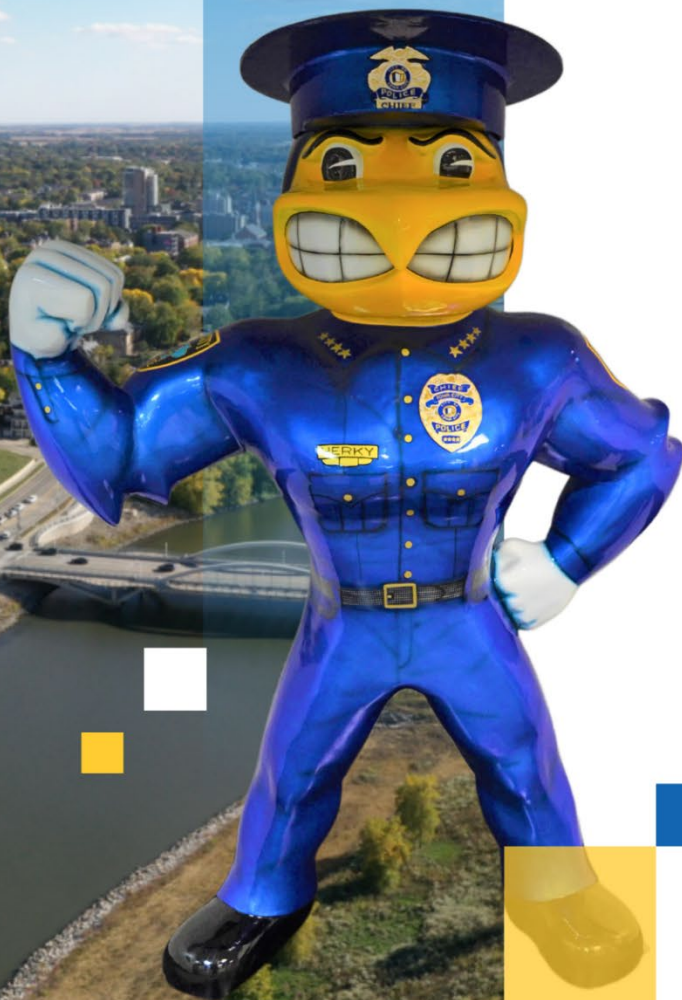


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Mission Statement

To work in partnership with the community, enhance trust, protect with courage and compassion, and empower victims of crime through excellence in service.



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Chief's Message

The Iowa City Police Department is proud to present its 2024 annual report.

In 2024, our mental health response – a key component of our evolving response model since 2021 – took a leap forward with the introduction of our Crisis Co-Responder Team. The team, comprised of a sworn ICPD officer and CommUnity Crisis Services Mental Health Liaison, responds directly to crisis calls from the field, follows up on crisis referrals, and works proactively with our Street Outreach team to address issues related to our unhoused community.

The results of these efforts have been dramatic.

In just their first four months of service together – September through December 2024 – the team responded to 427 calls for service. Compare this with 372 calls for service in all of 2023 under our station-based model. Clearly, this level of service is needed in our community and we are excited to see the positive impact the Co-Responder Team makes in a full calendar year.

The Co-Response Team is just one facet of our broader Community Outreach efforts. In 2024, you could find our Community Outreach team engaging with community members of all ages and walks of life at camps, presentations, or even soccer matches with our Sudanese population, among countless other events. A less visible, but no less important, component of their work is with our unhoused population. Working closely with Shelter House, our Community Outreach team is crucial in connecting unhoused individuals with the resources they need and addressing issues with care and respect.

These efforts are woven into our core mission of protecting and serving the community. To that end, I am pleased to share the continued decrease in gun-related crime in our City. In 2024, we responded to just seven shootings, down from 57 in 2020. We also seized 53 guns, making it more difficult for those in our community to commit acts of violence. None of these positive changes would be possible without the tremendous effort of every member – civilian and sworn – of this department. It is through their dedication that we are able to provide high quality, professional service to our community.



Dustin Liston

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (C.A.L.E.A.)

The Office of Professional Standards Lieutenant is responsible for maintaining the mandated level of training for police department members. They ensure that personnel are trained in areas necessary for the department's efficient functioning. The Professional Standards Lieutenant also monitors Policy to ensure it complies with accreditation standards. In 2024, officers attended several refresher courses or advanced training opportunities, including attending schools and training sessions at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, the Midwest Counter Drug Training Center in Des Moines, training conferences, and seminars. These trainings ranged from basic recruit training to crisis intervention training.

All certified and non-certified officers hired by the Iowa City Police Department (ICPD) are required to complete an intensive Field Training program. Officers assigned to the Field Training program work one-on-one with Field Training Officers (FTOs) on each watch for practical hands-on experience. Officers must complete the Field Training program before working solo on patrol.

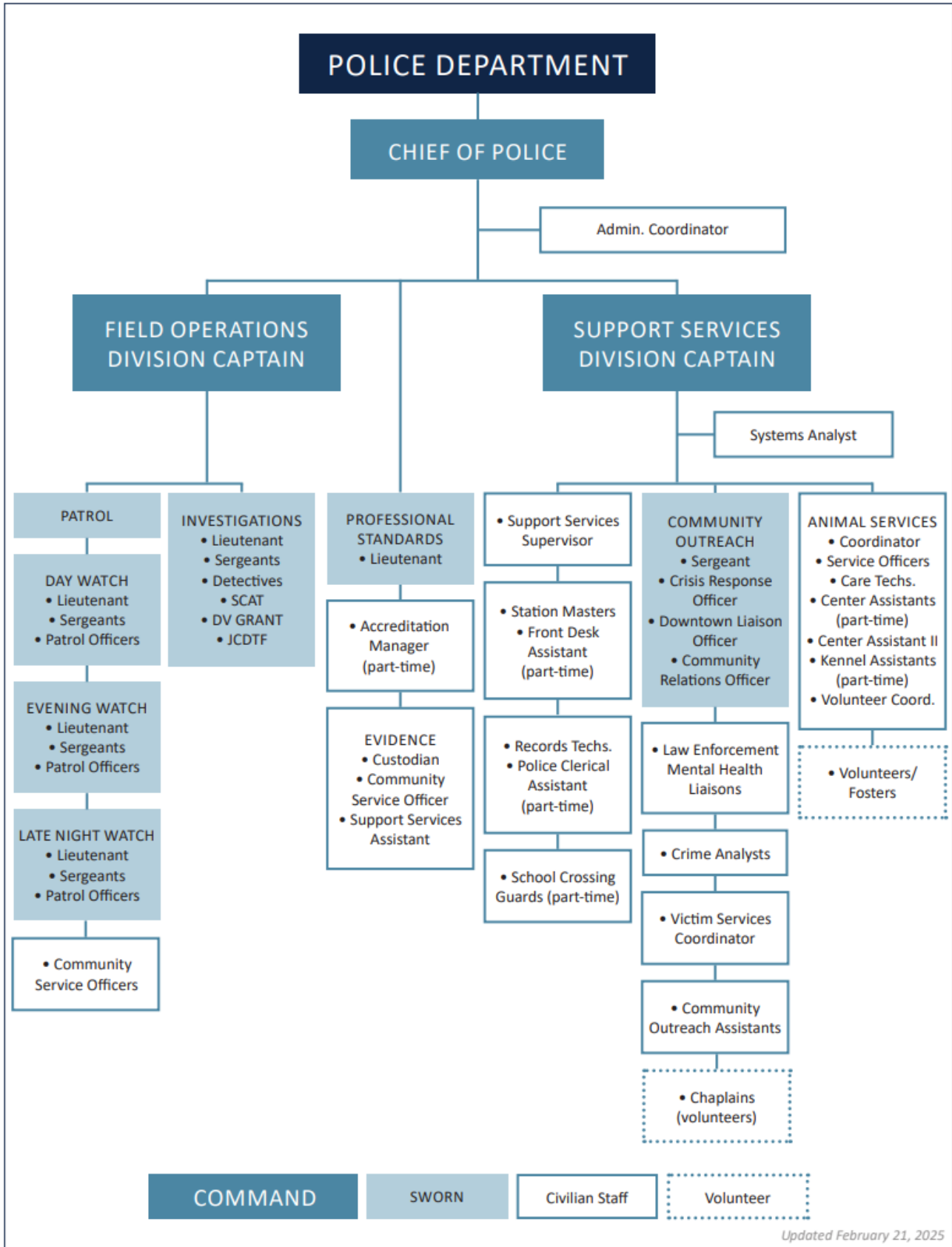
In 2021, a four-year cycle was implemented for accreditation. CALEA Information Management and Reporting System (CIMRS) is a new web-based reporting system where Compliance Service Members (CSMs) and Site-Based Assessors will capture and report findings from an annual Web-Based Review (year 1-4) and Site-Based Assessment (year four only).

The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Program is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by maintaining a body of standards and best practices developed by public safety practitioners covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives, establishing and administering an accreditation process, and recognizing professional excellence.

In 2024, the ICPD completed the final year of a 4-year cycle review of all applicable CALEA standards. The accreditation process included an on-site assessment and interviews of City and Department personnel, area agency administrators, and community partners by a CALEA representative. The Department received its seventh re-accreditation award at the conclusion of this 4-year review cycle. The initial accreditation for the department occurred in 2002.



ICPD Organizational Chart



ICPD Personnel Counts

(Supervisory roles bolded in blue)

Chief of Police

- 1 Administrative Coordinator

Field Operations Division

- **1 Captain**

Patrol

- 2 Community Service Officers

Day Watch

- **1 Lieutenant**
- **2 Sergeants**
- 15 Patrol Officers

Evening Watch

- **1 Lieutenant**
- **2 Sergeants**
- 16 Patrol Officers

Late Night Watch

- **1 Lieutenant**
- **2 Sergeants**
- 16 Patrol Officers

Professional Standards & Evidence

- **1 Lieutenant**
- 1 Accreditation Manager (part time)
- 1 Community Service Officer
- 1 Evidence Custodian
- 1 Support Services Assistant

Investigations

- **1 Lieutenant**
- **2 Sergeants**
- 1 Computer Forensics Detective
- 1 Domestic Violence Detective

- 4 General Crimes Detectives
- 1 Juvenile Crimes Detective
- 1 Narcotics Detective—assigned to the Johnson County Drug Task Force
- 2 Sex Crimes Detectives
- 4 Street Crimes Action Team (SCAT) Detectives

Support Services Division

- **1 Captain**
- **1 Support Services Supervisor**
- 1 Front Desk Assistant (hourly)
- 1 Police Clerical Assistant (hourly)
- 4 Records Technicians
- 13 School Crossing Guards (8 hourly, 5 substitutes)
- 5 Station Masters
- 1 Systems Analyst

Animal Services

- **1 Animal Services Coordinator**
- 2 Service Officers
- 2 Care Technicians
- 1 Center Assistant II
- 2 Part Time Center Assistants
- 3 Hourly Kennel Assistants
- 1 Volunteer Program Assistant
- 100+ Volunteers

Community Outreach

- **1 Sergeant**
- 1 Community Relations Officer
- 2 Community Outreach Assistants (one full-time, one part-time)
- 1 Crime Analyst (full-time)
- 1 Crime Analyst (hourly)
- 1 Crisis Response Officer
- 1 Downtown Liaison Officer
- 2 Law Enforcement Mental Health Liaisons¹
- 1 Victim Services Coordinator
- 3 Volunteer Chaplains

¹ Staff from CommUnity Crisis Services

Budget

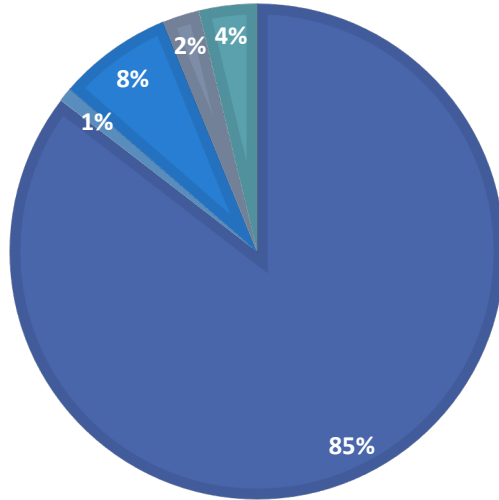
In 2024, the ICPD spent \$16,522,474. The below charts depict the breakdown of expenses.

Expense Type	Amount Expended
Patrol	\$10,188,665
Investigations	\$1,646,329
Animal Services	\$1,091,380
Administration	\$940,149
Support Administration	\$923,197
Records	\$470,553
Station Master	\$423,672
Crime Prevention	\$283,499
Johnson Co. Drug Task Force	\$220,672
Domestic Violence	\$156,837
Other	\$103,105
Crossing Guards	\$74,417

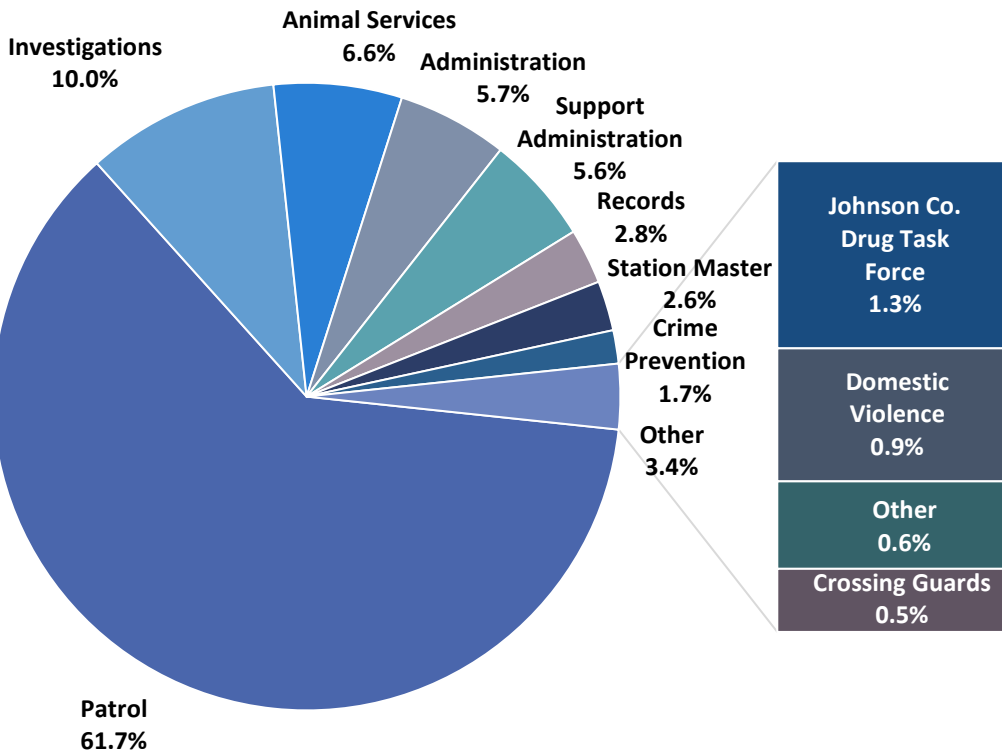
85% of the ICPD budget is spent on personnel wages and benefits.

Expense Type as Percent of Overall Expenditures

■ Wages and Benefits
 ■ Travel and Training
 ■ Services
 ■ Supplies
 ■ Capital



Expense Categories as Percent of Overall Expenditures



Personnel Profiles

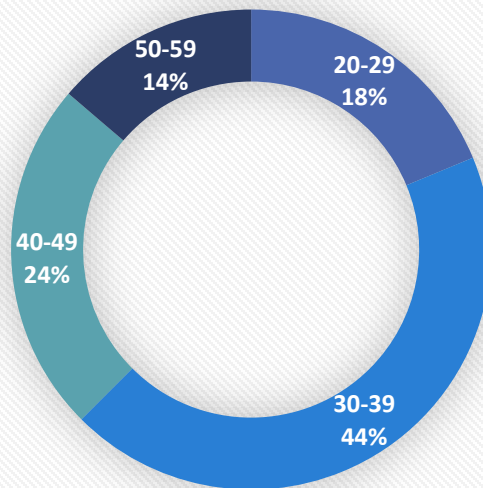
ICPD Personnel by Job Title

Job Title	Number of Personnel
ANIMAL CARE TECHNICIAN	2
ANIMAL CENTER ASSISTANT	3
ANIMAL SERVICES COORD	1
ANIMAL SERVICES OFFICER	2
CIVILIAN ACCREDITATION MANAGER	1
CIVILIAN CRIME ANALYST	1
CIVILIAN CRIME ANALYST - HOURLY	1
COMMUNITY OUTREACH ASSISTANT	2
COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER	3
COMPUTER SYS ANALYST - POLICE	1
CROSSING GUARD	13
CSO - EVIDENCE	1
CSO - STATION MASTER	5
CSO - SUPPORT SERV ASST	1
FRONT DESK ASST - POLICE	1
KENNEL ASSISTANT	3
POLICE ADMIN COORDINATOR	1
POLICE CAPTAIN	2
POLICE CHIEF	1
POLICE CLERICAL ASSISTANT	1
POLICE LIEUTENANT	5
POLICE OFFICER	63
POLICE RECORDS TECHNICIAN	4
POLICE SERGEANT	9
SUPPORT SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1
VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATOR	1
VOL PROG ASST - ANIMAL SERV	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>130</i>

ICPD Volunteers

Type	Number of Volunteers
Chaplain	3
Animal Services	100+

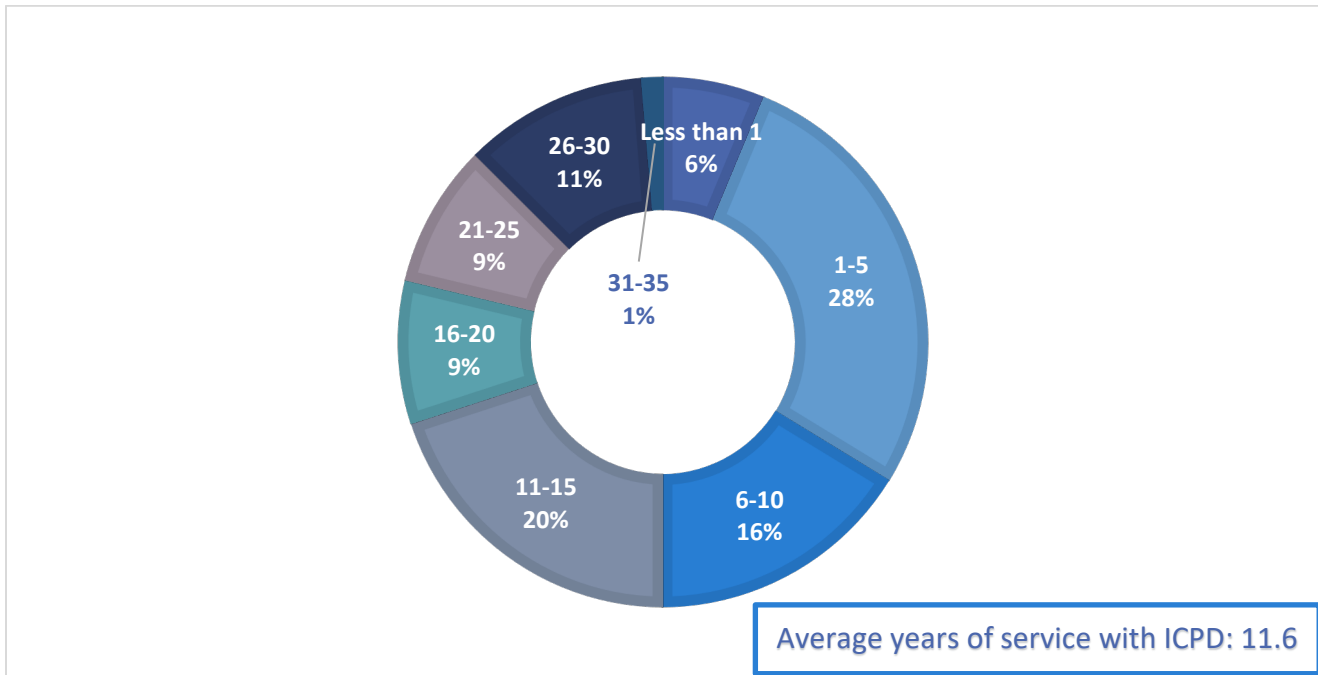
Sworn² Personnel by Age



Average age: 38

² A sworn position is one in which the person assigned, as part of their duties, carries both a badge and firearm and has the power to make arrests.

Sworn Personnel by Years of Service With ICPD



Sworn Personnel Demographics

	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	White	Hispanic	2 or More	Total	Percent
Male	1	4	59	1	2	67	83.75%
Female	0	0	12	1	0	13	16.25%
Total	1	0	71	2	2	80	-
Percent	1.25%	5.00%	88.75%	2.50%	2.50%	-	-

Years of Service Awards

5 Years of Service

Title	Name
Animal Center Assistant	Shawna Elder
Police Officer	Jeffrey Reinhard
Police Sergeant	Nathaniel Rose

10 Years of Service

Title	Name
Police Officer	Andrew Farrell
Police Officer	Joshua Grimm
Police Officer	Jared Harding
Police Officer	Christopher Passmore
Police Sergeant	Douglas Roling

15 Years of Service

Title	Name
Police Officer	Alirio Arcenas
Police Officer	Tyler LaKose
Police Officer	Alex Stricker

25 Years of Service

Title	Name
Police Lieutenant	Jeffrey Fink
Police Officer	Gabriel Cook
Police Officer	Colin Fowler
Police Officer	Abe Schabilion
Police Sergeant	Kevin Bailey

Annual Award Winners

Officer of the Year

The Officer of the Year Award is presented annually to the officer who most significantly demonstrates work and behavioral ethics that mirror the Iowa City Police Department's oath of honor and exemplifies a positive image of the Iowa City Police Department, as well as the community.

Officer Alirio Arcenas was praised as a caring and compassionate officer who strives to develop new officers as a field training officer, assist his coworkers, and provide exceptional service to the public. Officer Arcenas' nomination notes calm demeanor and tactical thinking, particularly in crisis situations.

This was evidenced during a July 2024 incident which involved a suicidal subject with a weapon. Officer Arcenas maintained a calm demeanor while attempting to de-escalate the situation, as well as protect members of the public and his fellow officers. While the use of force was required to end the incident, Arcenas' actions were deemed necessary to stop the threat to officers and residents.

"I think it is exceptional that an officer with 16 years of service continues to work as hard as Officer Arcenas does," his nomination reads.



Officer Arcenas with his award.

Investigator of the Year

The Investigator of the Year Award is presented annually to the investigator who most significantly demonstrates work and behavioral ethics that mirror the oath of honor, core values, and exemplify a positive image of the Iowa City Police Department and community. The Investigator of the Year award recipient is nominated by supervisors and chosen by Command Staff.

Investigator Jenny Clarahan was praised for her “relentless pursuit of justice and endless service to the survivors of sexual assault.” One recent case in particular highlights Clarahan’s professionalism, leadership, dedication, and victim-centered approach.

In September 2022, Iowa City Police responded to a burglary and sexual assault in the 600 Block of South Lucas Street in which the victim was sexually assaulted at knifepoint. Det. Clarahan was assigned the case. In Spring 2023, Clarahan learned of similar cases in Cedar Falls and Waterloo. Those cases were perpetrated by the same subject, who had not yet been identified.

Det. Clarahan learned of a fourth case in Linn County and organized a meeting between the various jurisdictions, as well as representatives from the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and DCI Crime Lab. There, the entities shared information which led to the identification of Asante Walker-Garcia Adams as the suspect in the sexual assault cases. A search warrant was obtained and Walker-Garcia Adams’ DNA matched the DNA found on the Iowa City assault victim.

Det. Clarahan’s hard work and collaboration led to the arrest and prosecution of Walker-Garcia Adams for the burglary and sexual assault of four women in Eastern Iowa.



Detective Clarahan with her award.

Richard “Dick” Lee Award

The Richard “Dick” Lee Award was established in 1999 by several retired ICPD officers to honor the life work of Captain Dick Lee, who served as an Iowa City Police Officer for 32 years. The recipient is nominated by their colleagues, who also vote on the recognition.

The annual award is presented to an officer in recognition of outstanding sustained efforts over the last year which positively impacted the community through a program or activity.

Two officers were recognized for their efforts in 2024: Officer Kristie Davis and Officer Tyler LaKose. In 2024, Officer Davis became the department’s first Crisis Response Officer, working alongside mental health liaisons to provide a vital response to those in crisis.

“Officer Davis has embraced this position and her work embodies the true meaning of the Dick Lee Award as she works to help find solutions for our most vulnerable community members outside of the criminal justice system,” her nomination reads.



Officers LaKose (L) and Davis (R) with their awards.

Officer Tyler LaKose’s peers have noted the invaluable presence he brings to the evening watch as the shift’s most-senior officer, where he serves as a Crime Scene Technician, Field Training Officer, and Technical Collision Investigator. LaKose was praised for his positive energy and willingness to go the extra mile for his colleagues, as well as the public.

“Officer LaKose is an excellent police officer, but he is perhaps even better as a teammate, colleague, and friend,” his nomination reads.

Civilian Employee of the Year

The Civilian Employee of the Year Award was created in 2013 by retired Community Service Officer Lynda Ambrose to recognize the efforts and contributions of non-sworn personnel who are critical to maintaining the success and mission of the department on a daily basis.

Community Outreach Assistant Tre Hall has demonstrated an “exceptional work ethic” and ambition to take on new tasks and challenges, according to his nomination. Hall helps strengthen connections in the community through his professionalism, dedication, and positive attitude. In addition to serving as Community Outreach Assistant, Hall serves as a board member for Big Brothers Big Sisters.



Community Outreach Assistant Hall with his award.

Chris S. Whitmore Animal Services Employee of the Year

The Chris S. Whitmore Animal Services Employee of the Year Award recognizes the Animal Services employee who best demonstrates the qualities of former Animal Services Supervisor Chris Whitmore, including a commitment to providing quality care to both the animals and people of the community.



Animal Services Officer DeWolf with her award.

Animal Services Officer Amiah DeWolf was recognized by her colleagues for her professionalism, communication skills, and reliability. Officer DeWolf was noted for her willingness to assist her coworkers in her free time, helping with the wellbeing of animals, and contributing to the upkeep of the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center.

Favorable Occurrences

The Iowa City Police Department expects a high level of professional conduct from members, both sworn and civilian. However, members of the Department often perform their duties in a manner exceeding departmental standards. Official commendation of such performance is provided by the Department to give full recognition to those who have brought distinction to themselves and the Department.

2024 Distinguished Service Commendation

The Distinguished Service Commendation is given to officers who perform an act involving significant bravery, heroism or action while facing personal danger.

Suicide Prevention—Isaiah McNamee

2024 Special Commendation

A Special Commendation is given to officers who perform an extraordinary act of service representing the department in which they demonstrate selfless conduct during a time of crisis or emergency.

Suicide Prevention—Michael Harkrider

2024 Letters of Commendation

A Letter of Commendation is given to officers for an act or performance deserving recognition which goes beyond the normal expectations of duty.

CPR Provision/AED Use

Thomas Mills
Jeffrey Reinhard
Nathaniel Rose
Josiah Sims

Burglary Investigation & Recovery of Stolen Property

Cade Burma

**Medical Assistance—Hypothermic
Person**

Garett Blair

Missing person

Bradley Murphy

NARCAN

Ashten Hayes

Thomas Mills

Pedestrian Mall Shots Fired Incident

Jeffrey Schmidt

**Serial Rapist Sexual Assault
Investigation**

Jenny Clarahan

Stolen Vehicle

Brad Reinhard

Suicide Prevention

Ashley Jay

Window Peeper

Alec Fjelstul

Jeffrey Schmidt

Ryan Wood

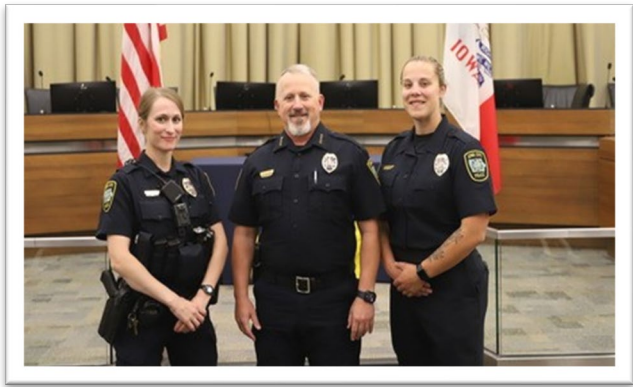
New Hires

Title	Name
Animal Center Assistant	Rowen Sabala
Civilian Crime Analyst	Maggie Wood
Community Service Officer	Dylan Bickford
Police Officer	Dillon Christensen
Police Officer	Brandon Culmore
Police Officer	Rhonda Hayes
Police Officer	Justin Jacobi
Police Officer	Kolton Johnson
Police Officer	Gregory Lalla
Police Officer	Morgan Light
Police Officer	Mathieux Rehnke
Records Technician	Andrea Borden
Support Services Supervisor	Lauryn Rich



In 2024, the ICPD hired 13 new personnel, eight of whom were sworn police officers.

Top: (L-R) Officer Culmore, Officer Christensen, Officer Jacobi, Animal Control Officer DeWolf, Chief Liston
Bottom right: (L-R) Officer Hayes, Chief Liston, and Officer Light
Bottom left: (L-R) Officer Johnson, Officer Rehnke, Officer Lalla, and Chief Liston



Retirements

In 2024 the ICPD honored six retirees; together these staff held a combined total of 163 years of service.

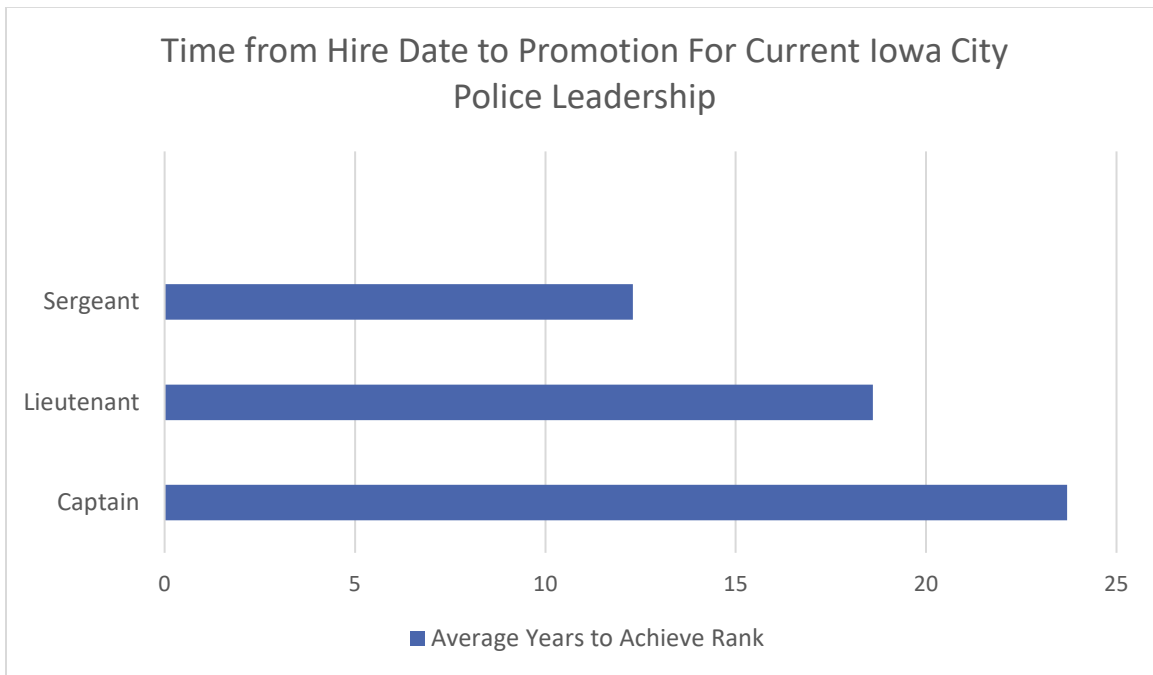
Title	Name	Retirement Date	Years of Service
Animal Services Coordinator	Chris Whitmore	3/1/24	30
Police Lieutenant	Jerry Blomgren	5/6/24	27
Police Officer	Robert Hartman	8/3/24	23
Police Sergeant	Kevin Bailey	12/3/24	25
Police Sergeant	Paul Batcheller	7/8/24	28
Support Services Supervisor	Kathy Droll	10/4/24	30



Promotions

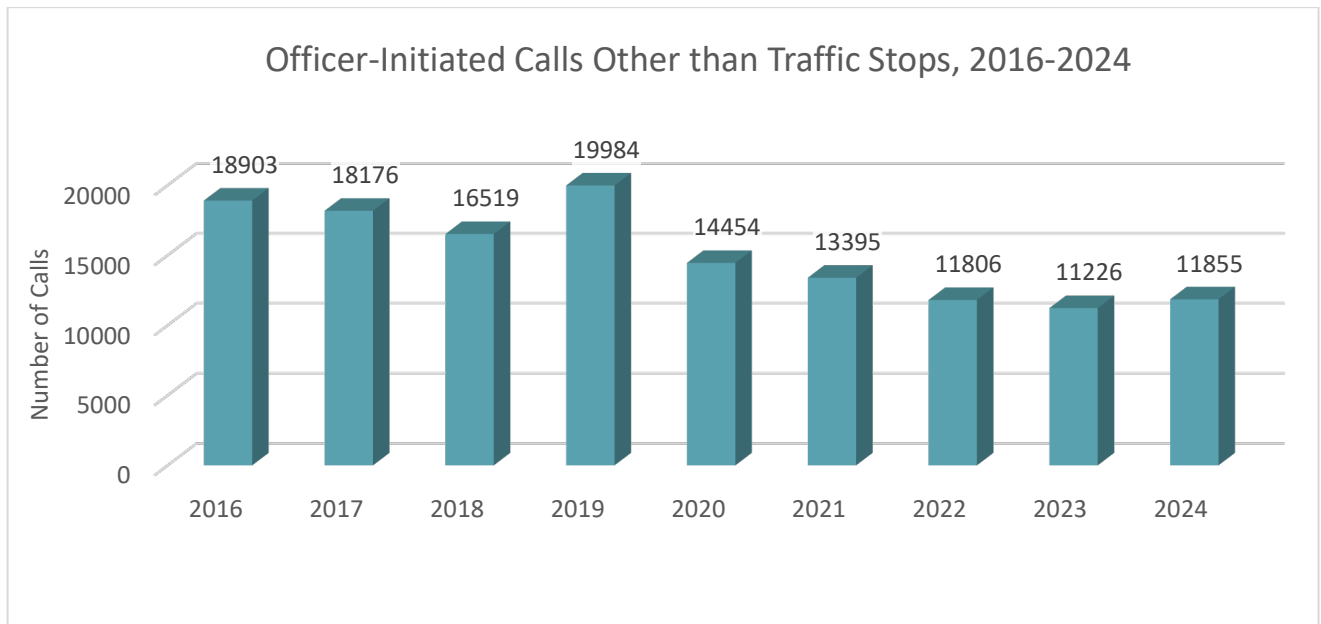
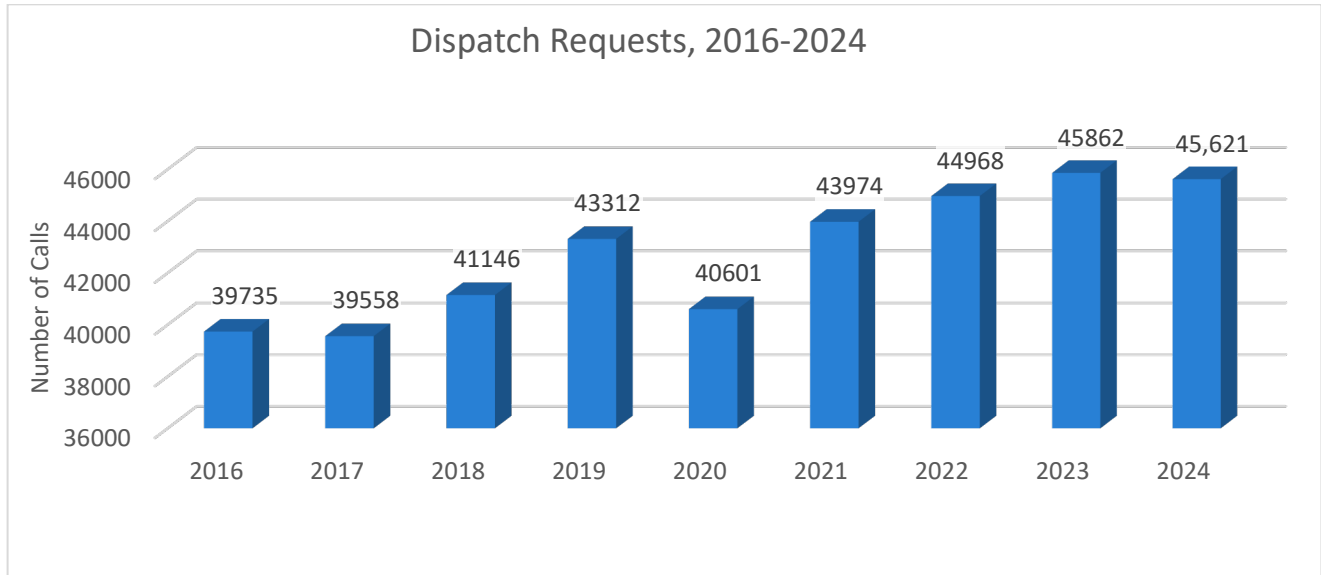
ICPD promoted eight staff in 2024, four of whom are sworn police personnel and four of whom are in Animal Services.

New Title	Name	Promotion Date
Animal Care Technician	Marieke Pagliai	7/30/24
Animal Services Coordinator	Devon Strief	2/26/24
Animal Services Officer	Amiah DeWolf	3/25/24
Police Lieutenant	Robert Cash	4/29/24
Police Sergeant	Daniel Boesen	11/8/24
Police Sergeant	Nathaniel Rose	7/7/4
Police Sergeant	Matthew Young	4/29/24
Volunteer Program Assistant	Jennifer Read	7/30/24

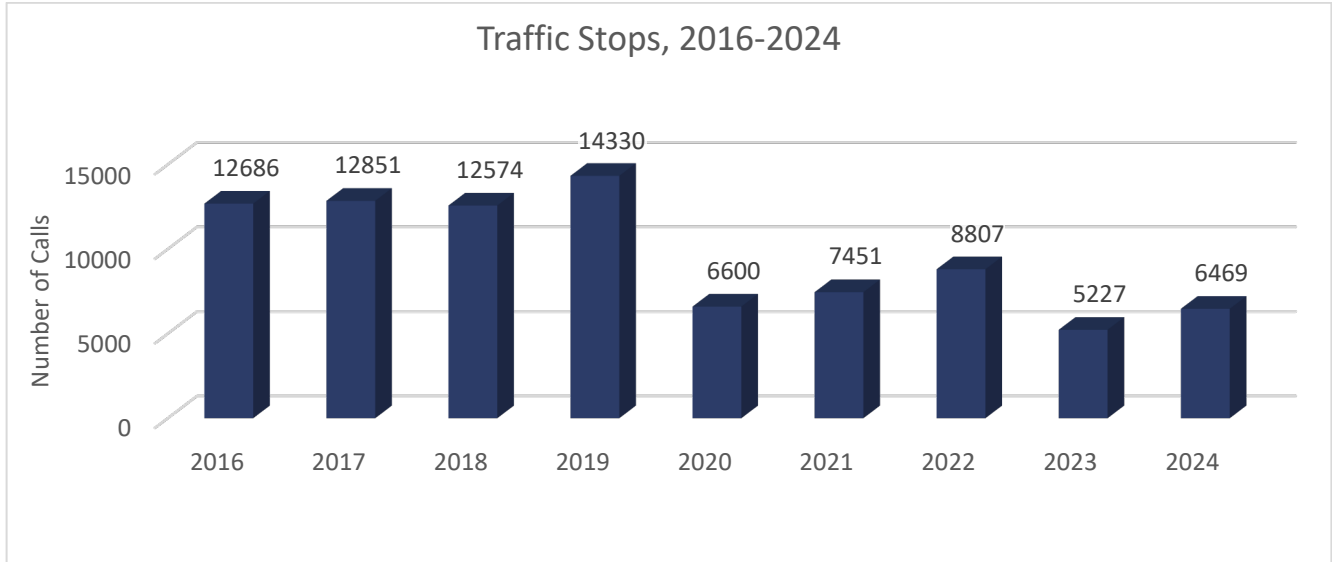


Calls for Service³

The Iowa City Police Department handled **63,945** calls for service in 2024, a **2.6% increase** from 2023.



³ All numbers in this report are accurate as of the day on which they were pulled. Because of the way data related to calls for service and criminal incidents is updated in real time, a year's statistics can change slightly if collected again at a later date. Not every criminal incident has progressed sufficiently by Dec. 31st of the year in which it occurred to have a charge appended to it, for example, which would absent it from crime totals for that year if they were generated on January 1st.

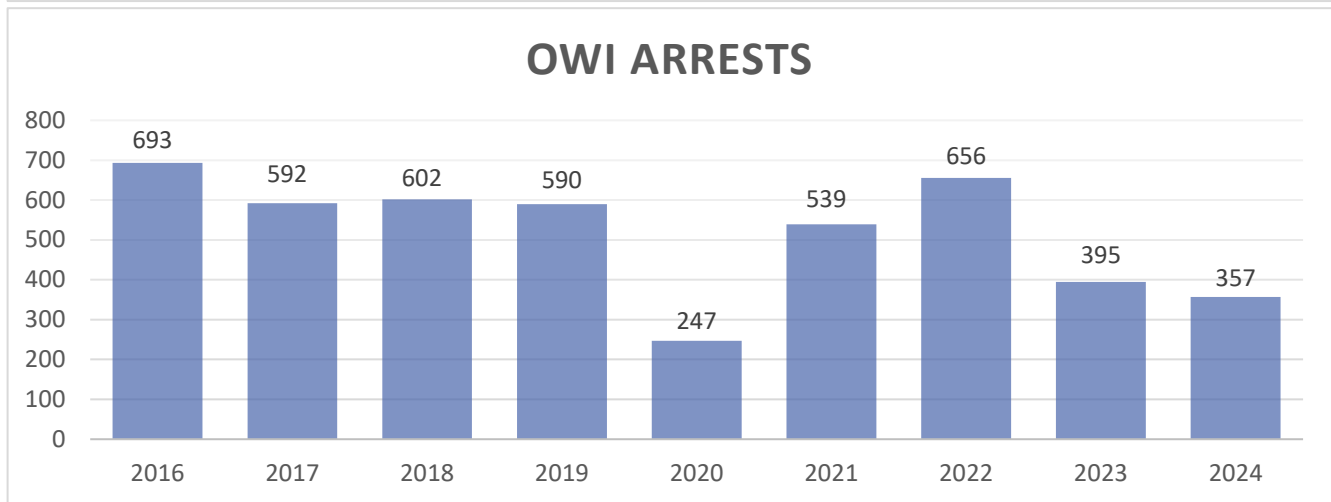
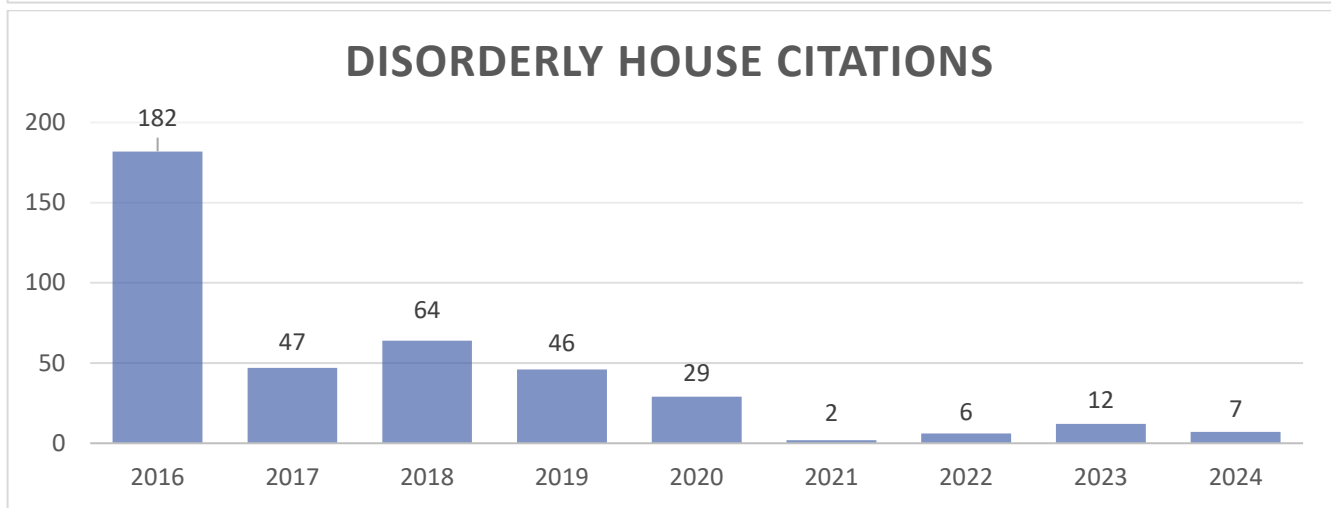
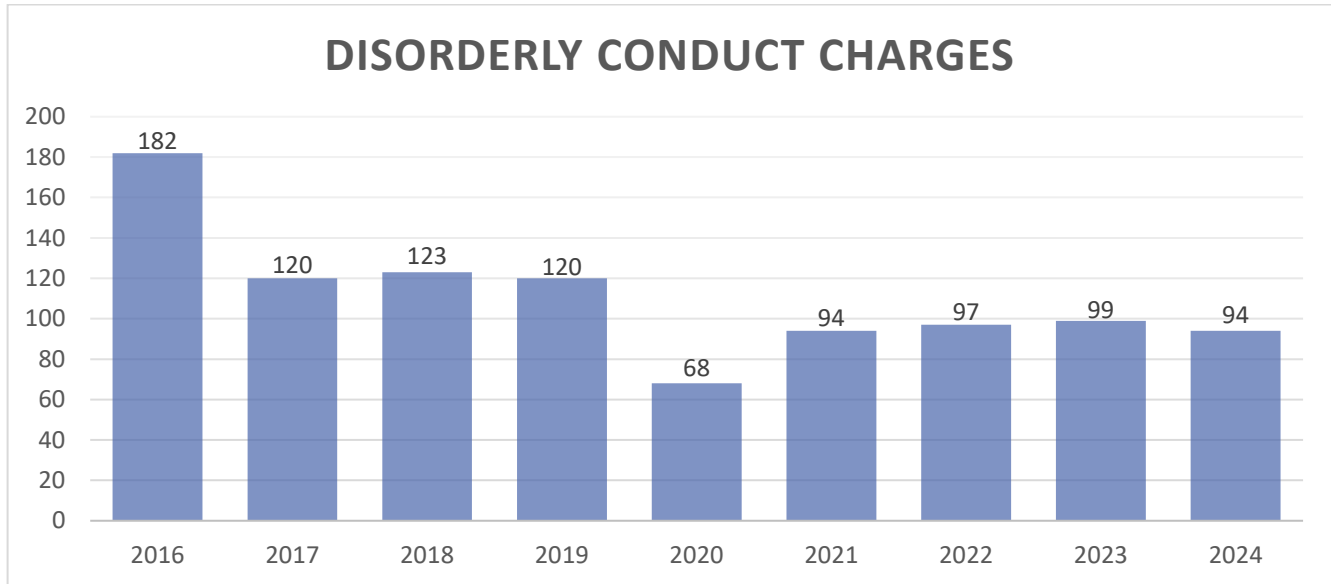


Calls for Service by Year

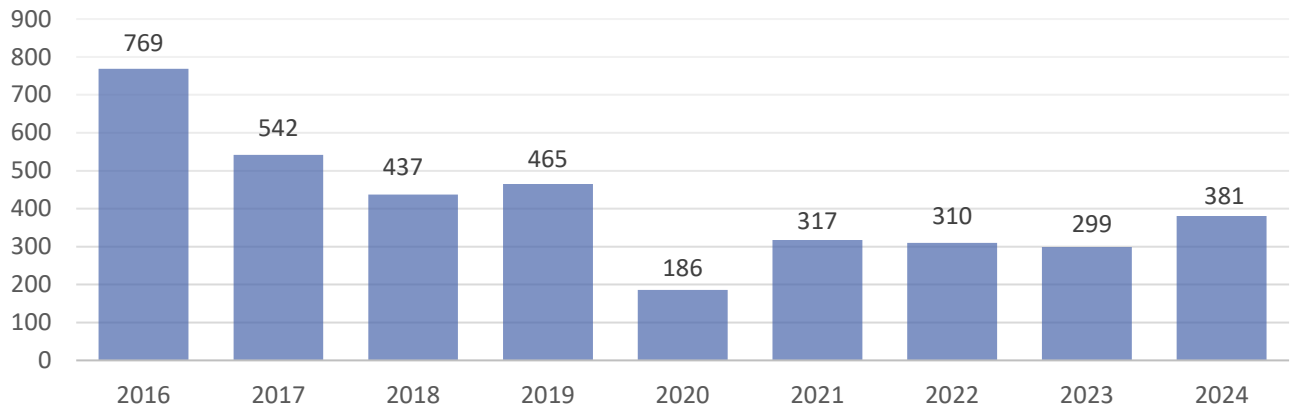
Overall calls for service declined sharply in 2020 and have remained lower than pre-pandemic levels since then, despite dispatch requests increasing over the same time period. This is attributable to a simultaneous decline in all officer-initiated calls, including traffic stops. In 2020, the department implemented new practices designed to limit in-person interactions to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to decrease instances of bias-based policing; these efforts combined with reduced public life at the pandemic onset and a decrease in police staffing probably drove the initial drop in total calls. The department’s COVID-19 protocols and moratorium on equipment violation-based traffic stops have since been reversed and staffing has slightly increased, but the ICPD has nevertheless maintained lower levels of officer-initiated calls in an effort to align with the priorities of the Iowa City community and focus more on externally generated requests for assistance.

Year	Dispatch Requests	Percent Change in Dispatch Requests from Prior Year	Officer-Initiated Other than Traffic Stop	Traffic Stop	Total Calls
2016	39735	--	18903	12686	71324
2017	39558	-0.4	18176	12851	70585
2018	41146	+4.0	16519	12574	70239
2019	43312	+5.3	19984	14330	77626
2020	40601	-6.3	14454	6600	61655
2021	43974	+8.3	13395	7451	64820
2022	44968	+2.3	11806	8807	65581
2023	45862	+2.0	11226	5227	62315
2024	45621	-0.5	11855	6469	63945

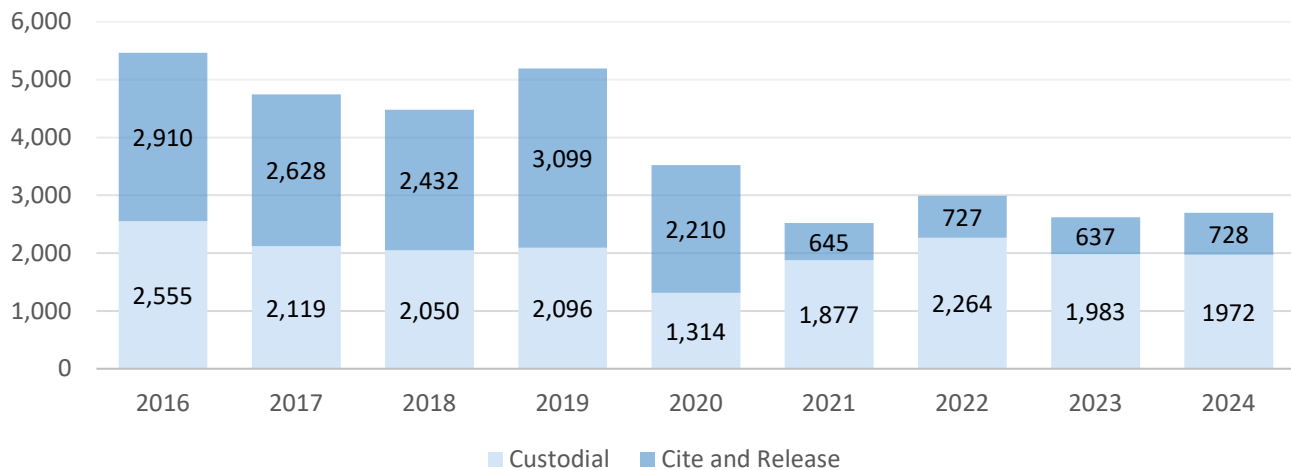
Service Statistics



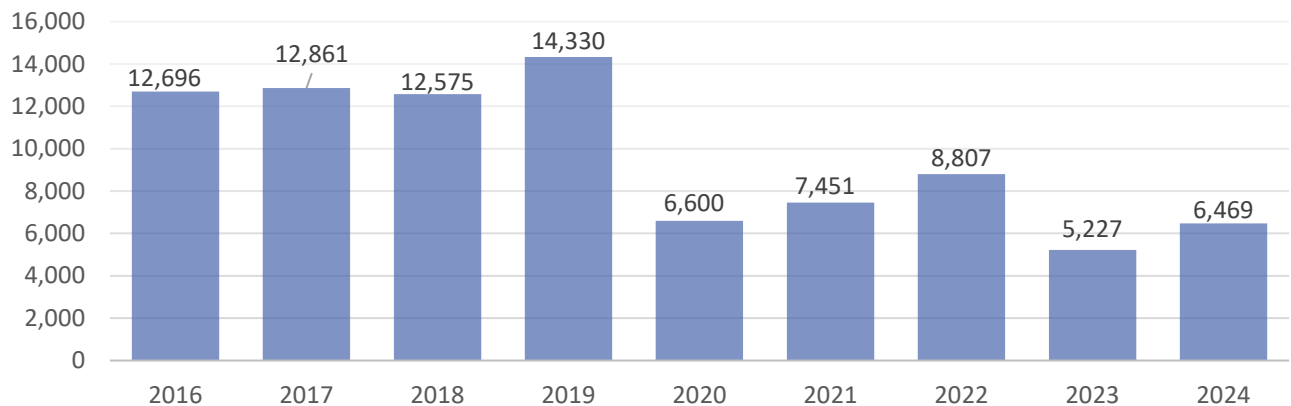
PUBLIC INTOXICATION ARRESTS



TOTAL ARRESTS



TRAFFIC STOPS

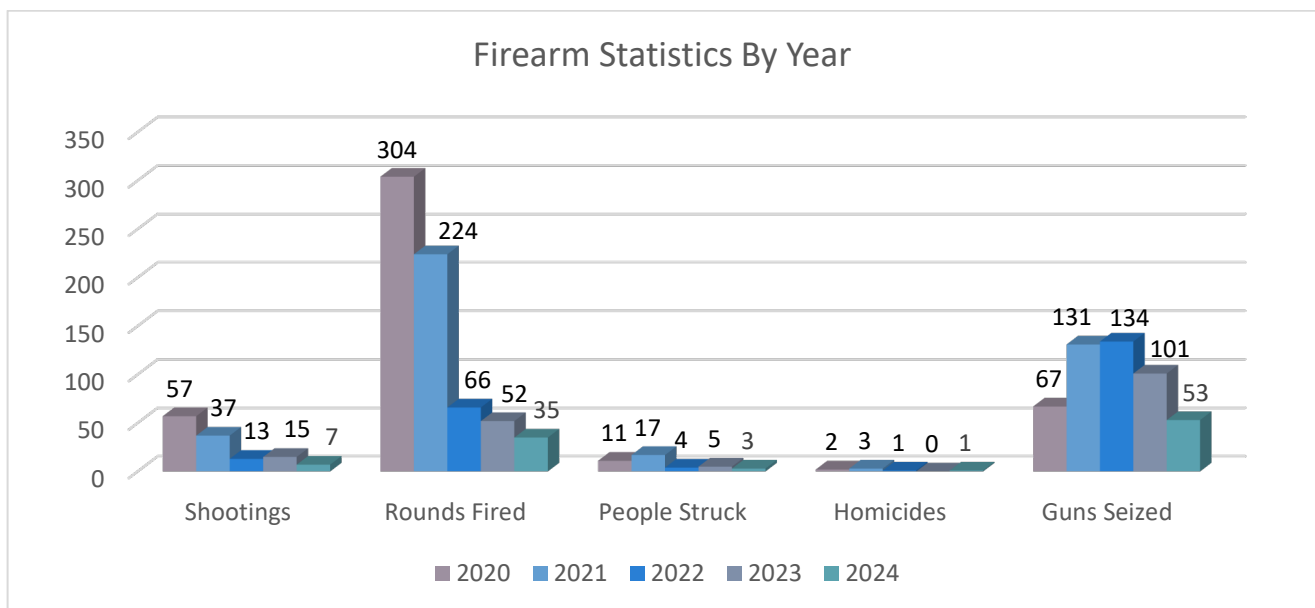


Firearms Statistics

Addressing gun violence is among the ICPD’s highest priorities. In 2024, there were **seven documented shootings**⁴—a more than 50 percent decrease from the year prior. During this statistical period the ICPD seized a total of **53 firearms**. The Street Crimes Action Team (SCAT) seized - or assisted in the seizure - of 38 of those firearms. Of note, two of the seized firearms were “ghost guns”—home-built weapons without serial numbers.

During the seven incidents of shots fired, approximately 35 rounds were fired and three individuals were struck by gunfire; one of these resulted in a homicide. By comparison, in 2023 there were 52 rounds fired, showing a decrease of a third in this one-year period.

Gun violence spiked nationwide during the pandemic, with age-adjusted gun death rates approaching record highs in 2021.⁵ CDC statistics on nationwide firearm homicide rates show a non-adjusted rate of 5.9 per 100,000 for the year 2022.⁶ Iowa City’s non-adjusted average firearm homicide rate over the last five years is significantly lower than that at **1.9 per 100,000**, according to CDC and census data.



⁴ An incident in which law enforcement is reasonably confident a shooting occurred. These numbers do not include known gunshot suicide deaths, attempted suicides, or accidental firearm discharges. They also do not include the multiple calls of shots fired where officers were not able to confirm a shooting occurred.

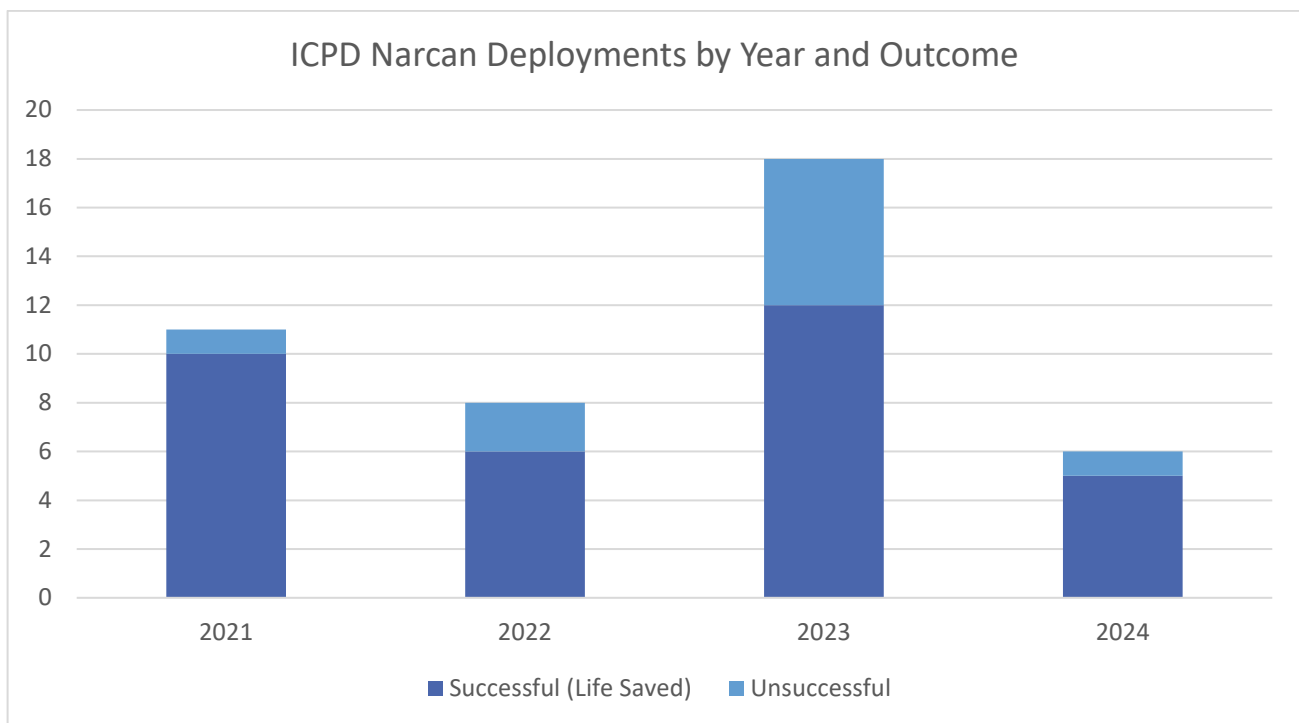
⁵ Davis, A., Kim, R., & Crifasi, C. K. (2023). A Year in Review: 2021 Gun Deaths in the U.S. Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions. Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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Narcan

Narcan - also known as Naloxone - is an opioid antagonist, meaning it counteracts the potentially fatal effects of opioids such as heroin, morphine, fentanyl, and oxycodone. Officers can find themselves needing to provide emergency care to individuals who have overdosed. Iowa City Police Officers began carrying Narcan in the fall of 2020.

In 2024, ICPD officers deployed Narcan six times for a total of five lives saved.



2024 Specific Crimes Statistics

ICPD reports data up to contribute to the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting Program using the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS, a system rolled out in 2021, is a vital component of understanding community crime trends across the United States. Group A crimes are an FBI classification.

The overall numbers of Group A crimes returned to pre-2020 levels in in 2024, following a sharp decline in 2020 and subsequent climb to a new five-year high in 2023. The 2020 decline is most likely explicable by the overall decrease in all public activity in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and significant changes to ICPD police officer protocol enacted in that year that aimed to minimize officer contact with the public and raised the threshold for traffic stops, with some of the increase since then likely representing a rebounding normalization of both crime and policing patterns.

GROUP A CRIMES	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percent Change from 2023 to 2024	Five-Year Average
Aggravated Assault	141	193	208	236	213	-10	198
All Other Larceny	368	303	299	338	275	-19	317
Arson	4	4	1	12	4	-67	5
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Bribery	0	2	1	0	0	0	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	275	224	199	196	120	-39	203
Counterfeit/Forgery	85	51	59	43	33	-23	54
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	44	61	89	126	108	-14	86
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	394	406	426	399	300	-25	385
Drug/Narcotic Violations	249	381	468	490	367	-25	391
Drug Equipment Violations	107	171	246	233	198	-15	191
Embezzlement	15	15	9	10	13	+30	12

GROUP A CRIMES	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percent Change from 2023 to 2024	Five-Year Average
Extortion/Blackmail	9	7	17	24	29	+21	17
False Pretenses/Swindle	147	130	123	169	156	-8	145
Forcible Fondling	13	24	21	13	25	+92	19
Forcible Rape	33	31	25	39	52	+33	36
Forcible Sodomy	9	11	8	13	6	-54	9
Impersonation	42	122	112	88	117	+33	96
Incest	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	89	212	293	351	350	0	259
Kidnapping/Abduction	15	16	12	6	15	+150	13
Motor Vehicle Theft	147	118	157	142	99	-30	133
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2	4	1	0	1	+100	2
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	1	0	-100	0
Pick Pocketing	9	10	2	16	7	-56	9
Pornography/Obscene Material	10	3	2	11	24	+118	10
Prostitution	0	0	1	1	2	+100	1
Purse Snatching	0	0	1	3	1	-67	1
Robbery	27	28	35	31	43	+39	33
Sex Assault with Object	0	1	0	2	1	-50	1
Shoplifting	162	193	232	276	326	+18	238
Simple Assault	547	659	665	755	776	+3	680
Statutory Rape	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	16	10	9	18	11	-39	13
Theft/Motor Vehicle Parts	75	99	92	49	28	-43	69
Theft from Building	165	184	202	238	238	0	205

GROUP A CRIMES	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percent Change from 2023 to 2024	Five-Year Average
Theft from Coin Operated Machine	2	4	14	6	4	-33	6
Theft from Motor Vehicle	230	145	280	248	209	-16	222
Weapons Law Violation	73	115	121	136	71	-48	103
Welfare Fraud	2	2	2	4	6	+50	3
Wire Fraud	33	61	40	79	100	+27	63
Total	3540	3999	4473	4803	4329	-10	4229

The 15 most prevalent crimes of 2024 are listed below. Two-thirds of these experienced year-over-year decreases, albeit some by very small margins.

Crime	2023	2024	Five-Year Average	% Change from 2023	% Change from Five-Year Average
<i>Wire Fraud</i>	79	100	63	+27	+60
<i>Credit Card/ATM Fraud</i>	126	108	86	-14	+26
<i>Impersonation</i>	88	117	96	+33	+22
<i>Burglary/Breaking & Entering</i>	196	120	203	-39	-41
<i>False Pretenses/Swindle</i>	169	156	145	-8	+8
<i>Drug Equipment Violations</i>	233	198	191	-15	+4
<i>Theft from Motor Vehicle</i>	248	209	222	-16	-6
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	236	213	198	-10	+8
<i>Theft from Building</i>	238	238	205	0	+16
<i>All Other Larceny</i>	338	275	317	-19	-13
<i>Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property</i>	399	300	385	-25	-22
<i>Shoplifting</i>	276	326	238	+18	+37
<i>Intimidation</i>	351	350	259	0	+35
<i>Drug/Narcotic Violations</i>	490	367	391	-25	-6
<i>Simple Assault</i>	755	776	680	+3	+14

Notable⁷ Decreases

Both categories of **drug-related offenses** decreased, as did four types of **crimes against property** (burglary, other larceny, property damage/vandalism, and theft from motor vehicle). FBI crime data indicates that while three of the four property crimes listed were decreasing statewide from 2020-2023, drug-related offenses actually increased statewide in the same period, making Iowa City's decrease even more notable. We will need to compare to eventual 2024 statewide crime data to know whether Iowa City is unique in reversing the trendline for drug-related offenses.

Iowa City and Johnson County have made several recent investments in diversion efforts such as the Guidelink Center, the Community Violence Intervention Program, and the ICPD's increased outreach to communities suffering from homelessness, substance abuse issues, and mental health crises. The decreases in theft- and drug-related offenses may be payoff effects from the investment in these programs.

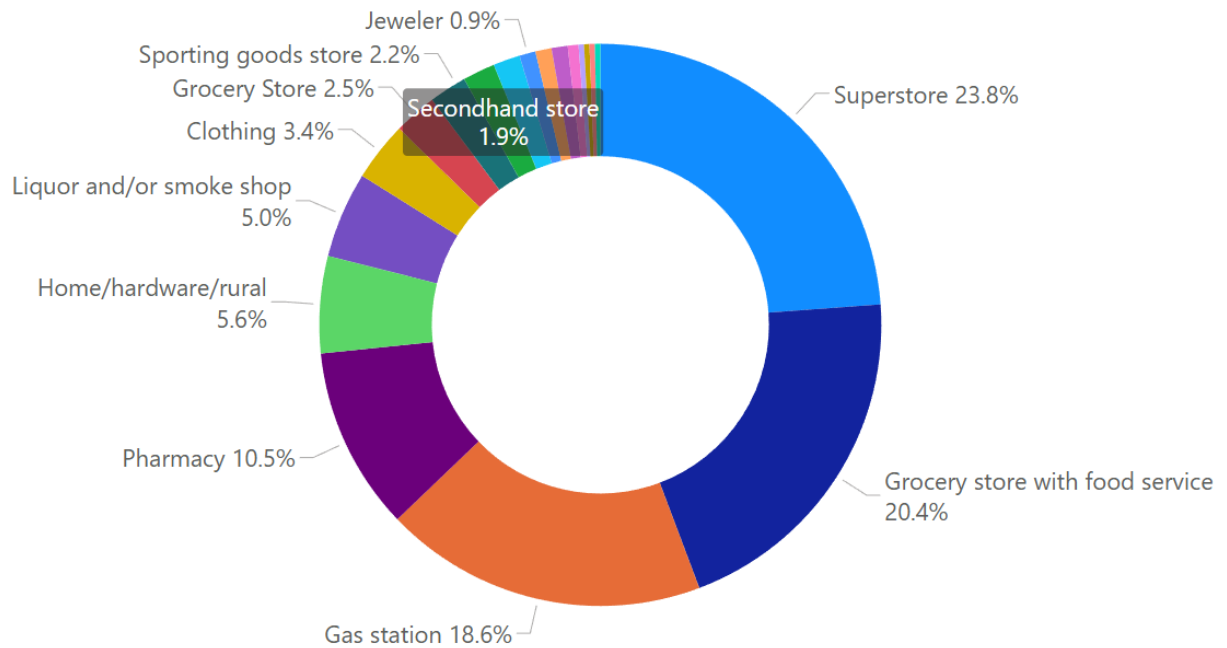
Notable Increases

Shoplifting had a noteworthy increase from 2023. Shoplifting incidents for ICPD dipped in 2020, but are currently 18% higher than in 2023 and a full 43% higher than the last year of pre-pandemic data, 2019. ICPD reports no known recent changes in business shoplifting reporting policies that they are aware of, so the increase is more likely reflecting an actual increase in shoplifting thefts. Shoplifting has also increased in Cedar Rapids and Waterloo, and in Iowa overall as of 2023⁸; this suggests Iowa City's rise is part of a much broader trend.

⁷ "Notable" is defined here as a change in either direction of at least 15% for a category with at least 100 incidents in 2024.

⁸[Cedar Rapids PD statistics](#); [Waterloo PD statistics](#); [FBI Crime Data Explorer](#)

Shoplifting Incidents by Location Type



Two subtypes of fraud, wire and impersonation, also had notable increases in 2024.

- Wire fraud increased year-over-year but has also tripled since 2020, a rise probably driven by the increase and rapid proliferation of technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) voice generation and cryptocurrency ATMs that greatly facilitate these scams and make them easier to conduct over long distances. Iowa City since at least 2020 has much higher rates of wire fraud than the state as a whole.⁹
- ICPD conducted about 100 more bar checks in 2024 than in 2023, about a 35% year-over-year increase, which probably helped drive up the numbers for impersonation charges by generating additional collection of fake identification cards. Additionally, AI-driven creation services are making it easier and cheaper to procure fake identification documents.

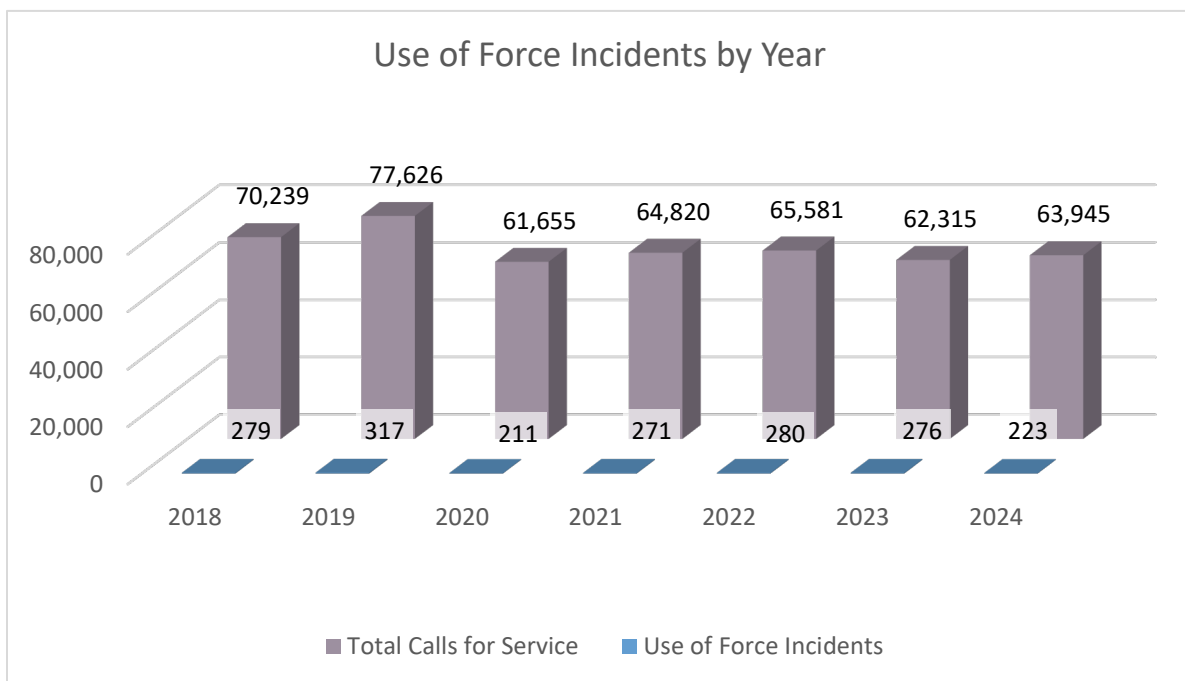
⁹ FBI Crime Data Explorer

Use of Force

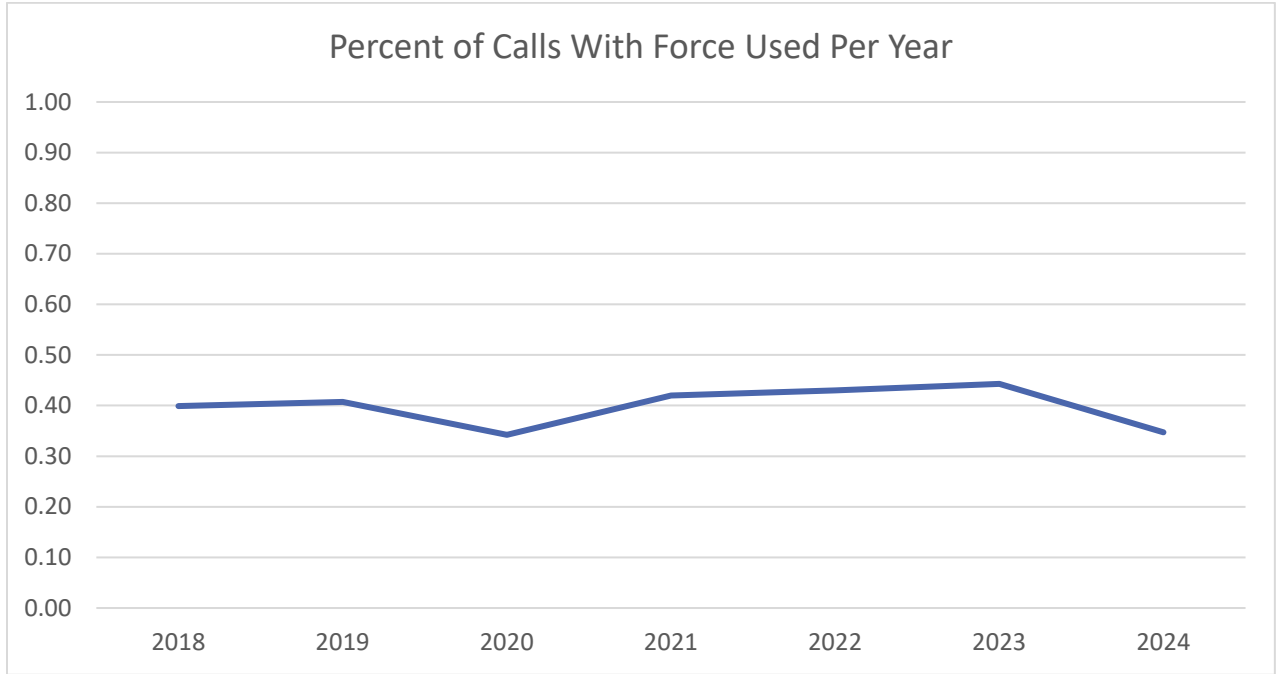
The ICPD follows a reasonable standard when evaluating the force used by officers when encountering a non-cooperative or combative individual. When determining which level of force to use, officers are required to evaluate the circumstances involved and respond with the appropriate tool or technique. The actions of the subject determine the extent of force the officer may use during the interaction. The tools and techniques used by the officer must be commensurate with the situation. The evaluation of the officer’s use of force is based on the totality of the circumstances.

The ICPD policy requires an employee to complete a written narrative for any reportable use of force. Reportable use of force is defined in the Department’s Lexipol 300, which is titled Use of Force and available for public viewing on the department’s website. This policy provides employees with guidelines on the use of deadly and non-deadly force.

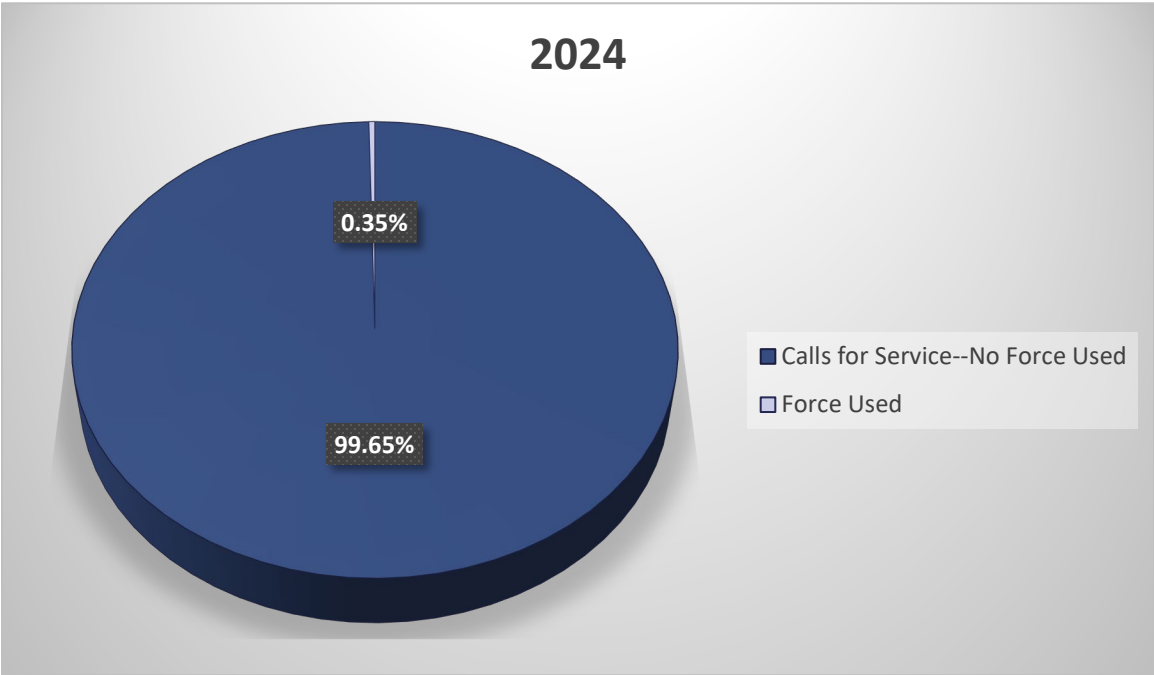
Upon receipt of the report, the supervisor is responsible for completing an administrative critique of the force used. The process includes interviews with involved employees, body worn and in-car camera review, review of any additional available video, and review of written reports. The employee’s use of force report and the supervisor’s critique is then forwarded to the Captain of Field Operations and the Chief of Police for final review and critique. The below chart shows total use of force incidents compared to total calls for service by year.¹⁰



¹⁰ Some prior year numbers have been slightly revised for methodological consistency



Total use of force incidents in 2024 was 223. Total calls for service in 2024 was 63,945. This results in force being deployed in 0.35% of our total calls for service in 2024. Of the 223 use of force incidents, 38, or 17%, were due to the euthanizing of an animal (i.e., injured deer, sick raccoon, or other animal beyond help).



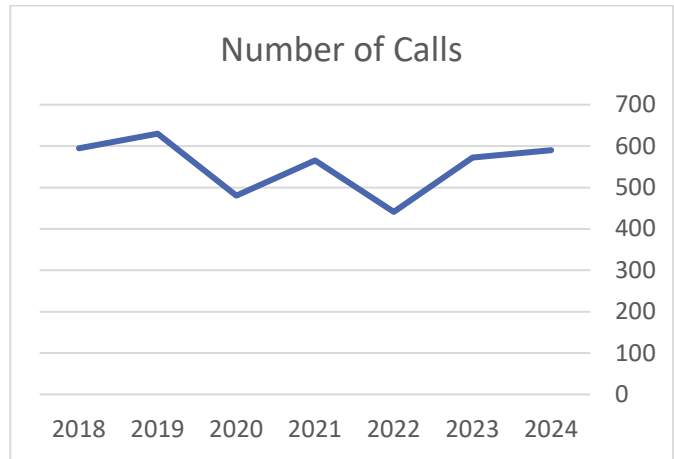
Juvenile Statistics

Calls for Service

In 2024, the ICPD responded to 590 calls for service specifically classified as juvenile related. This number does not encompass all juvenile related calls for service, as the original call for service may not have been classified as involving juveniles.

**Police Juvenile-Related Service Calls
for Years 2018 – 2024**

Year	Number of Calls
2024	590
2023	572
2022	441
2021	565
2020	480
2019	630
2018	595

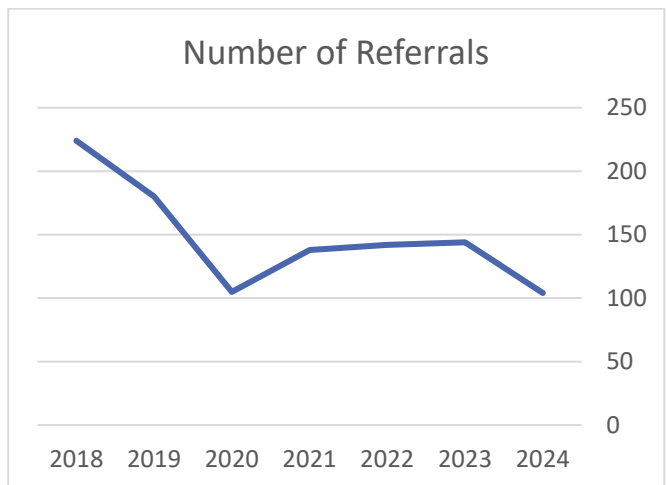


Juvenile Court Referrals

There were 104 Juvenile Court referrals in 2024. The chart below indicates the number of referrals—not the number of individual subjects referred. Some youth may have been referred more than once.

ICPD Juvenile Court Services Referrals 2018 – 2024

Year	Number of Referrals
2024	104
2023	144
2022	142
2021	138
2020	105
2019	180
2018	224



Alcohol and Tobacco Statistics



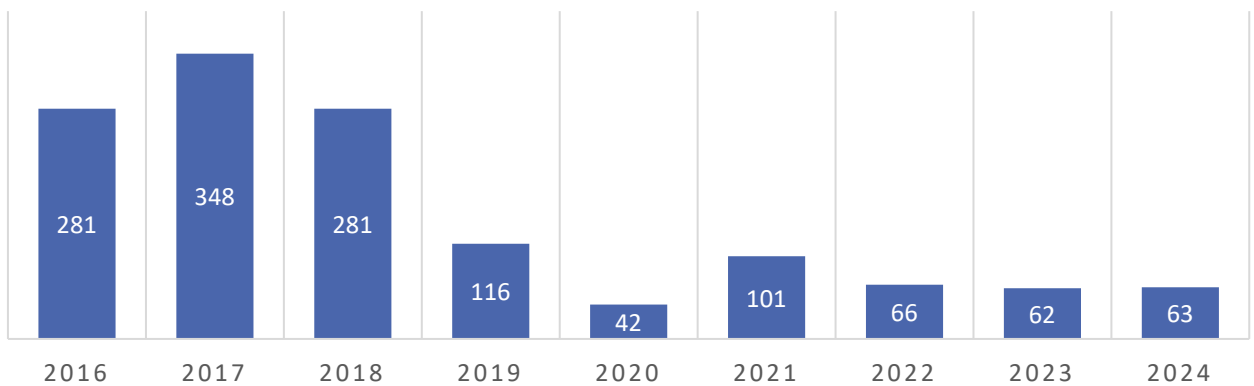
Tobacco Compliance Checks

The ICPD conducts compliance checks relating to the proper sale and delivery of age-restricted tobacco products by retailers. Underage persons enter establishments and attempt to purchase tobacco products under the observation and control of officers. In 2024, there were 59 Tobacco Compliance Checks initiated, one at each business in Iowa City open and licensed to sell tobacco, alternative nicotine, or vapor products. Fifty businesses, 85%, refused to sell the products to the underage buyers; this is comparable to 2023's pass rate of 84%. Nine businesses failed. ICPD filed charges against employees of the nine business that failed the first round and conducted a re-check at a later date; two businesses failed a second time.

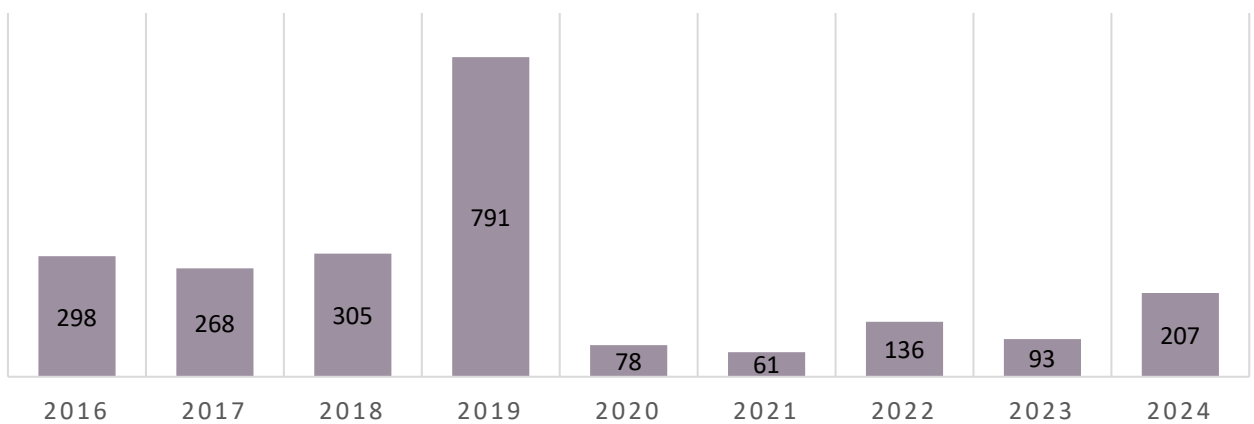


Alcohol Related Statistics

UNDER 21 ALCOHOL POSSESSION CITATIONS



UNDER AGE 21 IN BAR CITATIONS



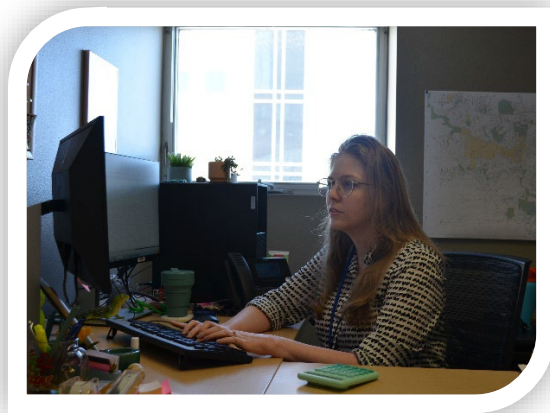
Civilian Crime Analyst

In 2024, the ICPD bolstered its ongoing efforts to expand data-driven policing approaches by hiring a full-time Civilian Crime Analyst, Maggie Wood, who began work in September.

The Civilian Crime Analyst furthers goals related to policing through data-driven strategies and improves City government insight into crime and policing. In-house, Wood uses a variety of law-enforcement-related data sources and analytics software to determine trends, provide insights into crime patterns in Iowa City, and assist criminal investigations. Externally, she collaborates with other City government entities and community partners to improve communication, data sharing, and cross-sector efforts aimed at finding solutions to challenges facing the community. The new Crime Analyst's full-time accessibility provides the ICPD, as well as Iowa City partners and institutions, with a new wellspring of data and insights and helps inform leadership decision-making at City Hall and beyond.

Since the position was filled, in addition to her work inside the Police Department, Wood has established relationships with:

- Cedar Rapids Police Department
- City of Iowa City Neighborhood & Development Services
- CommUnity Crisis Services
- Community Violence Intervention Program
- GuideLink Center
- Iowa City Downtown District
- Johnson County Sheriff's Office
- Juvenile Court
- University of Iowa Center for Social Science Innovation
- University of Iowa Sociology Department



Civilian Crime Analyst Wood in her office.

Street Crimes Action Team

The Street Crimes Action Team (SCAT) is a unit of four detectives led by a sergeant. SCAT, a part of the Investigations Division, focuses on investigating street crimes such as weapons and narcotics violations, stolen vehicles, and gang activity. In 2024, SCAT executed 242 search warrants and made 255 felony arrests, 270 serious/aggravated misdemeanor arrests, and 157 simple misdemeanor arrests.

Seized Item	Amount
Cocaine (Crack form, grams)	5.5
Cocaine (Powder form, grams)	110
Controlled pills not otherwise listed	201
Counterfeit substances (g)	28
Currency (dollars)	34,531.33
Dextromethorphan/DXM (grams)	0
Ecstasy (pills)	105
Fentanyl (pills)	700
Firearms	38
Heroin (grams)	1
LSD (tabs)	0
Marijuana (pounds)	24.77
Methamphetamine (grams)	767
Mushrooms (grams)	216
Promethazine (g)	1299
Testosterone (g)	0
THC cartridges	0

Mental Health Initiatives

Mental Health Liaisons & Co-Responder Team



*Top: ICPD's Co-Responder Team
Below: (L-R) ICPD Chief Liston and MHL Wade.*

ICPD partnered with CommUnity Crisis Services in 2021 to embed a mental health liaison (MHL) within the department, with the goal of enhancing the services provided to those in the community experiencing a mental health crisis and connecting them with appropriate resources. Following the success of these efforts, two CommUnity mental health liaisons, Kelsie Tomlin and Kaitie Wade, are currently embedded within the department, and ICPD introduced its first Crisis Co-Responder Team in September of 2024.

That team pairs an MHL with a sworn police officer (ICPD's Kristie Davis) allowing the MHL to travel with police on calls and provide onsite services to persons in crisis. Officer Davis and the MHLs later engage in follow-up with these persons to help them connect with additional services and resources, with the goal of shifting the community member's trajectory away from places like the emergency room and county jail. The team also works proactively with the department's Street Outreach team.

The following chart details the number of calls answered by the MHLs prior to the introduction of the Co-Responder model as well as those addressed by the team after its launch in September.

Month (2024)	Co-Responders Team	Station Based Liaison
January	n/a	42*
February	n/a	50*
March	n/a	48*
April	n/a	46*
May	n/a	34*
June	n/a	26**
July	n/a	61*
August	n/a	84*
September	138	103
October	153	33
November	77	32
December	59	28
Total	427	587

*2 station-based MHLs working

**1 station-based MHL working

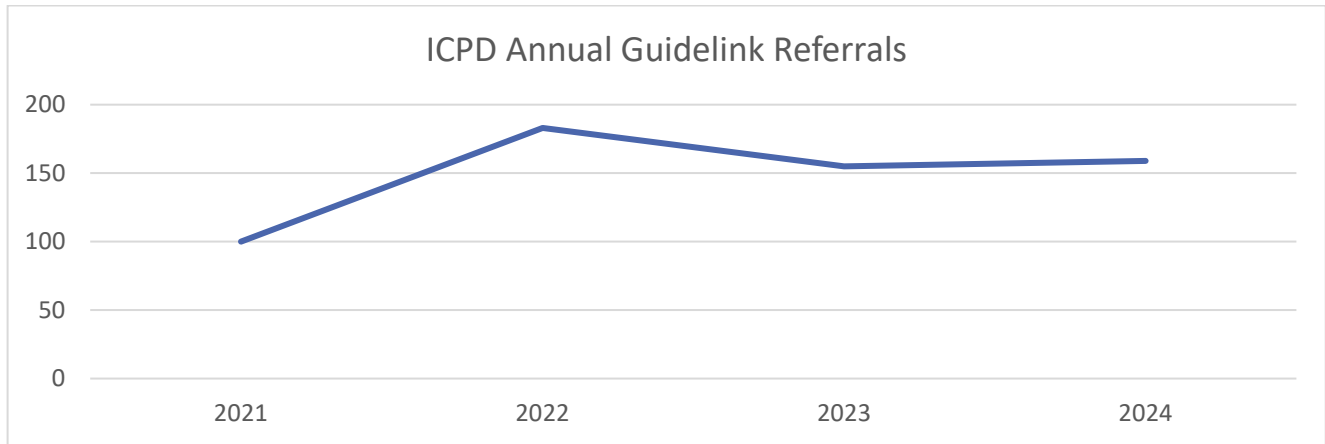
GuideLink Center

Iowa City’s GuideLink Center opened its doors in 2021 and serves as a diversion option for persons experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse crises, with the goal of helping people receive appropriate services and relieving police officers, jail staff, and emergency room workers of a significant number of cases that are misaligned with their missions. The GuideLink Center provides access to immediate, onsite assessment and stabilization outside of a hospital setting, 24 hours a day.



Iowa City's GuideLink Center campus

In 2024, the ICPD made **159** referrals to the GuideLink Center. These individuals received immediate mental health and/or substance use services and many were diverted from jail or the emergency room.



Victim Services Coordinator

In January 2021, Ann Thompson was selected for the newly created full-time civilian position of Victim Services Coordinator after serving as an intern and then volunteering at the ICPD. A permanent Victim Services Coordinator (VSC) post was created after the success of the Victim Services internship created in 2019, for which Ann Thompson was first selected. Through her work, she has established many relationships with service providers. Some examples include monthly and quarterly meetings with the following agencies and providers:

- Johnson County Sheriff's Office
- Refugee Alliance
- Sexual Assault Response Team
- Shelter House
- United Action for Youth
- University of Iowa Threat Assessment

- Agency on Aging
- CommUnity Crisis Services Heritage Area
- Domestic Abuse Intervention Team
- Johnson County Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Johnson County Human Trafficking Coalition



*Victim Services Coordinator
Thompson outside City Hall*

Thompson has conducted outreach to each patrol watch to provide an overview of her role within the ICPD and how she can help officers better serve victims. Additionally, she facilitated agency orientations for new officers, arranging for the officers to visit the following providers and personally meet their staff:

- CommUnity Crisis Services
- Domestic Violence Intervention Program
- GuideLink Center
- Monsoon Asians & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity
- Nisaa African Family Services
- Rape Victim Advocacy Program
- United Action for Youth



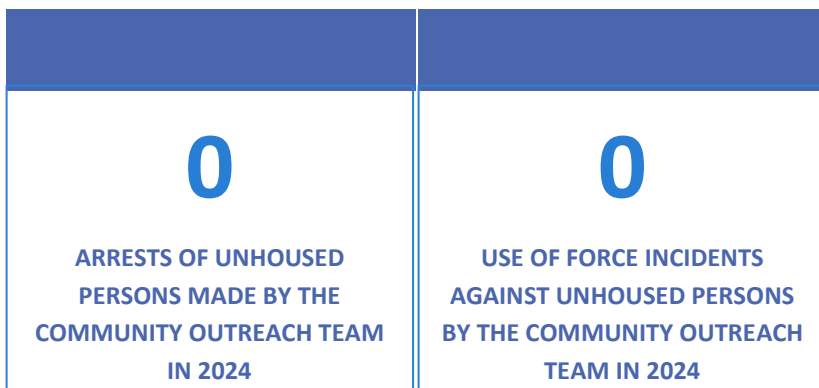
Victim Services Coordinator Thompson in the ICPD soft interview room, a space designed to help interviewees feel calmer and more comfortable than traditional police interview rooms.

Community Outreach

Outreach to Unhoused Persons

As part of its efforts to engage proactively with the community it serves, ICPD employs a Community Outreach team. An important area of focus for this unit is addressing issues related to the unhoused community. It is the goal of ICPD Community Outreach to ensure interactions with all members of our community are conducted with dignity and respect. The team meets with unhoused persons wherever they may be with the goals of:

- connecting unhoused individuals with important resources, including housing
- ensuring that lawful, City-ordered eviction proceedings are conducted with maximum respect to evicted persons
- mitigating potential issues between unhoused individuals and other community members



When City-ordered evictions take place, Community Outreach conducts multiple visits to encampments in advance to ensure the eviction date is communicated, helping prevent surprises, arrests, and destruction of important personal property. Community Outreach will work with the courts to update eviction orders if people depart a site prior to the eviction date, ensuring they do not accrue an eviction on their record needlessly that then serves as a further barrier to finding housing. In 2024, the Community Outreach team made zero arrests and had zero use of force incidents when interacting with unhoused people, a fact of which ICPD is very proud.

Shelter House

ICPD first partnered with Shelter House as part of the preliminary plan to restructure the department. The main goal of this partnership is to continue to help persons living without housing obtain necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, support systems, and medical access. This goal will be achieved through:

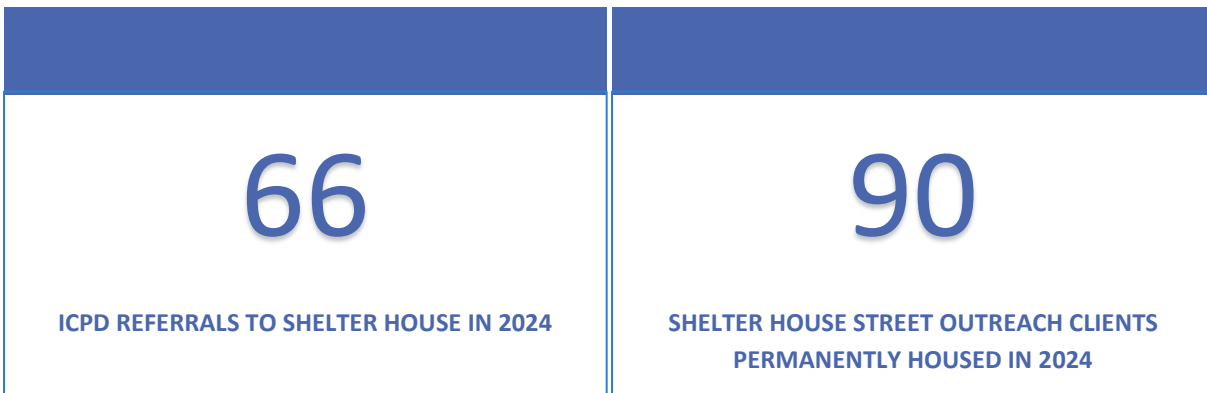
- Building rapport by building mutually respectful relationships

- Community collaboration to ensure maximum connection and stability
- Making referrals to obtain housing

Many referrals to the Shelter House originate with the ICPD Community Outreach team. Often, the team is the first point of contact for new members of the unhoused community; ICPD Community Outreach meets these community members where they are, makes connections, offers resources, and connects them with Shelter House staff.

Benefits

This relationship benefits all sides by helping Shelter House connect with clients more efficiently, reducing police time spent on non-crime-related calls, and helping community members access services and avoid jail and the emergency room. The police department is often the first point of contact to address issues relating to homelessness, as members of the community will call the police to report concerns or complaints about unhoused persons. Unless someone is violent or in danger, an ICPD officer is often not the most appropriate contact to meet the community’s needs in this instance, and their involvement distracts them from counter-crime efforts. Ultimately, the goal of this partnership is to shift community resources and community mindsets so that they better align with the needs of Iowa City’s unhoused population. Having a non-police entity respond to quality of life-related concerns can produce better outcomes for those individuals as they are connected and referred to social services.



The ICPD Community Outreach team meets monthly with Shelter House to coordinate on issues of mutual interest. These include sharing information on encampment locations; alerting Shelter House to developing conflicts between local businesses and unhoused persons so Shelter House personnel can attempt to mediate; discussing Shelter House capacity, projects, grants, and staffing; reviewing issues of mutual concern in the unhoused community; and coordinating on Shelter House’s physical safety.

In 2024, ICPD referred **66** people to Shelter House.

Mission and Partnerships

Community Outreach is at the heart of ICPD's mission, bridging the gap between the department and the community by providing information, connecting those in need with valuable resources, and meeting community members in the spaces where they are most comfortable to foster stronger relationships.

Community Outreach includes a fully sworn ICPD sergeant, a full-time Community Outreach Assistant and a part-time Community Outreach Assistant specifically assigned to working with Iowa City's immigrant and refugee population. Community Outreach is most effective when working with other sworn officers and leveraging the important resources provided by community partners. These partners include, but are not limited to:

- Community Crisis Services and Food Bank
- Iowa City Community School District
- Iowa City Senior Center
- Iowa City Public Library
- Johnson County Attorney's Office
- Law enforcement partners
- Safety Village
- Shelter House
- South District Neighborhood Association



From top: Outreach Sergeant Nieland and Community Outreach Assistant Hall give a presentation on common frauds and scams; Victim Services Coordinator Thompson and Downtown Liaison Fowler hand out candy at the Iowa City Public Library's Halloween celebration; ICPD Captain Brotherton is joined by a fellow police captain at the same event.

Outreach Events

The Community Outreach Team participates in events big and small year-round. Some of these events occur annually and give both the Outreach Team and community members fun activities to look forward to each year. These annual highlights include:

Safety Village

Safety Village is a two-week summer camp where children learn safety in a hands-on way. Topics include water safety, weather, basic first aid, pedestrian/bike/scooter safety, AirCare presentation, Day in the Life of a Police Officer, fire safety, fire truck/police car/ambulance tours, anti-bullying, and arts/crafts.



Above: A young person learns to rappel down a building at Emergency Services Youth Camp.

Left: Community Outreach Assistant Hall gives a presentation at Safety Village.

Emergency Services Youth Camp

Emergency Services Youth Camp is a fun, informative, and hands-on camp hosted by the ICPD, Iowa City Fire Department, Iowa City Animal Services, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Johnson County Ambulance Service, Johnson County Emergency Management, and the University of Iowa Department of Public Safety. The goal of camp is to connect with the youth because they are the future of our emergency services. Topics include Basic Fire Department Operations, Crime Scene,

Stop the Bleed, Rappelling, Metro Bomb Squad, CPR, Day in the Life of a Police Officer, Search and Rescue, Animal Control operations, and Anti-Bullying.



*Left: K9 Officer Hayes speaks to children at Emergency Services Youth Camp
Below: Officers pose with McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog (center, plainclothes)*

National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual celebration that encourages neighbors to get out of their homes, interact with each other and create connections to foster safer neighborhoods. The National Night Out in Iowa City features appearances by the Iowa City Public Library Bookmobile, Iowa City Police and Firefighters, and McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog.





Above: Officer Rossi at National Night Out.

Right: Community Outreach staff at Iowa City's 2024 Pride parade

Bottom: Outreach head Sgt. Nieland and some young shoppers out for Holiday with Heroes



Holiday with Heroes

Each year, members of the ICPD take children in need shopping for toys, clothing, winterwear, and gifts for their loved ones. This event is a big hit and puts a huge smile on the faces of children and officers alike.



The Community Outreach Team is always on the lookout for opportunities to connect with the community. These interactions come in all shapes and sizes and feature a wide variety of audiences including children, immigrants and refugees, and seniors. Examples include:

- ALICE presentations
- Bike rodeos
- Community celebrations such as Juneteenth, Pride, and Climate Fest
- Financial fraud presentations
- Job Fairs
- Kites for Kids
- Party in the Park
- Question and answer sessions for various community groups
- Soccer camp for local immigrant children
- Trunk or Treat



Community Outreach Assistant Joshua Dabusu with community members at an Eid al-Adha event hosted by Iowa City's Al-Iman Center.

Animal Services

Iowa City Animal Services is a division of the ICPD and operates as a public safety/enforcement agency for the protection of the public and animals in Iowa City. This division also provides services to Coralville, unincorporated Johnson County, University Heights, and the University of Iowa.

The Animal Services Division also operates the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center to re-home stray and abandoned animals. Programs are supported, in part, by contributions from Friends of the Animal Center Foundation (FACF).



Above: A dedicated shirt guardian at the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center offices.

Right, top: Animal Services employees around the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center sign

Right, bottom: Animal Services Officer DeWolf and a turtle.



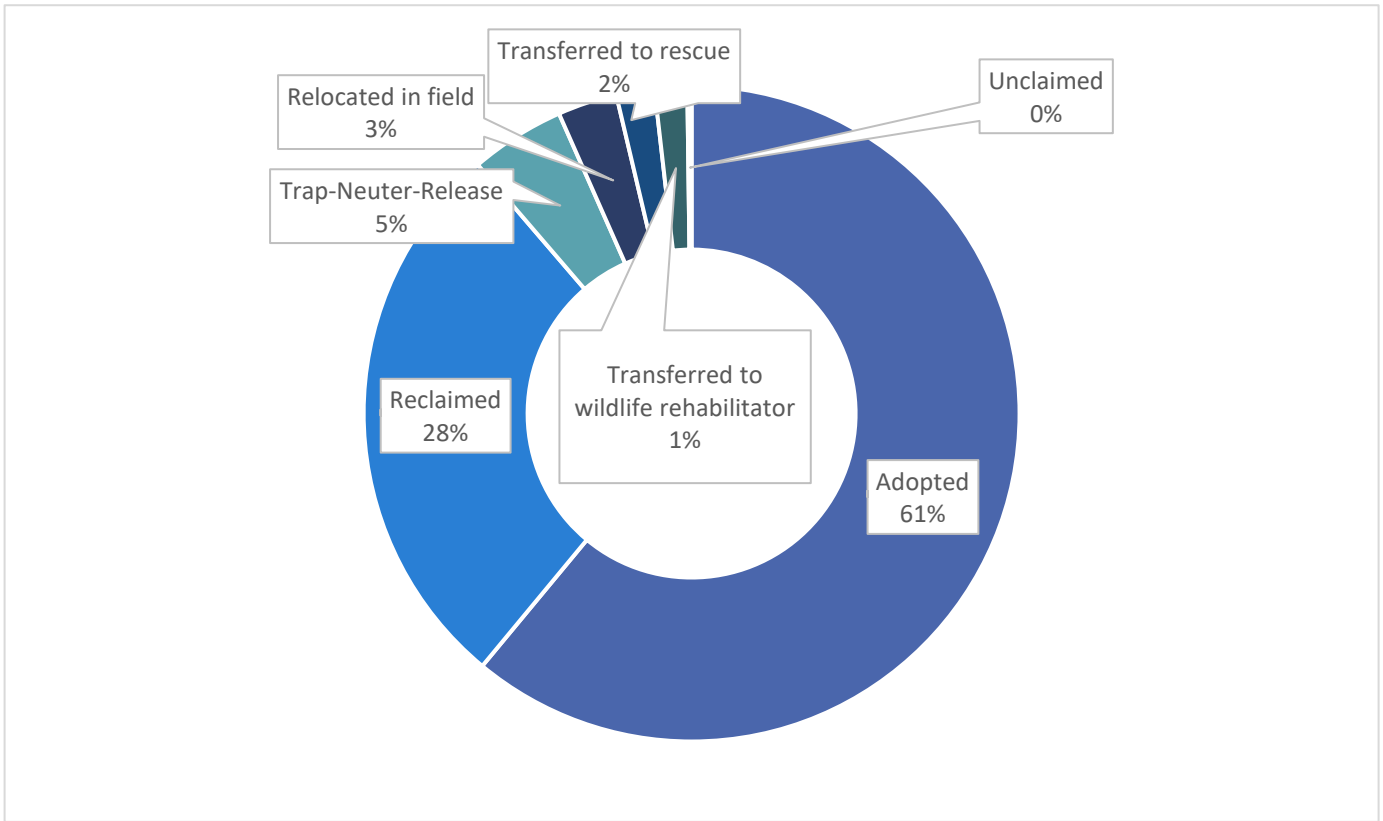
2024 Animal Service Statistics

All Animal Outcomes

Outcome	Cats	Dogs	Other ¹¹	Total
Adoptions	648	185	42	875
Animals euthanized	123	103	90	316
Animals reclaimed	104	287	6	397
Animals unclaimed	0	2	1	3
Died in care	7	1	1	9
Foster animals cared for	425	53	3	481
Live intakes	946	577	391	1914
Microchips	-	-	-	950
Relocated in field	0	0	42	42
Transferred to rescue	0	27	0	27
Transferred to wildlife rehabilitator	0	0	23	23
Trap-Neuter-Release program	67	0	0	67

¹¹ "Other" refers to birds, reptiles, small mammals, and wildlife.

Live Animal Outcomes Breakdown



2024 Euthanasia Statistics

Reason	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total
Aggression	8	24	0	32
Bat exposure	0	0	4	4
Behavior	14	53	0	67
Bite	1	5	1	7
Dangerous	0	3	0	3
Feral	6	0	0	6
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0
Sick/injured	63	18	79	160
Unborn/unweaned	31	0	6	37

Enforcement and Outreach

In addition to the full-time staff, the center relies on the generosity of community members to accomplish its mission. In 2024, community members donated **11,578.2 hours** of volunteer work. The foster program cared for **481 animals** with a total of **8,903 days** for all animals. These numbers are all within ten percent of 2023's totals.



Left: Animal Services presentation at Safety Village

Right: Animal Services volunteers interact with Boga, an alumni of the animal shelter

Enforcement Activity

Animals collected in the field by ASOs
 Animal bite investigations
 Animal bite quarantines
 Animal bites tested:
Bats for exposure
Dogs/cats
 Animal bites unable to quarantine
 Citations issued
 Hoarding/mass animal impound
 Service calls addressed
 Vicious animal hearings

Number of Instances

239
 147
 111
 12
 5
 7
 24
 89
 0
 2,317
 3

Outreach Programs

Classes attended by the community
 Center dogs attended training classes in the community
 Humane education presentations
 Organized events/tours
 Vouchers for dog obedience class redeemed

Number of Instances

65
 2
 20
 19
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Chris Whitmore Retirement

Animal Services Coordinator Chris Whitmore retired on Friday, March 1, 2024, after more than 30 years with the City. Whitmore was hired as an Animal Service Officer on June 14, 1993, and was promoted to Coordinator on Sept. 24, 2018. Whitmore provided the people and animals of the Iowa City community with more than three decades of dedicated service and care. Throughout her career, Whitmore has been highly regarded for her work ethic, professionalism, and passion for providing high quality and humane animal care and enforcement. The Chris S. Whitmore Animal Services Employee of the Year Award was established to honor her legacy.



Chief Liston, left, speaks at the retirement party for Animal Services Coordinator Whitmore, right of center.

Nationwide Line of Duty Deaths



In 2024, there were 107 police officer line of duty deaths in the United States.¹² The Iowa City Police Department honors the memory of these men and women.

¹² FBI [Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted \(LEOKA\)](#) data.