

Use of Force Incidents: Data Notes

Use of Force incidents detailed in this spreadsheet occurred from Jul. 11, 2019, through Oct. 31, 2020. Police agencies reported these incidents to the state Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). The first Use of Force Report published by DCJS provides an overview of reported incidents and additional information about the law, data collection systems and definitions of data elements.

Data Elements and Values

Table 1 shows the data elements and values for each incident.

**Table 1.
Data Elements and Values**

Response ID - Assigned by DCJS	Officer/Subject Age
Police Agency Name	Age in Years
Incident Date	Unknown/Not Reported
City/Town/Village (where incident occurred)	Officer/Subject Sex
County (where incident occurred)	Male
Incident Circumstance	Female
Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity	Unknown/Not Reported
Follow Up Investigation	Officer/Subject Race
Executing Arrest	White
Traffic Stop	Black
Medical, Mental Health, or Welfare Assistance	Asian
Service of a Warrant	American Indian/Alaskan Native
Routine Patrol Other than Traffic Stop	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
Transporting/Holding Arrestees	Unknown/Not Reported
Demonstration	Officer/Subject Ethnicity
Service of a Court Order	Hispanic
JAIL - Responding to a Disturbance	Non-Hispanic
JAIL - Assault/Fighting Other Inmate or Officer	Unknown/Not Reported
JAIL - Discovery/Removal of Contraband	
JAIL - Escape/Attempted Escape/Capture/Return	
Other	

Table 2 shows the types of force used by officers and the dates each type was available for agencies to report; use of force types were modified during the 16-month reporting period in an effort to address ambiguities in the law.

**Table 2.
Use of Force Types**

Officer Use of Force Type (check all that apply)	Dates Available for Agencies to Report	
	7/11/2019 - 12/31/2019	01/01/2020 - 10/31/2020
Brandished Firearm	X	
Used Firearm	X	
Discharged Firearm	X	
Displayed Chemical Agent	X	
Deployed Chemical Agent	X	
Used Chemical Agent	X	
Brandished an Electronic Control Weapon	X	
Used an Electronic Control Weapon	X	
Deployed an Electronic Control Weapon	X	
Brandished an Impact Weapon	X	
Used an Impact Weapon	X	
Deployed an Impact Weapon	X	
Firearm (Brandished, Used or Discharged)		X
Chemical Agent (Displayed, Deployed or Used)		X
Impact or Electronic Control Weapon (Brandished, Used or Deployed)		X
Used a Chokehold or Other Similar Restraint	X	X
Conduct that Resulted in Serious Bodily Injury	X	X
Conduct that Resulted in Death	X	X

Additional Notes

- This spreadsheet only contains agencies that reported use of force incidents.
- Each row in the spreadsheet represents one use of force incident except for seven incidents that are displayed on more than one row because two agencies reported more than 10 officers involved in each of those incidents: New York State Police (response IDs 3771, 3778 and 3951) and Rochester Police Department (response IDs 4679, 4681, 4682 and 4705).
- New York City Police Department (NYPD) only reported incidents where a firearm was used or discharged, or where a chemical agent, electronic control weapon, or impact weapon was used or deployed. In addition, the NYPD did not report whether a chokehold or restraint was used or if there was conduct that resulted in serious bodily injury or death.