

Spokane Police Department

Use of Force and Native American Individuals

2017-2019

2019

2019 Total Non-Deadly Use of Force Incidents: 117

Origin of 2019 Use of Force Incidents:

- 87 (74%) of the 115 use of force incidents resulted from officers being dispatched to 911 or Crime Check calls.
- In 28 (24%) of incidents, the officer initiated contact, often during proactive police work involving stolen cars.
- 2 incidents (2%) originated from involved officers assisting other agencies.

Race/Ethnicity in 2019 Use of Force Incidents:

- 85 of the 115 (73%) of individuals involved in use of force incidents were White, 14 (12%) were Black/African-American, eight (7%) were Native American, seven (6%) were Asian/Pacific Islander, and three (2%) were Hispanic.
- 109 (93%) individuals in use of force incidents were male; eight (7%) were female.

Comparing the City of Spokane Police Department arrest demographics with the use of force demographics:

368 Native American individuals were arrested. **The force to arrest ratio is 2.5%.**

Of the eight incidents involving Native American subjects, six were calls for service contacts. In two cases, the officer initiated contact with the subject.

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- F19-056: An officer made a traffic stop for Reckless Driving. This use of force, determined to be in violation of policy, resulting in an officer's termination, the individual was listed as Native American on the official charging documents. A supervisor listed him as Black on the administrative review. The individual was classified as Native due to the classification of the official charging documents.
- K19-006: A K9 officer assisted the Patrol Anti-Crime Team with stopping a stolen vehicle. The suspect had fled on foot.

2018

2018 Total Non-Deadly Use of Force Incidents: 113

Origin of 2018 Use of Force Incidents:

- 77 (68%) of the 113 use of force incidents resulted from officers being dispatched to 911 or Crime Check calls.
- In 26 (23%) of incidents, the officer initiated contact, often during proactive police work involving stolen cars.
- 10 incidents (9%) originated from involved officers assisting other agencies.

Race/Ethnicity in 2018 Use of Force Incidents:

- 79 of the 113 (70%) of individuals involved in use of force incidents were White, 15 (13%) were Black/African-American, nine (8%) were Native American, eight (7%) were Hispanic, and two (2%) were Asian/Pacific Islander.
- 107 (95%) individuals in use of force incidents were male; six (5%) were female.

Comparing the City of Spokane Police Department arrest demographics with the use of force demographics:

345 Native American individuals were arrested. The force to arrest ratio is 2.6%.

In 2018, Native American individuals were involved in 9 of the 113 reportable use of force incidents. 7 of the incidents developed from a call for service (Person with a Weapon, DV, Medics, Disorderly, Check Welfare, Suicidal, etc.).

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- K18-005: An officer approached a stolen vehicle. A K9 officer assisted to locate the suspect, who had fled on foot.
- K18-019: A K9 officer located a stolen vehicle and followed it. He deployed his K9 to locate the fleeing suspects.

2017

2017 Total Non-Deadly Use of Force Incidents: 109

Origin of 2017 Use of Force Incidents:

- 76% of the use of force incidents resulted from officers dispatched to 911 or Crime Check calls rather than officer-initiated activity.
- In 16% of incidents, the officer initiated contact (e.g., traffic stop, served a warrant).
- 7% of calls involved officers assisting another agency.
- 1% of calls stemmed from a citizen flagging over an officer.

Race/Ethnicity:

- 83 of the 109 (76%) of individuals involved in use of force incidents were White; 16 (15%) were Black/African-American, five (4%) were Native American, three (3%) were Hispanic, and two (2%) subjects were Asian/Pacific Islander.

- 101 (93%) individuals were male; eight (7%) were female.

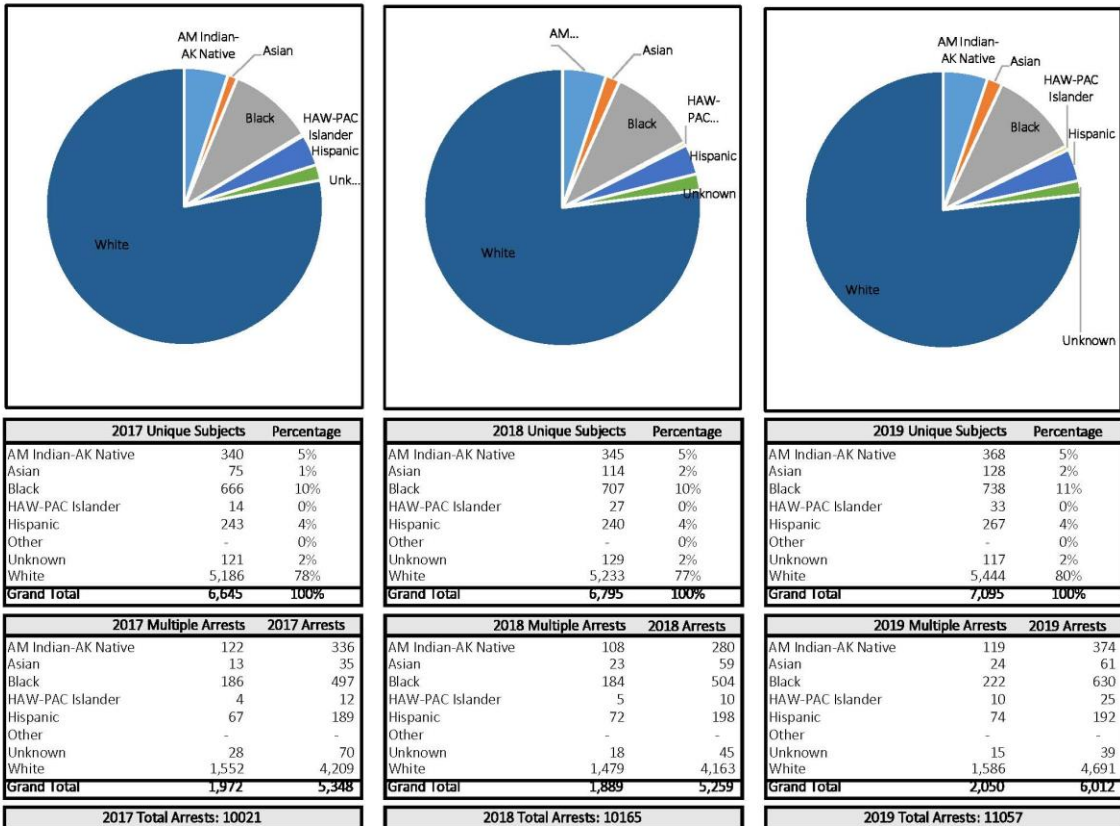
Comparing the City of Spokane Police Department arrest demographics with the use of force demographics:

340 Native American individuals were arrested. The force to arrest ratio is 1.5%.

In 2017, Native American individuals were involved in 5 of the 109 reportable use of force incidents. 4 of the 5 incidents developed from calls for service (Assault, Stabbing, Person with a Weapon).

In one case, the officer attempted a traffic stop but the driver fled and was assaultive during the struggle to take him into custody.

Arrest Demographics for City of Spokane Police Department



*data is a compilation of arrests entered on arrest sheets in New World and non-custodial arrests from tickets