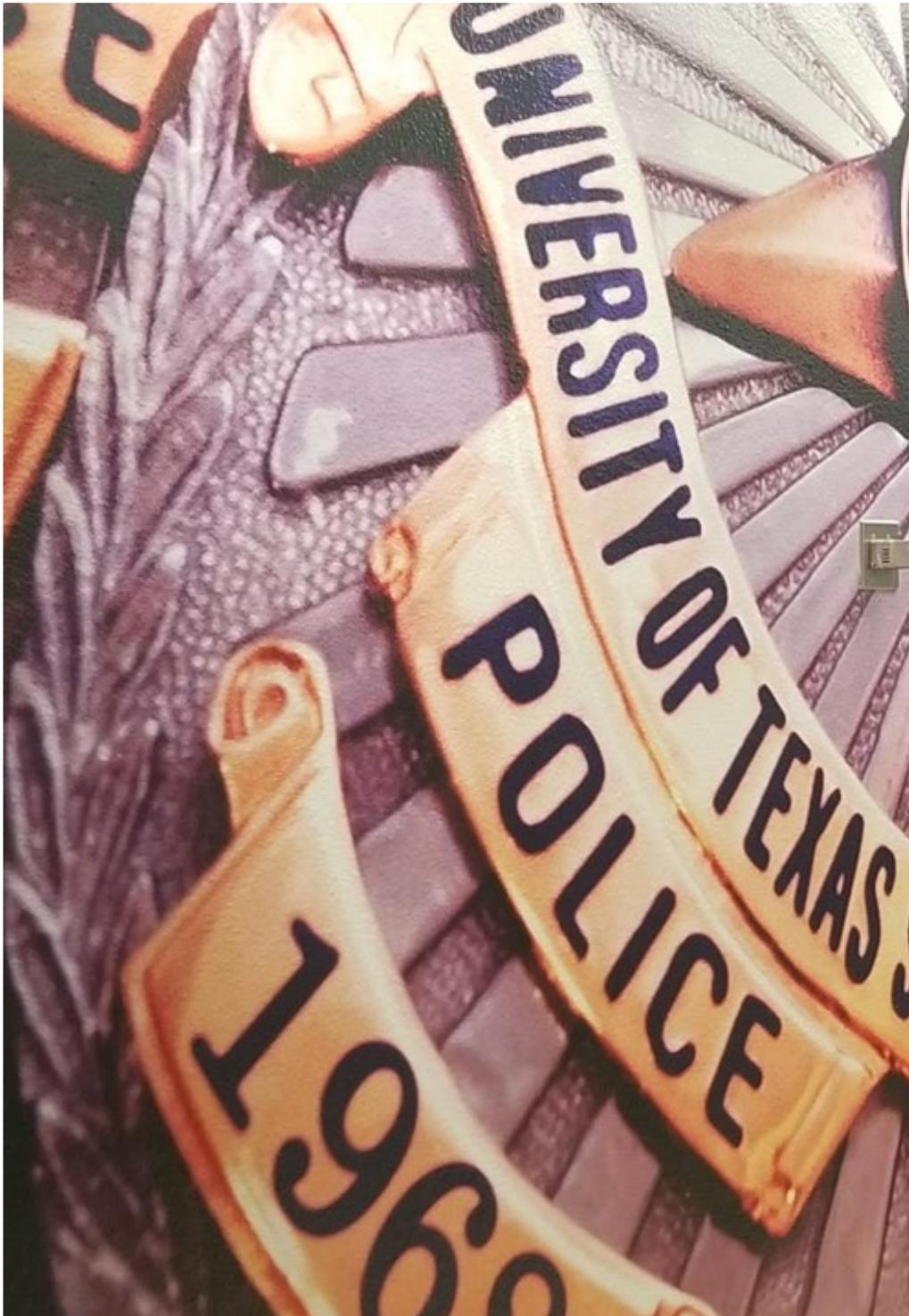


UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM POLICE 2024 USE OF FORCE REPORT



A SUMMARY REPORT OF USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS FOR
CALENDAR YEAR 2024

UTSP Academy Staff

Summary

During the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, University of Texas System Police Officers encountered 145 events that required the Use of Force above the level of command presence, verbal commands and low-level handcuffing techniques. This represents a 5.8% increase from the 2023 Use of Force Report.

The 145 events reporting the Use of Force included 162 individual subjects. An average of 2.00 officers were involved in each Use of Force event with an average of 1.12 subjects present. The largest number of officers involved in one event was 6, and the largest number of subjects involved was 4. The average age of officers involved in Use of Force events was 38.29 years old. The youngest officer was 21 years of age, and the oldest was 64 years old. The average age of the subjects was 32.85 years old, with 72 years old as the oldest (in this incident, officers were responding to an intoxicated driver). Ten juveniles (6%) were subjects of Use of Force, involving six separate individuals in disturbances at emergency rooms of medical institutions and four in high-risk vehicle stops while assisting an outside agency with a pursuit or stolen vehicles. Use of Force situations involving an Emergency Detention (when persons pose a danger to themselves or others) accounted for 18% of the Use of Force events (26 events).

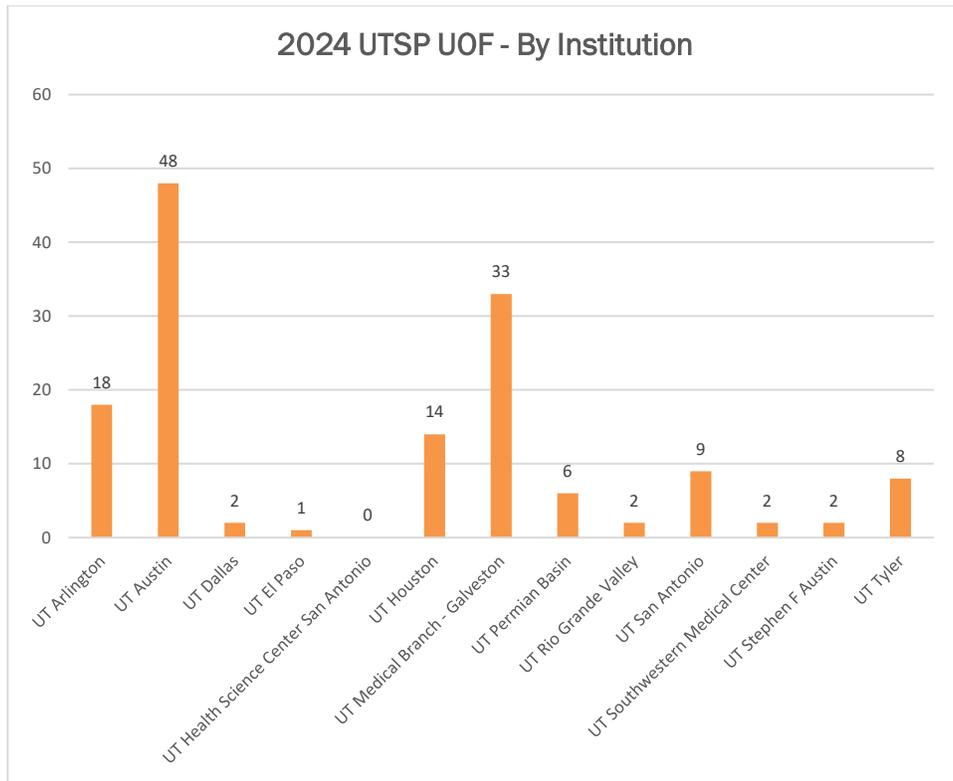
	2024	2023	2022
Use of Force – Total Incidents	145	137	134
Use of Force – Total Officer Actions	243	222	201
<i>Taser Use</i>	5	12	25
<i>Pepper Spray Use</i>	0	0	2
<i>Baton Use</i>	0	0	0
<i>Empty Hand Tactics</i>	191	166	124
<i>Exhibit Firearm</i>	46	42	50
<i>Discharge of Firearm</i>	1	2	0

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

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Institution

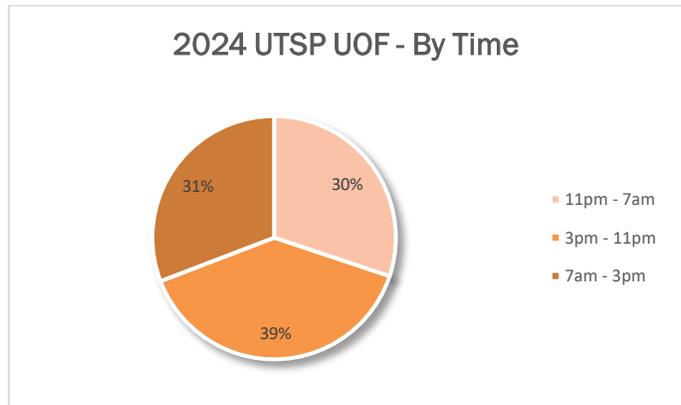
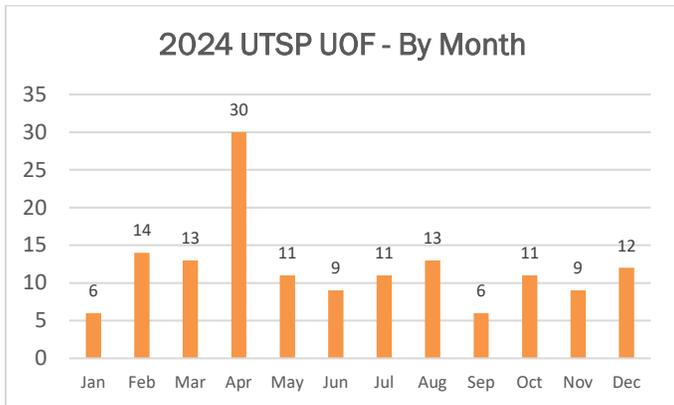
Demographically by campus, 33% of all Use of Force occurred at UT Austin with 48 incidents. UT Medical Branch had 33 Use of Force incidents (23%). UT Arlington had 18 Use of Force incidents and UT Houston had 14 incidents for a combined total of 22% of all Uses of Force within UT System Police. UT San Antonio had 9 incidents, while UT Tyler had 8 incidents (Note: UT Tyler and UT Health Science Center-Tyler are combined campuses). UT Permian Basin had six Uses of Force incidents.



Date & Time

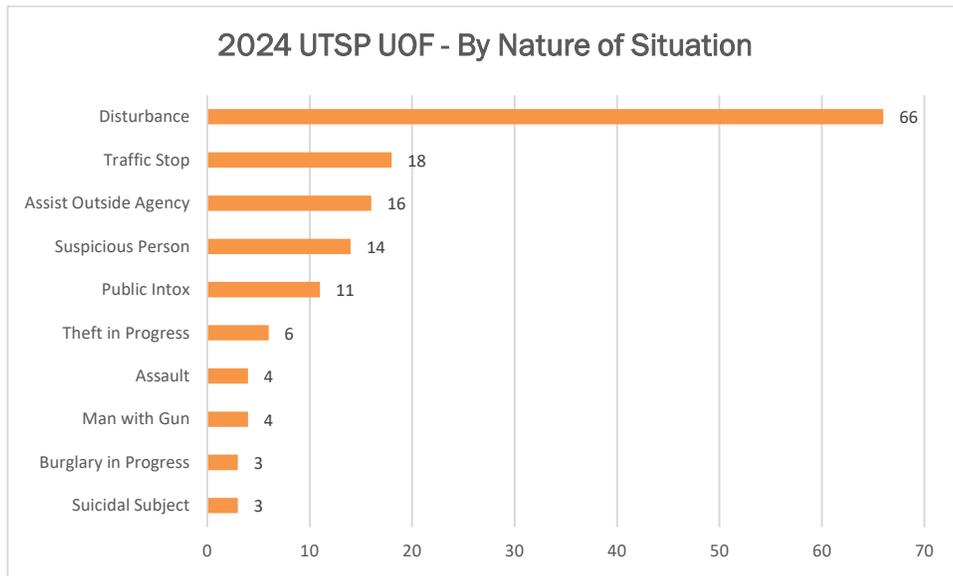
The majority of the Use of Force events by University of Texas System Police officers in 2024 occurred in April with 30 and February with 14. March and August had 13 incidents each.

The majority of the Use of Force events occurred between 3pm to 11pm at 39%. The 7am to 3pm shift saw 31% of the Use of Force events followed by 30% between 11pm and 7am.



Nature of Event

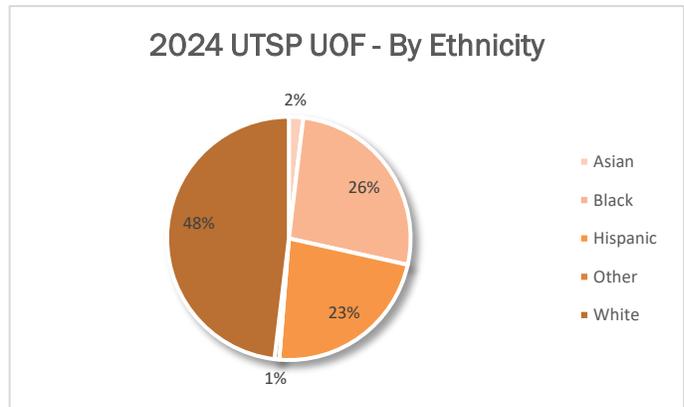
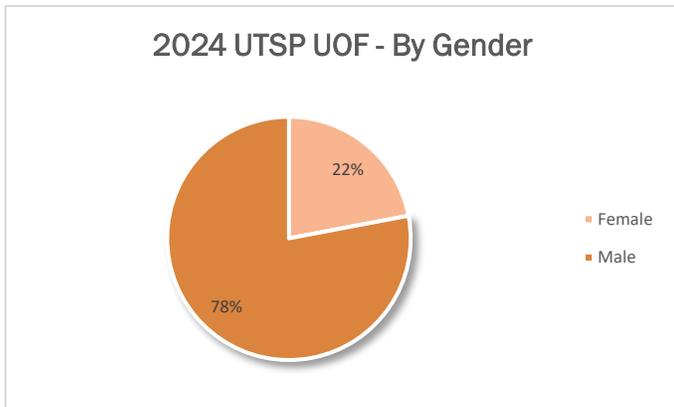
When classifying the type or nature of an event where Use of Force occurred, “Disturbance” accounted for 46% (66 total), while “Traffic Stop” accounted for 12% (18 total) events. “Assist Outside Agency” incidents accounted for 11% (16 total), while “Suspicious Person” situations accounted for 10% (14 total) of all incidents. “Man with a Gun” accounted for 3% of all incidents (4 total). Other incident conditions where officers used force included Suicidal Subject (3), Burglary in Progress (3), Assault (4), Theft in Progress (6), Public Intoxication (11). These five categories combined accounted for 18% of all Use of Force in 2024.



SUBJECT INFORMATION

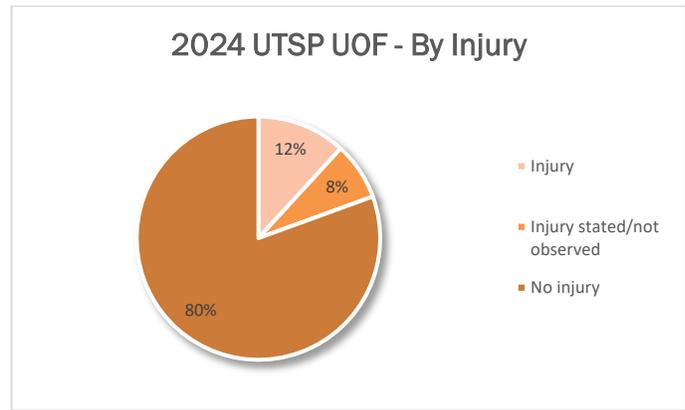
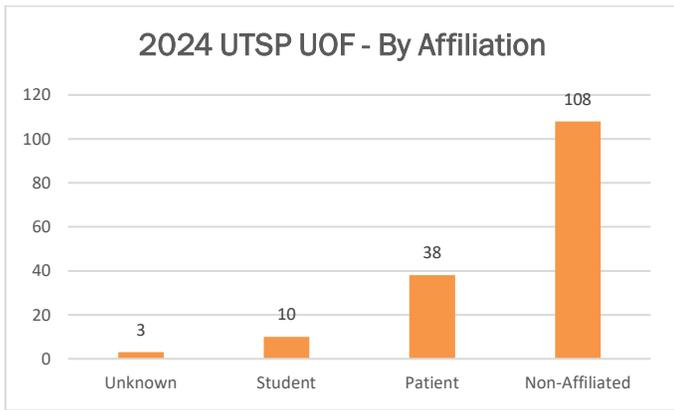
Subject Demographics

In 2024, 78% of all subjects involved in Use of Force situations by UTSP officers were male. Female subjects accounted for 22% of the events. When classifying subjects by ethnicity, 48% of subjects were white, 26% were black, 23% were Hispanic, and 2% were Asian.



Subject Affiliation

When analyzing the affiliation of subjects in Use of Force situations, 74% were classified as “Non-Affiliated” with the Institution. The percentage of subjects who were patients that assaulted or threatening physical violence to emergency room staff was 26%. Students at an Institution composed 6% of the reports. There were three individuals who evaded arrest and were not identified in the use of force report.



Subject Injuries

In 2024, there were 18 actual injuries sustained by the subject during the Use of Force event (12% of all events). In 7.5% (11 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 80% of Use of Force events (116 total). Two subjects were admitted to the hospital related to the Use of Force event. Sixteen subjects (11%) were treated and released at the scene by emergency medical personnel.

OFFICER INFORMATION

Officer Injuries

In 2024, twenty-one 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. In 11 incidents (16%) 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.