



Citizens Police Oversight Commission

Agency Report

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City of
Philadelphia



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The mission of the Citizens Police Oversight Commission (CPOC) is to oversee and investigate the conduct, policies, and practices of the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD).

CPOC currently:

- Receives complaints of police misconduct
 - Audits and monitors Internal Affairs investigations and police disciplinary processes
 - Sits and votes on PBI panels at police discipline hearings
 - Conducts oversight of police shootings
 - Analyzes police data
 - Develops policy recommendations and reports
 - Engages in outreach and training
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Why Civilian Oversight Is Necessary

- **Protects** human rights
 - **Promotes** constitutional policing
 - **Increases** public confidence and trust in the police
 - **Builds** bridges between law enforcement and the public
 - **Supports** effective policing
 - **Ensures** greater accountability
 - **Enhances** risk management
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Investigation Unit: Police Shootings (November 2024)

There was one police shooting of a person in the month of November 2024. In 2024 so far, there have been thirteen police shootings. This total includes every time a PPD officer(s) discharges their firearm at a person.


The Investigations Unit has developed a website to update the public on police shootings shortly after they occur: <https://www.phila.gov/documents/list-of-police-shootings-and-incident-summaries-2024/>.





Investigation Unit: Police Shootings (November 2024)

November 10, 2024 – 5400 block of Chancellor St./5200 block of Woodland Ave.


- Individual called 911 and reported a domestic disturbance involving a man firing a gun inside a home on the 5400 block of Chancellor Street.
 - The man exited the home with a gun and pointed it at bystanders and demanded the bystander's property. The man allegedly tried to fire the gun, but it did not fire.
 - Officers responded to the block, and the man pointed the gun at the officers. One of the officers fired one round, striking the man in the foot.
 - The man got into a vehicle and fled the scene. PPD officers chased him to the 5200 block of Woodland Avenue. The man got out of the vehicle with the gun and fled into an empty lot. Two officers fired at him and struck him. Officers transported the man to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.
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Investigation Unit: Monitoring

The Investigations Unit monitors active civilian complaints.


Monitoring includes:

- Reviewing the complaint material
 - Discussing the investigation with IAD investigators
 - Reviewing body-worn camera footage and other video evidence
 - Attending and participating in IAD-led interviews
 - Providing subsequent analysis after the IAD investigation is complete
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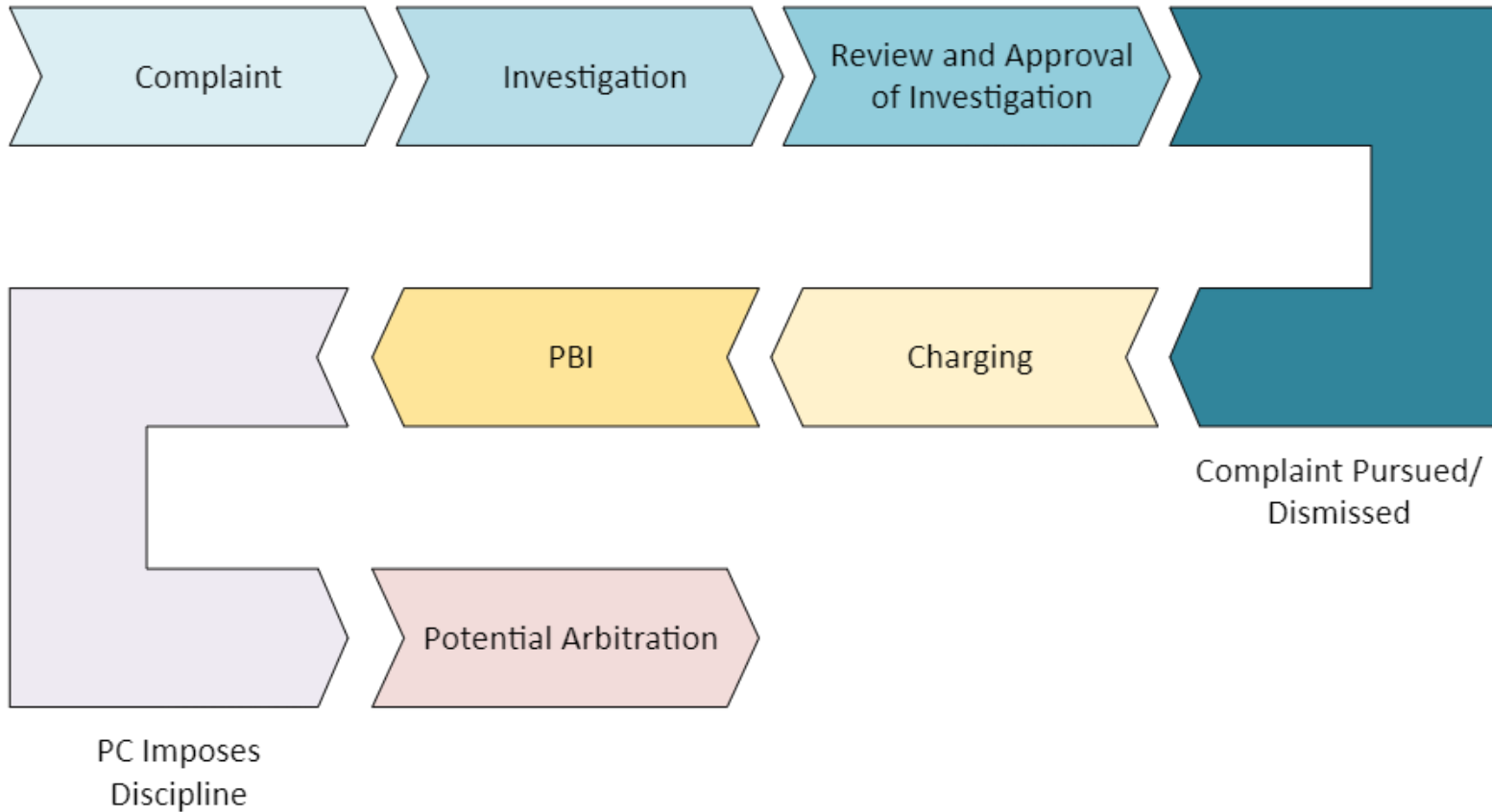


Investigation Unit: Monitoring (November 2024)

Examples of the types of cases currently being monitored:

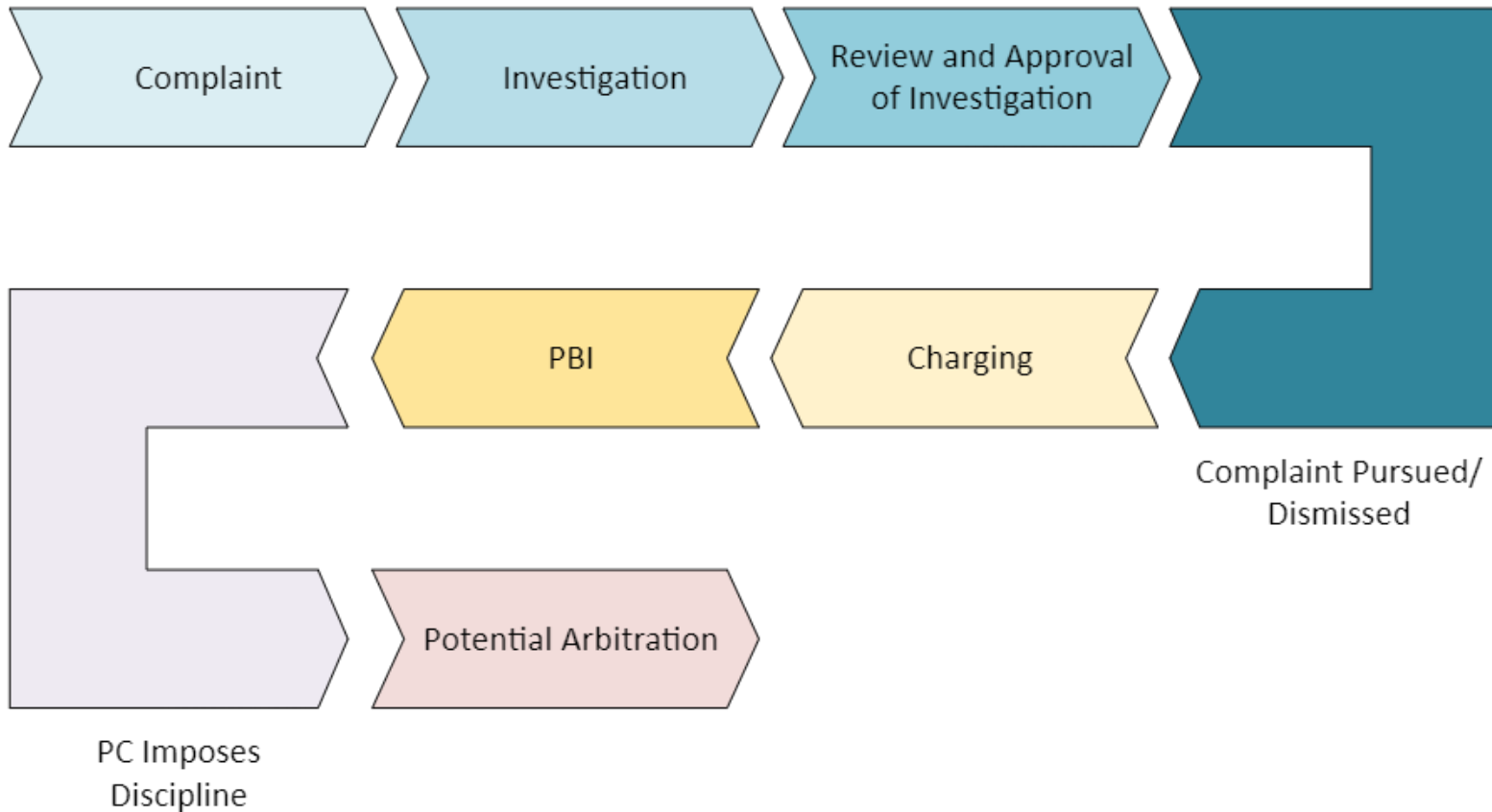
- Complaints alleging violations of the Fourth Amendment (search and seizure).
 - Complaints alleging lack of service.
 - Complaints alleging unprofessional conduct.
 - Complaints alleging physical abuse.
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Investigation Unit: Investigations Process



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Disciplinary investigations:

- are not criminal investigations;
- do not implicate chain of custody issues;
- account for multiple witness statements;
- would be conducted by a trained, impartial staff.

CPOC November Complaint Report!

CPOC issues a monthly complaint report, summarizing the complaints received by CPOC and referred to the Internal Affairs Division (IAD) of PPD.

You can find the report on CPOC's website:
<https://www.phila.gov/documents/citizens-police-oversight-commission-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>



CPOC November 2024 Complaint Referral Report

In November 2024, 18 complaints of police misconduct were received by CPOC and referred to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD). So far in 2024, CPOC has received and referred a total of 184 complaints to IAD.

Summaries of the 18 complaints from November 2024 are below. All demographic data is reported by complainants. These complaints only represent complaints submitted directly to CPOC and do not include complaints filed directly with PPD.

These summaries are allegations made by complainants, they do not represent any findings or conclusions.

Date Received	Demographics	Division	Summary
11/01/2024	Anonymous	North West	The complainant has tried multiple avenues of reporting the drug activity on their block to PPD. They estimate that they have called 911 one hundred times for this issue over the past few years, in addition to visiting the district to file police reports in person, calling the anonymous tipline, and sending photos and videos of the drug activity to the PPD anonymous online webform for submitting tips. The complainant expressed frustration that despite their numerous attempts to reach out to PPD for assistance, they have not heard back from PPD nor seen any law enforcement presence on their block to address the constant drug activity.
11/04/2024	M – H/L	North East	A White shirt officer forced the complainant to remove the "clear" tag cover on their license plate. The tag cover did not block any numbers or letters on the license plate. The officer also threatened to tow the vehicle away if they put the cover back on.
11/05/2024	F – A	South	The complainant has called 911 numerous times regarding drug activity on their block. After calling 911, the complainant waits for PPD officers to arrive on the scene, but they never do. Frustrated, the complainant traveled to the District to report the ongoing drug activity. The complainant spoke with an officer who informed them that the police were aware of the drug sales taking place on that block. The complainant mentioned they have had issues renting their property on the block, citing previous tenants had left due to drug activity.
11/08/2024	Anonymous	Other	The complainant submitted screenshots of social media posts from another officer. They stated in their form "This was posted, it's threatening in nature to retired PPD officers".




Summaries of some recent complaints

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The complainant submitted screenshots of social media posts from an officer, which they described as threatening to retired PPD officers.

The complainant witnessed a woman attempt to purchase a coffee from a coffee shop and claimed the woman knocked over something in the store and left the store. The officers then forced the woman to the ground and began searching her. The complainant believes the use of force was unjustified.

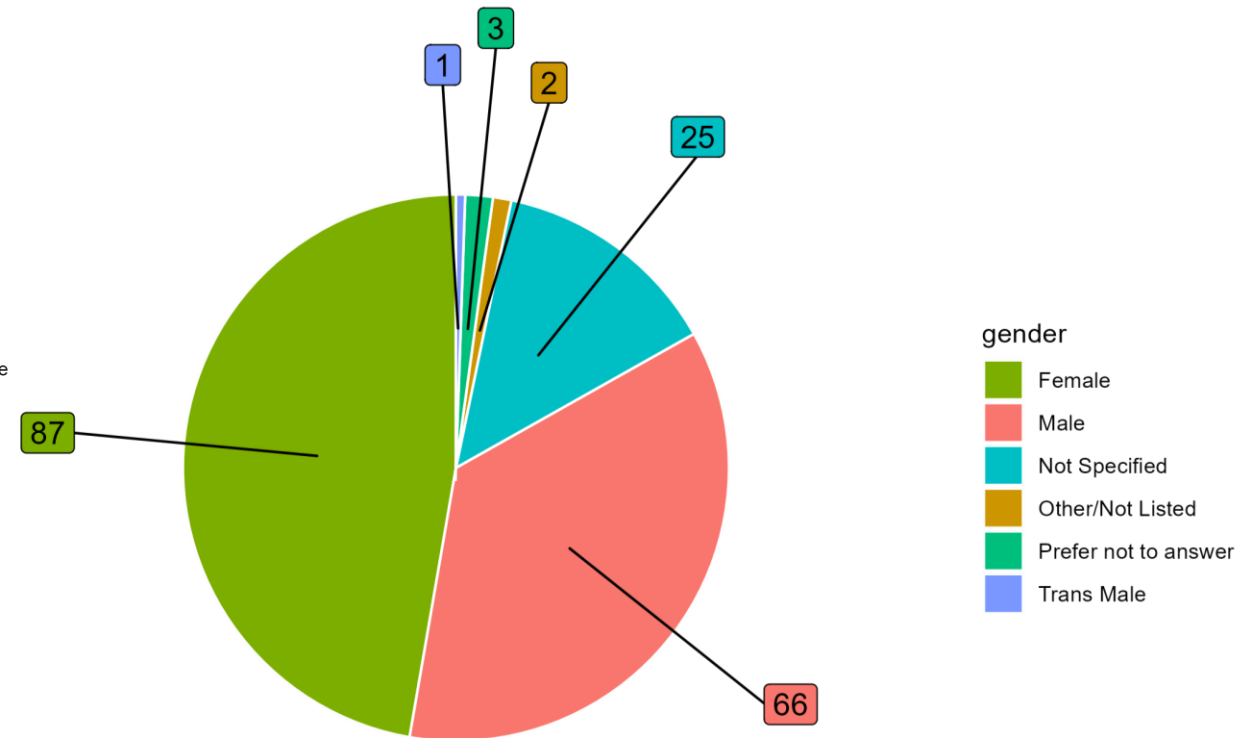
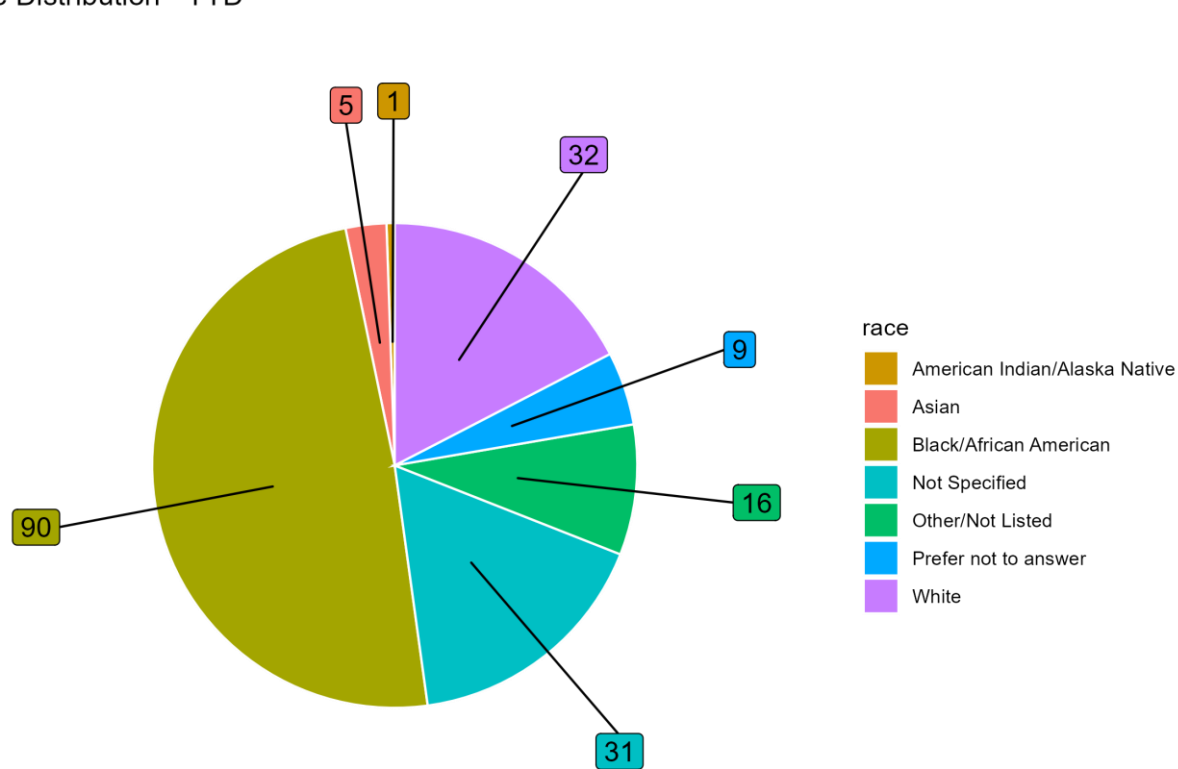


Complaint Data: 2024 Demographics

In the month of November 2024, CPOC referred 18 complaints to PPD's Internal Affairs Division (IAD).

In 2024 so far, CPOC has referred a total of 184 complaints to IAD. These charts show demographic data from 2024 complaints, as reported by complainants.

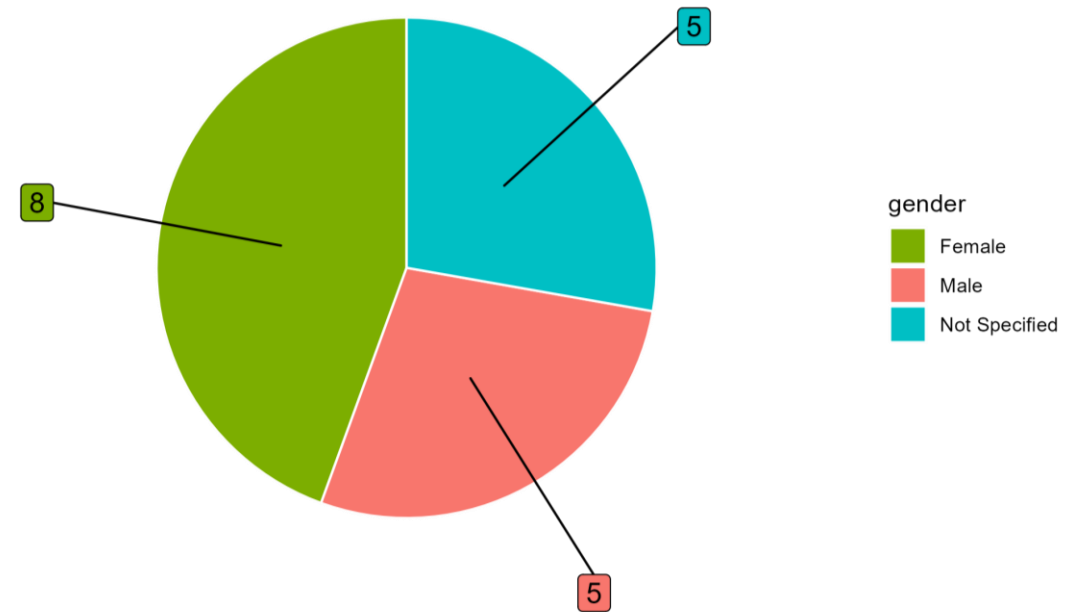
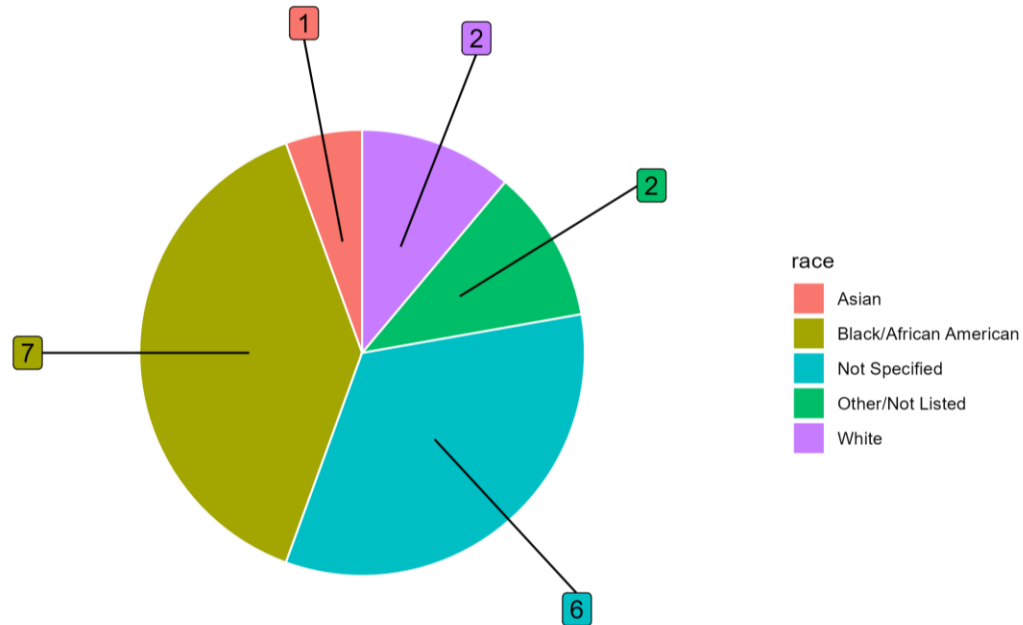
Race Distribution - YTD



Complaint Data: Nov. Demographics

These charts show demographic data from the 18 complaints received in November 2024, as reported by complainants.

Race Distribution - November 2024



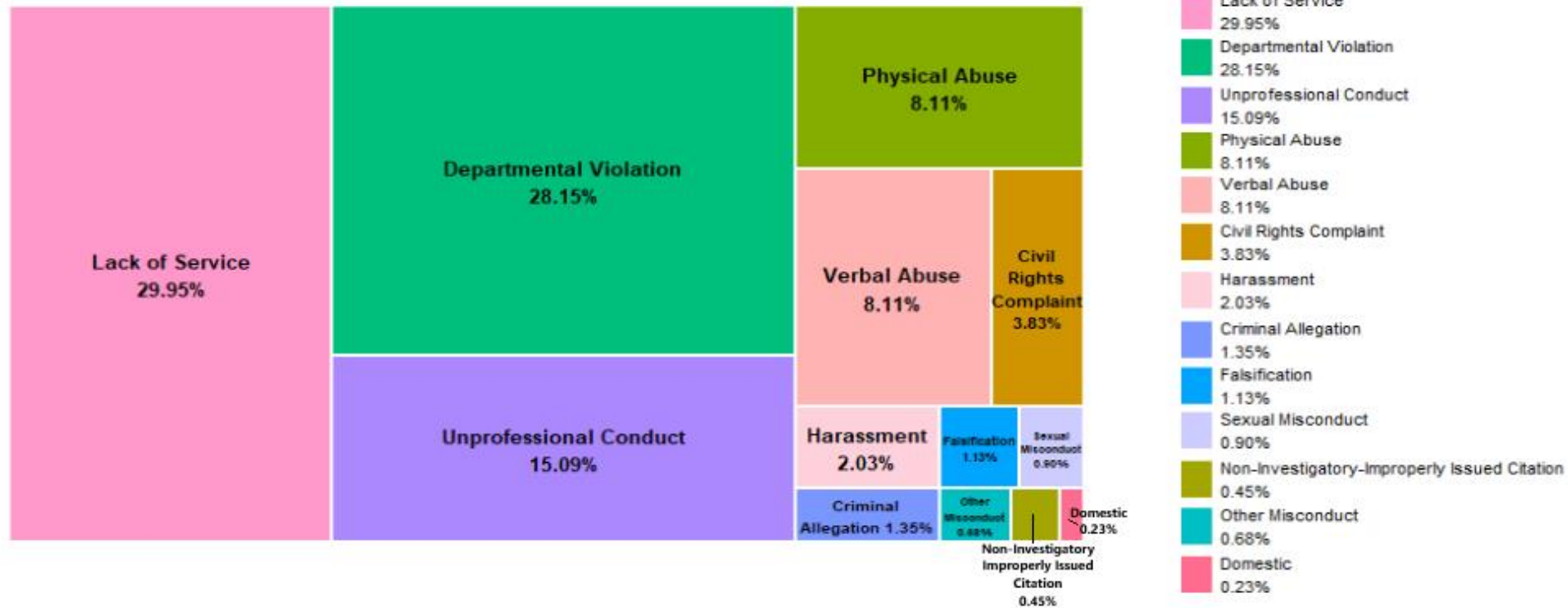
Complaint Data: Allegations

Most allegations reported by complainants in 2024 to date are related to Lack of Service or Departmental Violations.

A single complaint can have multiple misconduct allegations.

More than a quarter of allegations are “Departmental violations” which are explained further on the next slide.

Percentage of Allegation Types

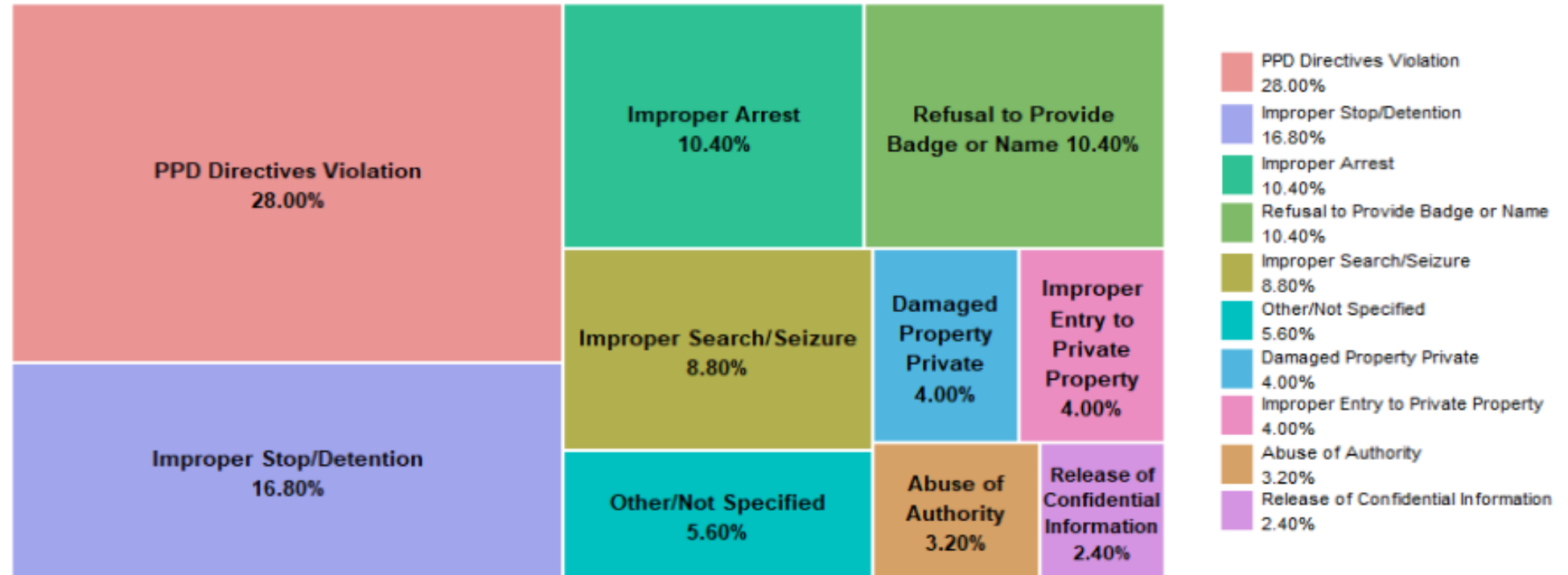


Complaint Data: Department Violation subcategories

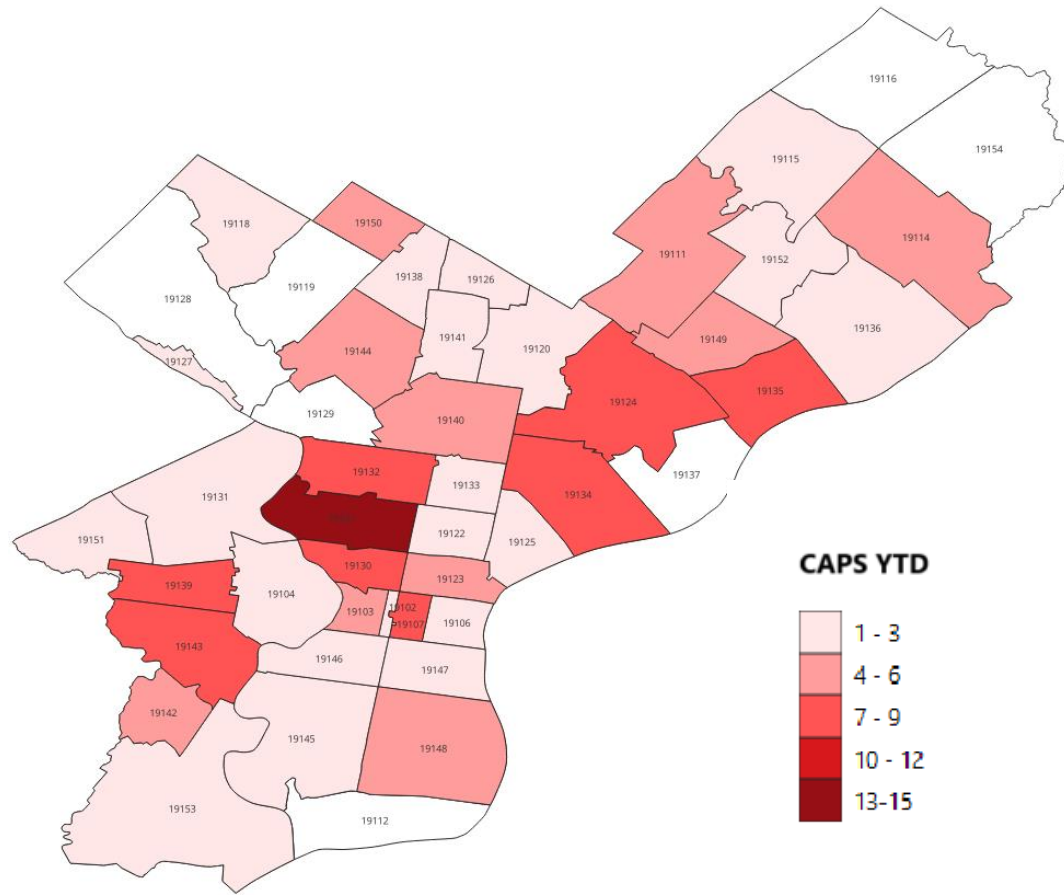
This data shows the breakdown of each sub-category within the Departmental Violation Allegation type.

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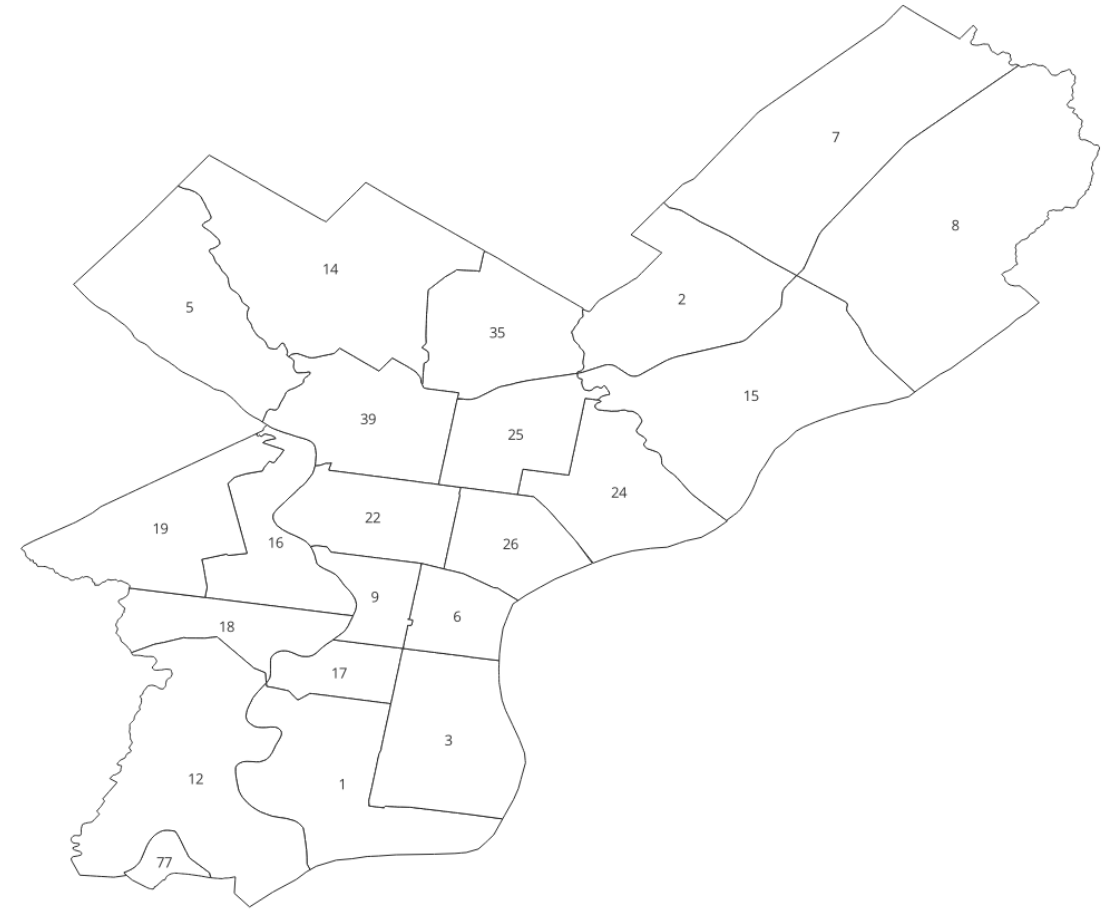
Top 10 Sub Allegation Types



Complaint Data: Map



Complaints (YTD) by zip code



PPD Districts



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Thank you for coming

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