Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Use of Force Report
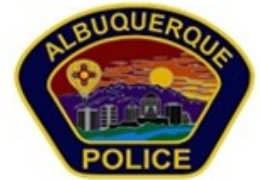
December 2024

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Total Use of Force Events - December 2024

This report provides a monthly overview of use of force events involving Albuquerque Police Department (APD) personnel. APD is committed to using force to achieve lawful objectives in instances where use of force is objectively reasonable, necessary, minimal, and proportional given the totality of circumstances (see SOP 2-52: Use of Force – General). When force is not consistent with these standards of conduct (SOP 2-52: Use of Force-General), APD takes corrective actions which may include discipline.

APD's jurisdiction includes the City of Albuquerque which is divided into six Area Commands. In the map below, Southeast Area Command is split into "SE University" and "Southeast". University Area Command is combined with Southeast Area Command in this report until updates to department databases are complete.

Force is categorized into three levels based on APD policy. For more information on APD's Standard Operating Procedures, see: https://public.powerdms.com/COA

Total Use of Force Cases by Area Command and Level of Force

	Force Level			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Grand Total
Foothills	0	3	1	4
Northeast	2	4	4	10
Northwest	2	4	0	6
Southeast	4	12	4	20
Southwest	1	5	2	8
Valley	3	6	2	11
Grand Total	12	34	13	59

Note: The table shows the primary use of force location. If a secondary use of force occurred in a different Area Command, it is not included.

Locations of Use of Force Cases
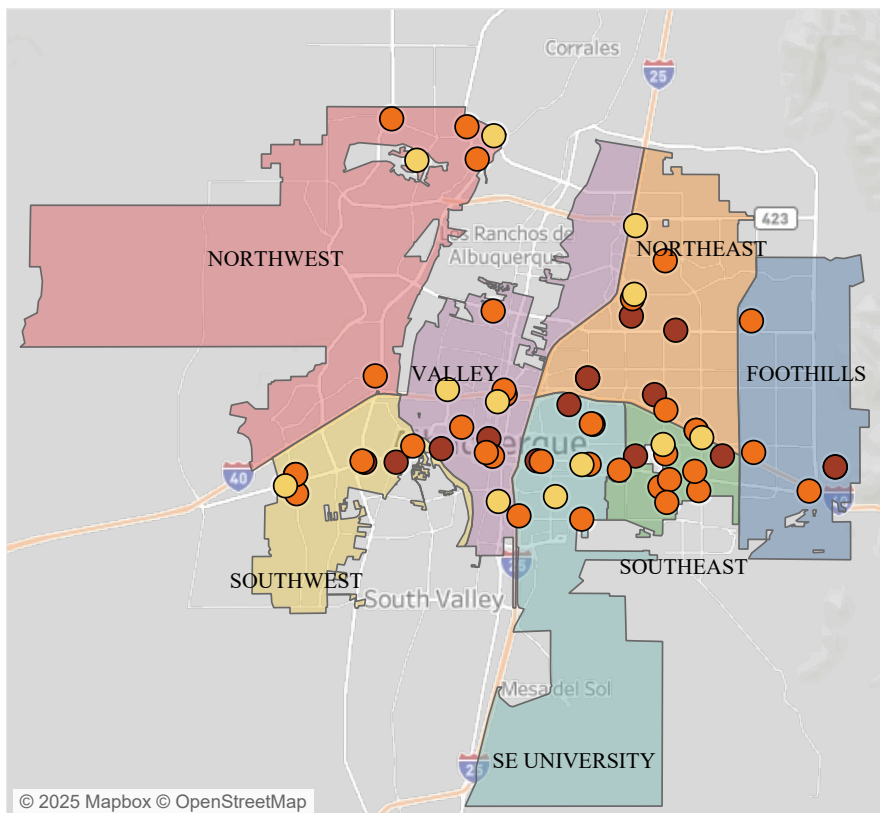
Force Level
- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3

Note: Most force investigations in this report are open investigations since it reflects the previous month of data. As such, figures in this report are preliminary and subject to change as use of force investigations progress.
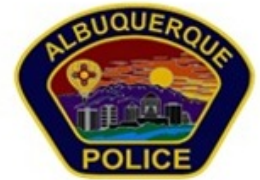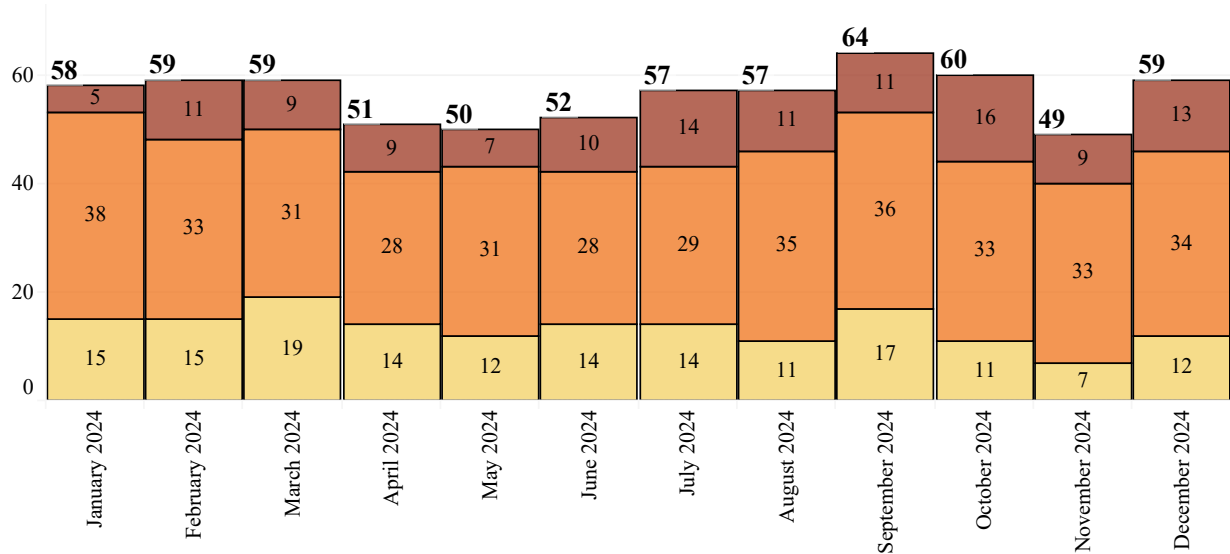
Use of Force Totals by Month - Past 12 Months

APD tracks use of force data over time to examine trends in use of force. For annual trends, see APD's Annual Use of Force Reports. This page reports monthly totals of all use of force for APD.

Total Uses of Force by Month and Level of Force

Force Level
- Level 3
- Level 2
- Level 1

Total Uses of Force by Month and Area Command

		January 2024	February 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	Grand Total
Foothills	Level 1	2	0	3	1	2	3	1	1	4	0	0	0	17
	Level 2	4	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	3	3	26
	Level 3	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	10
Northeast	Level 1	2	4	4	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	19
	Level 2	6	6	4	2	3	6	3	9	8	4	4	4	59
	Level 3	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	3	3	4	1	4	26
Northwest	Level 1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	10
	Level 2	3	3	6	1	3	2	3	2	1	6	2	4	36
	Level 3	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	6
Out of Area	Level 1	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
	Level 2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
	Level 3	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Southeast	Level 1	7	7	4	3	5	6	3	7	1	1	3	4	51
	Level 2	14	14	10	11	13	6	11	9	16	11	11	12	138
	Level 3	1	4	1	1	2	1	3	3	2	9	0	4	31
Southwest	Level 1	1	1	1	2	0	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	15
	Level 2	8	5	4	5	7	4	1	3	2	3	5	5	52
	Level 3	0	0	2	0	2	3	1	0	2	0	2	2	14
Valley	Level 1	1	2	5	4	3	2	5	1	9	7	1	3	43
	Level 2	3	3	5	8	2	7	8	10	7	7	8	6	74
	Level 3	2	3	1	3	2	3	7	3	3	2	4	2	35
Grand Total		58	59	59	51	50	52	57	57	64	60	49	59	675

Use of Force Benchmarked Against Calls
For Service and Arrests - December 2024

Officers are required to only use force when necessary to achieve a lawful objective. When officers have more contacts with individuals, it is likely that there will be more uses of force. To control for factors that may contribute to higher or lower uses of force in a given month, this page shows the number of uses of force relative to the number of calls for service and the number of arrests made. For a detailed discussion of the method used on this page, see APD's 2023 Annual Use of Force Report. Total force counts on this page may be higher than the previous page if a case involves more than one use of force in different Area Commands.

Calls for Service

Total Calls for Service for Area Commands
Excludes calls for service where contact with an individual was unlikely, see Annual Use of Force report for full methodology.

CAD Calls by Area Command, December 2024

Area Command	Total Force Cases	Total CAD Calls	Force per 1,000 Calls
Foothills	4	4,942	0.8
Northeast	11	5,737	1.9
Northwest	6	4,331	1.4
Southeast	21	7,536	2.8
Southwest	8	4,527	1.8
Valley	11	5,998	1.8

**Force Rate per 1,000 Calls For Service**
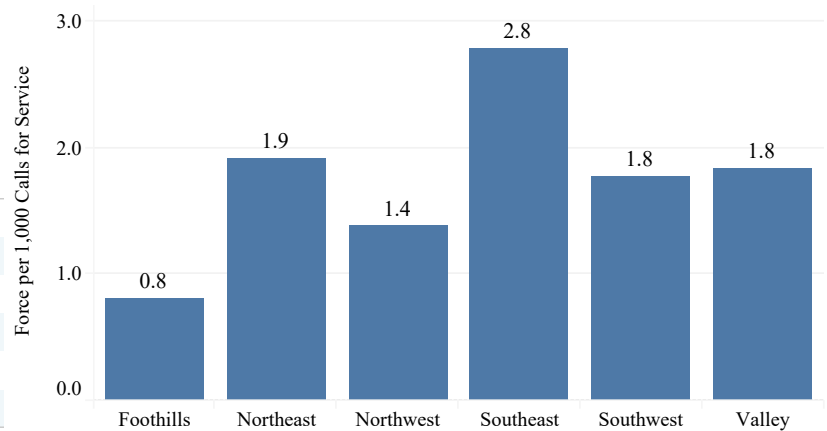
Arrests

Total Arrests for Area Commands
Arrests include custodial arrests and summonses.

Force per Arrest by Area Command, December 2024

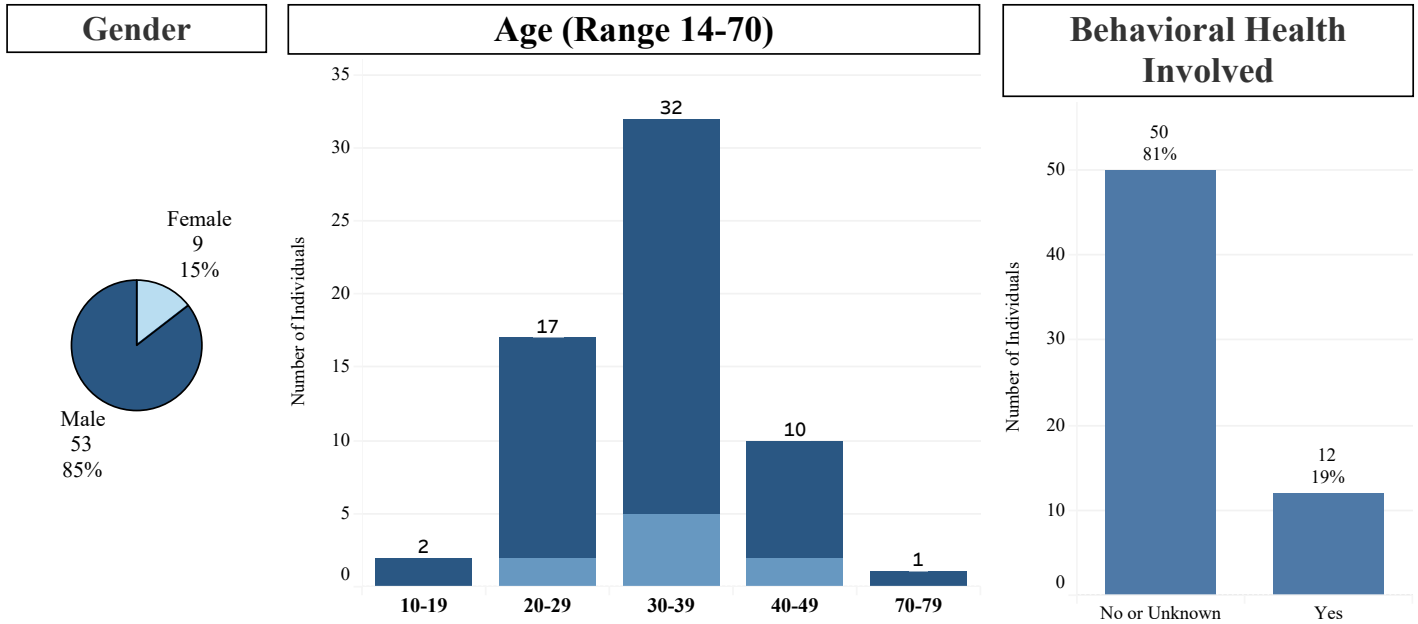| Area Command	Total Force Cases	Total Arrests	Force Per 100 Arrests
Foothills	4	242	1.7
Northeast	11	363	3.0
Northwest	6	134	4.5
Out of Area	0	39	0.0
Southeast	21	496	4.2
Southwest	8	199	4.0
Valley	11	380	2.9
Unknown	0	43	0.0

Force Rate per 100 Arrests
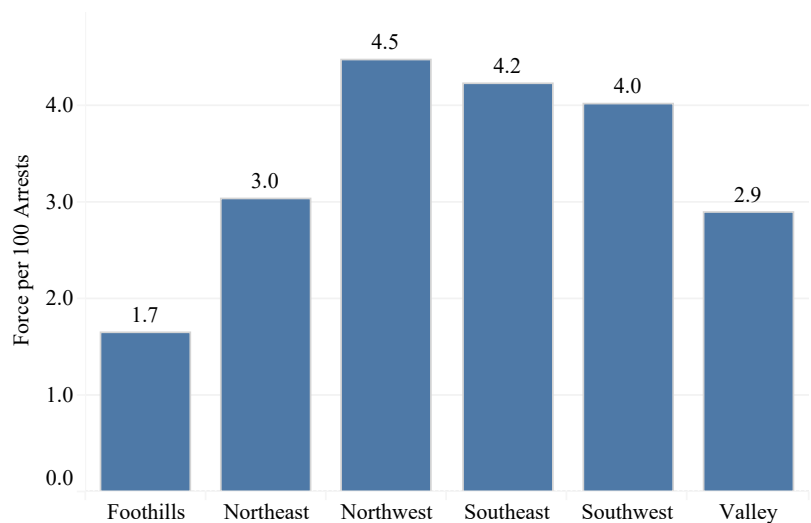
Demographics of Individuals Involved in Force - December 2024

APD records information about individuals involved in use of force incidents. Citizen information is based on what the individual reported or, if not reported by the individual, on the investigators observations on scene and through review of body-worn camera video. Information may change as investigations progress.

Note: Totals on different characteristics may differ due to missing values being excluded.

Gender

Female
9
15%

Male
53
85%

Age (Range 14-70)

Behavioral Health Involved

Race and Ethnicity

Individuals Involved in Force
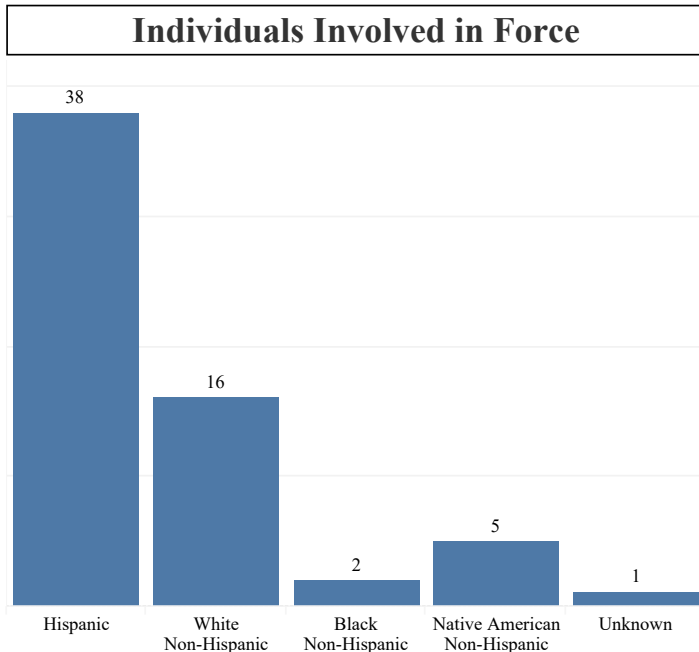
Force Rate per 100 Arrests, December 2024

Race/Ethnicity	Total Force	Total Arrests	Force Rate per 100 Arrests
Hispanic	38	791	4.8
White Non-Hispanic	16	658	2.4
Black Non-Hispanic	2	137	1.5
Native American Non-Hispanic	5	204	2.5
Asian Pacific Islander Non-Hispanic	0	10	0.0
Unknown	1	150	0.7

Note: Table shows the number of people involved in force interactions. One person may be counted more than once if they are involved in multiple uses of force.

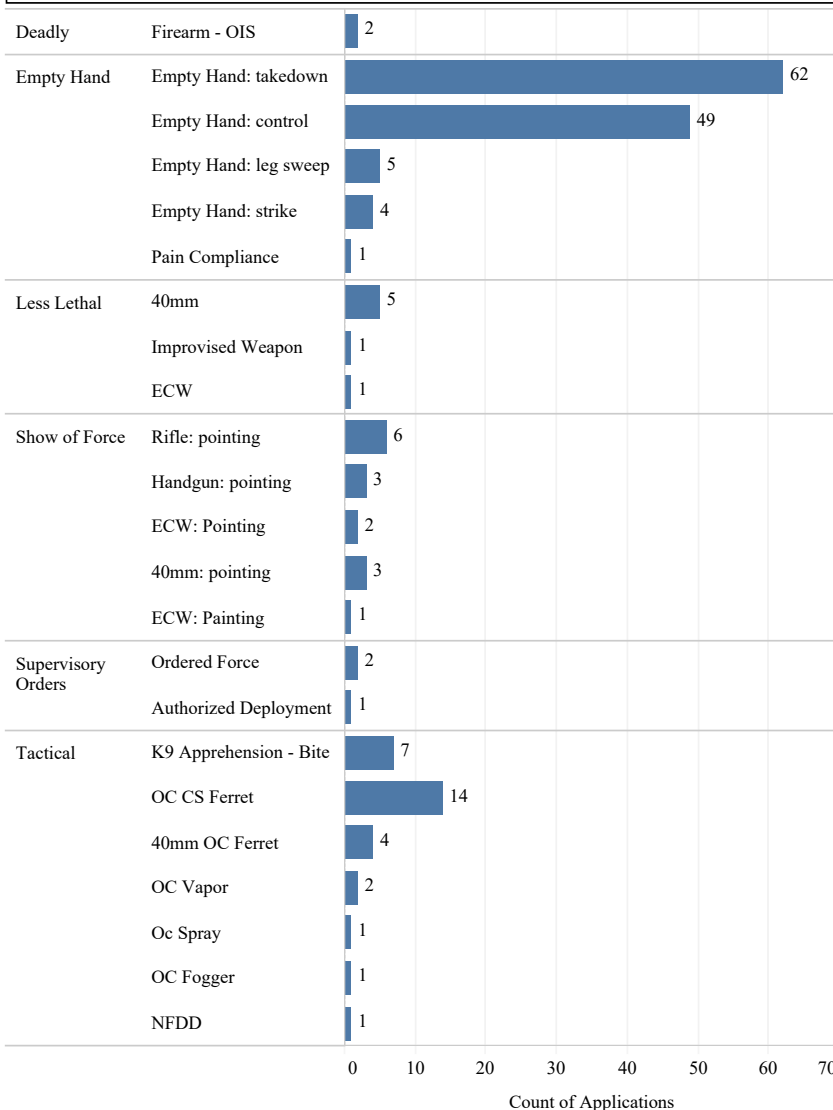# Final Call Types and Types of Force Used - December 2024

Officers are dispatched to calls for service and the original and final type of call for service are tracked. The table on the right shows the final call types for all calls involving force during the month.

Below, the total number of force applications for each type of force is shown. In any single force case, multiple officers are usually involved and each time a force technique is used, it is counted. For instance, if three officers were involved in a takedown technique with one person, that would be counted as three applications of an "Empty Hand: takedown".

Total Force Applications for Each Type of Force Used

Category	Type	Count
Deadly	Firearm - OIS	2
Empty Hand	Empty Hand: takedown	62
	Empty Hand: control	49
	Empty Hand: leg sweep	5
	Empty Hand: strike	4
	Pain Compliance	1
Less Lethal	40mm	5
	Improvised Weapon	1
	ECW	1
Show of Force	Rifle: pointing	6
	Handgun: pointing	3
	ECW: Pointing	2
	40mm: pointing	3
	ECW: Painting	1
Supervisory Orders	Ordered Force	2
	Authorized Deployment	1
Tactical	K9 Apprehension - Bite	7
	OC CS Ferret	14
	40mm OC Ferret	4
	OC Vapor	2
	Oc Spray	1
	OC Fogger	1
	NFDD	1

Count of Applications

Final Call Types Associated with Force Events

Final Call Type	Count
Aggravated Assault/Battery	3
Armed Robbery Committed	1
Auto Theft	1
Burglary Committed	5
Burglary Residence	3
Contact	1
Disturbance	9
Drunk Driver	1
Family Dispute	6
Fight In Progress	2
Narcotics	2
Shooting	1
Shoplifting	2
Stolen Vehicle Found	1
Suicide	2
Suspicious Person(s)/Vehicle(s)	12
SWAT	2
Theft/Fraud/Embezzlement	1
Traffic Accident No Injuries	1
Wanted Person	3
Grand Total	59

During December 2024, there were 59 Force Cases with a total of 178 Force Applications.
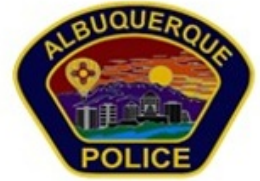
Completed Force Investigations - December 2024

APD has two processes for force investigations based on the level of force. Level 1 force is investigated by the Level 1 force investigation unit. The Level 1 unit is required to complete investigations within 24 days (if all extensions are requested and approved).

Level 2 and Level 3 force are investigated by the Internal Affairs Force Division (IAFD). IAFD also investigated any Level 1 force where a Lieutenant or above was involved or Level 1 force if another person at the same event had a higher level of force used. These investigations must be completed within 90-days. All force investigations are investigated to determine whether the actions of the officer(s) involved were consistent with department policy. **One completed investigation IAFD (Level 2 and Level 3) below had an approved extension to 120 days.**

Level 1 Unit		IAFD (Level 2 and Level 3)	
Total Completed Investigations		Total Completed Investigations	
9		52	
Average Days to Completion		Average Days to Completion	
11.2		85.3	
Minimum Days to Completion	Maximum Days to Completion	Minimum Days to Completion	Maximum Days to Completion
5	17	77	118

All Force Cases

APD strives to only use force that is objectively reasonable, necessary to achieve lawful objectives, and proportional to the resistance from the individual involved, and minimal based on the totality of the circumstances. APD uses a preponderance of evidence standard to determine whether the force met policy requirements. After investigation, force is deemed in policy when every force technique is used correctly and was found to be reasonable, necessary, proportional, and minimal as defined in SOP 2-52: Use of Force - General. If any officer's force techniques used were determined to be out of policy, the entire force case or interaction is considered to be out of policy.

Dispositions of Force Investigations Completed in December 2024	Total Force Cases
In Policy	58
Out of Policy	3
Grand Total	61

Out of Policy Force Cases by Area Command	
Southeast	1
Southwest	1
Valley	1
Grand Total	3

Case Disposition
- Out of Policy
- In Policy

Policy Outcomes Prior 12 Months

Month	In Policy	Out of Policy
January 2024	35	3
February 2024	48	4
March 2024	49	3
April 2024	56	3
May 2024	56	1
June 2024	48	3
July 2024	50	
August 2024	48	1
September 2024	47	5
October 2024	67	3
November 2024	50	1
December 2024	58	3