

Overall Goals:

- **Improve public safety**
- **Reduce duplicative reporting**
- **Increase time to prevent/investigate crime**
- **Comply with State law**
- **Ensure transparency**
- **Follow City Charter**
- **Build mutual trust**

Key BPD statistics

Use of force:

0.48% of contacts

Equivalent to 1 in ~200 contacts

Use of military equipment:

0.02% of contacts

Equivalent to 1 in 5,000 contacts

Military Equipment Ordinance

- **Adopted May 2021**
- **Establishes equipment list**
- **Requirements:**
 - **Policy & reporting**
 - **Council & PAB approval**
 - **Public hearings**
 - **Annual reauthorization**

Assembly Bill 481

- **Enacted October 2021**
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Equipment type	BMC 2.100	AB 481
General Military Vehicles	✓	✓
Weaponized aircraft/vehicles	✓	✓
Breaching equipment	✓	✓
≥.50 caliber weapons / ammo	✓	✓
Specialized firearms	✓	✓
Projectile launchers	✓	✓
Flashbangs	✓	✓
Tear gas/pepper balls	✓	✓
Area denial weapons	✓	✓
"Catch-all" category	✓	✓
Hand-held pepper spray	✓	✗
Batons longer than 30in	✓	✗
Knives on muzzles	✓	✗
Command / control vehicles	✗	✓
Drones / remote vehicles	✗	✓

Military Equipment Ordinance

- M.E. Use Policy and Impact “Report” + “Statement”
 - Production[sic] description & serial #'s
 - Summary of equipment use
 - Impacts
 - Costs
 - “If applicable” geographic breakdown
 - Complaints
 - Audits / recommendations
 - Quantities
 - Intended acquisitions
 - Alternatives & mitigations

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BPD Policy 300 “Use of Force”

- **Establishes reporting for *all* use of force**
 - Not just military equipment use
- **Requires “Use of Pepper Spray” report**
 - This covers “gap” in State requirements
- **Conforms to CA record retention/disclosure**
- **Transparency Hub includes resulting reports**



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PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Berkeley Police Transparency Hub

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Serving with transparency, a diverse workforce and collaborative strategies developed with the community.



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Use of Force Data Snapshot Use tabs below to switch between Year to Date and Last 30 Days

Total Incidents

160

-8% from last year

Officers

495

+10% from last year

Subjects

163

-17% from last year

Total Level 1 Uses

119

+1% from last year

Total Level 2 Uses

69

-8% from last year

Total Level 3 Uses

26

+44% from last year

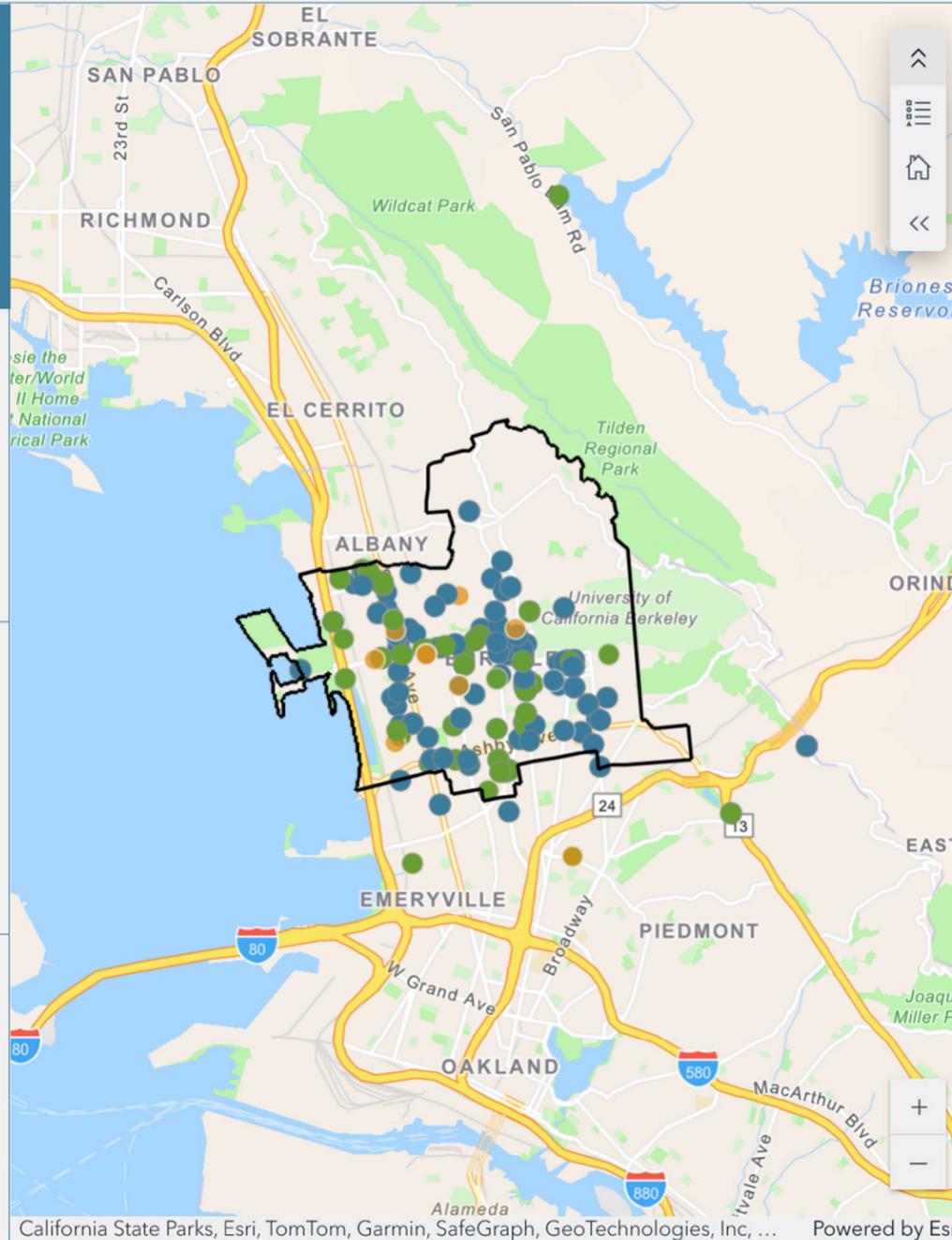
Total Level 4 Uses

0

+ from last year

Year to Date

Last 30 Days



Most Recent Uses of Force

- Level 1 Grab**
 - Effect an Arrest 7/12/2025, 4:08 PM
- Level 3 Takedown**
 - Effect an Arrest 7/12/2025, 4:08 PM
- Level 1 Grab**
 - Effect an Arrest 7/12/2025, 4:08 PM
- Level 2 Handgun Pointed**
 - Effect an Arrest 7/11/2025, 10:57 AM
- Level 2 Handgun Pointed**
 - Perceived as Armed 7/6/2025, 6:14 PM
- Level 1 Grab**
 - Combative 7/5/2025, 4:34 PM
- Level 1 Grab**
 - Combative 7/5/2025, 4:34 PM
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List updates with map extent



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Type: CSV

Date updated: 6/10/2025

Tags: Calls for Service

Date created: 3/6/2023

Dataset

Berkeley PD Use of Force (03/2021 - Current)

gis_apiservice_pd

Type: CSV

Date updated: 3/4/2025

Tags: Use of Force

Date created: 8/24/2022

Feedback

Community Traffic Concern Survey

MYee@cityofberkeley.info_berkeleypd

Let the Berkeley Police Department Traffic Bureau know about your traffic safety concern in the community

Type: Form

Date updated: 10/2/2024

Tags: Survey123

Date created: 10/19/2022

Dataset

callsforservice_csv

gis_apiservice_pd

Type: Feature Service

Date updated: 7/20/2025

Tags:

Date created: 4/28/2023

Berkeley PD Use of Force (03/2021 - Current)

Private Member ⓘ
Private Organization ⓘ

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Details

- Dataset Table**
- March 4, 2025 at 6:10:08 AM PST**
Info Updated
- March 4, 2025 at 2:10:08 PM PST**
Data Updated
- August 24, 2022 at 1:48:26 PM PDT**
Published Date
- Records: 2,000**
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	Race	Subject_Role	Subject_Age	Block_Address	City	Use_of_Force_Number	Officer_Incident_Number	Officer_Role	Use_of_Force_Level	Use_of_Force_Type	OccurredDate	Subject_Arrested	Use_of_Force
male	Black	Arrested	28	1500 Channing Way	Berkeley	5,870	7,990	Cover Officer	Level 2	Level 2 Control Hold PCT	3/2/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Resisting Ar
	Black	Arrested	28	1500 Channing Way	Berkeley	5,869	7,990	Cover Officer	Level 2	Level 2 Takedown	3/2/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Resisting Ar
	Black	Arrested	28	1500 Channing Way	Berkeley	5,868	7,989	Trainee	Level 2	Level 2 Control Hold PCT	3/2/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Resisting Ar
	White	Arrested	28	Carleton Street & Seventh Street	Berkeley	5,866	7,985	Supervisor	Level 2	Level 2 Rifle Pointed	2/26/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Reported as
	White	Arrested	28	Carleton Street & Seventh Street	Berkeley	5,867	7,986	Cover Officer	Level 2	Level 2 Slung Rifle DNP	2/26/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Reported as
	Black	Arrested	40	2500 Channing Way	Berkeley	5,856	7,976	Cover Officer	Level 1	Level 1 Body Weight	2/25/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Assault on C
	Black	Arrested	60	1700 San Pablo Avenue	Berkeley	5,864	7,982	Primary Officer	Level 3	Level 3 Strike/Kick	2/25/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Effect an Ar
le	Black	Arrested	40	2500 Channing Way	Berkeley	5,859	7,975	Primary Officer	Level 1	Level 1 Grab	2/25/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Assault on C
le	Black	Arrested	40	2500 Channing Way	Berkeley	5,858	7,975	Primary Officer	Level 1	Level 1 Body Weight	2/25/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Assault on C
le	Black	Arrested	40	2500 Channing Way	Berkeley	5,857	7,976	Cover Officer	Level 1	Level 1 Grab	2/25/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Assault on C
male	White	Arrested	38	1300 Gilman Street	Berkeley	5,860	7,979	Primary Officer	Level 1	Level 1 Control Hold PCT	2/24/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Effect an Ar
male	White	Arrested	38	1300 Gilman Street	Berkeley	5,861	7,979	Primary Officer	Level 1	Level 1 Control Hold PCT	2/24/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Effect an Ar
male	White	Arrested	38	1300 Gilman Street	Berkeley	5,862	7,980	Cover Officer	Level 1	Level 1 Grab	2/24/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Effect an Ar
male	White	Arrested	38	1300 Gilman Street	Berkeley	5,863	7,980	Cover Officer	Level 1	Level 1 Control Hold PCT	2/24/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Effect an Ar
male	Black	Arrested	38	2200 Shattuck Avenue	Berkeley	5,854	7,973	Primary Officer	Level 1	Level 1 Control Hold PCT	2/19/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Effect an Ar
le	Black	Arrested	53	1300 San Pablo Avenue	Berkeley	5,840	7,962	Primary Officer	Level 1	Level 1 Grab	2/19/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Resisting Ar
le	Black	Arrested	53	1300 San Pablo Avenue	Berkeley	5,839	7,961	Cover Officer	Level 2	Level 2 Takedown	2/19/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Resisting Ar
male	Black	Arrested	38	2200 Shattuck Avenue	Berkeley	5,855	7,974	Cover Officer	Level 1	Level 1 Control Hold PCT	2/19/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	Effect an Ar
le	White	Arrested	23	1300 Addison Street	Berkeley	5,836	7,959	Cover Officer	Level 3	Level 3 Chemical Agents	2/18/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	brandishing
le	White	Arrested	22	1300 Addison Street	Berkeley	5,839	7,960	Primary Officer	Level 1	Level 1 Grab	2/18/2025, 12:00 AM	Yes	brandishing

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Level 1 Body Weight	Level 2 Bodyweight	Level 3 Body Weight	Level 4 OIS
Level 1 Control Hold PCT	Level 2 Control Hold PCT	Level 3 Chemical Agents	
Level 1 Grab	Level 2 Firearm DNP	Level 3 Control Hold PCT	
Level 1 Leverage	Level 2 Firearm Pointed	Level 3 Firearm Pointed	
Level 1 Lowered TGSP	Level 2 Grab	Level 3 Grab	
Level 1 Push	Level 2 Handgun DNP	Level 3 Handgun DNP	
Level 1 Strike/Kick	Level 2 Handgun Pointed	Level 3 Handgun Pointed	
Level 1 Takedown	Level 2 Leverage	Level 3 Impact Weapon	
	Level 2 Pressure Point	Level 3 Less than Lethal	
	Level 2 Push	Level 3 Leverage	
	Level 2 Rifle Pointed	Level 3 OC	
	Level 2 Shotgun Pointed	Level 3 Personal Body W	
	Level 2 Slung Rifle DNP	Level 3 Push	
	Level 2 Strike/Kick	Level 3 Rifle Pointed	
	Level 2 Takedown	Level 3 Strike/Kick	
		Level 3 Takedown	

City Charter: Police Accountability Board

(3)(a) The Police Accountability Board has the following powers and duties:

(1) To **advise and make recommendations** to the public, City Council, and City Manager regarding the operation of the Berkeley Police Department, **including all written policies, practices, and procedures** in relation to the Berkeley Police Department;

...

(b) **Nothing in this chapter** granting powers and duties to the Police Accountability Board **shall limit the City Council's, Chief of Police's or City Manager's authority derived from other provisions of this Charter** to act on policing matters, unless explicitly stated

Summary and Conclusion

AB 481 covers

- Types of military equipment
- Elected body oversight over use/acquisition
- Annual reporting

BPD Policy 300 and Transparency Hub Cover

- Reporting on use of Military Equipment
- Geographic distribution of use

City Charter Covers

- PAB role in overseeing BPD policy/reporting

Summary and Conclusion

The Military Equipment ordinance is therefore unnecessary and duplicative pursuant to subsequently adopted State laws

Provisions of the ordinance that go beyond State law are effectively covered by other policies and practices

Rescinding the ordinance would maintain oversight and reporting, while reducing administrative burden