# Explanatory Notes

As of January 1, 2024, the process for counting juvenile arrests was updated to count unique individuals arrested. Prior to this date, arrest events were a count of issued arrest numbers (for unique offenses). Arrests are now counted by the creation of a unique ID, which is a combination of arrest date and the arrestee’s name and date of birth. The charge listed is the top arrest charge of the arrest event determined by hierarchy. Data includes arrests made by MPD and other law enforcement agencies in the District of Columbia. Totals are subject to change due to record sealings, expungements, and data quality audits. This data will not match arrest information previously released via MPD’s Annual Reports because of the updated methodology. The term "juvenile" used in the data is defined as individuals under the age of 18 years (≤ 17 years of age) at the time of arrest. These "juvenile" totals may include Title 16 cases where the United States Attorney’s Office brings adult charges against juveniles. These counts may not include individuals who were juveniles at the time the offense was committed but were adults at the time of their arrest.