

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Use of Force Report

February 2026



Prepared by:

**Data Analytics Unit
March 6, 2026**

Note: This report presents preliminary information from departmental data. All figures in this report are subject to change as additional information becomes available.



Total Use of Force Events - February 2026

This report provides a monthly overview of use of force events involving Albuquerque Police Department (APD) personnel. APD is committed to using force to achieve lawful objectives in instances where use of force is objectively reasonable, necessary, and minimal, given the totality of circumstances (see SOP 2-52: Use of Force – General). When force is not consistent with these standards of conduct (SOP 2-52: Use of Force- General), APD takes corrective actions which may include discipline.

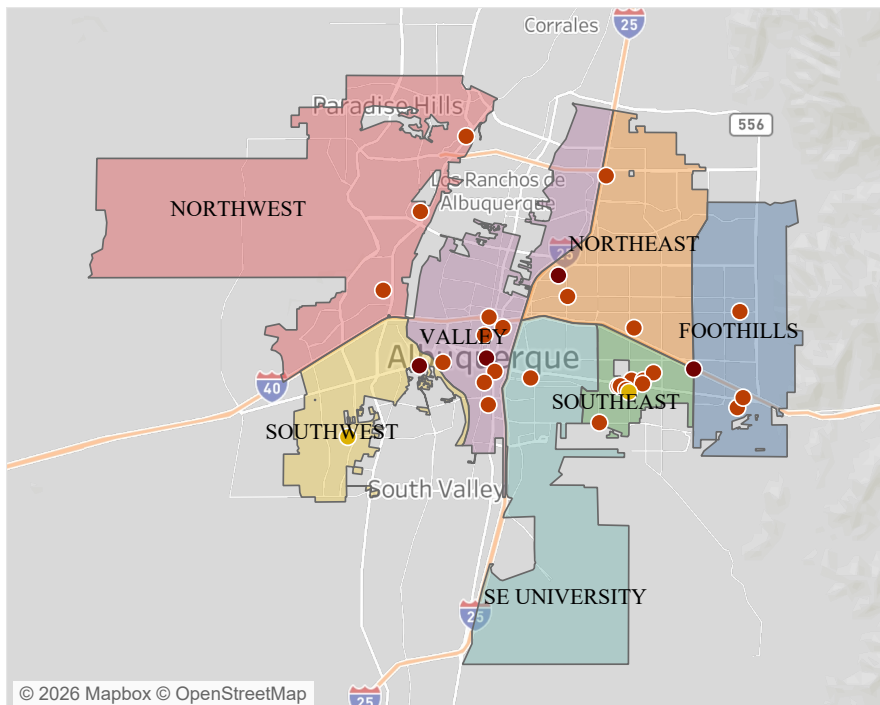
APD's jurisdiction includes the City of Albuquerque which is divided into six Area Commands. In the map below, Southeast Area Command is split into "SE University" and "Southeast". University Area Command is combined with Southeast Area Command in this report until updates to department databases are complete.

Force is categorized into three levels based on APD policy. For more information on APD's Standard Operating Procedures, see: <https://public.powerdms.com/COA>. As of September 20, 2025, APD amended its use of force SOPs to specify that a show of force is not considered a use of force. Shows of force will be tracked as part of uniform incident reports and supervisors will review the incidents to ensure it was reasonable, necessary, and minimal in the circumstances. Shows of force after this date will be reported separate from uses of force.

Total Use of Force Cases by Area Command and Level of Force

	Force Level			Grand Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Foothills	0	3	0	3
Northeast	0	3	2	5
Northwest	0	3	0	3
Southeast	1	9	0	10
Southwest	1	0	1	2
University	0	1	0	1
Valley	0	7	1	8
Grand Total	2	26	4	32

Locations of Use of Force Cases



- Highest Force-Case Level
- Level 1
 - Level 2
 - Level 3

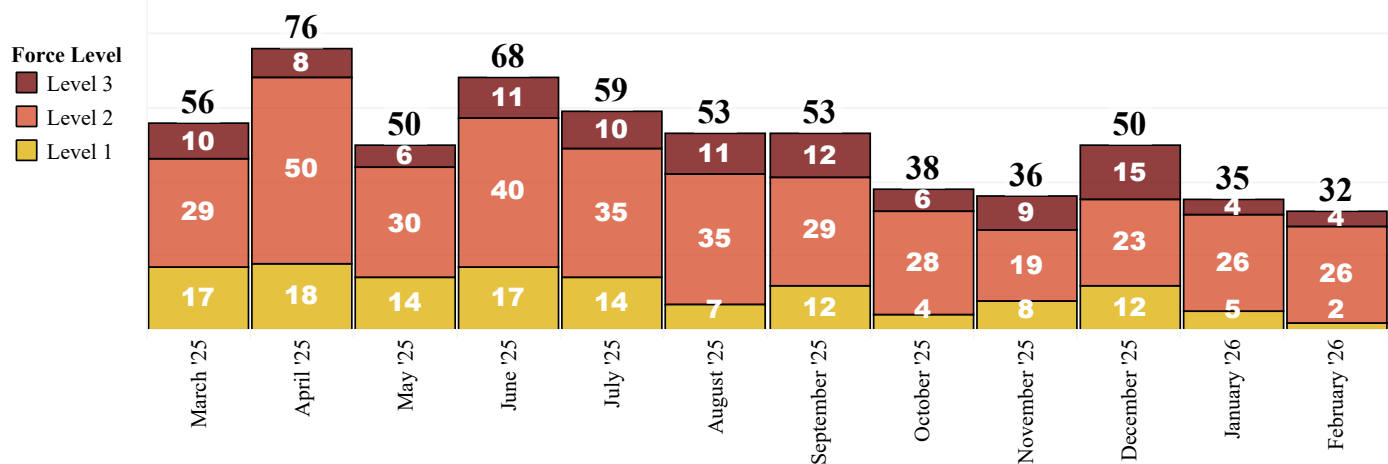
Note: Most force investigations in this report are open investigations since it reflects the previous month of data. As such, figures in this report are preliminary and subject to change as use of force investigations progress.



Use of Force Totals by Month - Past 12 Months

APD tracks use of force data over time to examine trends in use of force. For annual trends, see APD's Annual Use of Force Reports. This page reports monthly totals of all use of force for APD.

Total Uses of Force by Month and Level of Force



Total Uses of Force by Month and Area Command

		March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Grand Total
Foothills	Level 1	4	2	3	0	4	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	19
	Level 2	4	3	2	6	5	3	1	1	4	4	3	3	39
	Level 3	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	10
Northeast	Level 1	2	2	3	1	1	2	1	0	4	2	0	0	18
	Level 2	8	10	6	4	10	6	6	3	1	1	6	3	64
	Level 3	1	2	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	3	1	2	16
Northwest	Level 1	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	9
	Level 2	3	1	2	0	1	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	20
	Level 3	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Out of Area	Level 1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Level 2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
	Level 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Southeast	Level 1	5	5	4	5	6	0	1	3	0	1	4	1	35
	Level 2	7	17	6	13	8	11	10	12	2	8	7	9	110
	Level 3	2	2	2	1	1	2	4	1	0	5	0	0	20
Southwest	Level 1	0	1	2	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	10
	Level 2	3	5	4	4	6	3	2	2	5	2	3	0	39
	Level 3	2	0	0	1	4	1	3	2	4	1	0	1	19
University	Level 1	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	9
	Level 2	0	3	2	7	4	3	6	3	0	4	2	1	35
	Level 3	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	8
Valley	Level 1	2	7	2	4	1	2	4	1	1	4	1	0	29
	Level 2	4	9	7	5	3	5	4	3	6	3	3	7	59
	Level 3	3	2	3	4	1	3	4	1	1	4	1	1	28
Grand Total		56	76	50	68	59	53	53	38	36	50	35	32	606



Demographics of Individuals Involved in Force - February 2026

Officers are required to only use force when necessary to achieve a lawful objective. When officers have more contacts with individuals, it is likely that there will be more uses of force. To control for factors that may contribute to higher or lower uses of force in a given month, this page shows the number of uses of force relative to the number of calls for service and the number of arrests made. For a detailed discussion of the method used on this page, see APD's 2024 Annual Use of Force Report. **Total force counts on this page may be higher than the previous page if a case involves more than one use of force in different Area Commands.**

Calls for Service

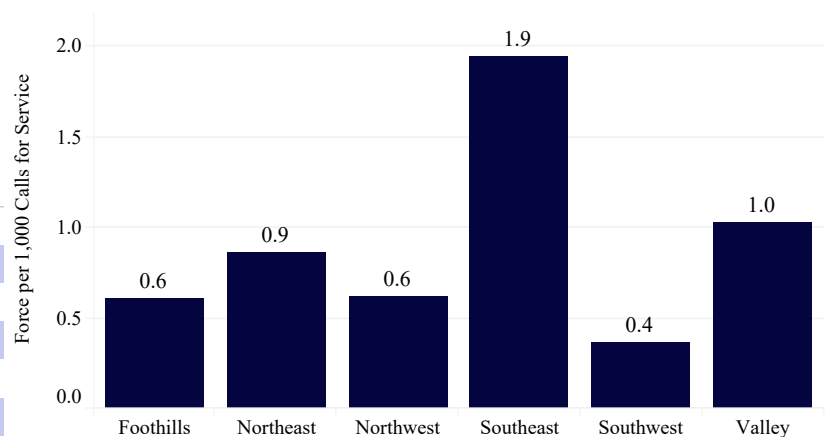
Total Calls for Service for Area Commands

Excludes calls for service where contact with an individual was unlikely, see Annual Use of Force report for full methodology.

CAD Calls by Area Command, February 2026

Area Command	Total Force Cases	Total CAD Calls	Force per 1,000 Calls
Foothills	3	4,920	0.6
Northeast	5	5,774	0.9
Northwest	3	4,887	0.6
Southeast	11	5,659	1.9
Southwest	2	5,518	0.4
Valley	8	7,795	1.0

Force Rate per 1,000 Calls For Service



Custodial Arrests

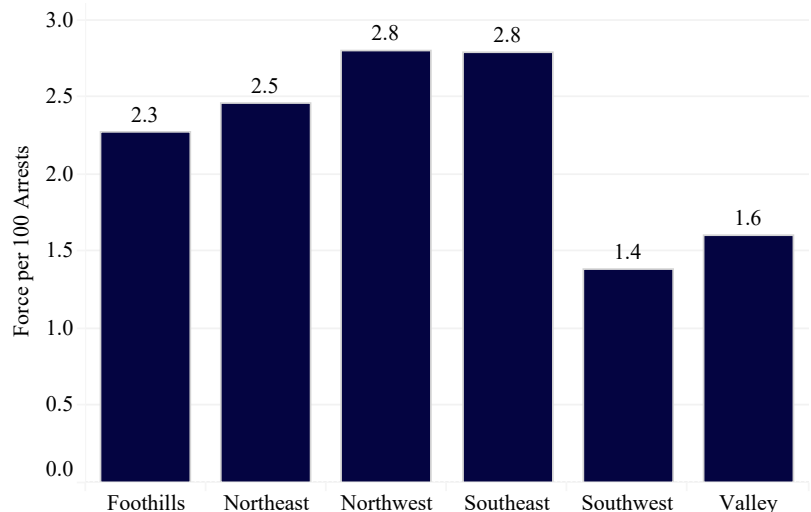
Total Custodial Arrests for Area Commands

Arrests include custodial arrests only and exclude summonses and citations.

Force per Arrest by Area Command, February 2026

Area Command	Total Force Cases	Total Arrests	Force Per 100 Arrests
Foothills	3	132	2.3
Northeast	5	203	2.5
Northwest	3	107	2.8
Southeast	11	395	2.8
Southwest	2	145	1.4
Valley	8	499	1.6
Unknown	0	136	0.0

Force Rate per 100 Custodial Arrests

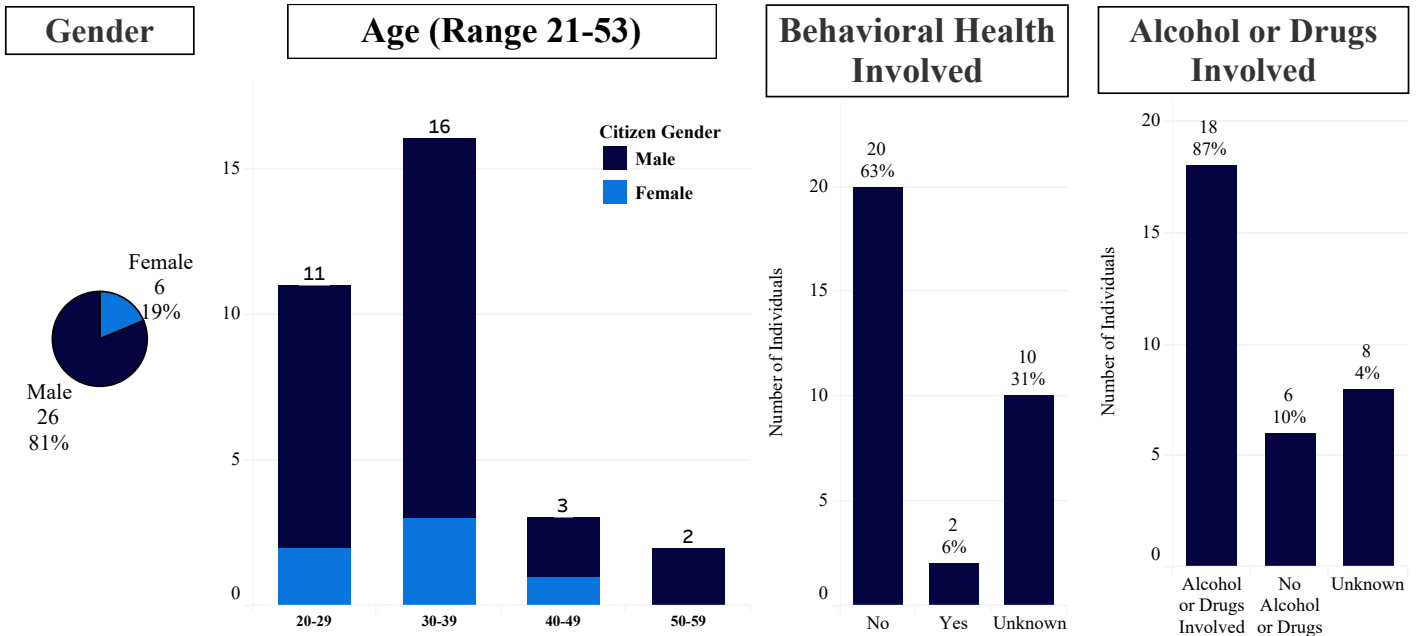




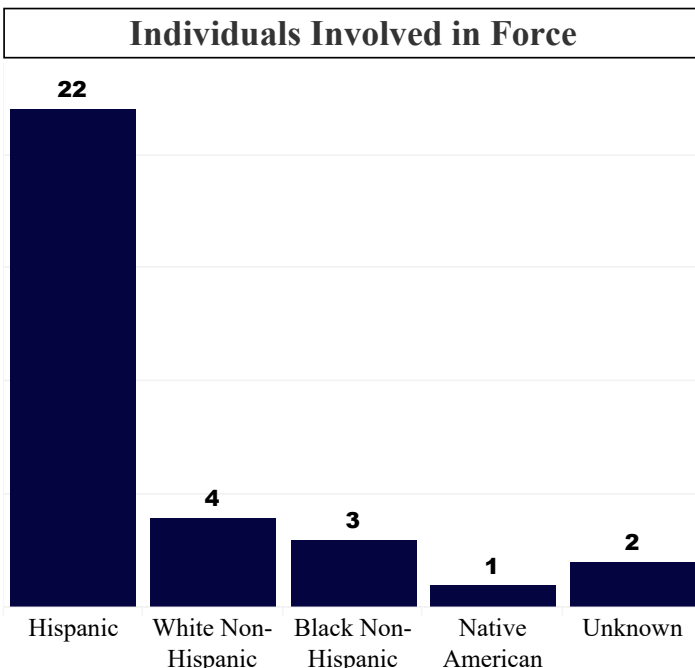
Demographics of Individuals Involved in Force - February 2026

APD records information about individuals involved in use of force incidents. Citizen information is based on what the individual reported or, if not reported by the individual, on the investigators observations on scene and through review of body-worn camera video. Information may change as investigations progress.

Note: Totals on different characteristics may differ due to missing values being excluded.



Race and Ethnicity



Force Rate per 100 Custodial Arrests, February 2026			
Race/Ethnicity	Total Force	Total Arrests	Force Rate per 100 Arrests
Hispanic	22	690	3.2
White Non-Hispanic	4	505	0.8
Black Non-Hispanic	3	127	2.4
Native American Non-Hispanic	1	198	0.5
Asian Pacific Islander Non-Hispanic	0	6	0.0
Unknown	2	91	2.2

Note: Table shows the number of people involved in force interactions. One person may be counted more than once if they are involved in multiple uses of force.



Final Call Types and Types of Force Used - February 2026

Officers are dispatched to calls for service and the original and final type of call for service are tracked. The table on the right shows the final call types for all calls involving force during the month.

Below, the total number of cases is shown that included the type of force. In any single force case, multiple officers are usually involved and multiple types of force can be used. The bars on the graph will sum to a number greater than the total force cases due to multiple types of force being used in one case and the case being represented in multiple bars.

Aggravated Driver	1
Armed Robbery Commercial	1
Burglary Residence	1
Disturbance	3
Family Dispute	4
Fight In Progress	2
Narcotics	1
Shoplifting	1
Suicide	1
Suspicious Person(s)/Vehicle(s)	6
SWAT	2
Traffic Stop	3
Wanted Person	5
Warm Up Vehicle Theft	1
Grand Total	32

Empty Hand	Empty Hand: control	14
	Empty Hand: takedown	16
	Pain Compliance	1
Less Lethal	40mm	3
	40mm: miss	1
	ECW	2
	ECW: miss	1
Tactical	K9 Apprehension - Bite	2
	NFDD	1
	OC Vapor	1
	Tri-chamber	1
Deadly	Firearm - OIS	1

Cases Where Shows of Force Are The Only Method Applied by Month

As of September 20, 2025, shows of force (i.e. pointing a firearm, ECW, or 40mm launcher) at a person are no longer uses of force according to APD policy. Due to this subset of cases no longer being counted in force totals, cases where there is a show of force only are included below to for improved comparison of force cases over time.

Type of Show of Force	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26
SOF: 40mm Impact Launcher	1	1	3	2	3	3
SOF: ECW	1	5	7	7	6	8
SOF: ECW,Firearm			2	2	1	1
SOF: Firearm		10	13	15	11	12
SOF: OC Spray				1	1	
Grand Total	2	16	25	25	20	22



Completed Force Investigations - February 2026

APD has two processes for force investigations based on the level of force. Level 1 force is investigated by the Level 1 force investigation unit. The Level 1 unit is required to complete investigations within 24 days (if all extensions are requested and approved).

Level 2 and Level 3 force are investigated by the Internal Affairs Force Division (IAFD). IAFD also investigates any Level 1 force where a Lieutenant or above was involved or Level 1 force if another person at the same event had a higher level of force used. These investigations must be completed within 90-days. All force investigations are investigated to determine whether the actions of the officer(s) involved were consistent with department policy. **IAFD had one Level 3 investigation with an approved 120-day extension.**

Level 1 Unit		IAFD (Level 2 and Level 3)	
Total Completed Investigations		Total Completed Investigations	
4		27	
Average Days to Completion		Average Days to Completion	
13.0		72.4	
Minimum Days to Completion	Maximum Days to Completion	Minimum Days to Completion	Maximum Days to Completion
10	15	54	111

All Force Cases

APD strives to only use force that is objectively reasonable, necessary to achieve lawful objectives, and proportional to the resistance from the individual involved, and minimal based on the totality of the circumstances. APD uses a preponderance of evidence standard to determine whether the force met policy requirements. After investigation, force is deemed in policy when every force technique is used correctly and was found to be reasonable, necessary, proportional, and minimal as defined in SOP 2-52: Use of Force - General. If any officer's force techniques used were determined to be out of policy, the entire force case or interaction is considered to be out of policy.

Dispositions of Force Investigations Completed in February 2026	
In Policy	31 (100%)
Grand Total	31 (100%)
Policy Outcomes by Area Command	
Foothills	0% (- of Out of Policy cases, 0% of total cases)
Northeast	0% (- of Out of Policy cases, 0% of total cases)
Northwest	0% (- of Out of Policy cases, 0% of total cases)
Out of Area	0% (- of Out of Policy cases, 0% of total cases)
Southeast	0% (- of Out of Policy cases, 0% of total cases)
Southwest	0% (- of Out of Policy cases, 0% of total cases)
University	0% (- of Out of Policy cases, 0% of total cases)
Valley	0% (- of Out of Policy cases, 0% of total cases)
Grand Total	0% (- of Out of Policy cases, 0% of total cases)

