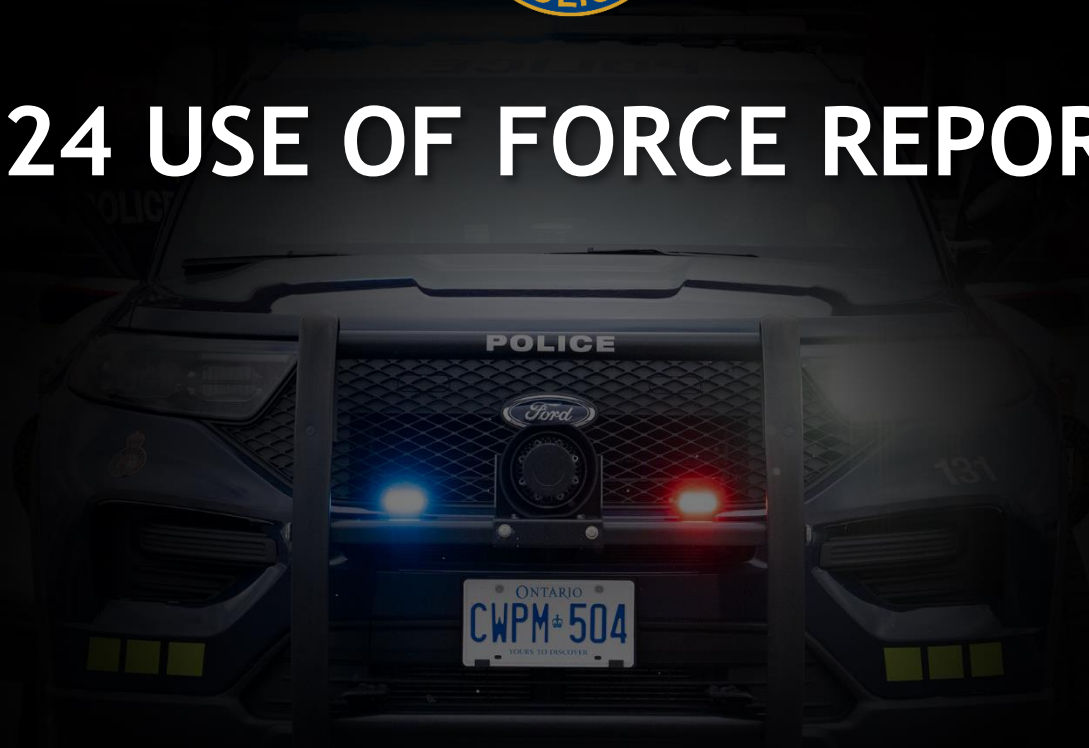# 2024 USE OF FORCE REPORT

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GREATER TORONTO'S TOP 2025 EMPLOYERS

INTRODUCTION

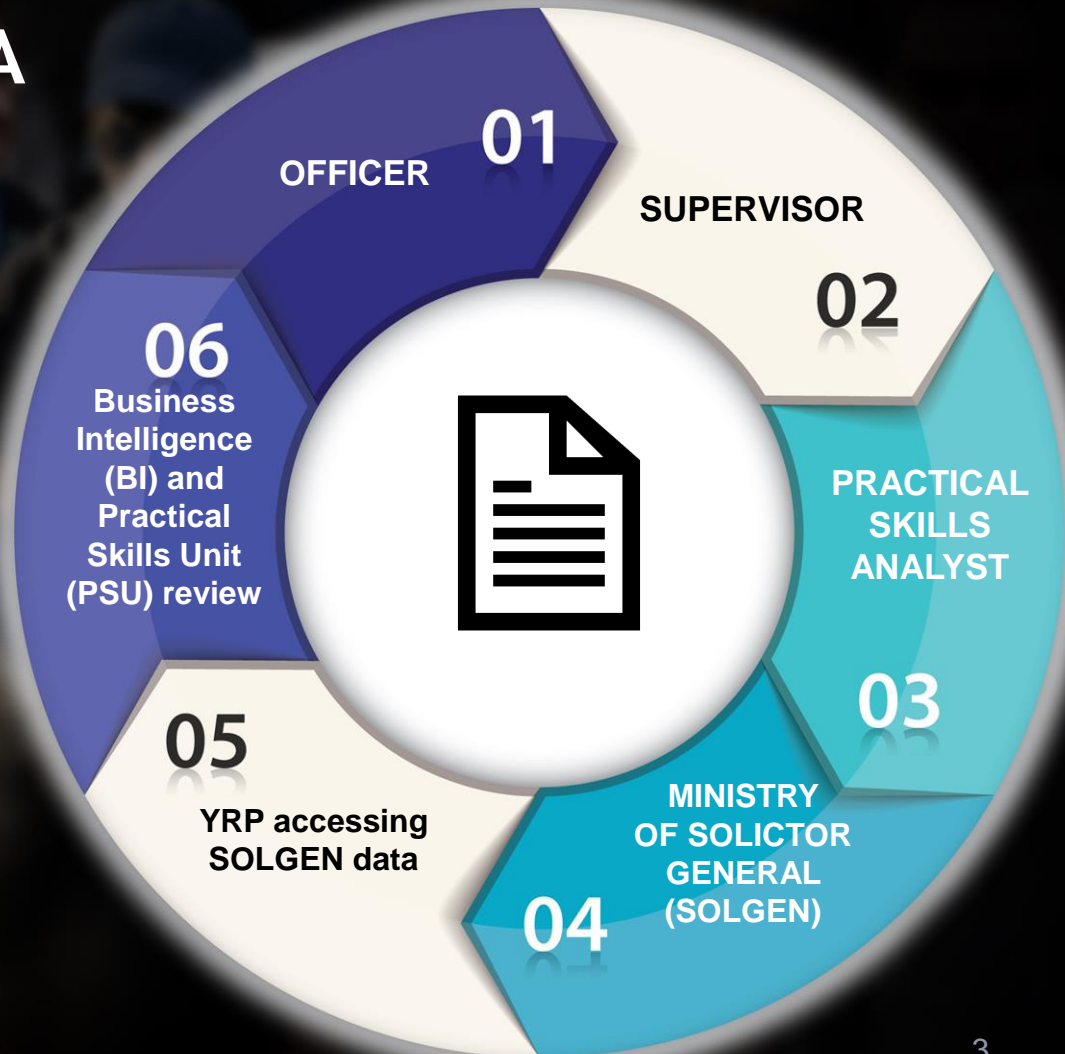**TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS FOR SERVICE:**
405,726

NUMBER OF USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS:
269

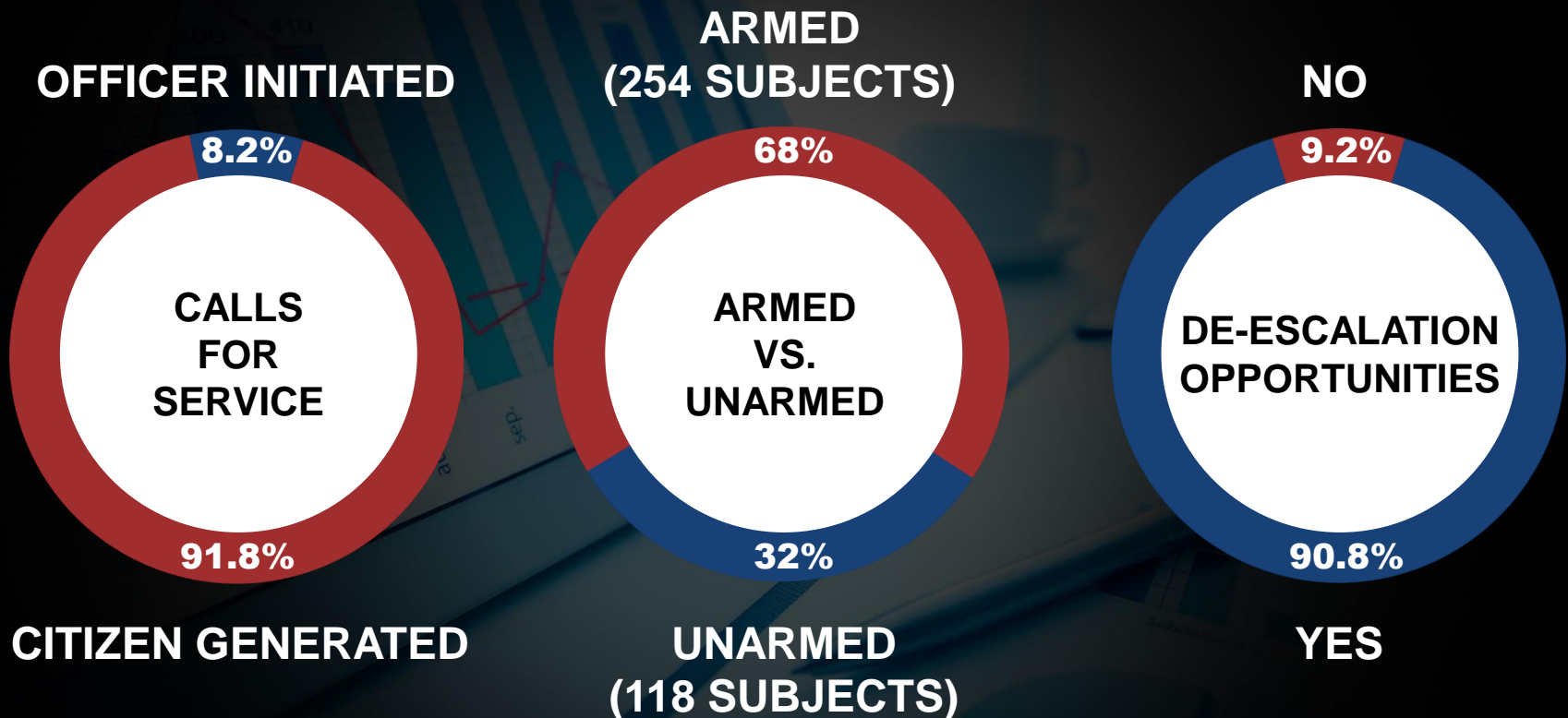**PERCENTAGE OF INCIDENTS THAT INVOLVED USE OF FORCE:**
0.066%

2024 USE OF FORCE / RACE IDENTITY BASED DATA

In 2023, York Regional Police began working collaboratively with the Ontario Police College and the Ministry of the Solicitor General to improve our data validation procedures and transparency.

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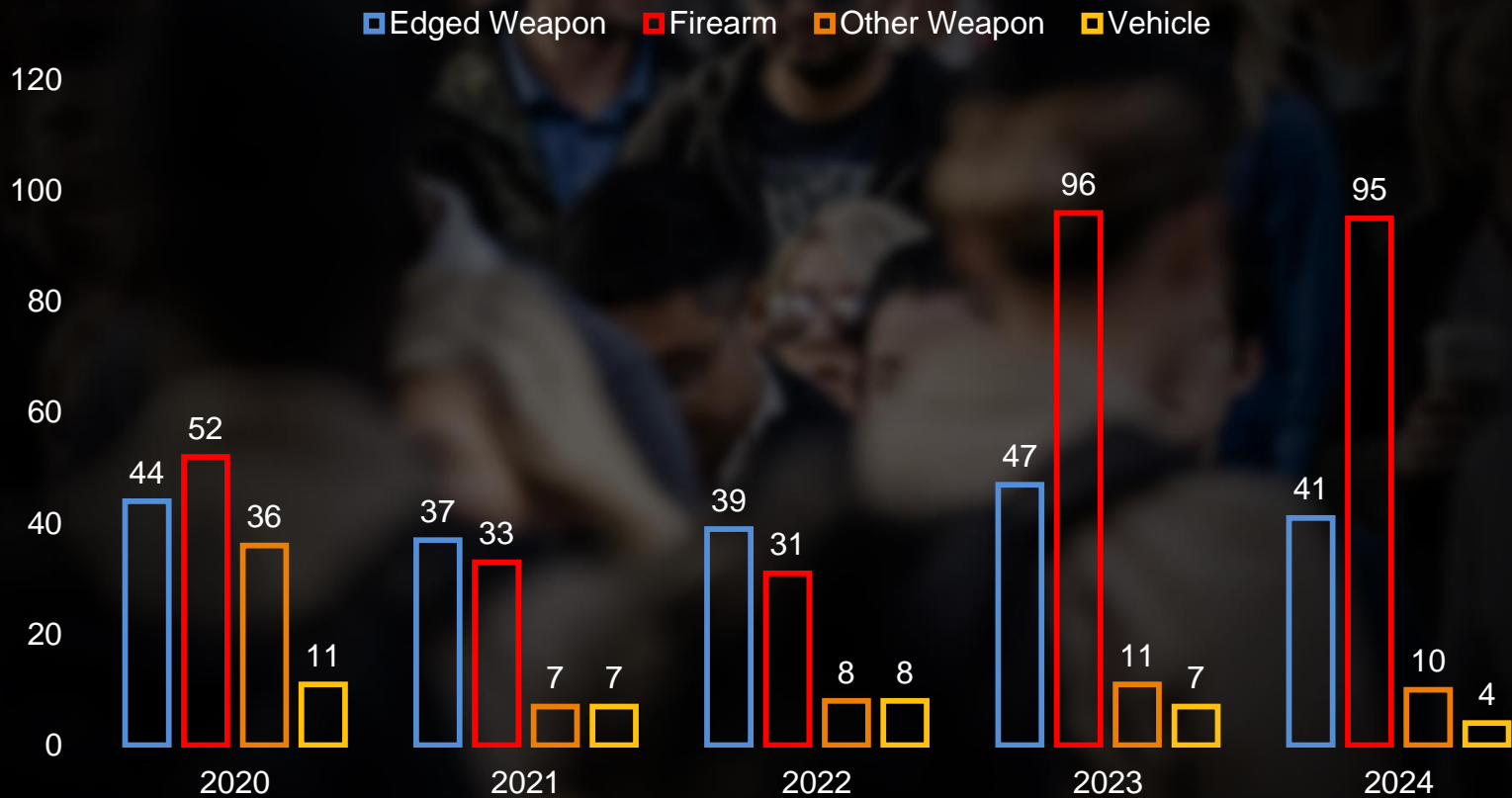**Ministry of the Solicitor General**

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05 YRP accessing SOLGEN data

06 Business Intelligence (BI) and Practical Skills Unit (PSU) review

2024 USE OF FORCE

OFFICER INITIATED

8.2%

CALLS
FOR
SERVICE

91.8%

CITIZEN GENERATED

**ARMED
(254 SUBJECTS)**

68%

ARMED
VS.
UNARMED

32%

**UNARMED
(118 SUBJECTS)**

NO

9.2%

DE-ESCALATION
OPPORTUNITIES

90.8%

YES

2024 USE OF FORCE:
INCIDENTS WITH ARMED SUBJECTS

Legend: □ Edged Weapon □ Firearm □ Other Weapon □ Vehicle

Year	Edged Weapon	Firearm	Other Weapon	Vehicle
2020	44	52	36	11
2021	37	33	7	7
2022	39	31	8	8
2023	47	96	11	7
2024	41	95	10	4

WEAPONS USED BY SUBJECTS
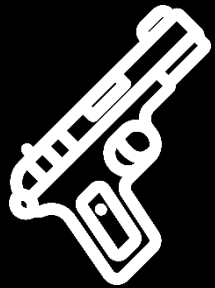
FIREARM
71%
(181 SUBJECTS)

EDGED WEAPON
22%
(55 SUBJECTS)

BLUNT FORCE
10%
(12 SUBJECTS)

VEHICLE
4%
(6 SUBJECTS)

USE OF FORCE OPTIONS

PHYSICAL CONTROL
18%

POLICE SERVICE DOG
2%

AEROSOL DEPLOYED
0.3%

CEW DISPLAYED
17%

CEW DEPLOYED
8%

FIREARM POINTED
48.7%

FIREARM DISCHARGED
6%

USE OF FORCE APPLIED

PHYSICAL CONTROL

96 ▲

88 IN 2023

FIREARM DISCHARGED

19 ▲

9 IN 2023

FIREARM POINTED

152 ▼

165 IN 2023
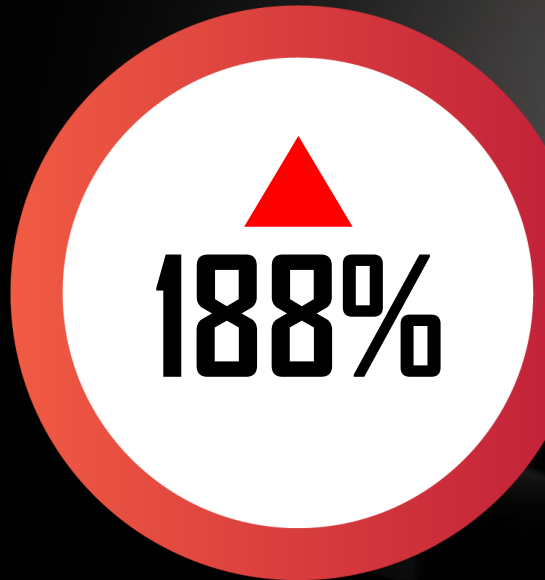
CEW DISPLAYED

52 ▼

62 IN 2023

CEW DEPLOYED

24 ▲

19 IN 2023

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FIREARM-RELATED ENCOUNTERS: 2020 – 2024

188%

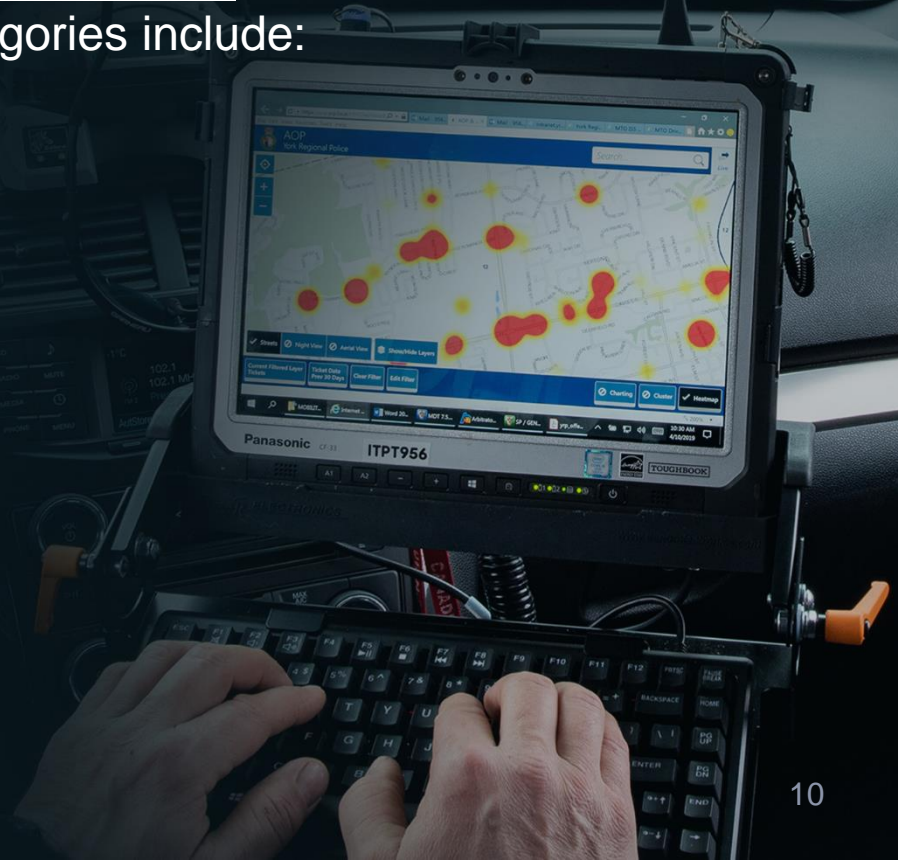**2020 – 2024 FIREARM ENCOUNTERS**

2023>2024 FIREARM ENCOUNTERS:21%
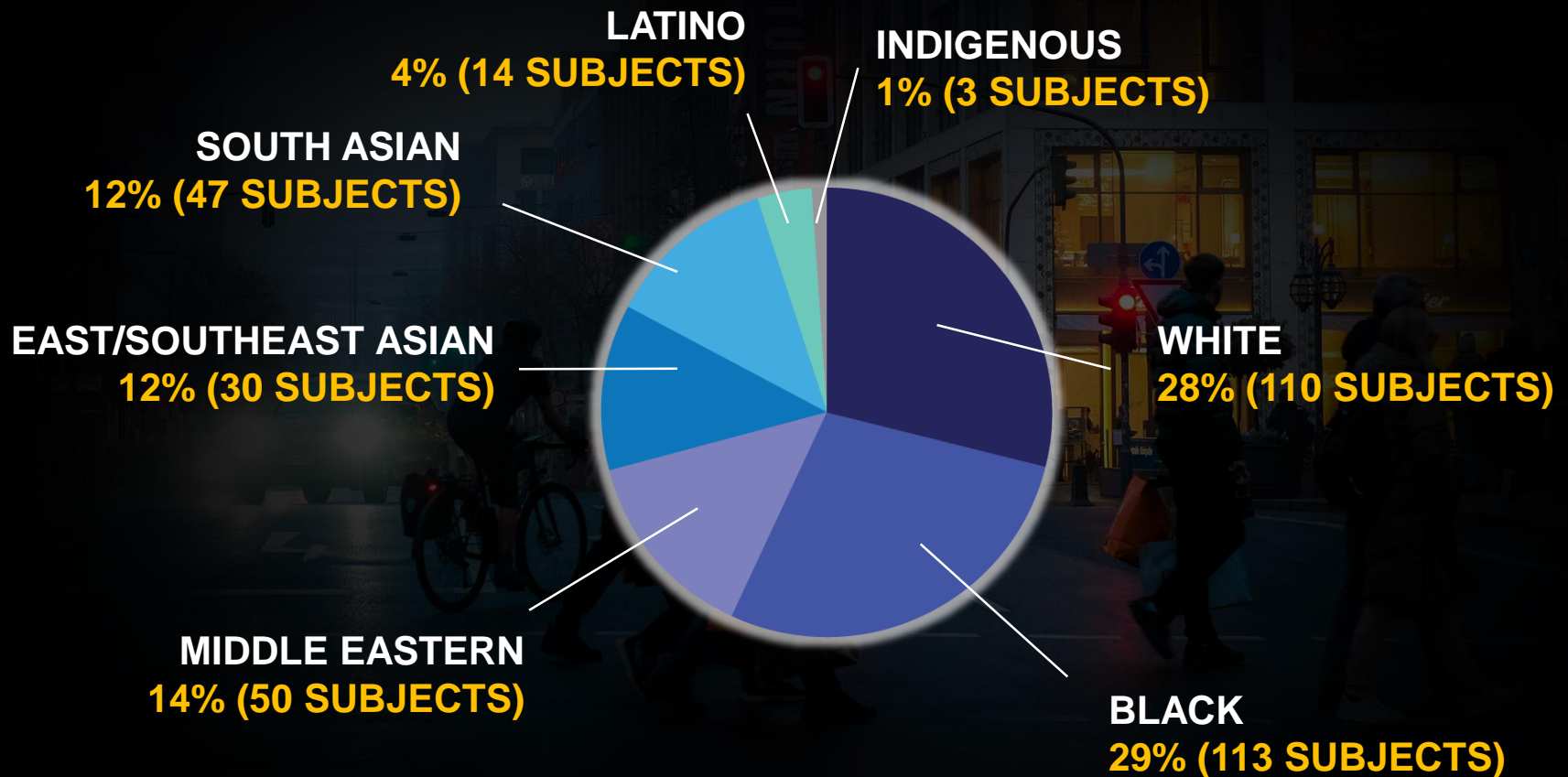
RACE IDENTITY BASED DATA

As of January 1, 2020, under the Anti-Racism Act, police services in Ontario have been mandated to collect data on the <u>perceived race</u> of individuals involved in use of force incidents. The 7 Race-Based categories include:

- White
- Black
- Middle Eastern
- East/South East Asian
- South Asian
- Latino
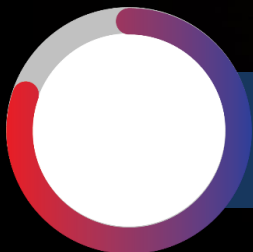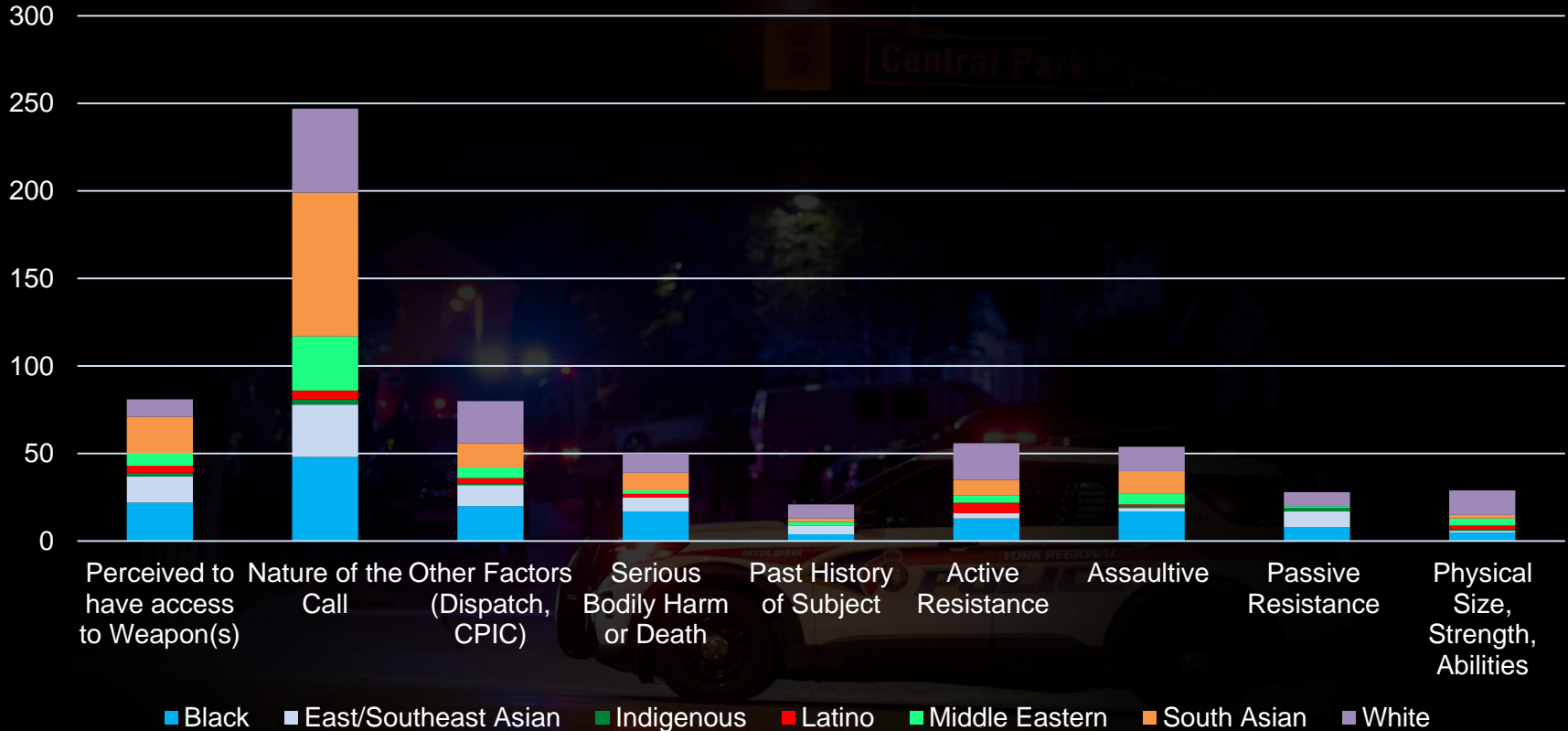- Indigenous

SUBJECT RACE DATA

LATINO
4% (14 SUBJECTS)

INDIGENOUS
1% (3 SUBJECTS)

SOUTH ASIAN
12% (47 SUBJECTS)

WHITE
28% (110 SUBJECTS)

EAST/SOUTHEAST ASIAN
12% (30 SUBJECTS)

MIDDLE EASTERN
14% (50 SUBJECTS)

BLACK
29% (113 SUBJECTS)

UNARMED SUBJECTS

Chart legend: Black, East/Southeast Asian, Indigenous, Latino, Middle Eastern, South Asian, White

Categories: Perceived to have access to Weapon(s), Nature of the Call, Other Factors (Dispatch, CPIC), Serious Bodily Harm or Death, Past History of Subject, Active Resistance, Assaultive, Passive Resistance, Physical Size, Strength, Abilities

OF ALL USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS WERE CITIZEN-GENERATED CALLS.

ARMED SUBJECTS' PERCEIVED RACE

FIREARM

WHITE	37
BLACK	76
EAST/SOUTHEAST ASIAN	13
MIDDLE EASTERN	27
SOUTH ASIAN	20
INDIGENOUS	1
LATINO	7
UNKNOWN	0
TOTAL	181
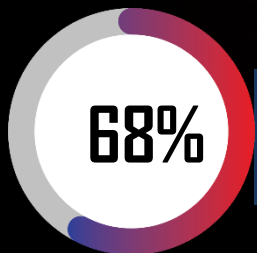
68% OF ALL USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS INVOLVED AN ARMED SUBJECT(S).

ARMED SUBJECTS' PERCEIVED RACE

EDGED WEAPON

WHITE	**17**
BLACK	**7**
EAST/SOUTHEAST ASIAN	**4**
MIDDLE EASTERN	**8**
SOUTH ASIAN	**18**
INDIGENOUS	**0**
LATINO	**1**
UNKNOWN	**0**
TOTAL	**55**
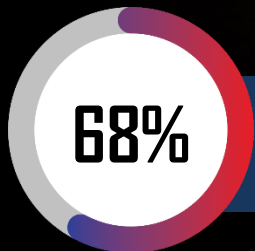
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SUBJECTS' RESIDENCY

Chart legend: ■ York Resident ■ Non-York Resident

Category	York Resident	Non-York Resident
White	44	8
Black	26	52
East/Southeast Asian	8	10
Middle Eastern	15	16
South Asian	6	28
Indigenous	0	1
Latino	4	4

42.5% INVOLVED NON-YORK RESIDENTS. A **10%** INCREASE FROM 2023

OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS AND CHARACTERISTICS

PATROL
72%

INVESTIGATIVE
6%

ERU
20%

CANINE
2%

72% **INVOLVED FRONTLINE UNIFORM MEMBERS**

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2024 DE-ESCALATION STRATEGIES

90.8%

OF THE 269 USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS, DE-ESCALATION STRATEGIES WERE USED 90.8% AS AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD.

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SUMMARY

Significant increase in officers encountering armed subjects, with **68%** of encounters involving individuals who were armed. Over the past five years, incidents involving subjects armed with firearms have increased by **188%**.

Despite an increase of firearm encounters, YRP Use of Force incidents remain the lowest in the GTA. **92%** of Use of Force incidents resulted from citizen-generated calls.

Despite the evolving dynamics of modern policing, YRP continues to maintain one of the lowest use of force ratios in the province.

Training continues to enhance our capabilities in de-escalation, effective interaction with persons in crisis, officer decision-making, and the use of innovative policing technologies to improve public safety.

THANK YOU

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