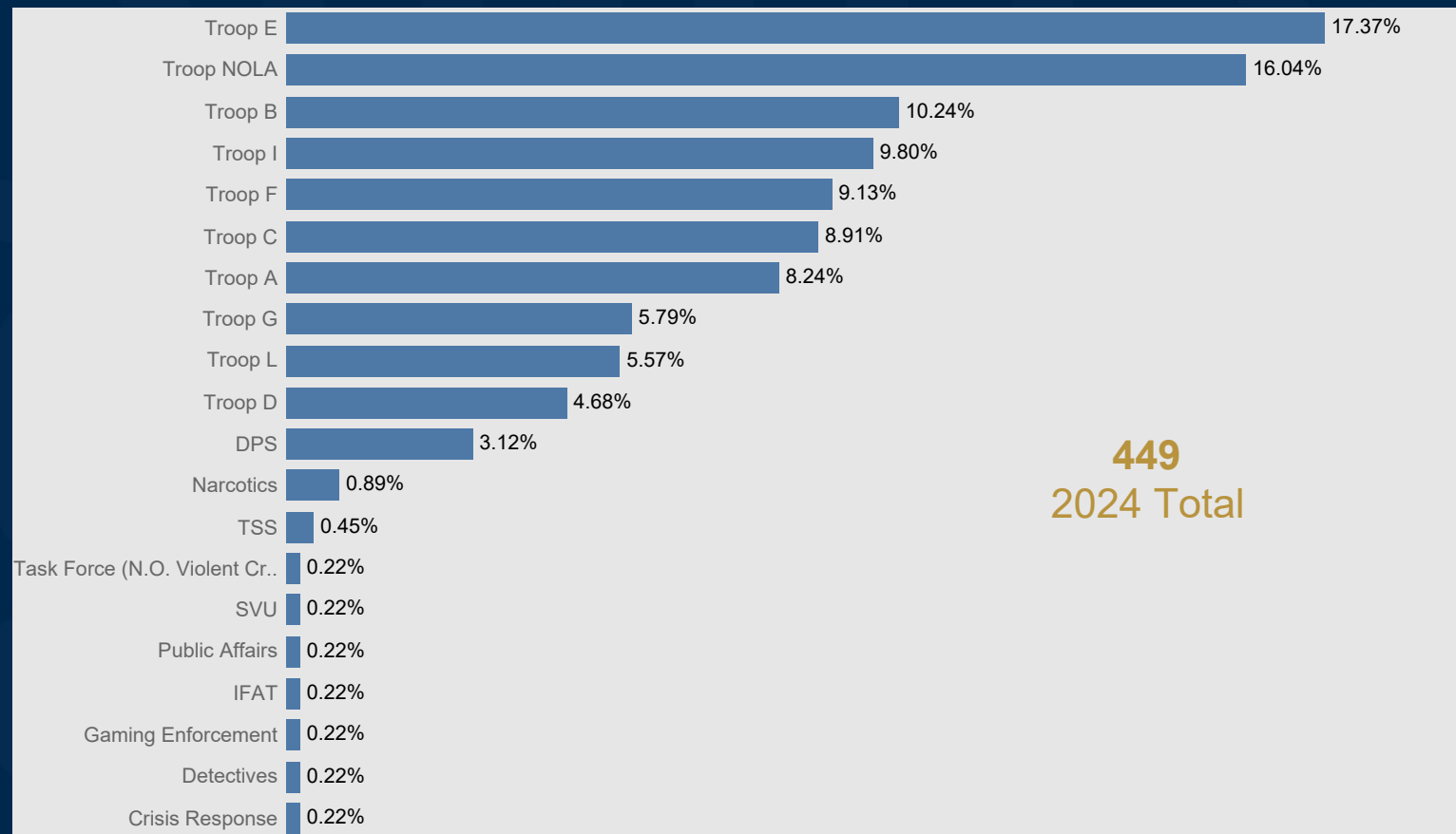
449
2024 Total

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	UOF/ Pursuit Total
2023	43	43	43	43	48	50	44	43	32	27	28	39	483
2024	42 -2.33%	43 0.00%	29 -32.56%	28 -34.88%	36 -25.00%	38 -24.00%	45 2.27%	32 -25.58%	46 43.75%	37 37.04%	33 17.86%	41 5.13%	449 -7.04%

In 2024, there were 449 Use of Force/Pursuit incidents reported, including 90 Use of Force incidents. In comparison, 2023 saw 483 UOF/Pursuit incidents reported, with 99 of those being Use of Force incidents. This reflects a 7.04% decrease in Use of Force/Pursuit cases from the previous year.

*Operation Strike began September through November 2024, this will account for the increase of UOF/Pursuits starting at this time.

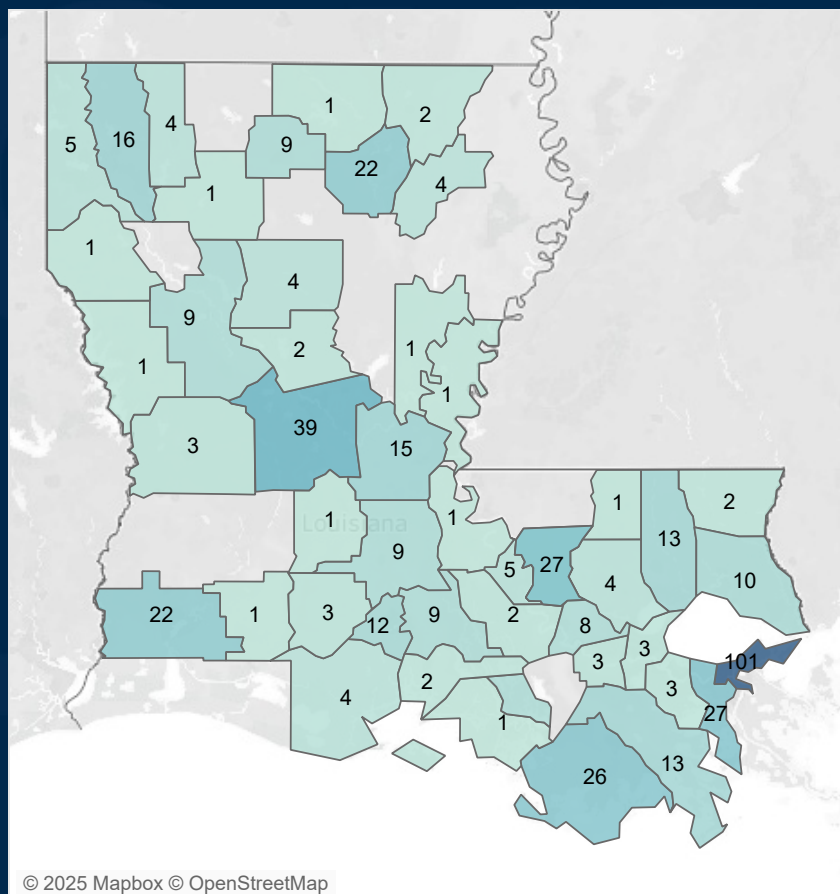
USE OF FORCE / PURSUIT REPORTS BY TROOP/SECTION



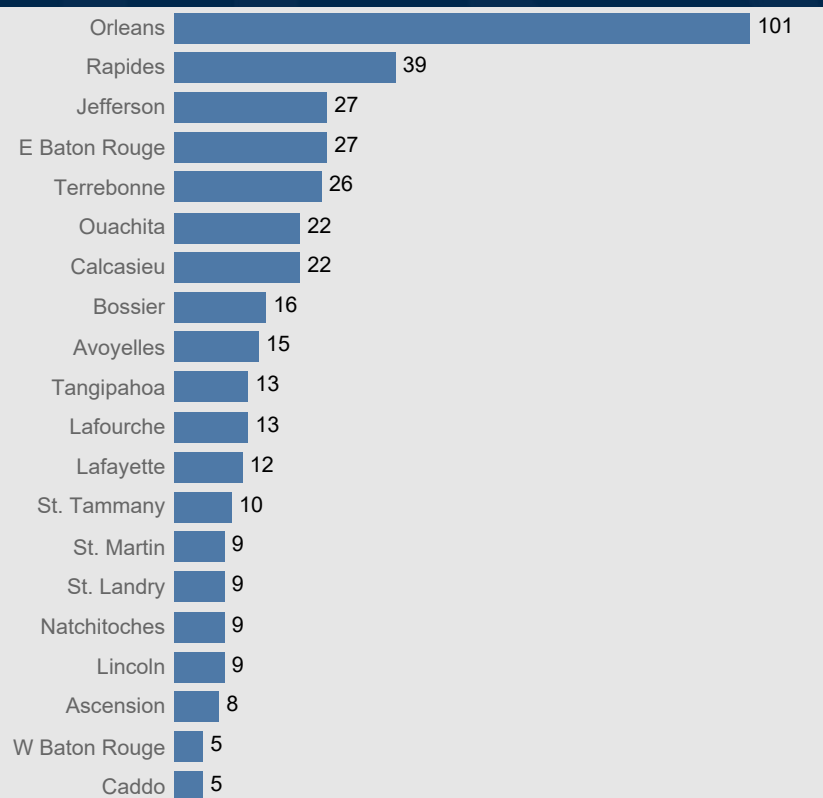
In 2024, Troop E reported the most UOF/Pursuit incidents at 17.37%, followed by Troop NOLA with 16.04% and Troop B at 10.24%. Troop NOLA was created in January 2024, and when combining Troop B and Troop NOLA, the New Orleans metropolitan area accounted for 26.28% of the total incidents.

In 2023, Troop B reported the highest percentage of UOF/Pursuit incidents at 24.22%, followed by Troop E with 13.25%.

UOF / PURSUIT INCIDENTS BY PARISH



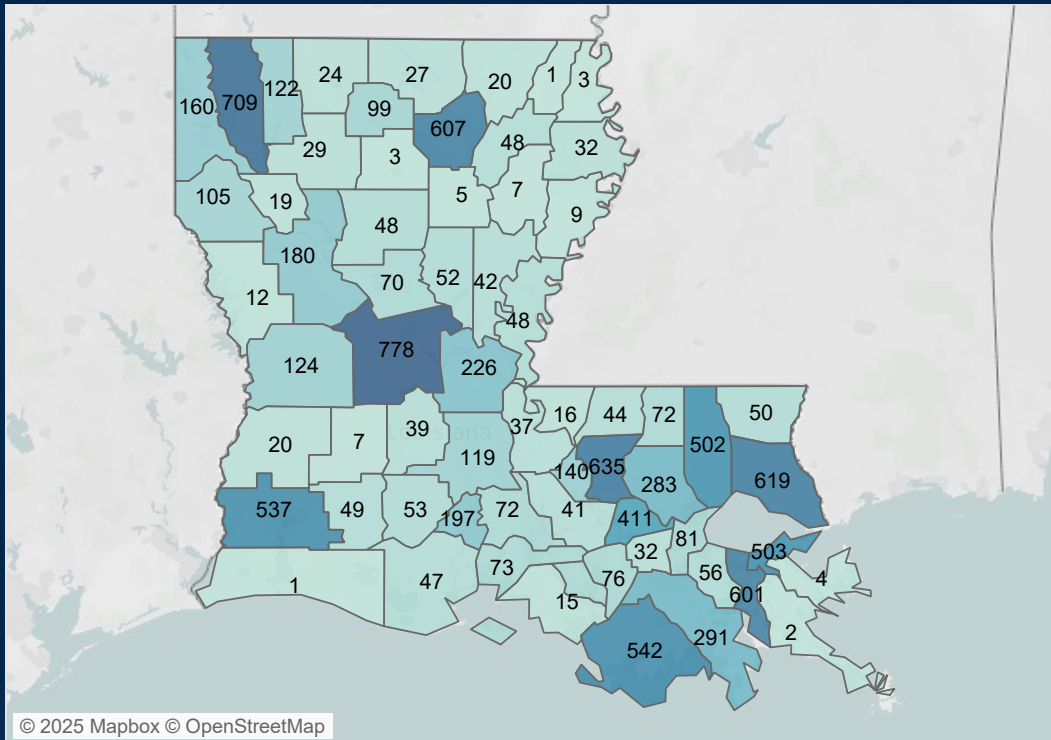
Parish Totals
(Top 20)



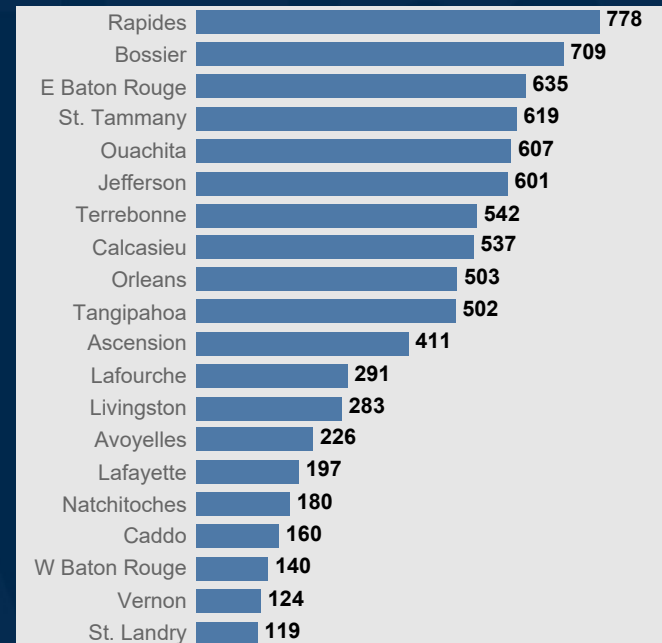
Orleans and Rapides Parishes had the highest number of Use of Force (UOF) and Pursuit incidents of all other parishes in the state. These two parishes are not only the most populated in Louisiana but were also heavily involved in numerous proactive enforcement operations throughout the year. In addition, Jefferson Parish, which borders Orleans, saw many pursuits that began in Orleans end in Jefferson.

In 2024, Orleans Parish reported 101 UOF/Pursuit incidents, marking an 83.64% increase from the previous year. Rapides Parish had 39 reports, showing a 30% increase, while Jefferson Parish recorded 27 reports, reflecting a 63.01% decrease. Both Jefferson and Rapides Parishes saw a shift in their numbers compared to the previous year. Orleans Parish, in particular, demonstrated a significant increase in UOF/Pursuit reports.

Number of Arrests by Parish



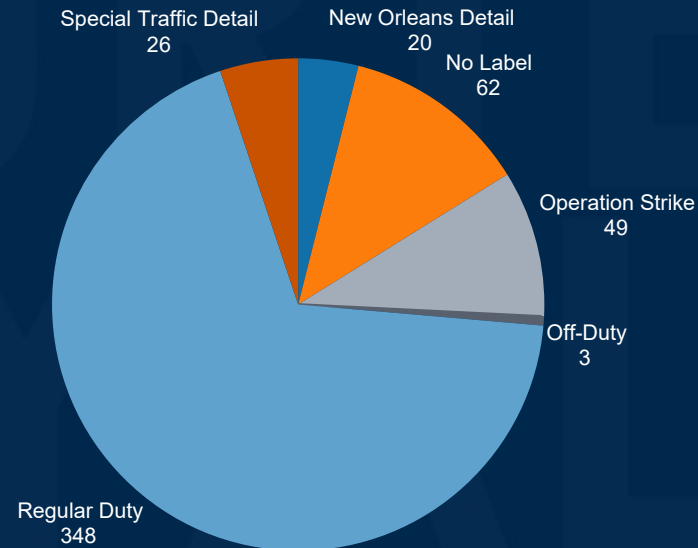
Parish Counts (Top 20)



A review of arrest data reveals that Rapides Parish had the highest number of arrests, with a total of 778, followed by Bossier Parish with 709 arrests, and East Baton Rouge with 635 arrests. Orleans Parish recorded 503 arrests. When this data is compared to the use of force/Pursuit incidents, a notable correlation is observed in Rapides (5.01%), Bossier (2.26%), and East Baton Rouge (4.25%) Parishes, where the number of UOF incidents aligns relatively with the volume of arrests. However, Orleans Parish stands out with a significantly higher percentage of UOF/Pursuit incidents (20.08%) in relation to arrests, which could indicate a disparity between the two figures.

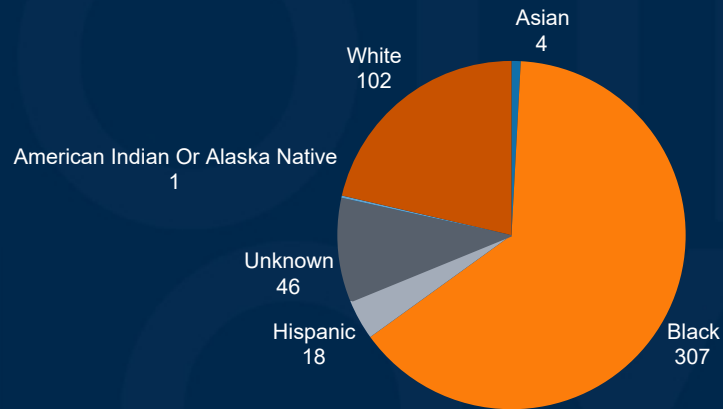
One potential explanation for this discrepancy lies in the type of patrol activity conducted in these parishes. In Rapides, Bossier, and East Baton Rouge, law enforcement officers typically operate within their assigned Areas of Responsibility (AOR), handling routine patrol duties and responding to calls for service. In contrast, Orleans Parish is not typically included in these regular patrol areas, with officers instead focusing on special operations that target more serious crimes. This proactive approach in Orleans may contribute to a higher number of UOF/Pursuit incidents, as Troopers/Officers are likely engaging in more intense encounters due to the nature of their specialized assignments.

Use of Force / Pursuit by Detail



There are occasions in which parishes, municipalities, and towns in Louisiana request LSP to help with various enforcement initiatives, special events, crowd control, and civil disturbances. Those activities are known as special details and are often identified by the name dedicated to that particular operation. For example, Operation Strike is an enforcement initiative focused on violent crime in New Orleans. To track data that occurred during special details and regular duty, troopers affix the appropriate label when documenting UOF/Pursuit incidents.

Demographics by Race



Use of Force / Pursuit

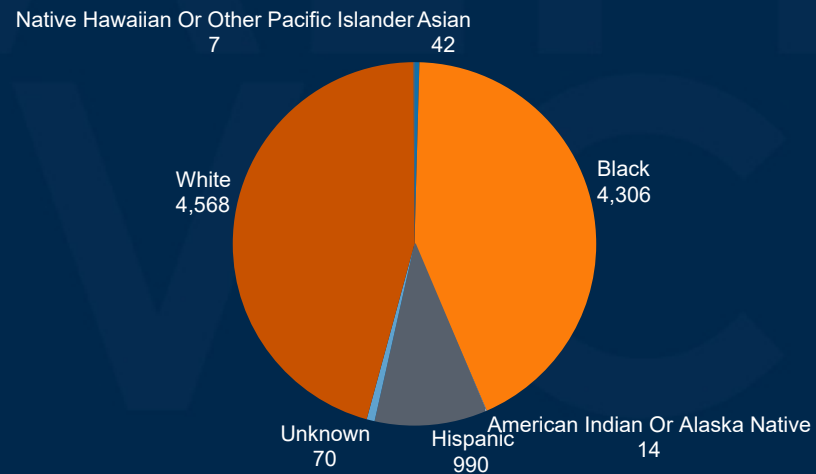
In 2024, 307 black subjects (64.36%) and 102 white subjects (21.38%) were involved in UOF/Pursuit incidents. Compared to 2023, white subjects were involved in 23.25%, and black subjects were involved in 64.25% of all reported UOF/Pursuit incidents.

Arrests

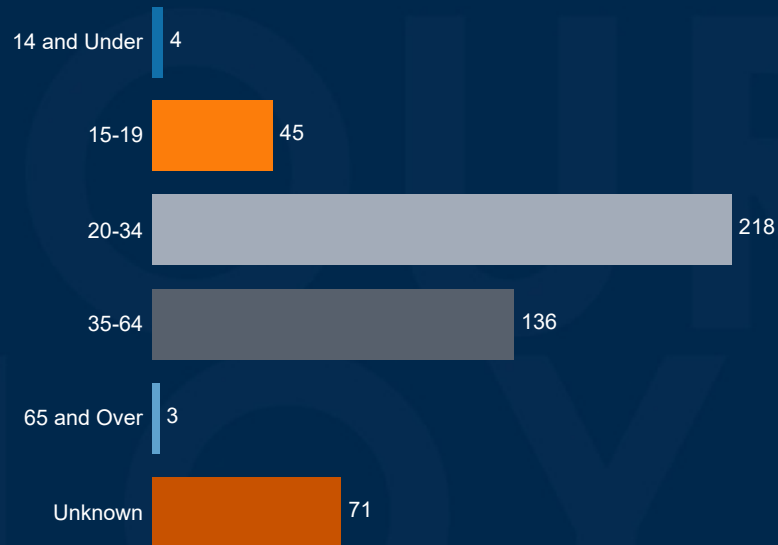
In 2024, there were a total of 9,995 physical arrests made by LSP/DPS personnel across the state.

Of those arrests, 4,568 (45.70%) were white, 4,306 (43.08%) were black, and 990 (9.90%) were hispanic.

There were only slight variations between 2023 and 2024 in each category.



Demographics by Age



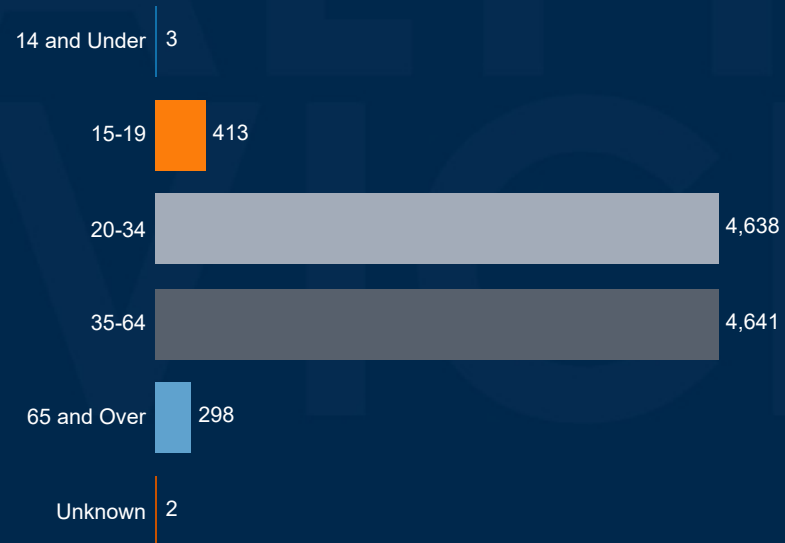
Use of Force / Pursuit

In 2024, the age group 20-34 years accounted for 218 subjects (45.70%) involved in UOF/Pursuit incidents, while the 35-64 age group was comprised of 136 subjects (28.51%). In comparison, in 2023, the 20-34 age group accounted for 48.46%, and the 35-64 age group made up 27.41% of all reported UOF/Pursuit incidents.

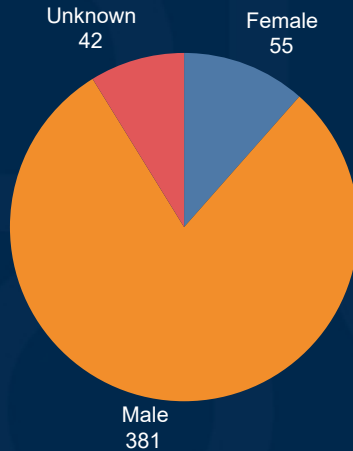
Arrests

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Of the arrests, the 20-34 age group was comprised of 4,638 individuals (46.40%), while the 35-64 age group accounted for 4,641 individuals (46.43%). In comparison, in 2023, the 20-34 age group represented 45.53%, and the 35-64 age group represented 46.64% of all arrests.



Demographics by Gender



Use of Force / Pursuit

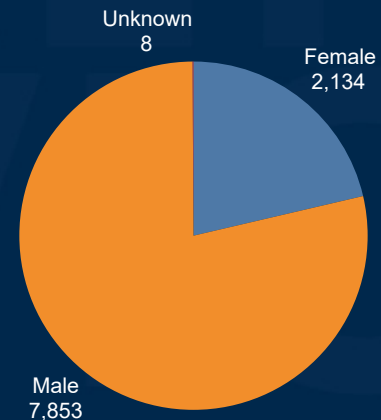
In 2024, 381 male subjects (79.87%) and 55 female subjects (11.53%) were involved in UOF/Pursuit incidents. Compared to 2023, male subjects were involved 80.70%, and female subjects were involved in 14.47% of all reported UOF/Pursuit incident.

Arrests

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Of those arrests, 7,853 (78.57%) were male, and 2,134 (21.35%) were female.

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Use of Force / Pursuit by Type

Use of Force	
Hands On	73
Taser	20
Discharge of Firearm	2
Chemical Agent	1

The most common UOF reported in 2024 was hands-on, with 73 incidents.

Pursuits	
Pursuit Termination Techniques	303

Pursuit Termination Techniques is compiled of Pursuit only and forcible stop tactics such as tire deflation devices, stop sticks, spikes and intervention techniques.

Pursuits w/ Use of Force	
Taser	33
Hands On	26
Pursuit Termination Techniques	19
Discharge of Firearm	2

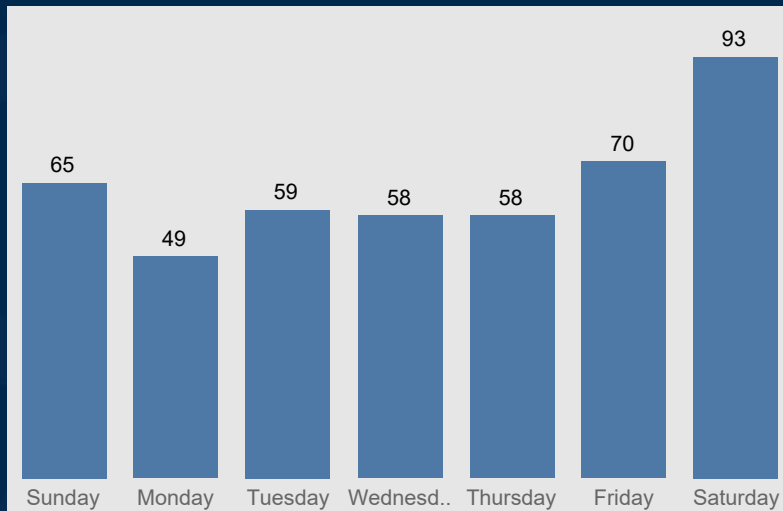
Use of Force/Pursuit Subject Injury Type by Race

	American Indian Or Alaska Native	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Unknown	White
No Injury or Unknown		3	242	14	38	67
Pursuit Only	1		33	1	7	24
Abrasion/Laceration		1	32	3	1	12
Self-Inflicted			3			
Internal Injury			3			
Gunshot Wound			2			1
Obvious Disfigurement			2			
Stabbing						1
Eye / Skin Irritation				1		
Bone Fracture			1			
Grand Total	1	4	307	18	46	102

Use of Force/Pursuit Officer Injury Type by Race

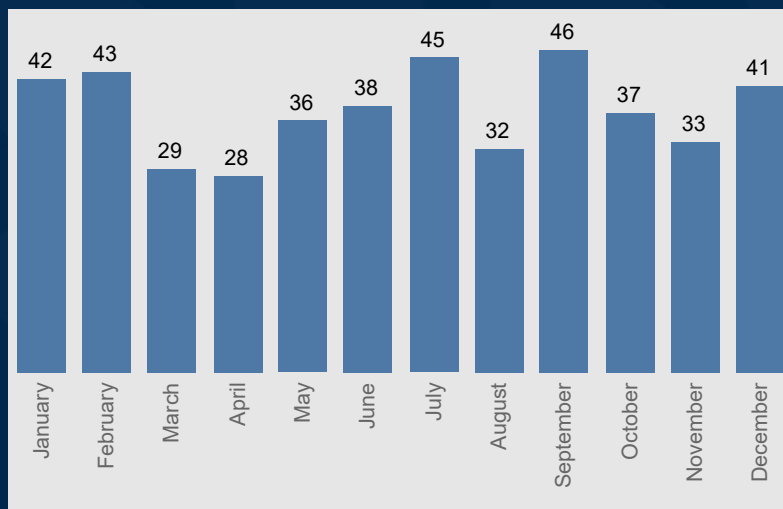
	American Indian Or Alaska Native	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Native Hawaiian Or Other Pacific Islander	White
No Injury or Unknown	11	1	81	10	11	389
Abrasion/Laceration				1		19
Abrasion/Laceration, Bruising						1
Bone Fracture						1
Eye / Skin Irritation						2
Internal Injury			1			3
Grand Total	11	1	82	11	11	408

UOF / Pursuit Day of Week

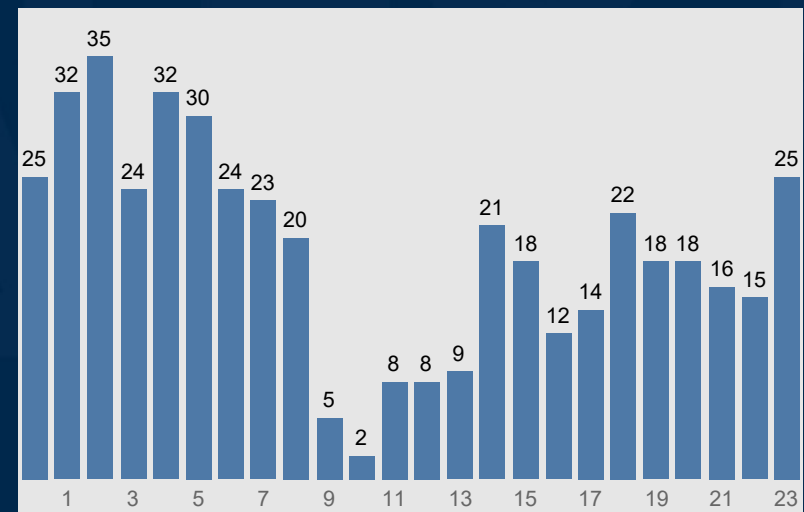


Saturday appears to be the most common day of the week for reported UOF/Pursuit incidents with 93 UOF/Pursuits. That statistic could be due to the amount of UOF/Pursuit incidents reported during Mardi Gras deployment (13). The next highest day UOF/Pursuit incidents were reported was on Friday (70) followed by Sunday (65).

UOF / Pursuit by Month

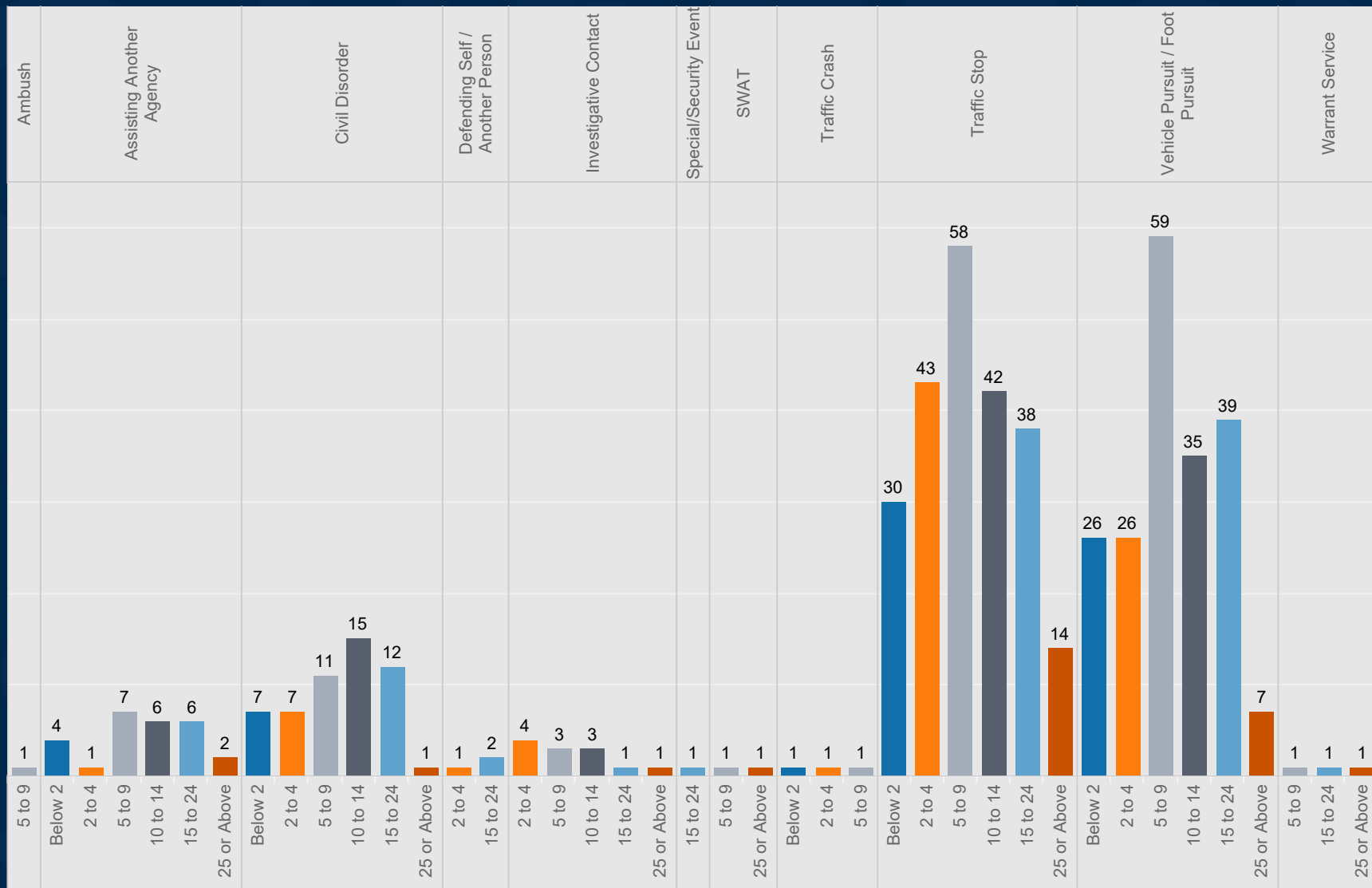


UOF / Pursuit by Time of Day



The most common time of day UOF/Pursuit events were initiated was at 0200 hours, followed closely by 0400 hours. Across the state, LSP Patrol Division shift change occurs between 0500 and 0600 hours. As previously depicted, the most common activity resulting in a UOF/Pursuit incident was traffic stops.

Use of Force / Pursuit by Years of Service



Employees who have been serving for 5 to 9 years have the highest number of UOF/Pursuit incidents. There is one possibility that may explain why that group has a higher amount of UOF/Pursuit incidents. Troopers who are selected to participate in proactive enforcement details are generally picked due to their experience and level of motivation. Often, troopers ranging in the 5 to 9 years of service group are believed to have a balance of experience and motivation and have been utilized in Mobile Field Force, Mardi Gras, and other special operations.

USE OF FORCE / PURSUIT RESULTING IN FIU CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3
Cases Opened	14	5	9
General Use of Force	1	0	1
In Custody Death/Significant Injury	1	1	2
Investigative Assists	1	0	2
Medical Incident	1	0	0
Narcotics Investigation	0	1	0
Offender Arrests	1	0	0
Officer Arrests	0	0	0
Officer-Involved Shootings	2	0	2
Ramming (Vehicle)	5	3	2
Unintentional Discharge	2	0	0

No FIU Investigation resulted in LSP personnel being criminally charged.