

Explanatory Notes

The 2023 Use of Force data includes Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) reportable uses of force and reportable force incidents that occurred between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023. All data values represent information pulled from the Personnel Performance Management System (PPMS) as of May 8, 2024, followed by subsequent audits and updates. ***Totals are subject to change due to investigative findings, audits, and data improvement processes.***

2023 Use of Force Policy Revisions

During calendar year 2023, the use of force policy was updated twice – the first time on March 27th and the second time on April 27th. These policies are posted alongside the 2023 Use of Force data on the MPD website: <https://mpdc.dc.gov/node/1582621>.

Legislative Change Regarding Neck Restraints

In 2023, pursuant to the *Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022* (L24-0345, effective April 21, 2023), the definition of a neck restraint (D.C. Official Code § 5-125.02(5)) was modified. In June 2024, pursuant to the *Secure DC Omnibus Amendment Act* (L25-0175, effective June 8, 2024), the definition was revised again, retroactive to April 21, 2023. After a comprehensive review, some incidents that were initially classified as a prohibited use of force between those two dates were reclassified. Therefore, current data may not match previously reported data.