



UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM POLICE 2023 USE OF FORCE REPORT

A SUMMARY REPORT OF USE OF FORCE EVENTS FOR
CALENDAR YEAR 2023

Summary

During the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, University of Texas System Police Officers encountered 137 events that required the Use of Force above the level of command presence, verbal commands and low-level handcuffing techniques. This represents a 2% increase from the 2022 Use of Force Report.

The 137 events reporting the Use of Force involved 149 individual subjects. An average of 1.89 officers were involved in Use of Force against an average of 1.12 subjects (total of 259 officers and 153 subjects). The largest number of officers involved in one event was seven, and the largest number of subjects involved was three. The average age of officers involved in Use of Force events was 37.30 years old (versus 36.82 for 2022). The youngest officer was 23 years of age and the oldest was 66 years old. The average age of the subjects was 32.29 years old (versus 30.06 in 2022) with 71 years old as the oldest (in this incident, officers were responding to a stolen vehicle). Six juveniles (two 15-year-old, three 13-year-old, and one 11-year-old) were subjects of Use of Force (three each in disturbances in emergency rooms at medical institutions, one as a suspect in an attempted burglary of a vehicle, and two in a high risk stop). Use of Force situations involving an Emergency Detention (when persons pose a danger to themselves or others,) accounted for 22% of the Use of Force events, which was the same from the 2022 report.

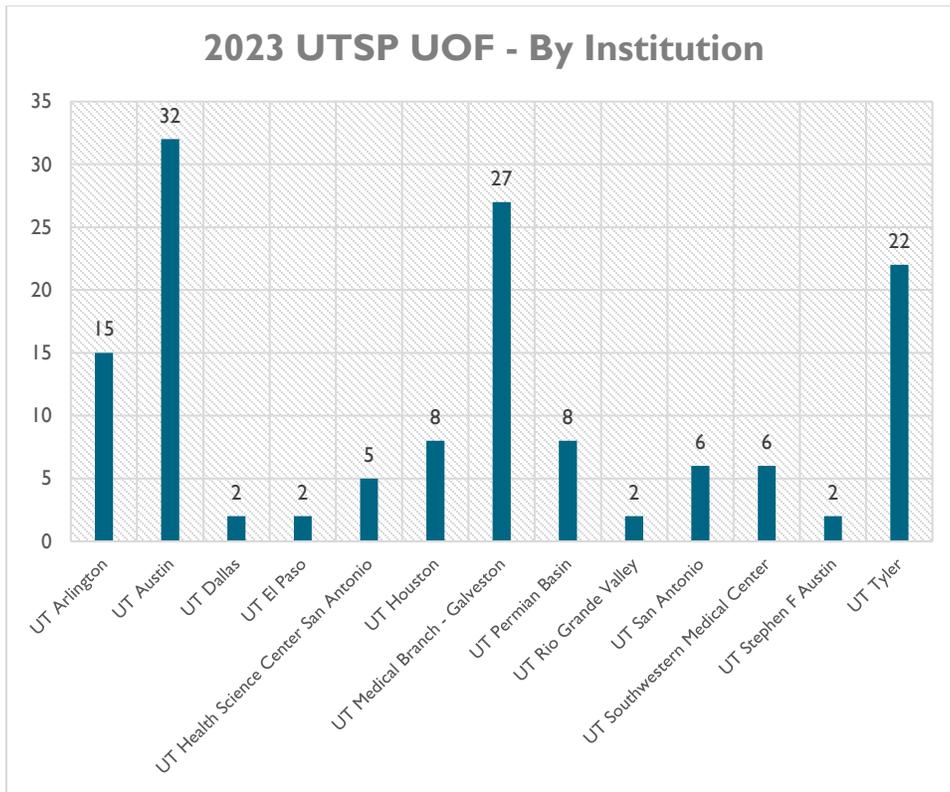
	2023	2022	2021
Use of Force – Total Incidents	137	134	131
Use of Force – Total Officer Actions	222	201	224
<i>Taser Use</i>	12	25	15
<i>Pepper Spray Use</i>	0	2	2
<i>Baton Use</i>	0	0	0
<i>Empty Hand Tactics</i>	166	124	164
<i>Exhibit Firearm</i>	42	50	43
<i>Discharge of Firearm</i>	2	0	0

* Total Incidents are singular events. Officer Actions are what actions the officer(s) used during the Incident. .

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Institution

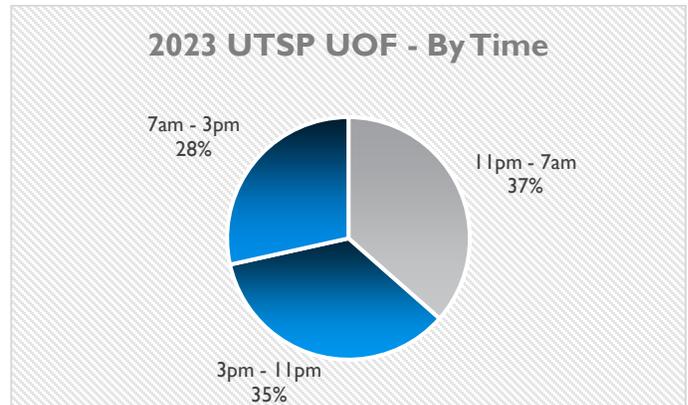
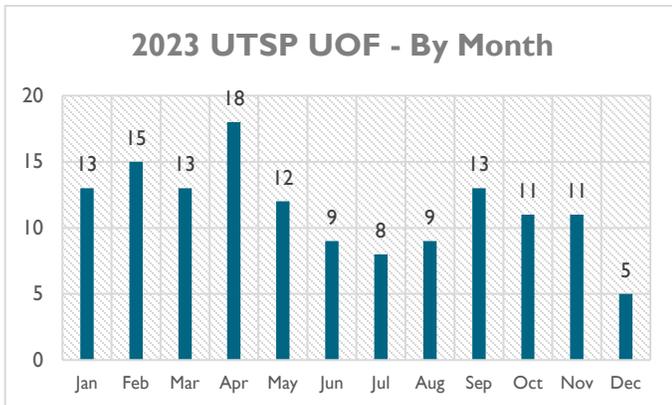
Demographically by campus, 23% of all Use of Force occurred at UT Austin with 32 incidents. UT Medical Branch had 27 Use of Force incidents (20%) and UT Tyler had 22 incidents (16% of all Use of Force reports - Note: UT Tyler and UT Health Science Center-Tyler are combined campuses). UT Arlington had 15 Use of Force incidents while UT Permian Basin and UT Houston had 8 Use of Force incidents each. UT San Antonio and UT Southwestern Medical Center had 6 Use of Force incidents each.



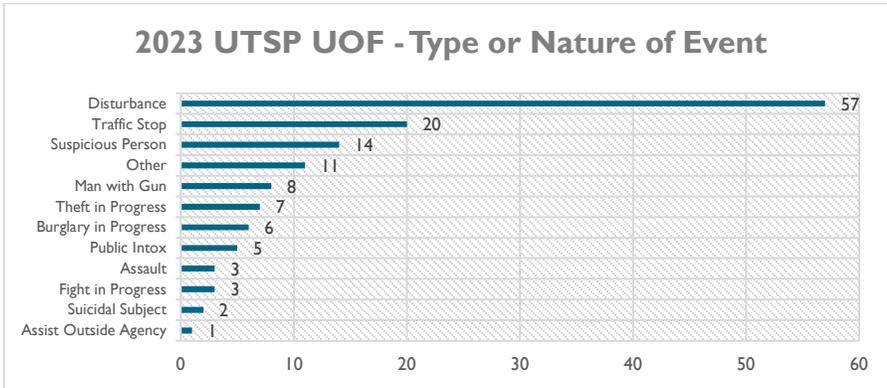
Date & Time

The majority of Use of Force by University of Texas System Police (UTSP) officers in 2023 occurred in April, with 18, and February, with 15. January, March, and September had 13 incidents each.

The majority of Use of Force occurred between the hours of 11pm and 7am at 37%. The 3pm to 11pm shift saw 35% of the Use of Force events followed by 28% for the hours between 7am to 3pm.



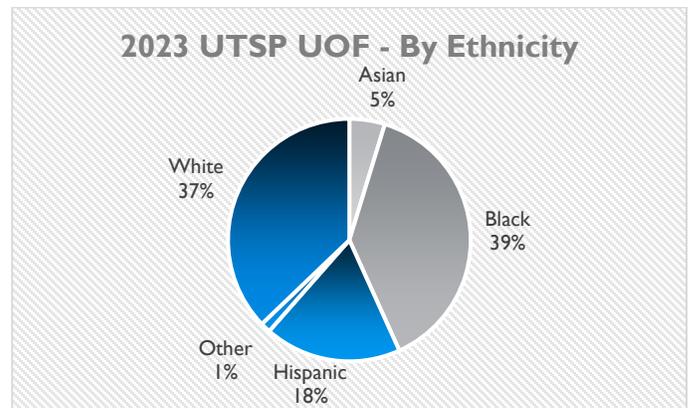
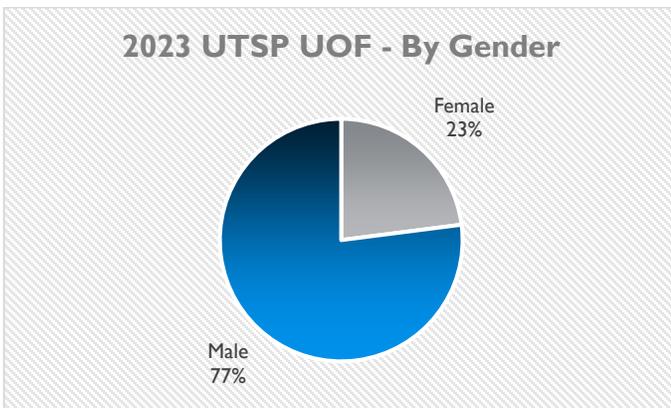
When classifying the type or nature of the event in which Use of Force occurred, there were several noted. “Disturbance” accounted for 41% concerning the nature of the situation (57 total) while “Traffic Stop” accounted for 15% (20 total) of incidents. “Suspicious Person” situations accounted for 10% (14 total) of all incidents. “Man with a Gun” accounted for 6% of all incidents (8 total). Other incident conditions where officers used force included theft in progress, burglary in progress, public intoxication, and “other”. These four categories combined accounted for 21% of all Use of Force in 2023.



SUBJECT INFORMATION

Subject Demographics

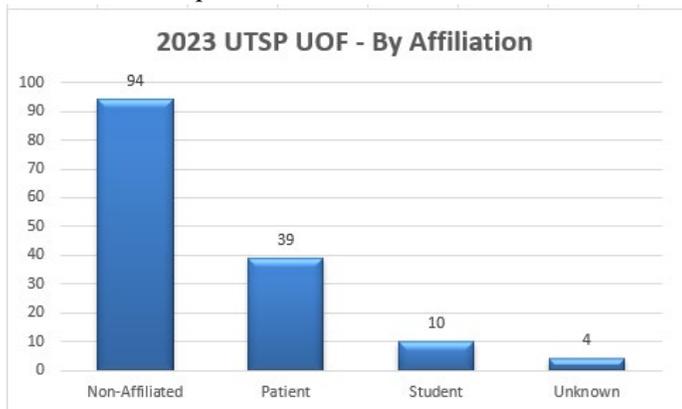
In 2023, 77% of all subjects involved in Use of Force situations by UTSP officers were male. Female subjects accounted for 23% of the events. When classifying subjects by ethnicity, 39% of subjects were black, 37% were white, 18% were Hispanic, and 5% were Asian. By comparison in, 2022 45% of subjects were white, 34% were black, 17% were Hispanic and 3% were Asian.



Subject Affiliation

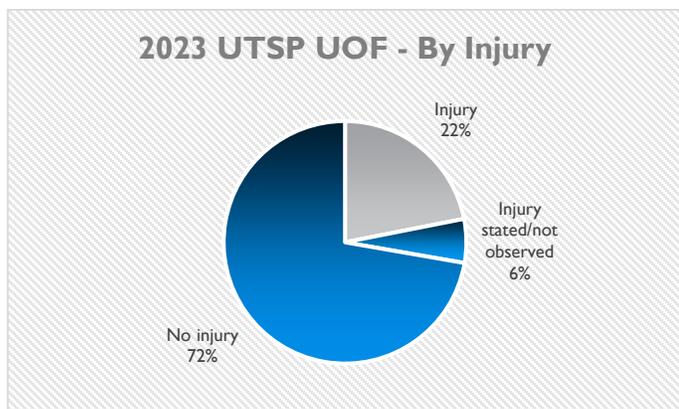
When analyzing the affiliation of subjects in Use of Force situations, 63% were classified as “Non-Affiliated” with the Institution, compared to 65% from 2022. The percentage of subjects who were patients that assaulted or threatening physical violence to emergency room staff was 26%. Students at an Institution composed 7% of the reports compared to

3% in 2022. Reports that did not indicate an affiliation of the subject were labeled as “Unknown” (4%).



Subject Injuries

In 2023, there were 30 actual injuries sustained by the subject during the Use of Force event (22% of all events). In 6% (8 total) of the Use of Force reports, an injury was reported by the subject(s); however, no injury was observed by the officers involved. There were no injuries for subjects in 72% of Use of Force events (99 total). Five subjects were admitted to the hospital unrelated to the Use of Force event. An example of this included a subject who dislocated a shoulder due to a fall when fleeing. Twenty-five subjects (18%) were treated and released at the scene by emergency medical personnel.



OFFICER INFORMATION

Officer Injuries

In 2023, 22 officers were injured related to a Use of Force event. The range of officer injuries included abrasions, lacerations and scrapes to hands, elbows, and knees. No officers were hospitalized due to their injuries.

Officer Involvement; Duty Status

In 100% of the reports, UTSP Officers were on-duty at the time of the Use of Force events. There were no Use of Force incidents in 2023 where a UTSP officer was working secondary employment. There was one incident where officers were working an on-campus overtime assignment. In 31 incidents (23%) UTSP officers were assisting an outside law enforcement agency.

CONCLUSION

The following conclusions include:

- The UTSP Academy in collaboration with the Institution department training officers will continue to assess the Use of Force training provided to officers against the real-world experience reflected in this report. Training will be adjusted and modified accordingly.
- This report will be distributed in full to all Institution Chiefs of Police and their command staff as well as all Institution Police Department training officers.