



# A Snapshot of 2021 Use of Force and Race-Based Data

To overcome systemic barriers in policing, the Government of Ontario mandated all police services in the province to collect race-based data in use of force incidents. We are fully committed to our priorities and push forward for the continual dismantling of racial inequities in our service, including building trust in the communities we serve through professionalism, understanding and compassion. This document provides a high-level snapshot of some of our steady progress in relation to use of force.

In 2021, **de-escalation strategies** were used as an alternative measure in **88%** of incidents prior to force being used.

The following percentages represent de-escalation by race prior to force being used.

South Asian:	83.6%
East & Southeast Asian:	83.7%
Black:	89.2%
White:	90.5%
Indigenous:	100%

**15.62%** decrease from 2020 in the number of times a type of force was applied on a member of the public.

Reduction of use of force applications:

- ▼ Black: 21.68%
- ▼ South Asian: 30.41%

**13.61%** decrease in the number of officers involved in use of force interactions. 400 officers were involved in use of force interactions in 2021, compared to 463 officers in 2020.

Data shows that the average number of officers that used force in an interaction was consistent across racial groups.

Less than 1% of interactions with a person in crisis involved use of force.

Source: Peel Regional Police 2021 Annual Use of Force Report