

Burlington Police Department 2021 Annual Report Addendum

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After the publication of the 2021 Annual Report, the Chief alerted staff in the Office of City Planning that certain charges, including “impeding public officers” and “lewd and lascivious conduct”, had been described as misdemeanors in the report, but were in fact felonies. On May 23, staff audited the key that linked each charge to its category (felony or misdemeanor), and corrected errors; they also corrected the affected tables, figures and statistical tests. This addendum contains the corrected tables, figures, and tests.

The second paragraph on page 27 of the report should now state, “In Figure 18, among non-violent misdemeanors, the rate of use of force increases from 2020 to 2021, but the difference is not statistically significant. Across 2020 and 2021, the difference between White and Black arrestees is statistically significant. The increase in the disparity is not statistically significant. So, although the gap between Black and White in 2021 is greater than the gap between Black and White in 2020, the increase is no bigger than would be expected by chance alone. All of these statements are true whether or not you treat pointing or displaying a gun as a use of force.”

Race	Total		VF		NVF		VM		NVM		U	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
White	736	100.0%	63	8.6%	127	17.3%	92	12.5%	298	40.5%	156	21.2%
Black	199	100.0%	37	18.6%	37	18.6%	32	16.1%	64	32.2%	29	14.6%
Native American	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%
Asian	32	100.0%	2	6.2%	1	3.1%	3	9.4%	19	59.4%	7	21.9%
Some other race	3	100.0%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%
Missing race	16	100.0%	1	6.2%	5	31.2%	4	25.0%	2	12.5%	4	25.0%

Table 13: **Severity of arrests in 2021.** Some charges are misdemeanors or felonies depending on the specifics of the case; these uncategorized arrests are listed under “U”. VF = Violent Felony, NVF = Non-Violent Felony, VM = Violent Misdemeanor, NVM = Non-Violent Misdemeanor, U = Uncategorized. No Pacific Islanders were arrested in 2021.



Figure 16: **Number of arrests each year, by severity.** Note that the vertical or y -axis is different for each plot. Some charges are misdemeanors or felonies depending on the specifics of the case, and are not represented in this plot.

Severity	Total		White UOF		NPD		Total		Black UOF		NPD	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
VF	63	100.0%	14	22.2%	12	19.0%	37	100.0%	8	21.6%	7	18.9%
NVF	127	100.0%	14	11.0%	10	7.9%	37	100.0%	10	27.0%	7	18.9%
VM	92	100.0%	9	9.8%	8	8.7%	32	100.0%	3	9.4%	3	9.4%
NVM	298	100.0%	13	4.4%	10	3.4%	64	100.0%	10	15.6%	7	10.9%

Table 14: **Percent of arrests in 2021 that also have a use of force, by race and severity.** VF = Violent Felony, NVF = Non-Violent Felony, VM = Violent Misdemeanor, NVM = Non-Violent Misdemeanor; UOF = Force used; NPD = Force used, not counting pointing or displaying a gun as a use of force.

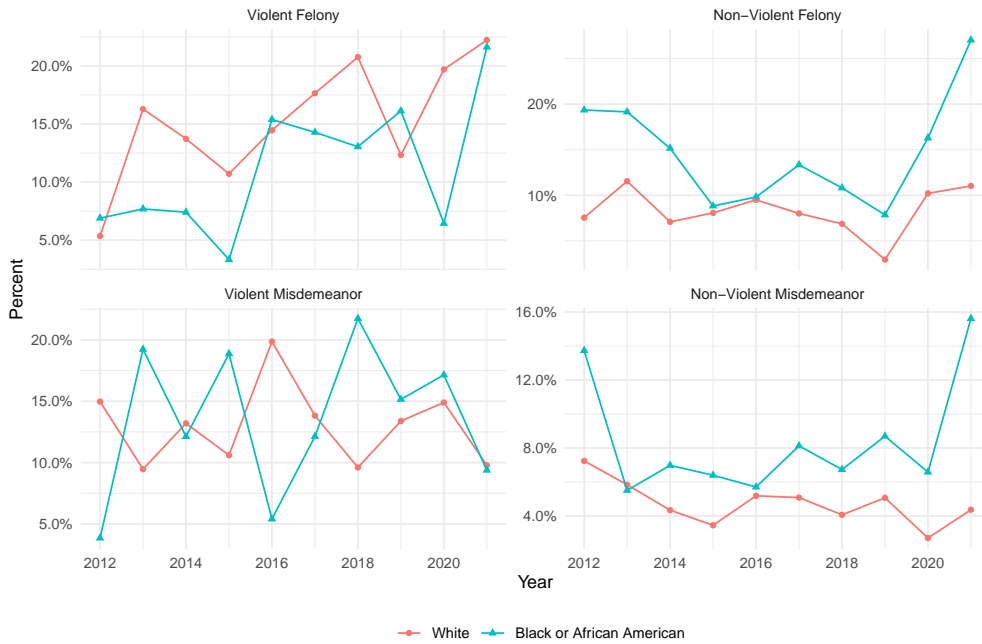


Figure 17: **Percent of arrests that also have a use of force, by race, year, and severity.** Note that the vertical or *y*-axis is different for each plot.

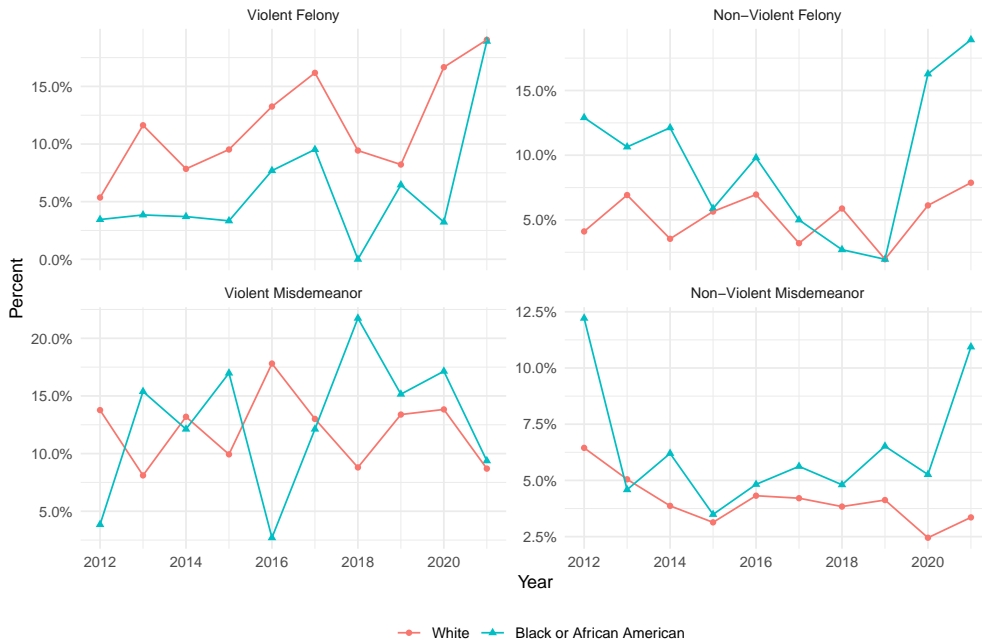


Figure 18: **Percent of arrests that also have a use of force, by race, year, and severity, not considering drawing or pointing a firearm to be a use of force.** Note that the vertical or *y*-axis is different for each plot.