



Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

**Use of Force Annual Report
2020**

Overview

At the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, we invest in hiring people who have the right temperament for public safety work with backgrounds that demonstrate good decision making. Fewer than 4% of applicants are hired. Typically, it takes eighteen months of training from the date of hire to the day a Deputy Sheriff begins their independent assignment. Then, throughout their career, professional training and on-going performance evaluation continue. These standards are among the ways we ensure we have a professional workforce capable of making the best decisions in the field.

Each day in carrying out their duties our deputies are involved in numerous and varied interactions with the people they contact. When resistance occurs, we expect our deputies to use their skills and abilities to safely and effectively resolve confrontations and minimize the need to use force whenever reasonably possible. To ensure this capacity, our deputies receive monthly training by certified instructors on all categories of force and de-escalation techniques.

Our commitment to public safety emphasizes respect, professionalism and the protection of human life, even when force is necessary. In the use of force to effectively gain control of a situation, deputies are trained to use force only when it is objectively reasonable under the totality of circumstances known to the deputy, and to the degree the deputy believes necessary to effect an arrest, prevent an escape, or protect life. Deputies are trained to continually evaluate the situation in an application of force, and to render first aid as needed. Every deputy is required by Sheriff's Office policy to intervene in a fellow law enforcement officer's use of force when they believe a use of force is unjustified or excessive.

The Sheriff's Office recognizes the degree of responsibility that comes with the authority to use force and the obligation to be accountable for its proper use. Toward that end, the Sheriff's Office requires every use of force to be accounted for and justified. As required by Sheriff's Office policy, following a use of force, a deputy must complete a Use of Force Report documenting and explaining why force was used, the nature of the force, and the outcome. All Use of Force Reports are reviewed by supervisors to determine whether the deputy's actions were justified and within policy. Reports are also reviewed by command staff to ensure consistency in practices throughout our agency and to inform continued training.

We recognize that police use of force is a matter of critical public concern and that transparency in use of force practices is essential to community trust. The intent of our Use of Force Annual Report is to aid the public in understanding our practices by providing transparent and accountable information. The data presented in this report is derived from our 2020 Use of Force Reports. To learn more about the Sheriff's Office Use of Force policy, please visit <https://dochub.clackamas.us/documents/drupal/debabfc7-a475-4a02-b99f-14d23eb3f455>.

Patrol, Investigations, and Civil Divisions

Use of Force Facts

Number of Use of Force events¹: **616**

Number of subjects involved: **706**

Total Use of Force reports: **1,127**

Force was used in 1 out of every 170 Calls for Service (0.6%).²

Force was used in 1 out of every 9 custodies (11.7%).³



Use of Force by Subject Race

	# of Individuals	% of Total
American Indian or Alaska Native	9	1.3%
Asian	10	1.4%
Black or African American	74	10.5%
Hispanic or Latino	50	7.1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7	1.0%
White	524	74.2%
Unknown	32	4.5%
Totals	706	100%

¹ Events are unique incidents separated by time and/or space. A single event may involve multiple deputies, subjects, force types, and circumstances requiring force.

² Includes dispatched and self-initiated calls.

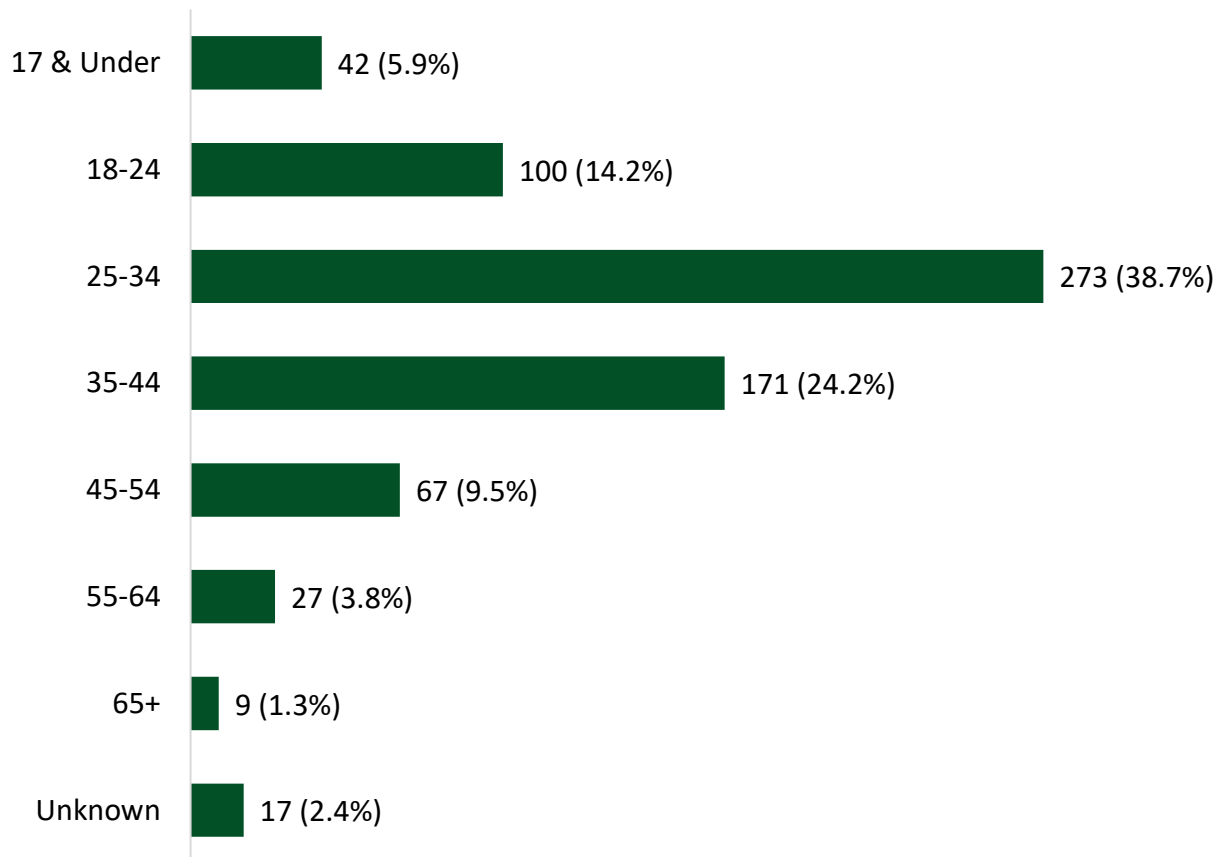
³ Excludes jail custodies.

Patrol, Investigations, and Civil Divisions

Use of Force by Subject Sex

	# of Individuals	% of Total
Female	158	22.4%
Male	544	77.1%
Unknown	4	0.6%
Totals	706	100%

Use of Force by Subject Age Ranges



Patrol, Investigations, and Civil Divisions

Incidents and Circumstances Requiring Force

	# of Use of Force Reports	% of Total
Arrest Warrant	35	3.1%
Deputy Safety	255	22.6%
Disturbance	42	3.7%
Domestic Disturbance	61	5.4%
Elude/Pursuit	189	16.8%
Escape from Custody	8	0.7%
Felony Incident/Arrest	156	13.8%
High-Risk Traffic Stop	52	4.6%
Misdemeanor Incident/Arrest	123	10.9%
Prisoner Transport	2	0.2%
Search Warrant	5	0.4%
Subject Hiding in Building/Premises/Cell	8	0.7%
Subject Intoxicated	35	3.1%
Subject Mental Health Crisis	97	8.6%
Subject Suicidal	22	2.0%
Unknown Risk Stop (Vehicle/Subject)	22	2.0%
Welfare Check	4	0.4%
Other	11	1.0%
Totals	1,127	100%

Patrol, Investigations, and Civil Divisions

Force Types

	# of Occurrences	% of Use of Force Reports (n=1,127)
Control Hold	156	13.8%
Firearm – Display Only	465	41.3%
Firearm – Used ⁴	9	0.8%
Focus Blow	65	5.8%
Handcuffed/Leg Restraint	136	12.1%
Impact Device – Display Only	21	1.9%
Impact Device – Used	12	1.1%
Joint Management	142	12.6%
K9 – Display Only	31	2.8%
K9 – Used	16	1.4%
Pressure Point	27	2.4%
Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT)	17	1.5%
Spike	26	2.3%
Takedown	121	10.7%
Taser – Display Only	41	3.6%
Taser – Used	33	2.9%
Vehicle Pin	12	1.1%
Other	166	14.7%
Total	1,496	

Reported Injuries

Subjects reported 92 injuries. About 90% of the reported injuries were abrasions/lacerations.

Deputies reported 19 injuries.

⁴ There were 2 events in which multiple deputies used their firearms. These events are summarized on page 11.

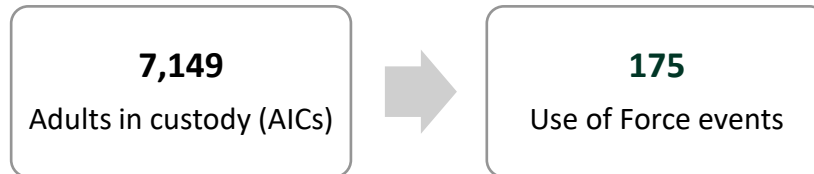
Jail Division

Use of Force Facts

Number of Use of Force events⁵: **175**

Total Use of Force reports: **661**

Force was used on 1 out of every 41 adults in custody (2.4%).⁶



Use of Force by AIC Race

	# of Individuals	% of Total
Asian	1	0.6%
Black or African American	15	8.6%
Hispanic or Latino	5	2.9%
White	149	85.1%
Other	4	2.3%
Unknown	1	0.6%
Totals	175	100%

⁵ Events are unique incidents separated by time and/or space. A single event may involve multiple deputies, force types, and circumstances requiring force.

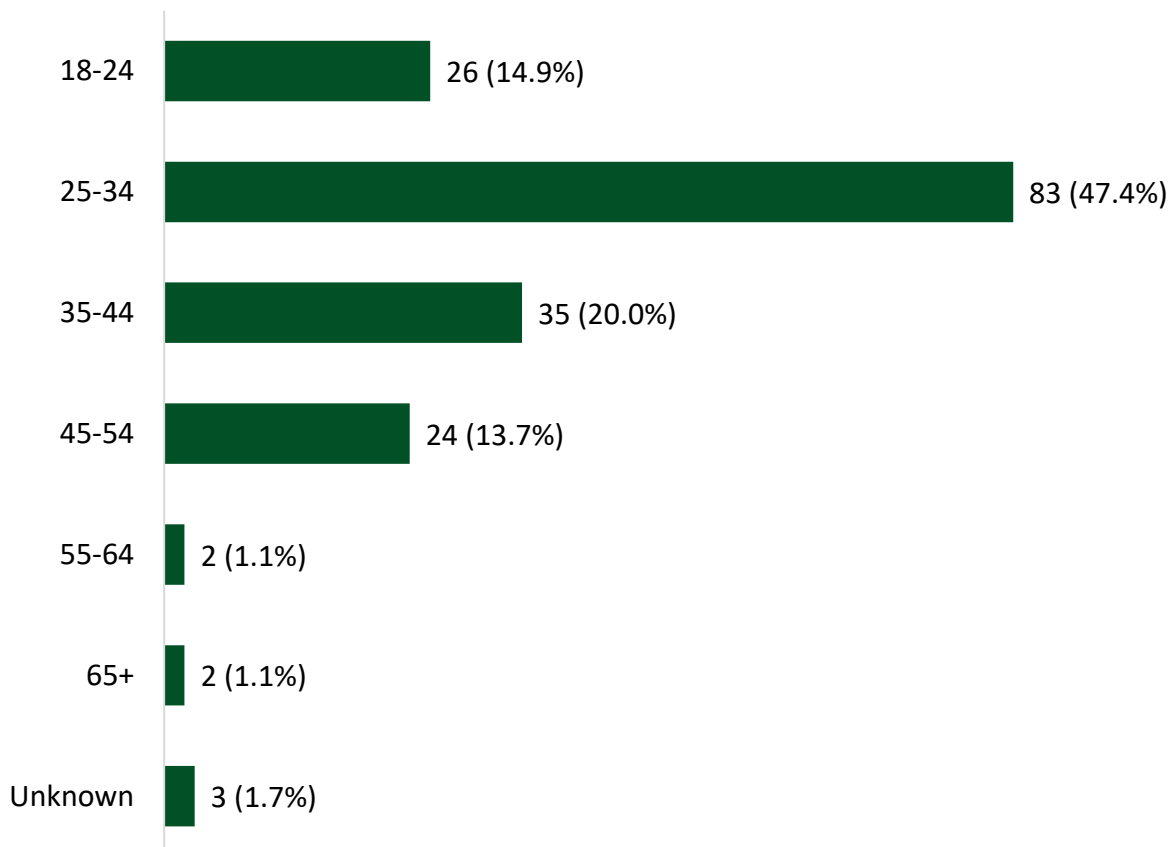
⁶ Includes individuals booked into jail in 2020 and individuals still in custody from previous years.

Jail Division

Use of Force by AIC Sex

	# of Individuals	% of Total
Female	55	31.4%
Male	120	68.6%
Totals	175	100%

Use of Force by AIC Age Ranges



Jail Division

Circumstances Requiring Force

	# of Occurrences	% of Use of Force Reports (n=661)
Maintain Order and Discipline	565	85.5%
Prevent AIC Self-Harm	211	31.9%
To Affect Arrest	4	0.6%
To Defend Others (Staff or AIC)	139	21.0%
To Defend Self	123	18.6%
To Prevent Escape (Arrest)	3	0.5%
To Prevent Escape (Facility)	4	0.6%
Other	48	7.3%
Total	1,097	

Method of Restraint Used

	# of Occurrences	% of Use of Force Reports (n=661)
Handcuffs	337	60.0%
Flex Cuffs	6	0.9%
Leg Restraints	235	35.6%
Spit Hood	163	24.7%
Belly Chains	12	1.8%
Restraint Chair	411	62.2%
Other	7	1.1%
Total	1,171	

Jail Division

Force Types

	# of Occurrences	% of Use of Force Reports (n=661)
Control Hold	223	33.7%
Firearm – Display Only	0	0%
Firearm – Used	0	0%
Impact Device – Display Only	0	0%
Impact Device – Used	7	1.1%
Joint Management	44	6.7%
OC Spray – Display Only	0	0%
OC Spray – Used	0	0%
Physical Contact	579	87.6%
Physical – Other	52	7.9%
Pressure Point	25	3.8%
Strikes	26	3.9%
Takedown	39	5.9%
Taser – Display Only	5	0.8%
Taser – Used	6	0.9%
Total	1,006	

Reported Injuries

AICs reported 50 injuries. About 82% of the reported injuries were abrasions/lacerations.

Deputies reported 25 injuries.

Officer-Involved Shooting (OIS) Event Summaries

Case Number: 20-007747

Number of Deputies Involved: 3

District: 99/McLoughlin

On April 11th, 2020 at about 10:05 p.m., deputies were dispatched to a domestic disturbance. The caller reported her husband was armed with a firearm and stated she was hiding inside the residence with her son. Upon arrival, deputies believed they heard a gunshot come from inside the house and entered the residence. Deputies were then confronted by a male suspect holding a shotgun. Deputies ordered the suspect to drop the shotgun, instead he raised the shotgun toward them. Deputies used lethal force on the suspect and he was pronounced dead at the scene. No deputies were injured in the event.

Case Number: 20-025383

Number of Deputies Involved: 6

District: West Side

On November 27th, 2020 at about 9:03 p.m., deputies were dispatched to a domestic disturbance. The caller reported her husband had shot at her inside the residence and then went outside. When the deputies arrived, the male suspect was outside the residence holding a shotgun and making suicidal statements. The suspect fired his shotgun as he lowered it toward the deputies. The deputies used lethal force on the suspect and he was pronounced dead at the scene. No deputies were injured in the event.