

# Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Use of Force Report

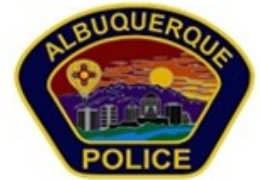
## April 2024



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Note: This report presents preliminary information from departmental data. All figures in this report are subject to change as additional information becomes available. The data contained in this report is as of May 2, 2024.



# Total Use of Force Events - April 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.

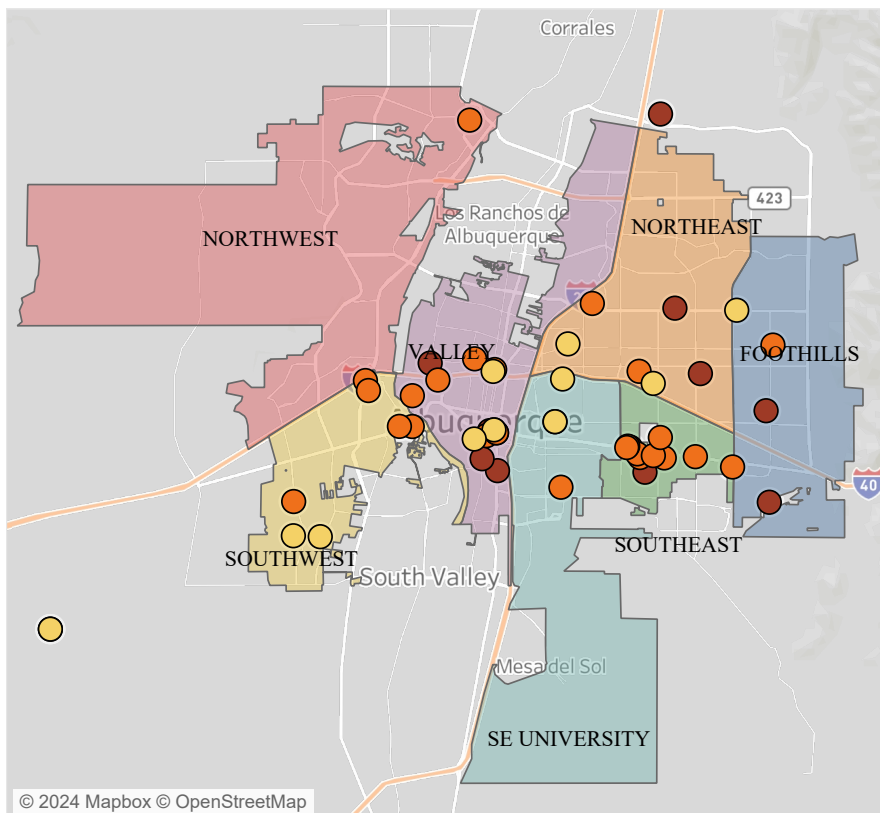
APD's jurisdiction includes the City of Albuquerque which is divided into six Area Commands. In the map below, Southeast Area Command is split into "SE University" and "Southeast". University Area Command is a Pilot Area Command and their force cases are combined with Southeast Area Command in this report.

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

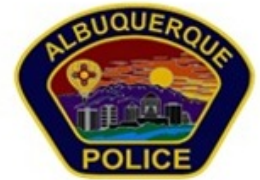
	Force Level			Grand Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Foothills	1	2	2	5
Northeast	2	2	2	6
Northwest	0	3	0	3
Out of Area	1	0	2	3
Southeast	2	9	3	14
Southwest	2	6	0	8
Valley	3	5	4	12
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>51</b>

## Locations of Use of Force Cases



- Highest Force-Case Level
- Level 1
  - Level 2
  - Level 3

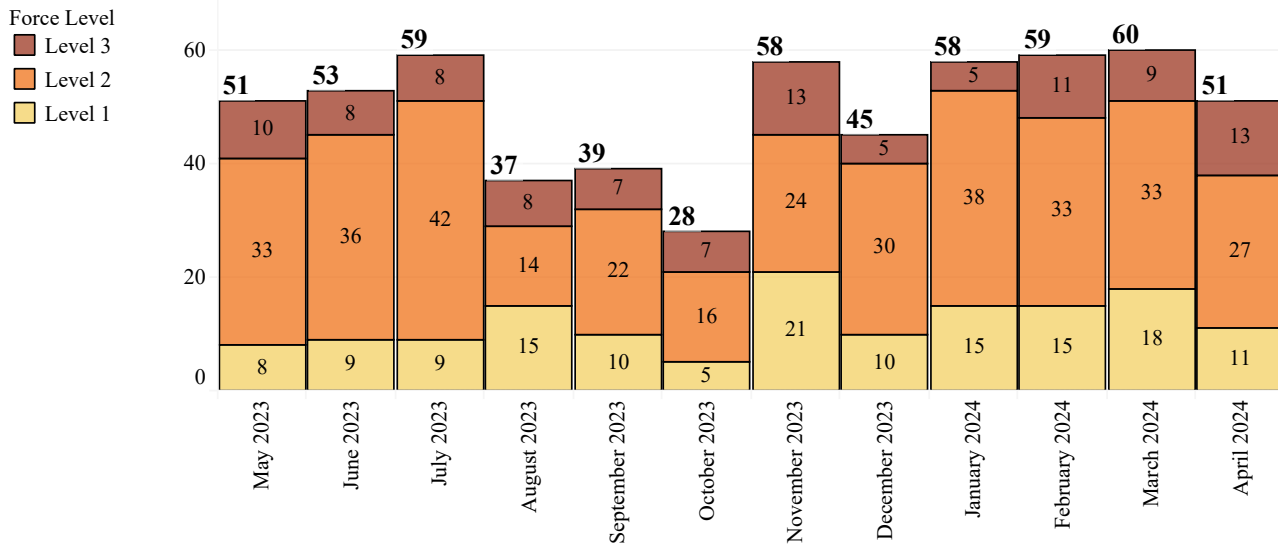
Note: Most force investigations in this report are open investigations since it reflects the previous month of data. As such, figures in this report are preliminary and subject to change as use of force investigations progress.



## 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**



**Total Uses of Force by Month and Area Command**

		May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024	February 2024	March 2024	April 2024	Grand Total
Foothills	Level 1	0	1	1	2	2	2	4	2	2	0	3	1	20
	Level 2	4	3	2	0	6	1	3	2	3	2	2	2	30
	Level 3	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	10
Northeast	Level 1	2	2	2	2	1	1	8	2	2	5	4	2	33
	Level 2	5	10	10	2	2	2	3	4	7	8	4	2	59
	Level 3	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	15
Northwest	Level 1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	7
	Level 2	3	4	7	2	1	1	0	0	3	3	6	3	33
	Level 3	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	2	2	0	10
Southeast	Level 1	2	2	3	6	3	1	4	2	7	6	4	2	42
	Level 2	11	12	9	4	5	7	11	13	15	13	10	9	119
	Level 3	5	2	4	3	1	1	4	2	1	4	2	3	32
Southwest	Level 1	2	3	0	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	2	20
	Level 2	4	3	4	1	2	2	2	3	8	4	5	6	44
	Level 3	1	3	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	10
Valley	Level 1	1	1	2	1	2	0	4	1	1	2	5	3	23
	Level 2	5	4	10	5	6	3	5	9	3	3	6	5	64
	Level 3	3	1	2	1	4	1	3	1	2	3	1	4	26
Out of Area	Level 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
	Level 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Level 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	4
<b>Grand Total</b>		51	53	59	37	39	28	58	45	58	59	60	51	598



# Use of Force Benchmarked Against Calls For Service and Arrests - April 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 2022 Annual Use of Force Report.

## Calls for Service

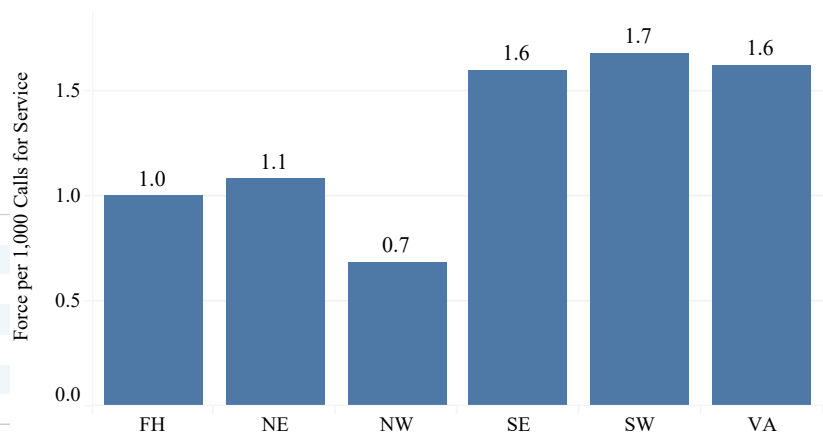
### Total Calls for Service for Area Commands

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, April 2024

Area Command	Total Force Cases	Total CAD Calls	Force per 1,000 Calls
FH	5	4,985	1.0
NE	6	5,569	1.1
NW	3	4,388	0.7
Out of Area	3		
SE	14	8,769	1.6
SW	8	4,782	1.7
VA	12	7,405	1.6

### Force Rate per 1,000 Calls For Service



## Arrests

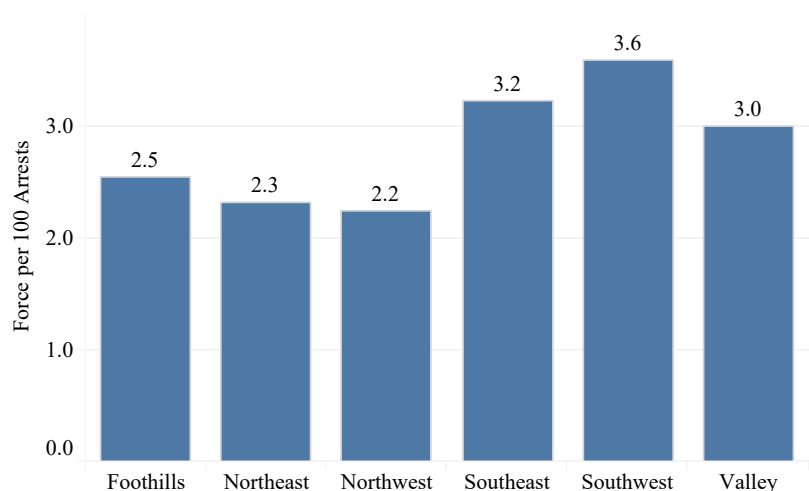
### Total Arrests for Area Commands

Arrests include custodial arrests and summonses.

### Force per Arrest by Area Command, April 2024

Area Command	Total Force	Total Arrests	Force Per 100 Arrests
Foothills	5	197	2.5
Northeast	6	260	2.3
Northwest	3	134	2.2
Southeast	14	435	3.2
Southwest	8	223	3.6
Valley	12	400	3.0
Out of Area	3	9	33.3

### Force Rate per 100 Arrests

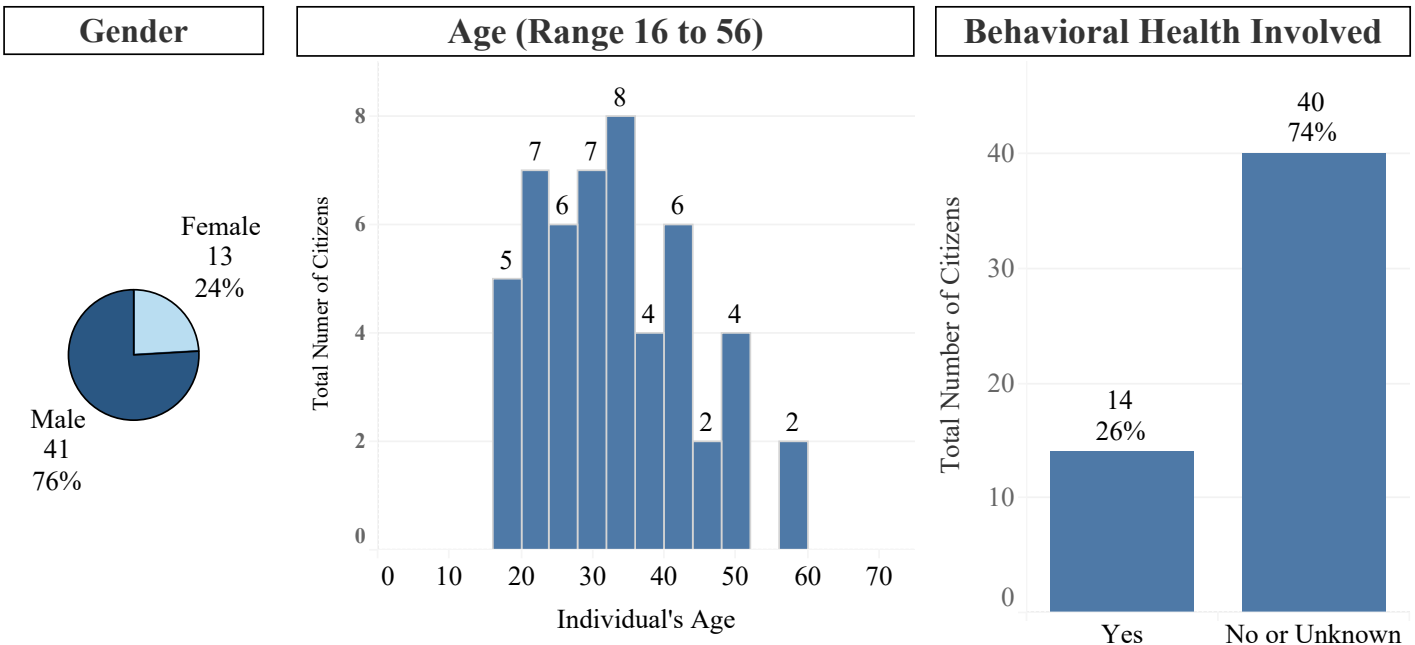




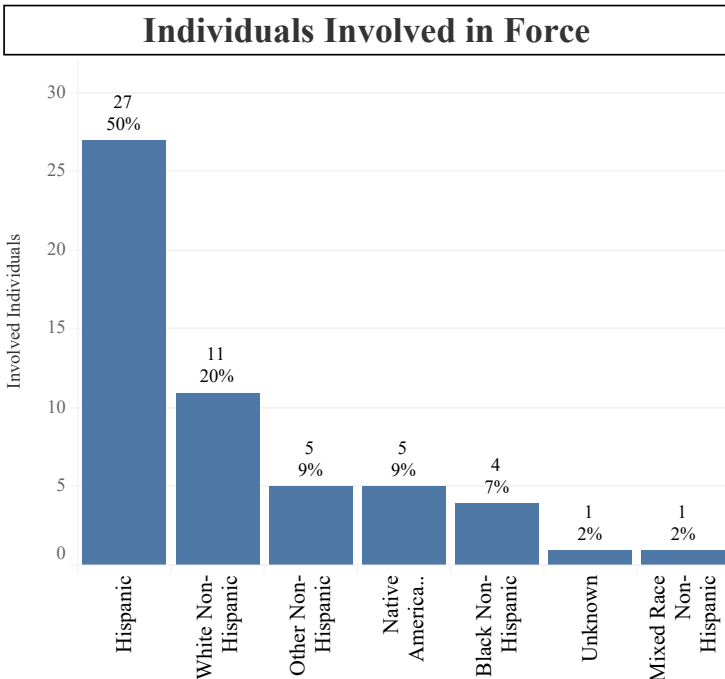
# Demographics of Individuals Involved in Force - April 2024

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.



## Race and Ethnicity



### Force Rate per 100 Arrests, April 2024

Race/Ethnicity	Total Force	Total Arrests	Force Rate per 100 Arrests
Hispanic	28	682	4.1
White Non-Hispanic	11	565	1.9
Black Non-Hispanic	4	160	2.5
Native American Non-Hispanic	5	179	2.8
Asian Pacific Islander Non-Hispanic	0	9	0.0
Unknown	7	122	5.7

\*The race and ethnicity of involved individuals shown here is retrieved from two different case management systems. There may be slight differences between the two systems as these cases are recent and the investigations are on-going.



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

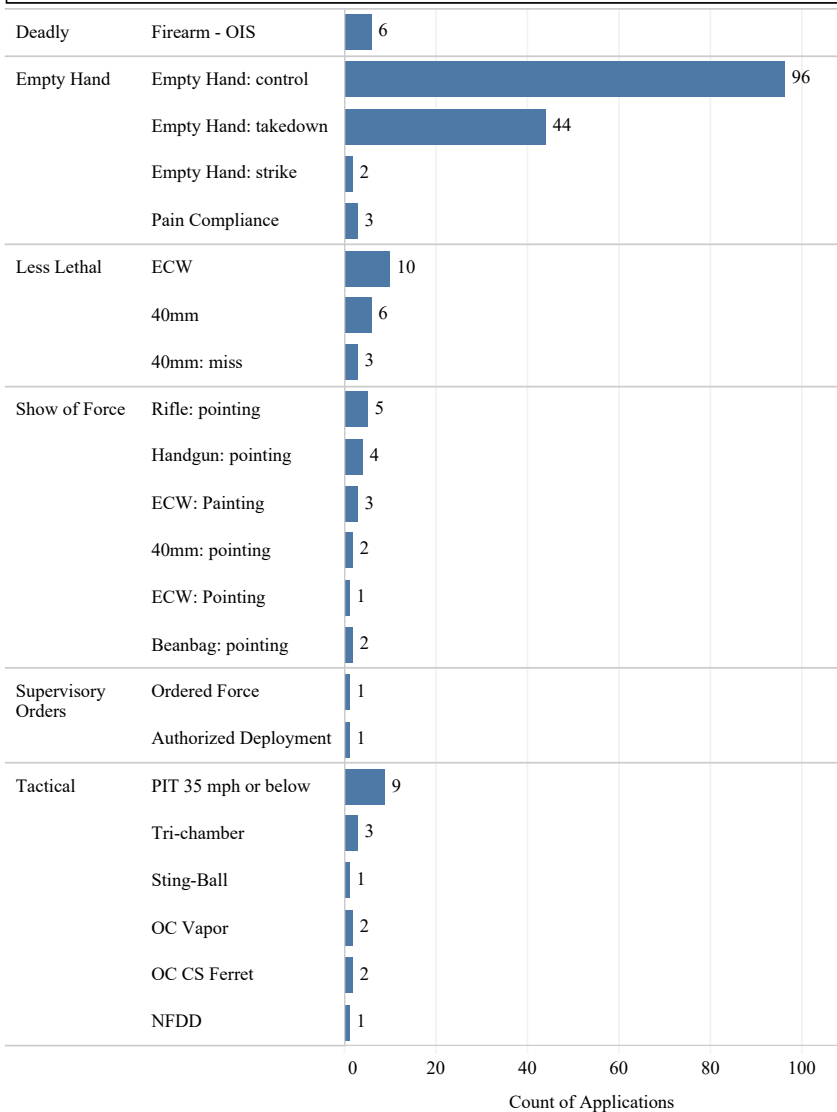
Officers are dispatched to calls for service and the original and final type of call for service are tracked. The table on the right shows the final call types for all calls involving force during the month.

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".

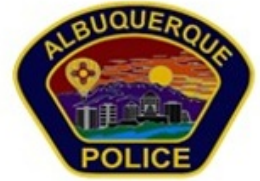
### Final Call Types Associated with Force Events

Aggravated Assault/Battery	3
Auto/Car Jacking	1
Behavioral Health	1
Burglary Committed	1
Burglary Residential	1
Cover Assistance	1
Disturbance	2
Drunk Driver	1
Family Dispute	6
Investigation	1
Juvenile Call	1
Onsite Suspicious Person/Vehicle	11
SWAT	1
Stolen Vehicle Found	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	6
Traffic Stop	3
Wanted Person	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>51</b>

### Total Force Applications for Each Type of Force Used



During April 2024, there were 51 Force Cases with a total of 207 Force Applications.



## Completed Force Investigations - April 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.

Level 1 Unit		IAFD (Level 2 and Level 3)	
Total Completed Investigations		Total Completed Investigations	
7		51	
Average Days to Completion		Average Days to Completion	
8.6		85.5	
Minimum Days to Completion	Maximum Days to Completion	Minimum Days to Completion	Maximum Days to Completion
3	15	76	90

### 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 April 2024

	Total Force Cases
In Policy	54
Out of Policy	3
To Be Determined	1
Grand Total	58

Out of Policy Force Cases by Area Command

Foothills	2
Southeast	2
Grand Total	4

### Case Disposition

- To Be Determined
- Out of Policy
- In Policy

### Policy Outcomes Prior 12 Months

