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2. Methodology

In addition to specific methodological methodologies listed throughout this report, general methodology can be found below.

1. Best Data at the Time

All statistics, including yearly totals, are calculated using the best available data at the time. Occasionally, after our reports are published, factors determined during investigation will cause us to reclassify a crime to a higher or lower category, and discrepancies between current and past reports may result. In all cases, the more recent data is the more correct data.

2. Crime Incident Calculations

Crime incidents are calculated in this report using NIBRS categories, without hierarchy calculation and with related/duplicate incidents excluded. That is, incidents with offenses in multiple categories will count to each category for which an offense is present, multiple arrests from a single incident are counted as one incident, and arrests where there is also an incident report are excluded. Incidents with multiple offense categories within a NIBRS category, such as Larceny/Theft Offenses (23A-H) or Sex Offenses (11A-D; 36A-B,360), are counted once to the NIBRS category as indicated in the report, rather than once per unique offense category. In the case of assaults, simple assaults are excluded where an aggravated assault charge is also present.

As such, the numbers reported in this document will vary from those calculated by the FBI UCR/NIBRS program, with the variation differing depending on the characteristics of each NIBRS category and their position within the NIBRS hierarchy. A comparison of prior FBI UCR/NIBRS data indicates that trends are similar in nature to those found in this report.

3. Demographics

The categories used by New Bedford Police Department's (NBPD) Record Management System (RMS) to record race data follow FBI UCR Program categories and are outlined below in Table 2.3.1. These categories can be compared with Census race categories provided in Table 2.3.2. Of note in the New Bedford context two Census categories in the 2020 Decennial Census¹ that are not present in the NBPD RMS, *Some Other Race alone* and *Two or more races*, comprised approximately 31% (total) of the New Bedford population.

An individual's race in the NBPD's RMS is obtained from a range of various sources, including partner agencies and officer observation. A record of the source and when it was entered or updated is not stored within the RMS.

For these reasons, comparing NBPD's race populations with self-reported census data is problematic and cautioned against.

¹ Data source: 2020: DEC Redistricting Data (PL 94-171)

Table 2.3.1: NBPD RMS/NIBRS Race Categories.

Race Category
Asian
Black
American Indian/Alaskan Native
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
White
Unknown

Table 2.3.2: Census Race Categories.

Race Category
Asian alone
Black or African American alone
American Indian and Alaskan Native alone
Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander alone
White alone
Some Other Race alone
Two or more races

Also following FBI UCR Program protocol is the ethnicity of individuals, which is stored in the NBPD RMS as a separate variable and comprises the three categories listed in Table 3.2.3. As with race data, an individual's ethnicity in the NBPD's RMS is obtained from a range of various sources, including partner agencies and officer observation. A record of the source and when it was entered or updated is not stored within the RMS. Again, for these reasons, comparing ethnic populations with self-reported census data is problematic and cautioned against.

Table 2.3.3 RMS Ethnicity Categories, NBPD.

Race Category
Hispanic Origin
Not of Hispanic Origin
Unknown

Race and ethnicity are generally provided in this report by the cross-tabulation of race and ethnicity. The exception is Use of Force, where Hispanic ethnicity is stored as a category within the race designation.

4. Arrest Calculations

All arrest calculations are made excluding protective custodies.

5. Calls For Service

In New Bedford, Calls For Service (CFS) represent all non-administrative calls, from all call sources. Both calls initiated by a member of the public, through telephone or walk-ins, and calls that are officer initiated are included. Calls are not differentiated by whether or not an officer is listed as being dispatched, as some calls, for example when a desk officer investigates a walk-in complaint, are built without a unit 'dispatched' to the call.

6. Mapping

Incidents in the maps included in this document are each represented by a dot/point. In the instance of multiple incidents at a given address, the dots will appear as one, 'stacked' on each other. As such, the number of dots/points on a graph may not add to the number of incidents reported.

3. Overview

As defined by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, Part A violent crimes consist of murder (09A), rape (11A-D), robbery (120) and aggravated assault (13A). Arson (200), burglary (220), larceny (23A-H), and motor vehicle theft (240) are in the Part A property crime category. Table 3.1 shows the crime totals.

Between 2015 and 2024 violent crime incidents in New Bedford decreased by 60%, from 1,014 to 406 incidents. Robbery incidents decreased 65%, rape incidents decreased by 2% and aggravated assaults decreased by 68%. Homicides increased by 40%. Property crime decreased by 52% between 2015 and 2024, from 3,211 to 1,546 incidents, with a 74% decrease in burglaries, a 50% decrease in larcenies and a 58% decrease in arson. There was a 5% decrease in motor vehicle theft in the same time period.

Table 3.1: Part A Crimes, New Bedford, MA, 2015-2024.

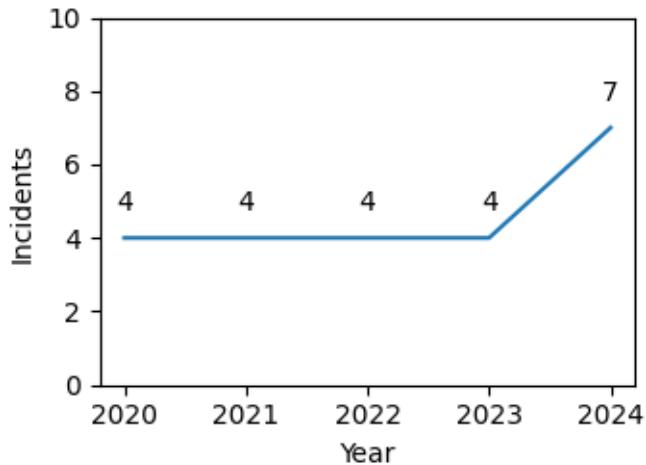
Crime	2015	2024	% Change
Violent²:	1,014	406	-60%
Murder (09A)	5	7	+40%
Rape (11A-D)	100	98	-2%
Robbery (120)	246	86	-65%
Aggravated Assault (13A)	709	228	-68%
Property²:	3,211	1,546	-52%
Arson (200)	24	10	-58%
Burglary (220)	799	206	-74%
Larceny (23A-H)	2,241	1,115	-50%
Motor Vehicle Theft (240)	285	270	-5%
Total:	4,174	1,935	

² Due to incidents having multiple offense categories, the number of incidents in each category do not sum to the totals. For violent crime the difference is largely due to the number of robberies that also include an aggravated assault offense and are thus counted in each category in this report, but only once to the total.

4. Homicide

In 2024, there were seven reported homicides in the city of New Bedford, each with a single victim. This was an increase of three (+75%) from 2020, when there were four homicides, as represented in Figure 4.1. All seven cases were solved.

Figure 4.1: Homicide (NIBRS 09A) Incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2020-2024.



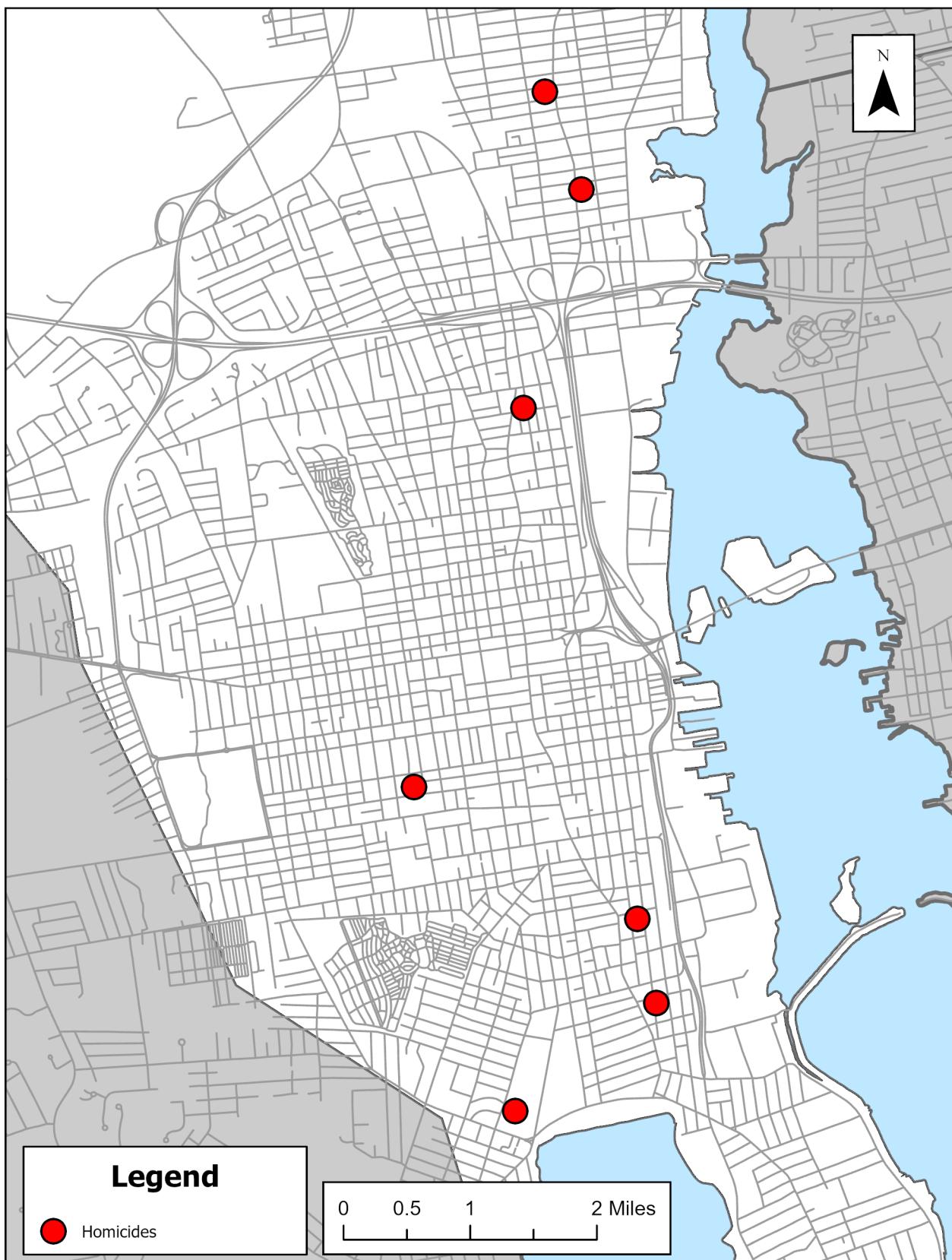
Firearms and knives were the most common weapon used in homicides in 2024 each used in three incidents, with personal weapons used in one homicide.

Table 4.1 Weapon Used in Homicides, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Weapon Used	Count
Firearm	3
Knife	3
Personal Weapons (Hands/Feet etc)	1

The geographic distribution of homicides in New Bedford in 2024 is provided on the following page in figure 4.2.

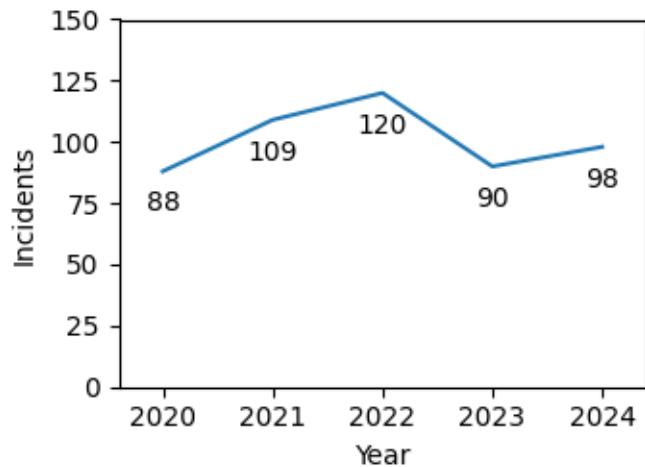
Figure 4.2: Map of Homicides, New Bedford, MA, 2024



5. Sexual Assault

The number of reported sexual assault incidents in 2024 was 98, an increase of 10 incidents (+11.4%) from 2020's 88 incidents.

Figure 5.1: Sexual Assault (NIBRS 11A-D) incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2024³.

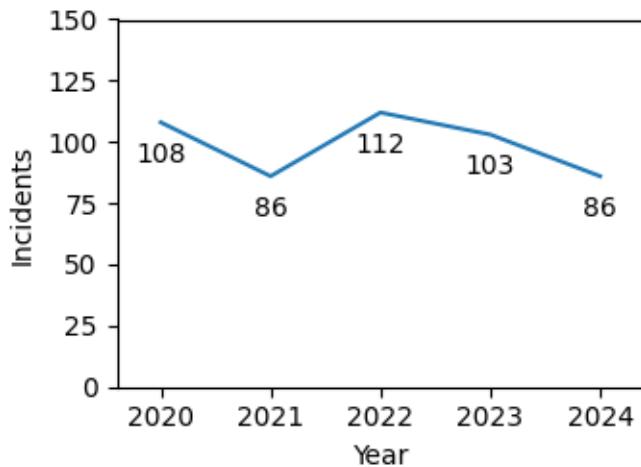


³ Note: Reported sexual assaults in 2023 increased by three incidents (from 87 incidents to 90 incidents) following the publication of the 2023 Annual Report.

6. Robbery

The number of robbery incidents reported in New Bedford in 2024 was 86, a decrease of 22 (-20.3%) from 2020, when there were 108 robberies reported. Of the 86 robberies, 36 were armed robberies and 50 were unarmed robberies.

Figure 6.1: Robbery (NIBRS 120) Incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2024.



Firearms were reported as having been used in 14 of the 86 robberies in 2024. Knives were used in 16 robberies. Blunt objects were used in 4 robberies.

Table 6.1: Weapons Used in Robberies, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

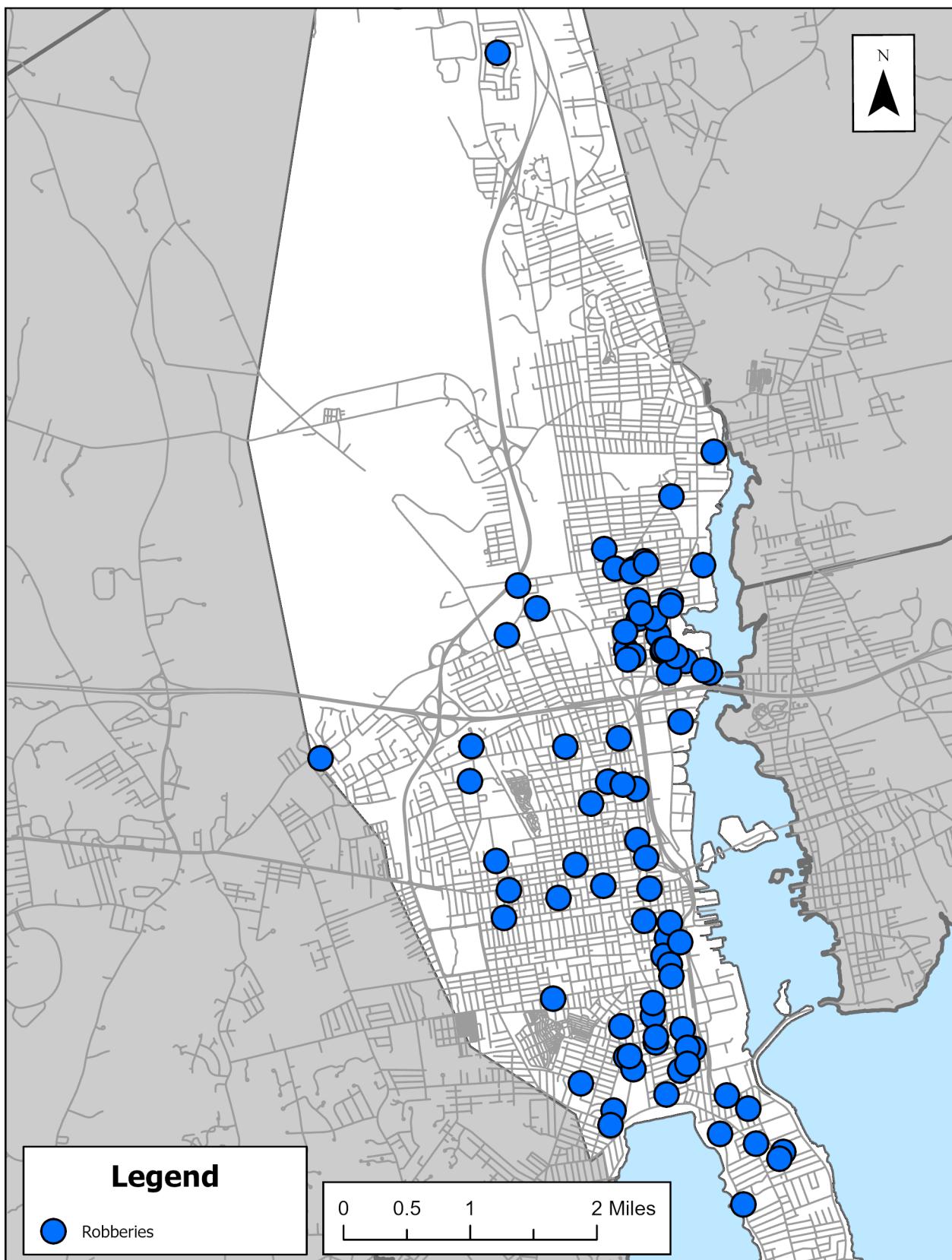
Weapon	Count
Firearm	14
Knife	16
Blunt Object	4
Unknown/Other	3

There were 82 person-on-person robberies in New Bedford in 2024. There were four commercial robberies.

Table 6.2: Robberies by Type, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Type	Count
Person	82
Commercial	4

Figure 6.2: Map of Robberies, New Bedford, MA, 2024

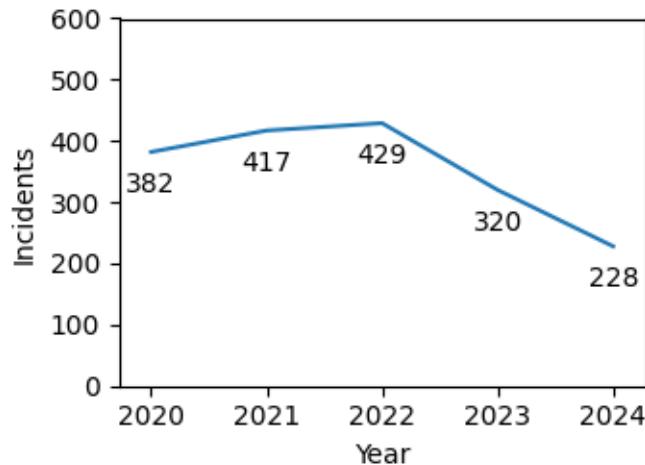


7. Assault

1. Aggravated Assaults

The number of incidents containing an aggravated assault offense in New Bedford in 2024 totaled 228, a 40% decrease (154 incidents) from 2020, when there were 382 aggravated assault incidents reported. As shown in *Section 16*, the proportion of aggravated assaults incidents in 2024 that were domestic involved was 34%.

Figure 7.1.1: Aggravated Assault (NIBRS 13A) Incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2020 - 2024.



Across the year, the highest number of aggravated assaults took place between 9pm and 10pm, with 18 aggravated assaults during this hour of the day in 2024. By day, the most aggravated assaults took place on Sundays, with 47 aggravated assaults. Friday was the second busiest day, with 36 incidents each. Wednesdays had the fewest aggravated assaults reported, with 20 incidents.

Friday, between 4pm and 5pm was the busiest single hour of the week with 7 aggravated assaults. Sunday between 1am and 2am was the second busiest hour of the week. The least busiest hours for aggravated assaults were generally between 2am and 11am during weekdays.

Table 7.1.1: Aggravated Assaults by Time of Day, Day of Week, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

	Hour of the Day																								Total
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Mon	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	3	3	4	2	0	2	30
Tue	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	2	4	1	2	3	3	2	0	2	33
Wed	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	4	2	0	20
Thu	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	5	0	2	1	3	2	5	28
Fri	3	0	2	0	3	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	2	4	0	7	1	1	1	2	1	1	36
Sat	0	3	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	3	4	0	3	2	1	2	4	1	34
Sun	2	6	4	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	3	4	4	4	5	2	47
Total	12	14	10	2	7	4	4	5	4	5	4	9	4	6	13	9	16	9	14	16	16	18	14	13	228

The race and ethnicity of aggravated assault victims in 2024 is provided in table 7.1.2 below. The proportion of aggravated assault victims who are listed as white is 60.3%, with 39.7% white not Hispanic and 17.7% white Hispanic. The proportion of aggravated assault victims who are listed as black is 37.9%, with 27.0% black not Hispanic and 9.2% black Hispanic.

Table 7.1.2: Race and Ethnicity of Aggravated Assault (NIBRS 13A) Victims, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Race	Ethnicity			Total
	Not Hispanic	Hispanic	Unknown	
Asian	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Black American	27.0%	9.2%	1.8%	37.9%
Indian/Alaskan Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
White	39.7%	17.7%	2.8%	60.3%
Unknown	0.0%	1.1 %	0.0%	1.1%
Total	67.0%	28.4%	4.6%	100.0%

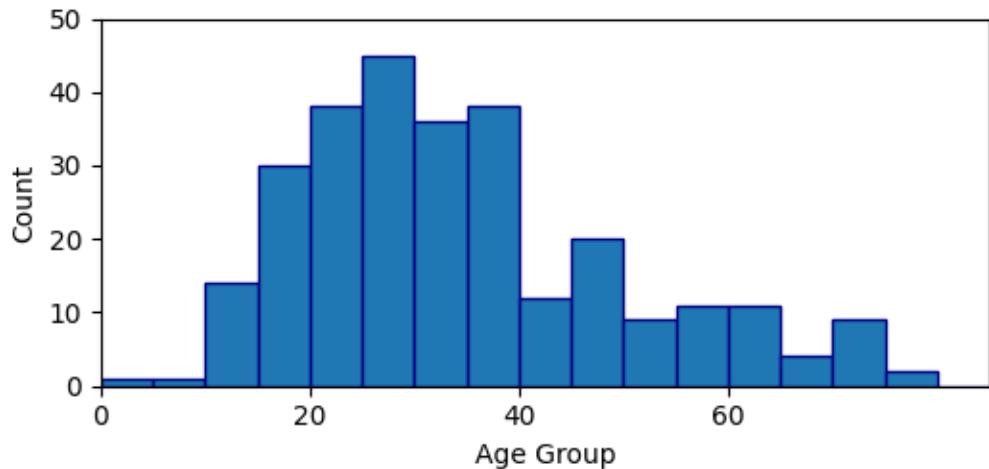
As shown in Table 7.1.3, males were the victims of a majority of aggravated assaults (63.8%), with females representing 36.2% of victims of aggravated assault.

Table 7.1.3: Sex of Aggravated Assault Victims, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Sex	Count
Female	36.2%
Male	63.8%
Unknown	0%
Total	100%

Looking at the age of victims of aggravated assault, those aged between 25 and 30 years (inclusive) were the largest age group. This group was followed by 20–25-year-olds and 35–40-year-olds as the two second largest age groups.

Figure 7.1.2: Age of Aggravated Assault Victims, New Bedford, MA, 2024.



2. Simple Assaults

The number of simple assault incidents reported in New Bedford totaled 1,522 in 2024, an increase of 183 incidents (+13.7%) from 1,339 incidents in 2020. As shown in *Section 16*, 54% of simple assaults were domestic involved.

Figure 7.2.1: Simple Assault (NIBRS 13B) Incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2020 - 2024.

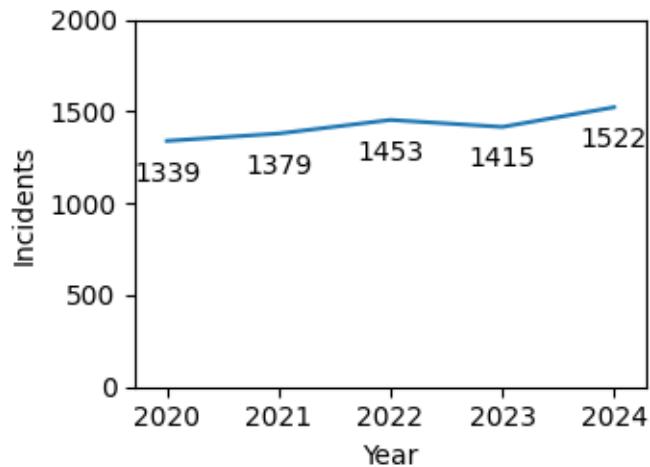


Table 7.2.1 shows that simple assaults most frequently took place on Saturdays (256), with Sunday the second most common day of the week (221). Wednesdays and Thursdays had the fewest simple assault incidents (194 and 206 respectively). The busiest hour of the day was 8-9pm (112), with 6-7pm the second busiest hour (105) and 4-6am the least busy hour of the day (15). Monday between 7-8pm was the busiest hour of the week, with 24 incidents.

Table 7.2.1: Simple Assaults by Time of Day, Day of Week, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Day of the Week	Hour of the Day																								Total
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Mon	8	3	10	5	4	1	2	6	6	5	5	15	5	11	4	8	13	20	20	24	15	9	16	3	218
Tue	9	6	2	3	4	1	7	3	5	5	5	11	10	10	18	8	13	16	17	13	15	8	9	10	208
Wed	6	10	7	2	3	3	2	3	5	10	4	13	7	14	11	11	13	11	10	12	14	13	6	4	194
Thu	11	6	7	3	1	2	2	4	10	11	3	11	6	8	11	11	13	13	12	9	11	17	17	7	206
Fri	8	7	7	3	2	1	2	2	9	2	9	9	4	9	14	16	19	13	11	18	21	10	15	8	219
Sat	10	23	13	9	5	3	4	6	7	6	5	11	14	15	7	12	10	11	17	10	19	19	7	13	256
Sun	13	16	13	6	8	4	3	2	9	4	7	6	6	7	9	10	11	8	18	14	17	10	13	7	221
Total	65	71	59	31	27	15	22	26	51	43	38	76	52	74	74	76	92	92	105	100	112	86	83	52	1,522

The race and ethnicity of simple assault victims in 2024 is provided in table 7.2.2 below. The proportion of simple assault victims who are listed as white is 72.7%, with 53.5% white non-Hispanic and 17.2% white Hispanic. The proportion of simple assault victims who are listed as black is 25.7%, with 17.5% black non-Hispanic and 6.5% black Hispanic.

Table 7.2.2: Race and Ethnicity of Simple Assault (NIBRS 13B) Victims, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Race	Ethnicity			Total
	Not Hispanic	Hispanic	Unknown	
Asian	<1%	0%	0%	<1%
Black	17.5%	6.5%	1.6%	25.7%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	<1%	0.0%	0.0%	<1%
Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	<1%	0.0%	<1%
White	53.5%	17.2%	1.9%	72.7%
Unknown	<1%	<1%	<1%	1.3%
Total	71.5%	24.3%	4.2%	100.0%

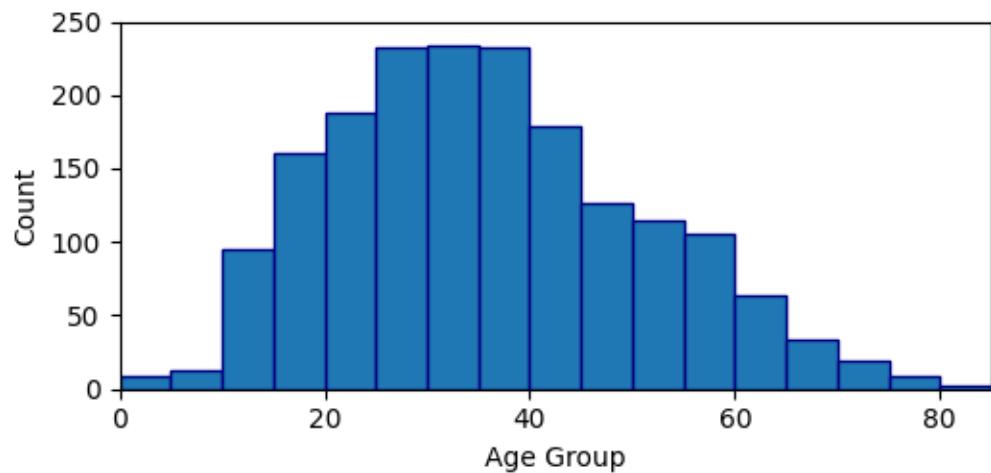
As shown in Table 7.2.3, the proportion of simple assault victims that were female was 56.0%, with males representing the remaining 43.8% of victims. This proportion is the reverse of aggravated assaults, where male victims make up the majority of victims.

Table 7.2.3: Sex of Simple Assault Victims, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Sex	Count
Female	56.0%
Male	43.8%
X	<1%
Total	100%

Looking at the age of victims of simple assault, those aged between 30 and 35 years (inclusive) were the largest age group. This group was followed by 35–40-year-olds, which were the second largest age group.

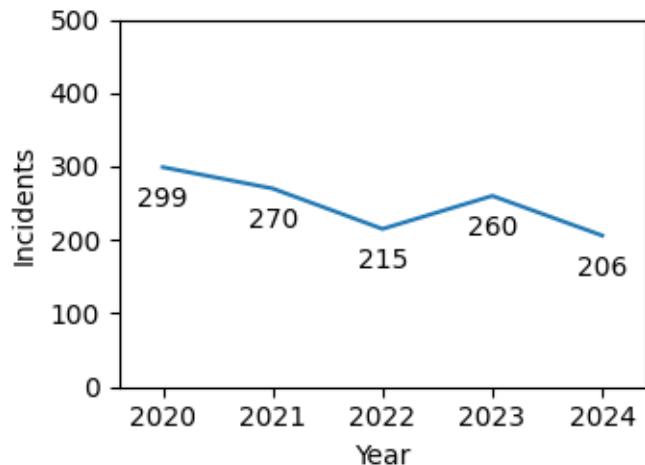
Figure 7.2.4: Age of Simple Assault Victims, New Bedford, MA, 2024.



8. Burglary/B&E

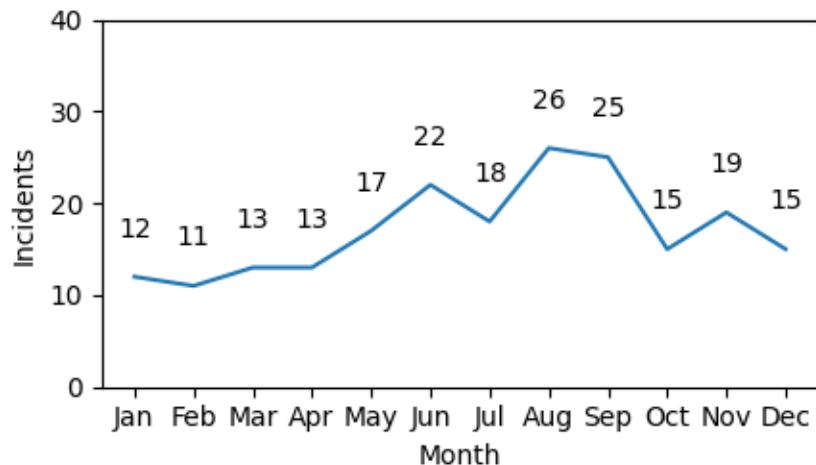
In 2024 there were 206 burglary/B&E incidents in New Bedford, as defined by the NIBRs 220 category⁴, 'the unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft.' This was a decrease of 93 incidents (-31%) from 2020, when there were 299 incidents.

Figure 8.1: Burglary/B&E (NIBRS 220) Incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2020 - 2024.



When looking by month, burglary/B&Es were highest during the summer months and fewest during winter months. August was the busiest month at 26 incidents, followed by September with 25. February had the fewest burglary/B&Es, with 11 incidents.

Figure 8.2: Burglary/B&E (NIBRS 220) Incidents by Month, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

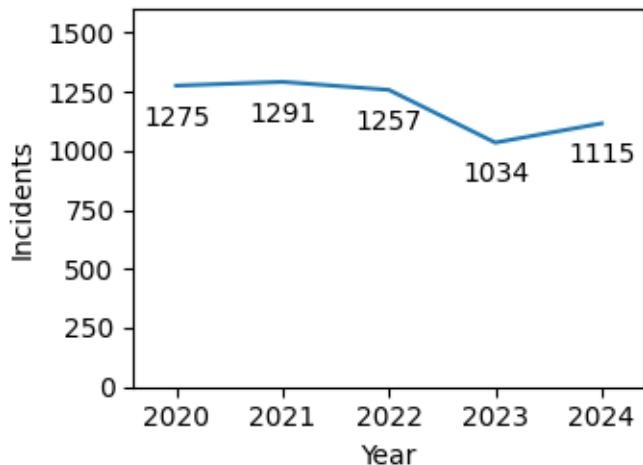


⁴ Per NIBRS, B&E into motor vehicle is contained within larcenies.

9. Larceny

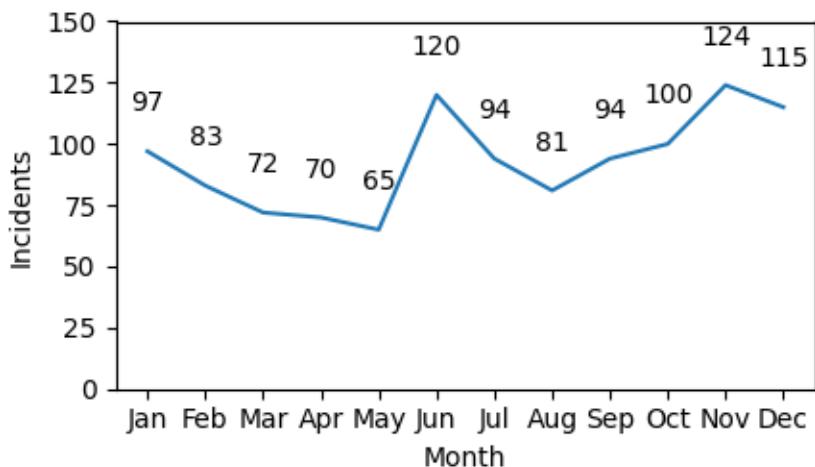
There were 1,115 larcenies⁵ reported in New Bedford in 2024, an overall decrease of 160 incidents (-12.5%) from the 1,275 reported in 2020, following a flat period between 2020 and 2022.

Figure 9.1: Larceny (NIBRS 23A-H) Incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2020-2024.



November was the busiest month of the year for larcenies, with 124 incidents reported, followed by June with 120. May and April, with 65 and 70 incidents respectively, had the fewest incidents.

Figure 9.2: Larceny (NIBRS 23A-H) Incidents by Month, New Bedford, MA, 2024.



⁵ As defined by the NIBRS 23A-H categories

10. Arson

In 2024 there were 10 arson incidents (NIBRS 200) reported to the New Bedford Police Department, a decrease of 2 incidents (-16.7%) from the 12 arson incidents reported in 2020. The geographic distribution of arsons in New Bedford in 2024 is provided on the following page in figure 10.2.

Figure 10.1: Arson Incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2020 - 2024.

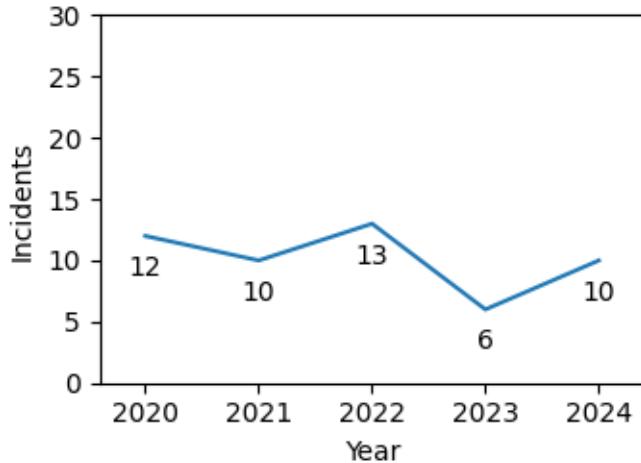
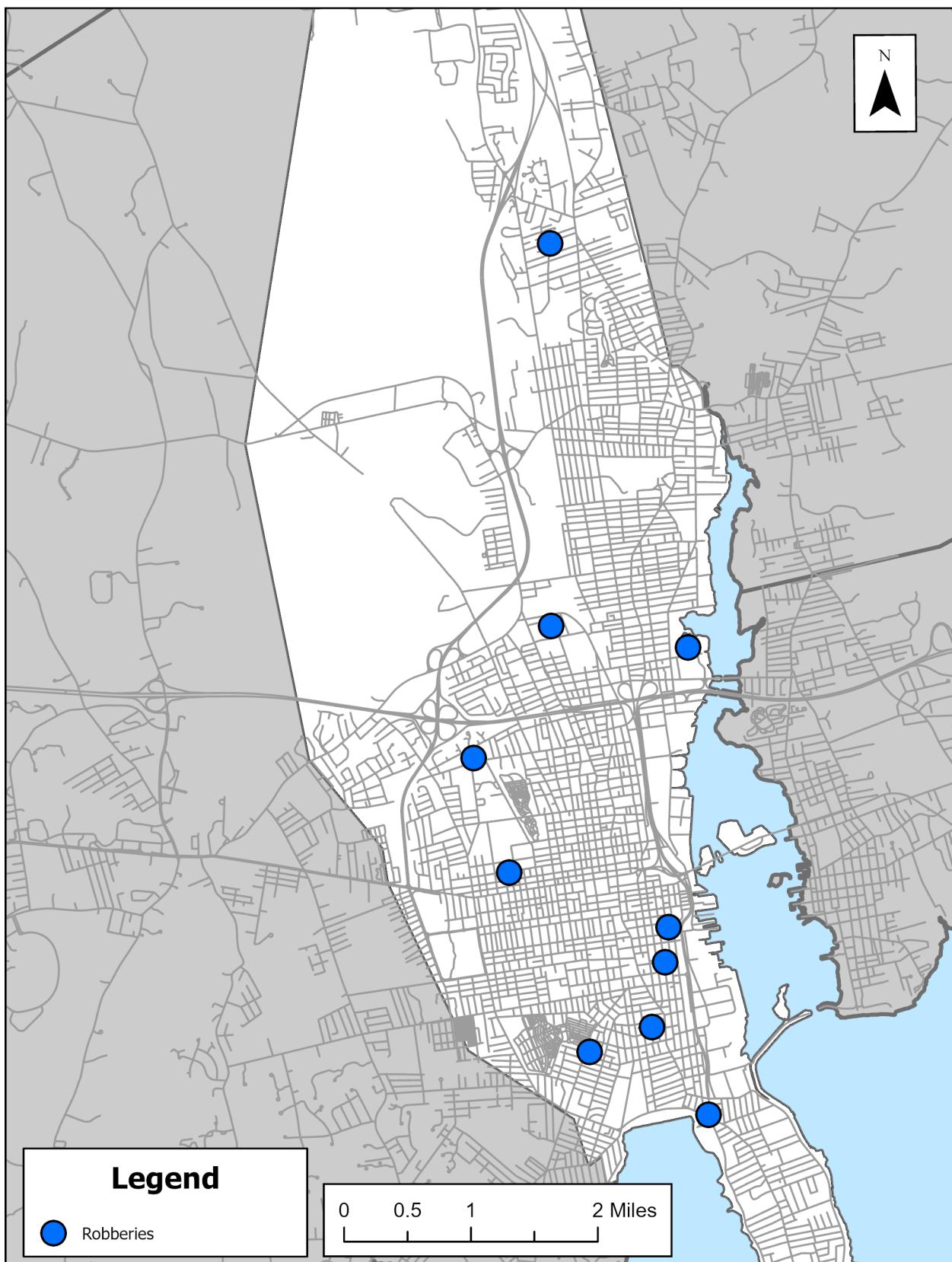


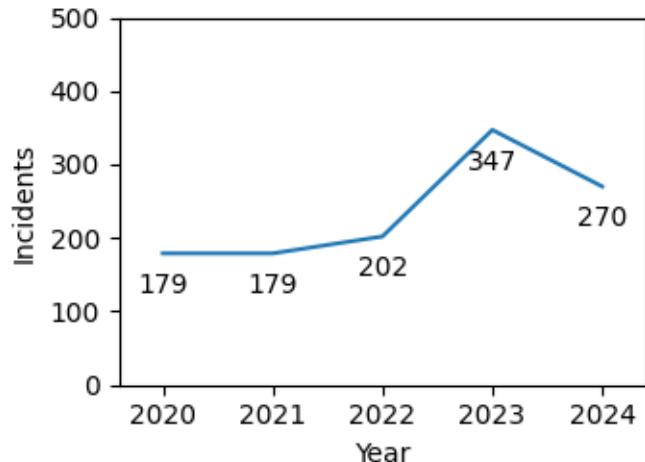
Fig 10.2: Map of Arson Incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2024.



11. Motor Vehicle Theft

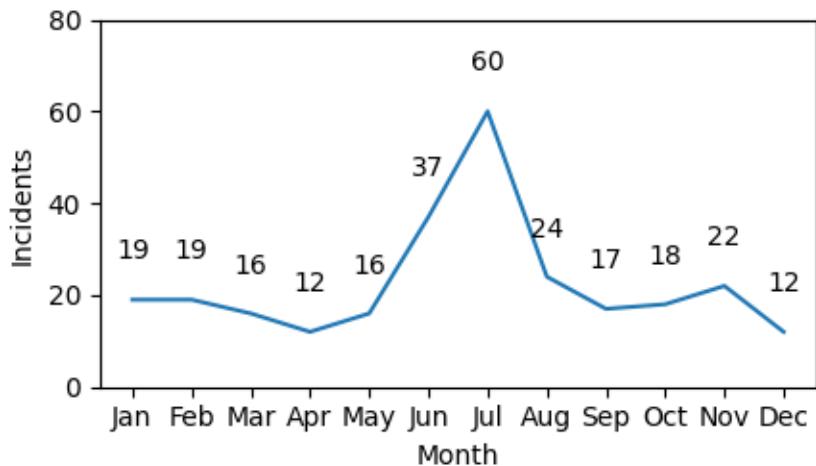
In 2024 there were 270 motor vehicle theft (NIBRS 240) incidents reported in the city of New Bedford. There has been an increase of 91 incidents (+51%) since 2020, when there were 179 thefts. Most of the increase between 2020 and 2024 is attributable to a TikTok “Kia Challenge” involving Hyundais and Kias, with the decrease from 2023 to 2024 also associated with a decrease in incidents involving this Modis Operandi.

Figure 11.1 MV Theft (NIBRS 240) Incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2020 - 2024.



By month, motor vehicle thefts trended relatively flat, with the exception a spike that took place between June and August, peaking with 60 incidents in July alone. Of the 270 motor vehicle theft incidents in 2024, 38 were attempted thefts and 232 were successful thefts. With multiple vehicles being taken in seven incidents, a total of 239 vehicles were successfully stolen in 2024⁶.

Figure 11.2 MV Theft Incidents (NIBRS 240) by Month, New Bedford, MA, 2024.



⁶ Subsequent analysis of ‘vehicles stolen’ refer only to those successfully stolen.

Per NIBRs definitions, all land based motorized vehicles (that do not run on rails) are included in the stolen motor vehicle category. As such, scooters, mopeds and recreational vehicles, which represent 46 (19%) of the 239 vehicles stolen in New Bedford in 2024, are included in this category.

Table 11.1: Vehicles Stolen by Vehicle Type, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Type	Count
Dirt Bike	6
Scooter/Moped	40
Motorcycle	13
All Others	193
Total	239

Excluding bikes, scooters and mopeds, Kia, Hyundai, Toyota, Ford and Honda vehicles were the top five stolen vehicle makes in New Bedford in 2024. Reflecting the TikTok challenge, four of the five most stolen vehicle models in New Bedford in 2024 were Hyundais or Kias, however, the Toyota Corolla was the first equal with the Hyundai Elantra, with 9 vehicles each.

Table 11.2: Top Five Makes Stolen, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

	Make	Count.
1	Kia	29
2	Hyundai	25
3	Toyota	22
4	Ford	17
5	Honda	14

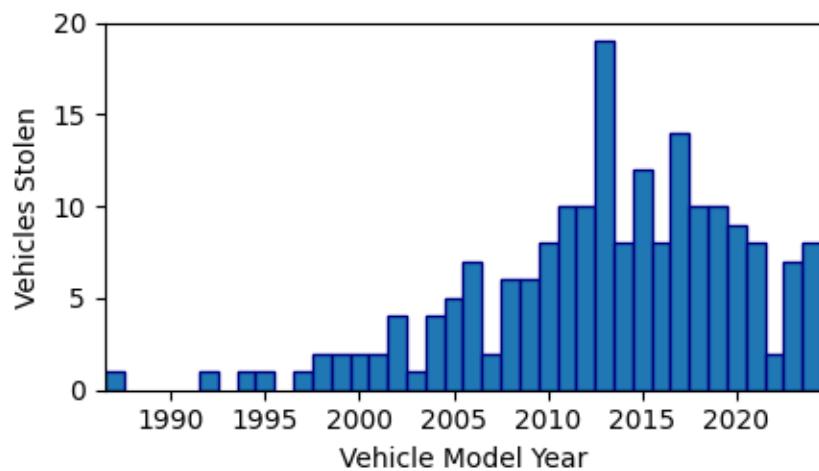
Table 11.3: Top Five Models Stolen, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

	Make	Model	Count.
1	Toyota	Corolla	9
2	Hyundai	Elantra	9
3	Kia	Sportage	8
4	Kia	Optima	8
5	Hyundai	Sonata	7

Kias and Hyundais, popularized nationally by a TikTok challenge, represented nearly all of the 41 vehicles involved in attempted thefts, with 26 and 13 vehicles, respectively, subject to an attempted theft respectively.

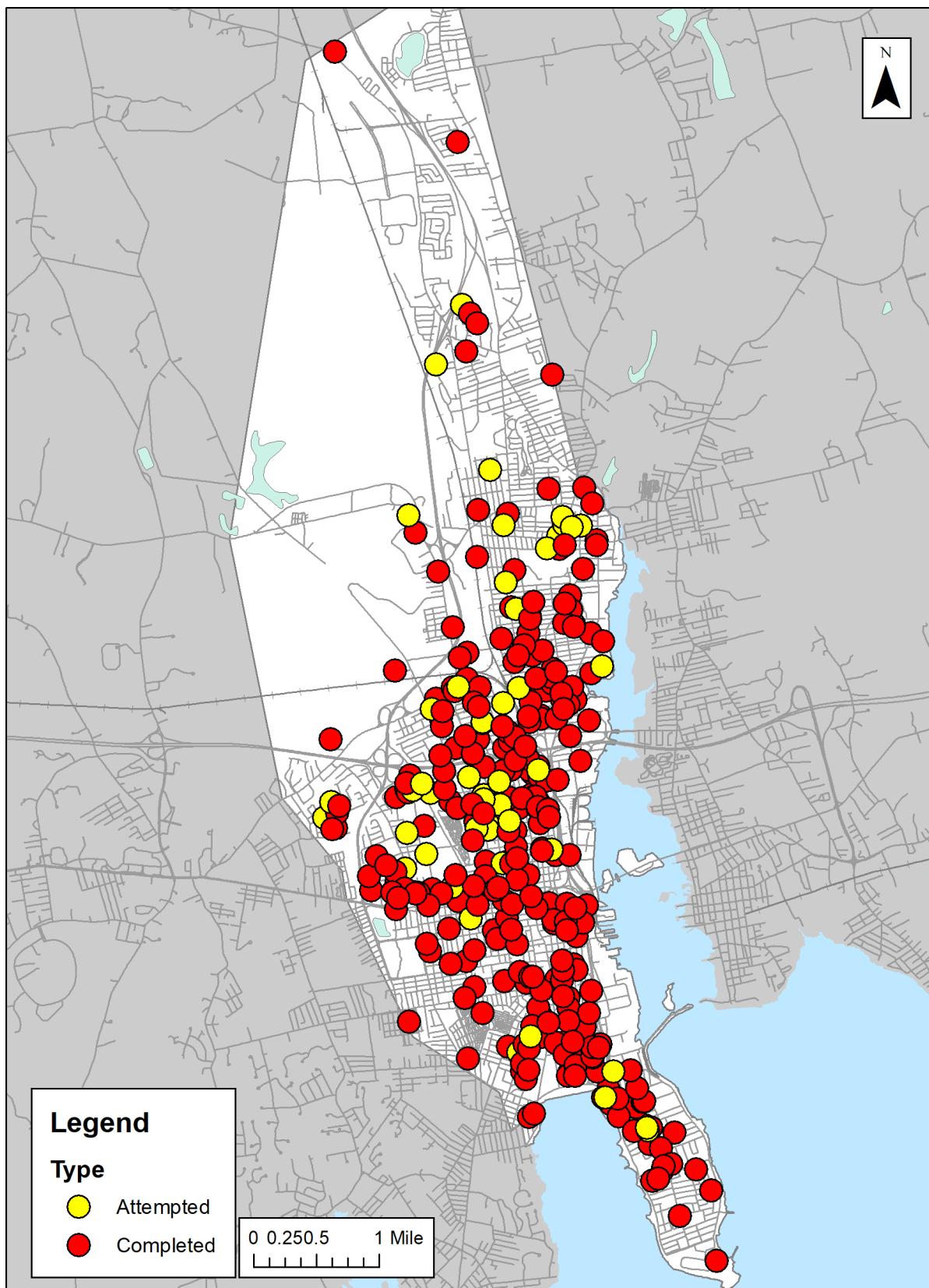
When considering the age of vehicles stolen, 2013 model year vehicles were the most stolen vehicles in New Bedford in 2024, with 19 vehicles stolen. 2017 model year vehicles were the second most stolen, with 14 vehicles.

Figure 11.3: Vehicle Stolen by Model Year, New Bedford, MA, 2024.



The geographic distribution of motor vehicle thefts in New Bedford in 2024 is provided on the following page in figure 11.4.

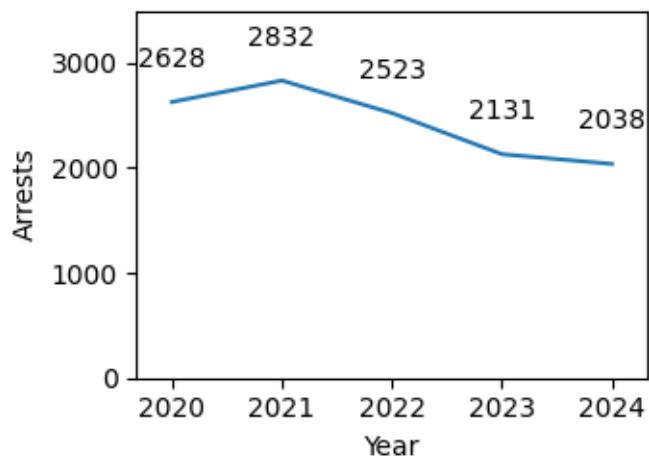
Figure 11.4 Map of Motor Vehicle Theft, New Bedford, MA, 2024.



12. Arrests

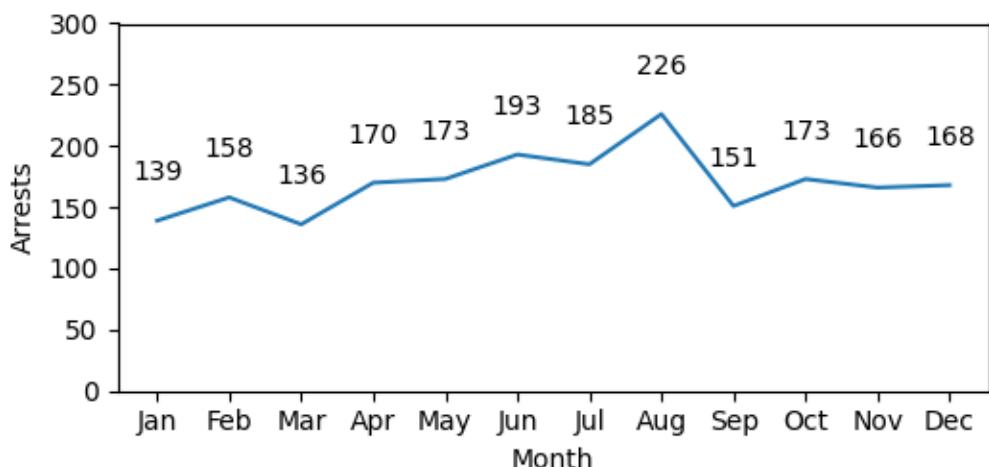
The New Bedford Police Department made 2,038 arrests⁷ in 2024. Arrests in 2024 were 590 fewer (-22%) than in 2020, when 2,628 arrests were made by the New Bedford Police Department. In 2024 there were 20 individuals enrolled into the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program.

Figure 12.1 Arrest by Year, New Bedford, MA, 2020-2024.



Looking by month, arrests ranged from 136 in March to 226 in August. The highest number of arrests during the summer months of June (193 arrests), July (185 arrests) and August (226 arrests).

Figure 12.2 Arrests by Month, New Bedford, MA, 2024.



Arrestees were charged with a felony offense in 514 of the 2,038 arrests made by the New Bedford Police Department in 2024 (25.2%), with a further 907 arrestees charged with a misdemeanor charge (44.5%). The remaining 617 arrestees were charged with ordinance violations or arrested on an active warrant.

As shown in Figure 12.1, Saturdays were the busiest day for arrests by the New Bedford Police Department, with 317 arrests made on a Saturday in 2024, followed by Fridays with 313 arrests made.

⁷ All arrests figures exclude protective custodies.

The fewest arrests were made on Sundays, with 206 arrests made. Arrests were generally lowest between the hours of 5am and 8am, and highest between the hours of 1pm and 11pm. While the most arrests were made between the hours of 6pm and 7pm, with 156 arrests, the busiest single hour of the week was Mondays between 7pm and 8pm, with 37 arrests.

Table 12.1: Arrests by Time of Day, Day of Week, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

	Hour of the Day																								Total	
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
Day of the Week	Mon	9	7	4	3	6	3	2	2	6	7	8	6	7	20	15	30	21	17	21	37	35	14	22	8	310
	Tue	6	8	6	6	6	2	4	5	3	6	8	11	12	27	31	21	13	22	22	23	15	15	18	4	294
	Wed	8	13	3	5	2	5	2	4	4	6	3	2	14	25	29	27	17	17	27	27	17	26	16	3	302
	Thu	16	7	7	7	6	1	2	2	4	5	3	7	9	22	32	13	17	31	23	15	23	21	13	10	296
	Fri	8	10	11	3	4	1	2	3	8	3	7	7	16	20	21	19	21	16	30	23	19	20	27	14	313
	Sat	11	24	19	11	5	5	2	3	7	6	13	15	19	10	14	24	24	12	18	11	21	16	13	14	317
	Sun	17	11	14	8	10	3	4	0	4	2	8	3	8	5	4	5	8	12	15	16	18	11	12	8	206
	Total	75	80	64	43	39	20	18	19	36	35	50	51	85	129	146	139	121	127	156	152	148	123	121	61	2,038

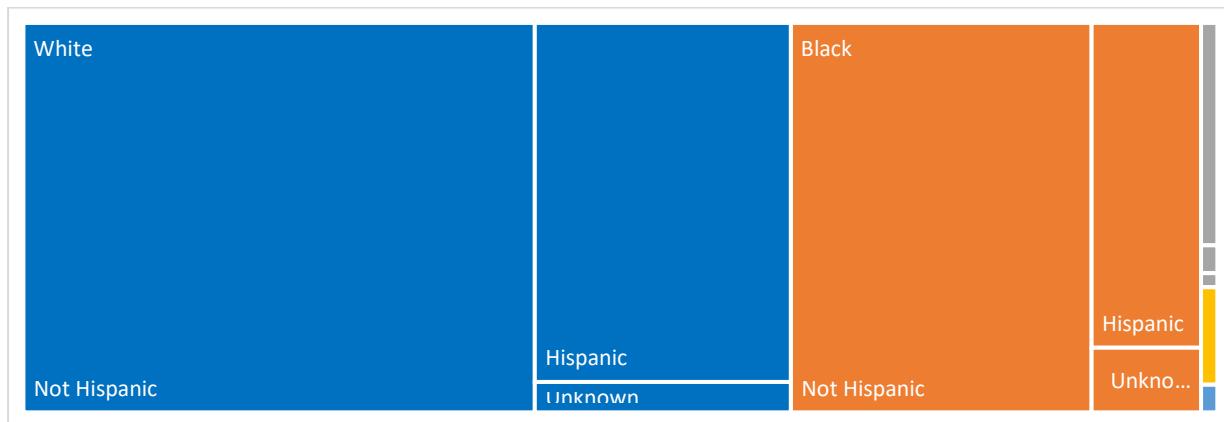
1. Arrest Demographics

Offenders recorded in the department's Record Management System as white represented 64.3% of the individuals arrested, with white not Hispanic representing 42.8% of arrested individuals and white Hispanics representing 19.8%. Individuals recorded as black represented 34.3% of all arrests, with 25.2% black not Hispanic and 7.7% black Hispanic. Overall, 68.4% of arrestees are recorded as being not Hispanic, with 27.6% recorded as Hispanic. The breakdown is provided below in Table 12.1.1 and in Figure 12.1.1:

Table 12.1.1: Race and Ethnicity of Individuals Arrested, New Bedford, MA, 2024

Race	Ethnicity			
	Not Hispanic	Hispanic	Unknown	Total
Asian	<1%	0.0%	0.0%	<1%
Black	25.2%	7.7%	1.5%	34.3%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
White	42.8%	19.8%	1.7%	64.3%
Unknown	0.0%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	68.4%	27.6%	4.0%	100.0%

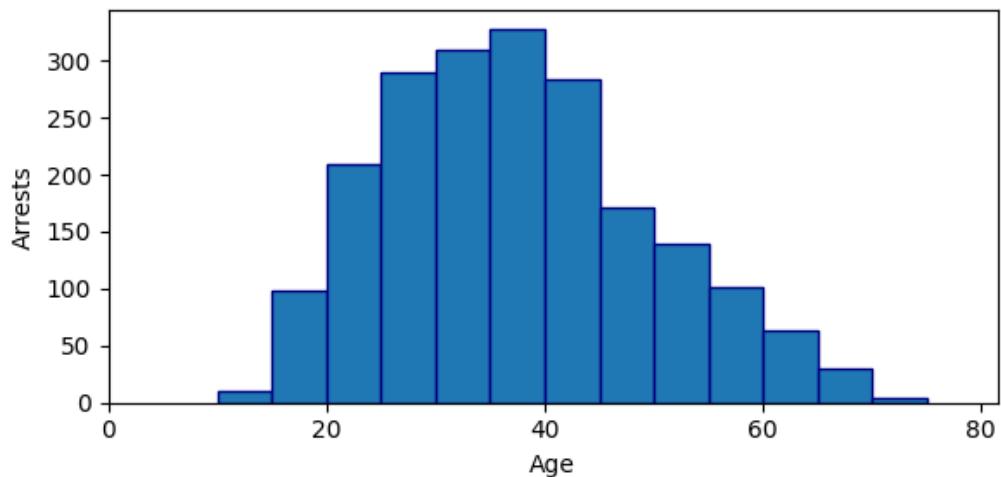
Figure 12.1.1: Race and Ethnicity of Individuals Arrested, New Bedford, MA, 2024



2. Arrests By Age Group

When breaking down arrests by the age of individuals arrested, 35- to 39-year-olds (inclusive) represented the largest age group in 2024, with 328 arrests. The second highest group were 30- to 34-year-olds (311 arrests), followed by 25- to 29-year-olds (289 arrests). Half of all individuals arrested were between 28-years-old and 44-years-old. 52 of the 2038 (2.6%) individuals arrested by the New Bedford Police Department in 2024 were juveniles aged under 18.

Figure 12.2.1 Arrests by Age Group, New Bedford, MA, 2024



3. Arrests By Sex

The proportion of arrestees who are recorded as male in the department's RMS is 72.2%, with females representing 27.7% of arrestees.

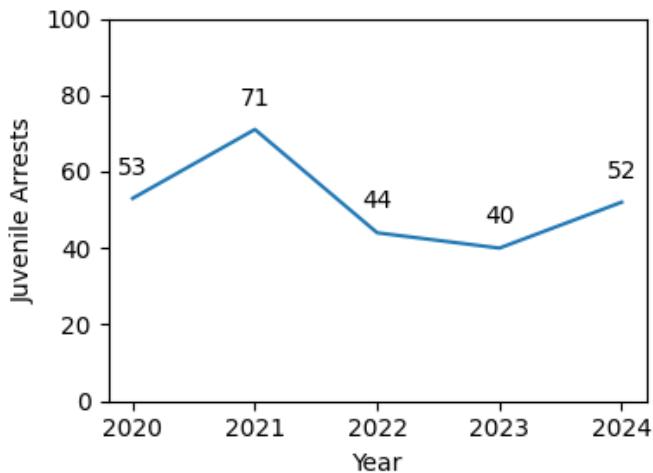
Table 12.3.1: Sex of Individuals Arrested, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Sex	Prop.
Female	27.7
Male	72.2
Non-Binary	<1%
Total	100%

4. Juvenile Arrests

Juvenile arrests⁸ by the New Bedford Police Department were flat between 2020 and 2024, with 52 juveniles arrested in New Bedford in 2024. The number of juvenile arrests in 2024 was 1.9% lower than in 2020, when 53 juveniles were arrested. Felony offenses comprised 22 of the 52 arrests, a decrease in the proportion of juvenile arrests that were for felony offenses in 2020 (27 out of the 53).

Figure 12.4.1: Juvenile Arrests, New Bedford, MA, 2020-2024.



5. Firearm Arrests & Seizures

In 2024, the New Bedford Police Department made 51 firearms arrests. In total the New Bedford Police Department seized 55 firearms⁹. Of these 55 firearms, 7 were ghost guns, 5 had defaced serials and 14 were unattended firearms.

Table 12.5.1: Firearms Seized, New Bedford, MA, 2024

Category	Count
Firearms Seized	55
Ghost Guns	7
Defaced Serial	5
Unattended	14

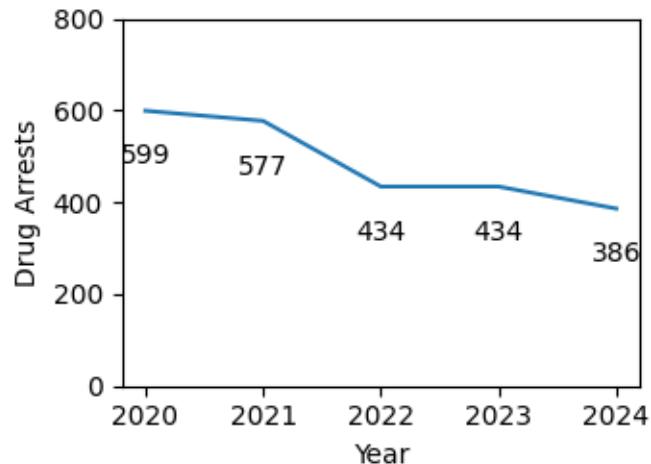
⁸ Individuals under 18 years of age.

⁹ Defined as illegally possessed or unattended (block) firearms. Held for safekeeping and surrendered excluded.

6. Drug Arrests

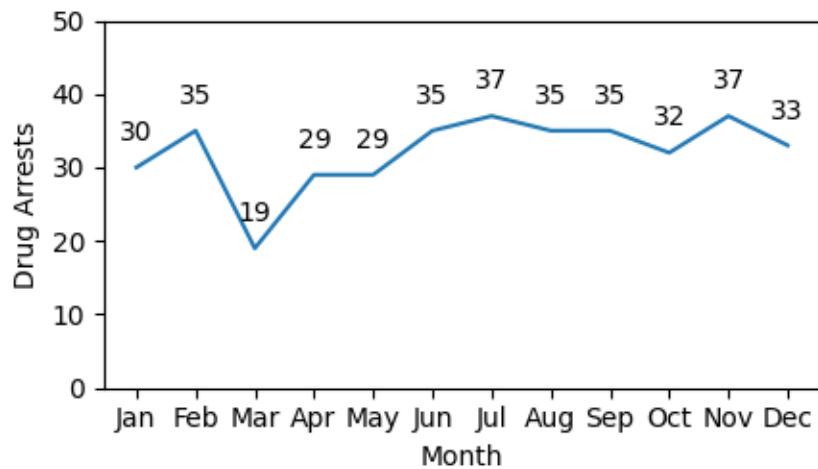
There were 386 drug arrests¹⁰ made by the New Bedford Police Department in 2024. This was 213 fewer arrests than the 599 drug arrests made in 2020, a decrease of 35.6%.

Figure 12.6.1: Drug Arrests, New Bedford, MA, 2020-2024.



As shown in Figure 12.6.2 below, drug arrests in New Bedford fluctuated by month during 2024. The most arrests were made in July and November, with 37 drug arrests, and the fewest were made in March (19).

Figure 12.6.2: Drug Arrests by Month, New Bedford, MA, 2024.



¹⁰ Defined as arrests containing a NIBRS 35A charge.

13. Shots Fired

There were 68 confirmed shots fired in New Bedford in 2024, an increase of 23 incidents, (+51%), from 2020 when there were 45 confirmed incidents. Of these 68 shots fired incidents, three were fatal, 14 resulted in the injury of a total of 24 victims, and 42 resulted in property damage. In 18 cases there was no property damage, injuries or fatalities, with other evidence such as shell casings or CCTV footage confirming the incident.

Figure 13.1 Confirmed Shots-Fired Incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2020-2024

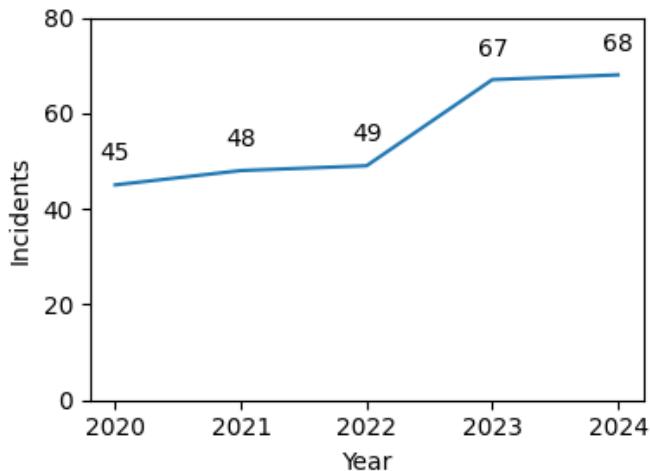


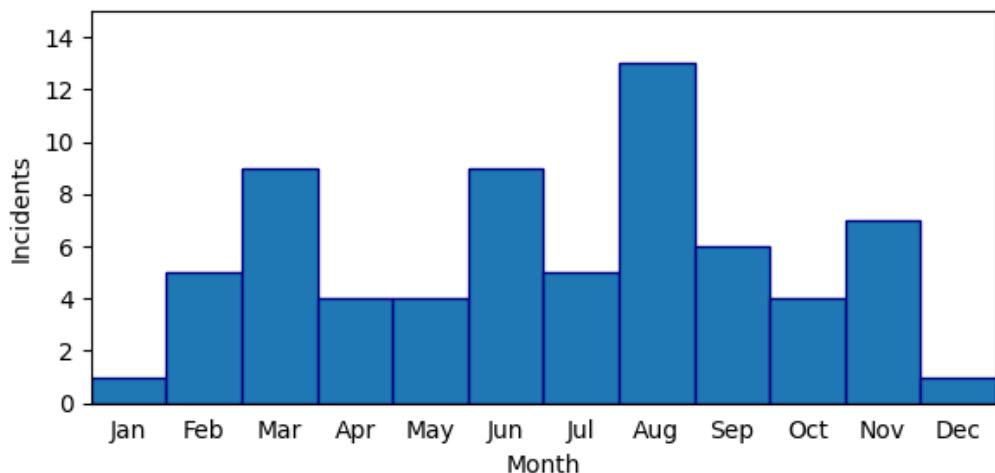
Table 13.1 Shots Fired Incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2024

Shots-Fired Category	Count
Fatal	3
Non-Fatal	14 (24 victims)
Property Damage	42
Other	18
Total Confirmed Shots Fired¹¹	68

Shots fired incidents were highest in August in 2024, with 13 incidents, while there were nine incidents in March and June. January and December had the fewest incidents with one each.

¹¹ Shots fired incidents may occupy multiple categories. Self-inflicted, accidental discharge by a LTC holder and justifiable discharge are excluded.

Figure 13.2 Confirmed Shots-Fired incidents by Month, New Bedford, MA, 2024:



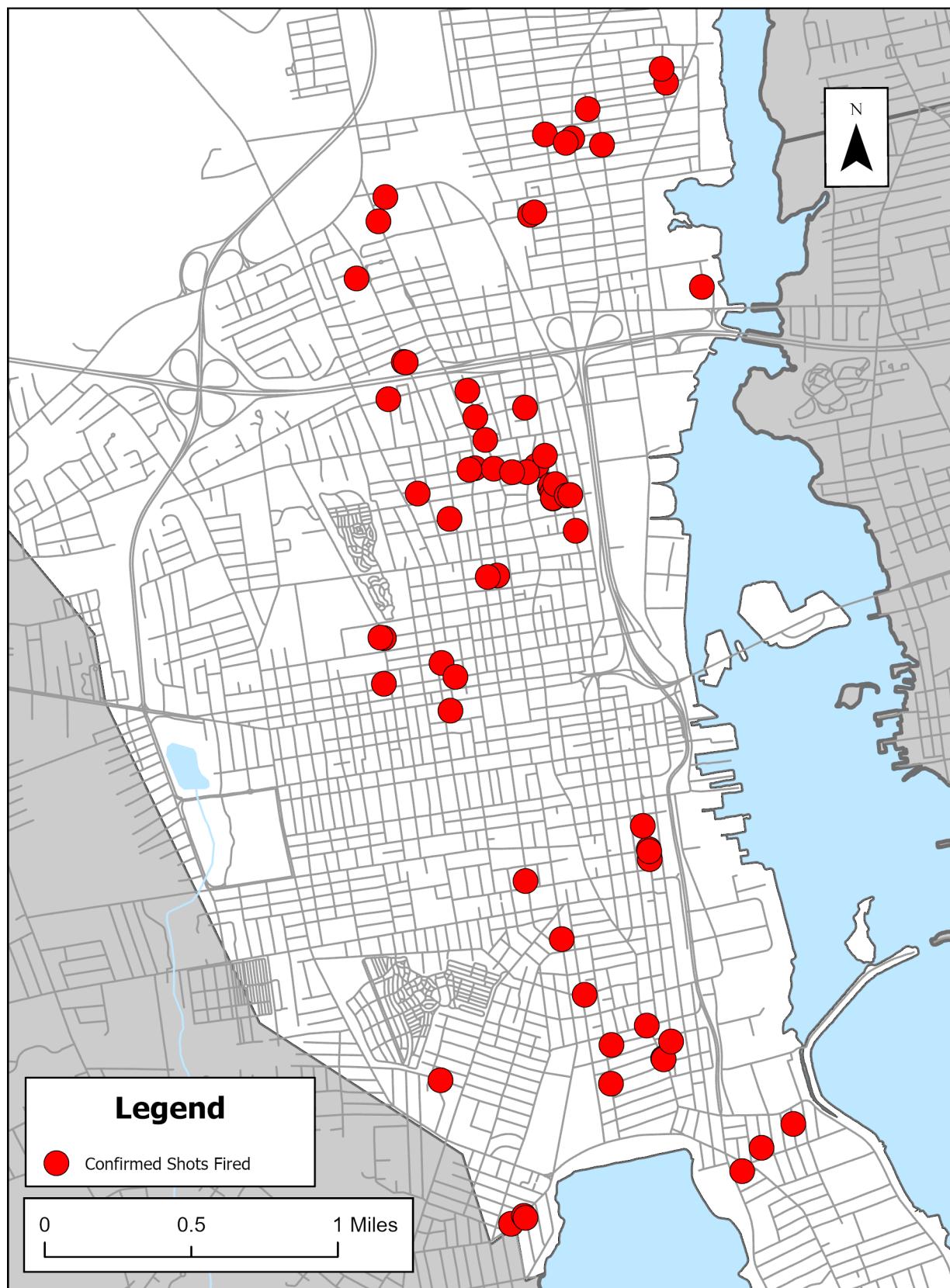
In 2024, confirmed shots fired incidents were most likely to occur between the hours of 9pm and 5am, with approximately 76% of all incidents occurring within this eight-hour period. The hour of the day with the highest volume was between 1am and 2am, with 9 incidents. The next busiest hours were 9pm – 10pm and midnight – 1 am, with 8 incidents each. Sundays were the busiest day, with 18 confirmed shots-fired incidents, followed by Tuesdays with 11 incidents. Sundays had the busiest hour of the week, between 1am and 2am (5 incidents).

Table 13.2 Confirmed Shots Fired by Time of Day/Day of Week, New Bedford, MA, 2024

	Hour of Day																								Total	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
Day of Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun																			
Mon	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	8	
Tue	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	1	11	
Wed	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	8	
Thu	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	7	
Fri	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	9	
Sat	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
Sun	1	5	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	1	8	18		
Total	8	9	6	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	2	2	3	1	8	6	5	68	

The geographic distribution of all confirmed shots-fired are presented in Figure 13.3 on the following page.

Figure 13.3: Map of Shots-Fired, New Bedford, MA, 2024



14. Calls For Service

In this report, Calls For Service (CFS) represent all non-administrative calls, from all call sources. As such, calls that are officer initiated or initiated by a member of the public through telephone or walk-ins are included. There were 79,920 calls for service in New Bedford in 2024, a slight increase of 273 calls (<1%) from 2020, when there were 79,647 calls for service.

Figure 14.1: Call For Service, New Bedford, MA, 2020-2024

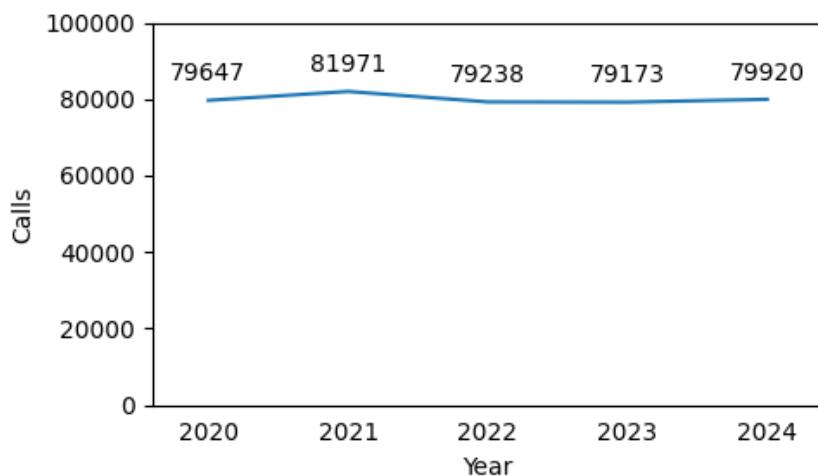


Table 14.1, Figure 14.2 and Figure 14.3 cover call volumes across the week. Mondays were the busiest day of the week, with 12,128 calls on a Monday in 2024, while Sunday was the least busy, with 10,315 calls. The busiest hour of the day was 4-5 pm, with 4,975 calls, followed by 5-6 pm, with 4,948 calls. Calls were lowest between 3-6 am, with the drop off and pick up earlier during the week than on the weekends. The busiest hour of the week was Monday between 5-6 pm.

Table 14.1: Call For Service, by Day of Week and Time of Day, New Bedford, MA, 2024

	Hour of the Day																								Total
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Day of the Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total																	
Mon	323	265	200	173	157	176	259	428	546	639	680	699	693	701	701	682	806	825	724	638	561	522	408	322	12,128
Tue	248	215	178	153	140	178	298	439	538	618	623	686	682	683	704	656	786	736	691	648	553	495	405	271	11,624
Wed	271	207	170	147	167	142	253	365	508	593	631	672	647	656	697	611	720	758	701	667	544	514	402	296	11,339
Thu	276	235	228	148	158	181	302	419	540	586	636	678	690	601	624	642	766	733	663	579	557	546	401	329	11,518
Fri	311	248	259	162	172	166	270	375	523	555	664	669	696	658	755	642	727	721	618	647	576	550	506	430	11,900
Sat	417	373	336	232	173	188	220	323	441	510	591	621	598	604	539	547	639	604	578	563	545	533	511	410	11,096
Sun	434	405	372	245	195	176	198	256	319	433	522	565	602	579	531	501	531	571	526	535	527	489	453	350	10,315
Total	2,280	1,948	1,743	1,260	1,162	1,207	1,800	2,605	3,415	3,934	4,347	4,590	4,608	4,482	4,551	4,281	4,975	4,948	4,501	4,277	3,863	3,649	3,086	2,408	79,920

Figure 14.2: Calls For Service By Day of the Week, New Bedford, MA, 2024

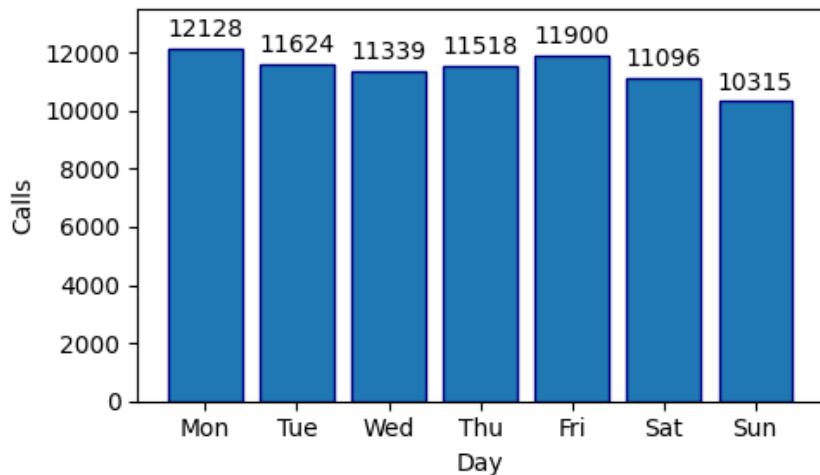
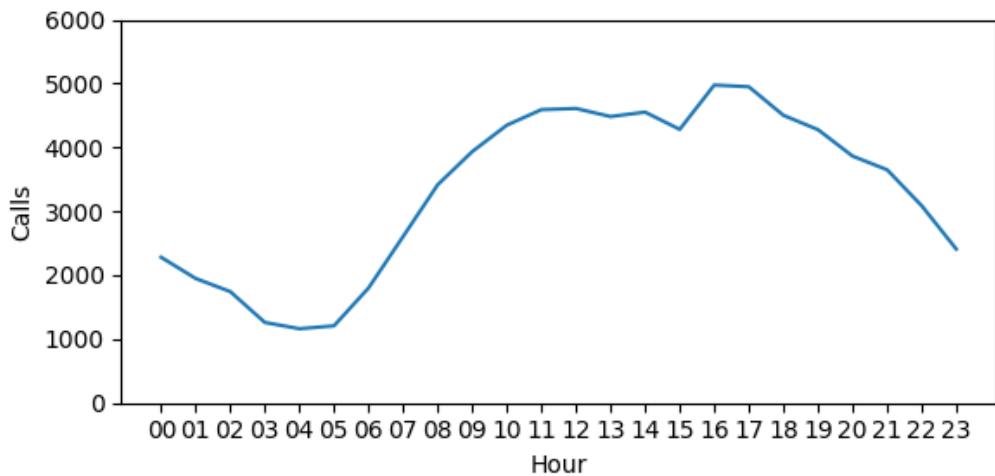


Figure 14.3: Calls For Service By Hour of the Day, New Bedford, MA, 2024



1. Call Reasons

When looking at the top ten call reasons, as shown in Table 14.1.1, Disturbance and Complaint calls represent the two most frequent call reasons in 2024, with 9,682 and 6,131 calls respectively. Disturbance calls decreased by 3,807 (-28.2%) from 2020, while complaint calls increased by 278 calls (+4.7%). Of the top ten call reasons in 2024, Motor Vehicle Accident calls made the largest increase from 2020, both in the total number of calls (616) and percentage (+15.9%), followed by check welfares, which increased by 601 calls (+13.2%).

Table 14.1.1: Top 10 Call Reasons, New Bedford, MA, 2020 and 2024.

Call Reason	2020	Call Reason	2024
Disturbance	13,489	Disturbance	9,682
Traffic Stop	6,113	Complaint	6,131
Complaint	5,853	Sick Person	5,551
Check Auto	4,967	Traffic Stop	5,347
Sick Person	4,954	Check Welfare	5,163
Check Welfare	4,562	Check Auto	5,013
Alarm, Burglar	4,201	Motor Vehicle Accident	4,493
Motor Vehicle Accident	3,877	Animal Control	3,728
Animal Control	3,537	Alarm, Burglar	3,274
Domestic Disturbance	2,677	Domestic Disturbance	2,630

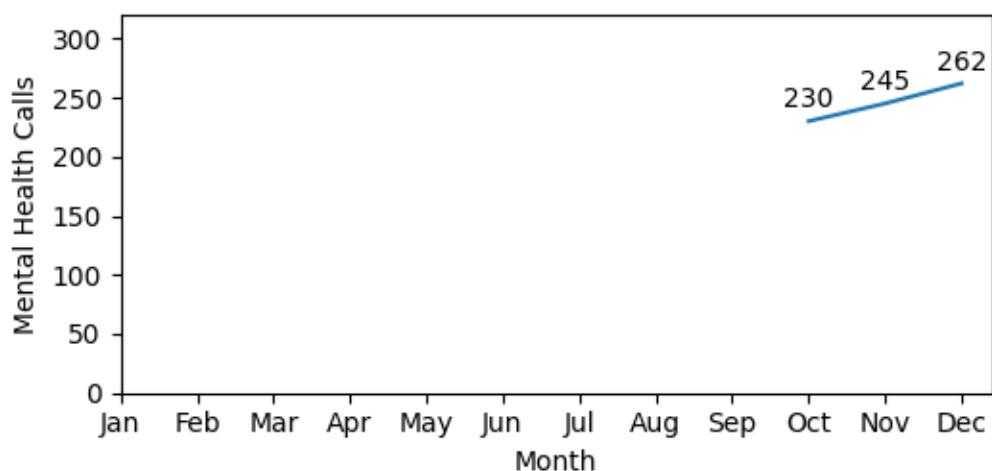
15. Mental Health

The New Bedford Police Department has a number of programs providing a co-response capability, with clinicians from partner agencies embedded with officers. The co-response units are available to respond to calls with a mental health component as well as initiate follow-up and check welfare calls.

1. Mental Health Calls

Through the Equitable Approaches to Public Safety (EAPS) grant, Calls for Service with a mental health component began to be more comprehensively tracked by NBPD in October of 2024. In the three months that this data was recorded, there was an average of 245 Calls for Service identified as having a mental health component per month.

Figure 15.1.1: Calls for Service with a Mental Health Component, New Bedford, MA, 2024



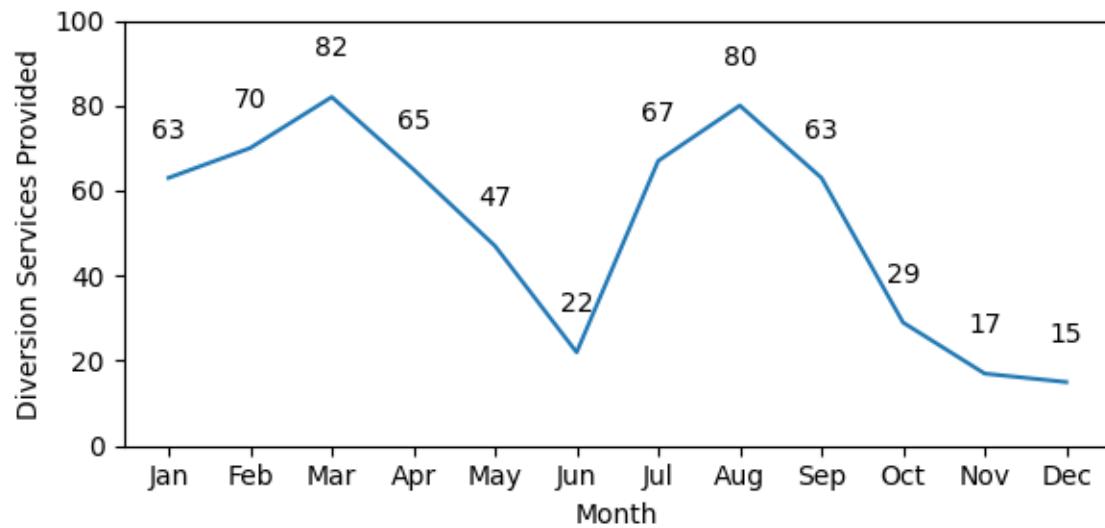
2. Co-Response Clinician (Child & Family Services, Inc.)

The New Bedford Police Department and Child and Family Services, INC. Emergency Services Program (ESP) co-response program made 143 direct interactions and 6 indirect interactions in 2024. 63% of clients directly interacted with were diverted from going to the Emergency Department and ESP co-response issued 38 Section 12's following direct interactions.

3. Co-Response Clinician (North Star)

The New Bedford Police Department and North Star Learning Centers, INC. co-response program provided a total of 620 diversionary services in 2024, with an average of 32 community members served each month.

Figure 15.3.1: Co-Response Clinician (North Star) Services Provided, New Bedford, MA, 2024

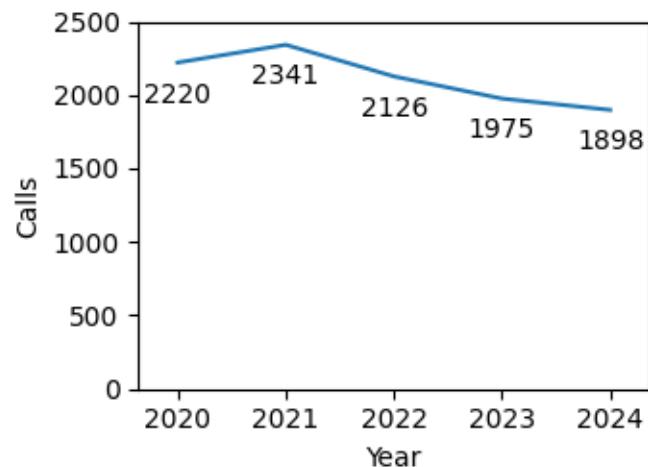


16. Domestic Violence

1. Domestic Verbal Arguments

The New Bedford Police Department responded to 1,898 domestic verbal argument (DVA) incidents in 2024, a decrease of 322 incidents (-14.5%) from 2020 when there were 2,220 DVA incidents.

Figure 16.1.1: Domestic Verbal Arguments, New Bedford, MA, 2020-2024



When considering domestic verbal arguments by the time of day and day of the week, the highest number of domestic verbal arguments (143) took place between 9pm and 10pm, followed by 118 between 10pm and 11pm. Sunday and Saturday were the most common days for a domestic verbal arguments to be reported, with 324 and 285 calls respectively. The busiest single hour of the week was Fridays between 9 and 10pm with 27 incidents.

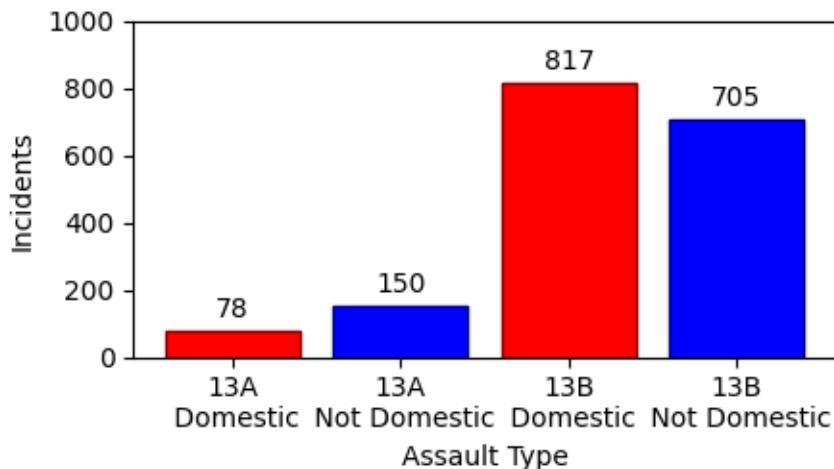
Table 16.1.1: Domestic Verbal Arguments by Time of Day, Day of Week, New Bedford, MA, 2024

	Hour of the Day																								Total	
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
Day of the Week	Mon	19	6	7	1	6	2	5	10	11	9	10	14	14	4	14	17	21	14	20	15	18	22	13	11	283
Tue	11	6	9	3	6	6	3	7	9	8	5	9	12	10	13	11	22	18	18	15	14	16	21	10	262	
Wed	12	6	7	3	1	2	4	9	7	8	4	11	9	13	11	13	8	16	12	13	17	20	12	12	225	
Thu	8	6	11	3	5	2	4	5	3	9	5	9	12	8	10	12	16	16	16	14	16	22	13	17	242	
Fri	17	3	8	3	3	7	2	4	3	4	9	14	13	17	12	13	15	22	18	13	18	27	19	13	277	
Sat	20	14	14	10	6	4	7	4	6	9	16	15	12	14	5	10	16	17	12	15	16	15	15	13	285	
Sun	13	13	14	10	7	3	4	8	7	6	14	17	14	12	12	22	11	20	17	19	21	24	17	19	324	
Total	100	54	70	33	34	26	29	47	46	52	67	82	88	74	79	96	114	115	117	103	116	143	118	95	1,898	

2. Domestic Assaults

Domestic assaults comprised a significant proportion of assaults reported to the New Bedford Police Department in 2024, with 895 of the 1,750 (51%) assault incidents determined to be domestic involved. When comparing simple and aggravated domestic assaults¹², a majority of simple assault incidents were domestic involved, while domestic involved incidents accounted for a minority of the aggravated assaults. Specifically, 54% of simple assault incidents were domestic involved, while 34% of aggravated assault were domestic involved.

Figure 16.2.1: Assaults by Domestic and Aggravated Status, New Bedford, MA, 2024



As shown in Table 16.2.1, the domestic assault incidents most frequently took on the Saturdays, with 156 domestic assault incidents occurred on a Saturday in 2024, followed by Sundays, with 143. The fewest domestic assaults took place on weekdays, with 99 domestic assaults occurring on Wednesdays in 2024.

Table 16.2.1: Domestic Assault by Time of Day, Day of Week, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

		Hour of the Day																								Total
		00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Day Of Week	Mon	5	3	5	2	1	1	1	4	2	2	4	4	5	2	4	3	8	12	12	14	11	7	8	3	123
	Tue	8	4	2	3	5	2	3	1	2	3	3	5	5	5	6	3	9	7	9	7	12	7	7	7	125
Wed	4	9	6	2	1	3	1	2	2	5	1	3	4	3	2	5	4	4	6	7	9	10	3	3	99	
Thu	10	3	3	2	1	2	1	1	4	4	1	5	3	1	5	4	6	12	8	6	9	10	15	3	119	
Fri	9	5	5	2	2	0	1	2	8	1	3	4	1	6	8	6	11	10	5	8	13	6	10	4	130	
Sat	5	9	8	6	2	5	3	4	7	3	4	6	7	8	4	8	8	6	10	3	14	11	6	9	156	
Sun	9	9	8	2	5	2	2	1	4	3	6	4	4	5	3	6	5	2	11	11	14	6	12	9	143	
Total	50	42	37	19	17	15	12	15	29	21	22	31	29	30	32	35	51	53	61	56	82	57	61	38	895	

Evenings between 8pm and 9pm were the busiest hour of the day for domestic assaults, with 82 incidents, while Saturdays and Sundays between 8pm and 9pm were the two single busiest hour across the week with 14 incidents each. In general, the pattern across the day and week resembled domestic verbal arguments and overall assaults.

¹² Per NIBRS 13A and 13B definitions.

The victims of domestic assault were predominantly female, with 57.7% of victims female. This contrasts with non-domestic assaults, where the majority (65.3%) of victims were male.

Figure 16.2.2: Sex of Victim, Domestic and Non-Domestic Assault, New Bedford, MA, 2024

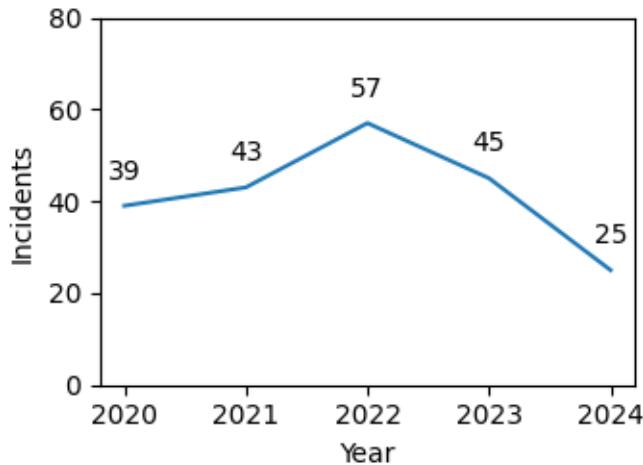
	Not Domestic	
	Domestic	Domestic
Male	42%	65.3
Female	57.7%	34.6
X	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%

When examined alongside the victims of domestic violence and simple vs. aggravated assaults, a pattern emerges. Specifically, females are more likely to be the victim of domestic assault, and these incidents are more likely to be simple, rather than aggravated, assaults. On the other hand, males are more likely to be the victim of non-domestic assaults and a higher percentage of these are aggravated assaults.

17. Overdoses

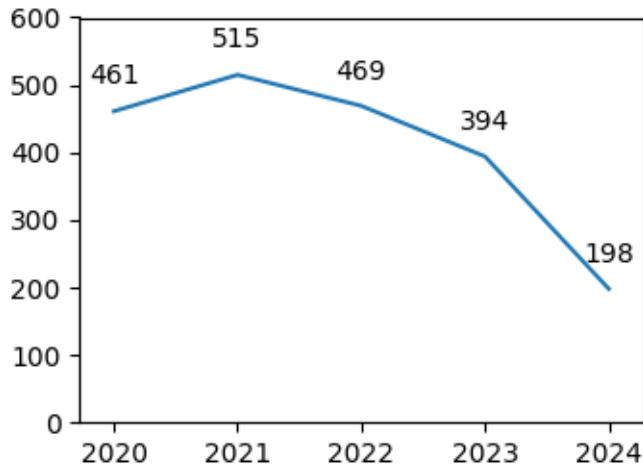
Fatal overdoses¹³ recorded by the New Bedford Police Department decreased by 14 from 39 in 2020 to 25 in 2024, a decrease of 36%. In the two years since 2022, when the number of fatal overdoses was 57, there has been a decrease of 32 fatal overdoses (-56%).

Figure 17.1: Fatal Overdoses, New Bedford, MA, 2020-2024



There were 198 non-fatal overdoses recorded by the New Bedford Police Department in 2024. This was a decrease of 57.0% from the 461 recorded in 2020.

Figure 17.2: Non-Fatal Overdoses, New Bedford, MA, 2020-2024



¹³ Overdose incidents are recorded based on the information available to officers at the scene of the incident and offers one of the most immediate sources of data available to the community. As such, these numbers will differ from those gathered through other sources such as toxicology or death records.

1. Demographics

Victims of overdoses were predominately male, with 60% of fatal overdose victims and 67% of the non-fatal overdose victims male. Females represented 40% of fatal overdoses and 32% of non-fatal overdose victims.

Table 17.1.1: Fatal and Non-Fatal Overdose Victims by Sex, New Bedford, MA, 2024

	Fatal		Non-Fatal
Male	60%	Male	67%
Female	40%	Female	32%
Unknown	0	Unknown	<1%
Total	100%	Total	100%

A majority, 72% of fatal overdose victims in 2024 white, with 60% white not Hispanic, 8% white Hispanic and 8% white with an unknown ethnicity. The proportion of fatal overdose victims in 2024 who were black was 28%, of which black not Hispanic was 20% and black Hispanic 8%.

Table 17.1.2: Fatal Overdose Victims by Race and Ethnicity, New Bedford, MA, 2024

Race	Ethnicity			
	Not Hispanic	Hispanic	Unknown	Total
Asian	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Black	20.0%	8.0%	0.0%	28.0%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
White	60.0%	8.0%	4.0%	72.0%
Unknown	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	80.0%	16.0%	4.0%	100.0%

The proportion of non-fatal overdose victims who were white was 71.1%, with 56.7% white not Hispanic and 12.8% white Hispanic. The proportion of non-fatal overdose victims who were black was 25.6%, with 18.3% black not Hispanic and 6.1% black Hispanic. 2.2% percent of victims race were unknown.

Table 17.1.3: Non-Fatal Overdose Victims by Race and Ethnicity, New Bedford, MA, 2024

Race	Ethnicity			
	Not Hispanic	Hispanic	Unknown	Total
Asian	<1%	0.0%	0.0%	<1%
Black	18.3%	6.1%	1.1%	25.6%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	<1%	0.0%	0.0%	<1%
Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0%	0%
White	56.7%	12.8%	1.7%	71.1%
Unknown	<1%	<1%	1.7%	2.2%
Total	76.1%	19.4%	4.4%	100.0%

2. Post Overdose

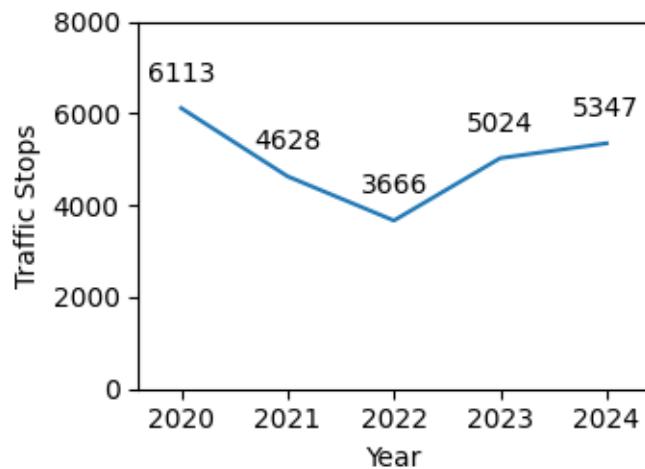
The New Bedford Police Department operates a multi-organizational post-overdose outreach team that follows up with individuals who overdose and their families to offer support and services. In 2024 the outreach team made 1,236 outreach attempts during 129 post overdose shifts. In 432 attempts, contact was made with individuals and in 189 attempts contact was made with family and friends. The outreach team did not make contact in 615 attempts.

18. Traffic

1. Traffic Stops

The New Bedford Police Department logged 5,347 traffic stops in 2024, a 12.5% decrease (766 stops) from the 6,113 stops made in 2020, but 1,681 stops higher than in 2022, when there were 3,666.

Table 18.1.1: Traffic Stops, New Bedford, MA, 2020-2024



The details of a total of 1,113 operators were stored in the call data of traffic stops in 2024. Citations were issued for 60% of all calls where operator details were not recorded and a further 27% of such calls were cleared 'warned'. Of the 1,113 operators whose details are stored in call data, a total of 73.4% had an unknown race and 75% had an unknown ethnicity. 17.7% of operators whose details were stored were white, with 10.3% white not Hispanic and 5.9% white Hispanic. 8.8% of entered operators were black, with 6.6% black not Hispanic and 1.2% black Hispanic.

Table 18.1.1: Race and Ethnicity of Vehicle Operators in Traffic Stops, New Bedford, MA, 2024

Race	Ethnicity			
	Not Hispanic	Hispanic	Unknown	Total
Asian	<1%	0.0%	0.0%	<1%
Black	6.6%	1.2%	1.1%	8.8%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0%	0%	0%	0%
Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0%	0%
White	10.3%	5.9%	1.4%	17.7%
Unknown	0.0%	0.4%	73.0%	73.4%
Total	17%	8%	75%	100%

2. Citations

In total, 4,574¹⁴ citations were issued by the New Bedford Police Department in 2024. This represents a slight increase from 2020, when 4,550 citations were issued. Of the 4,574 citations issued in 2024, 196 of the issued citations were arrest, 381 were civil, 882 were criminal, 10 were municipal, 3,103 were written warnings and two were verbal warnings.

Figure 18.2.1: Citations by Type, New Bedford, MA, 2020-2024.

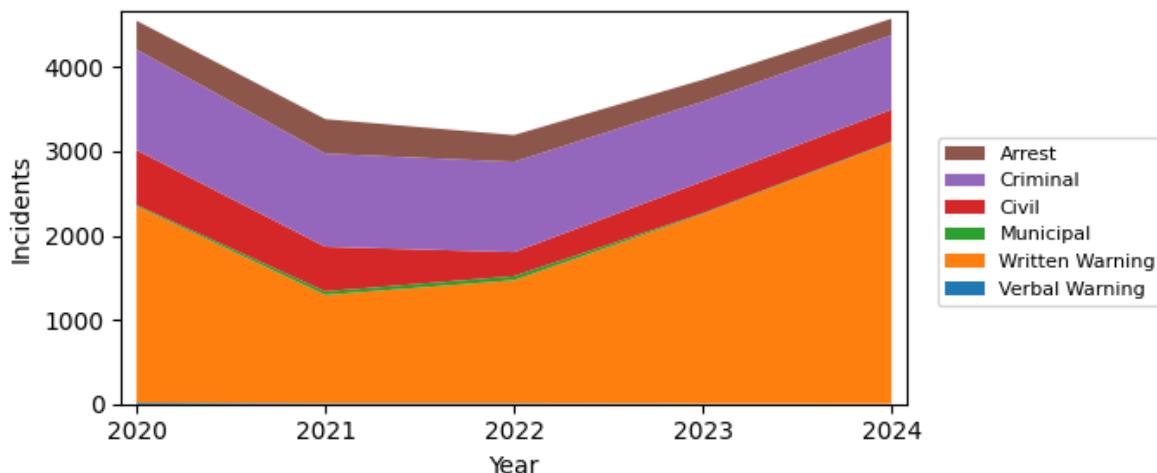


Table 18.2.1: Citations by Type, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Citation Action	Count
Arrest	196
Civil	381
Criminal	882
Municipal	10
Written Warning	3,103
Verbal Warning	2
Total	4,574

Of the 4,574 citations issued in 2024, 4,449 were issued to vehicle operators, with the remaining 125 issued to the vehicle owner (118) or an involved party (seven). Vehicle operators were New Bedford residents in 64% of issued citations (2,855 of the 4,449 operators), with 1,594 cited operators having addresses outside the city. Non-resident operators cited by the New Bedford Police Department were most likely to be residents of towns and cities surrounding New Bedford, with residents of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River and Westport accounting for 59% of the non-resident operators cited (943 of the 1,594 non-residents).

¹⁴ 64 citations were voided

Table 18.2.2: Residency of Cited Operators, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Residency	Count
New Bedford Resident	2,855
Non-New Bedford Resident	1,594
Total	4,449

White operators accounted for 69.9% of all operators cited in New Bedford in 2024, with 37.8% white not Hispanic and 16.7% white Hispanic. Black operators represented 18.8% of all operators cited, with 10.8% black not Hispanic and 4.4% black Hispanic. The ethnicity of 26.5% of all operators cited by the New Bedford Police Department is recorded as unknown and the operator's race is recorded as unknown in 10.8% of all citations issued to operators.

Table 18.2.3 Race and Ethnicity of Cited Operators, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Race	Ethnicity			
	Not Hispanic	Hispanic	Unknown	Total
Asian	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Black	10.8%	4.4%	3.6%	18.8%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0
Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
White	37.8%	16.7%	15.4%	69.9%
Unknown	<1%	3.1%	7.3%	10.8%
Total	49.2%	24.3%	26.5%	100.0%

Male operators represented 59.9% of all operators cited. Females represented 39.6% of operators, with less than one percent of operator's sex unknown.

Table 18.2.4: Sex of Cited Operators, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Sex	Count
Female	39.6%
Male	59.9%
X	<1%
Blank	<1%
Total	100%

19. Use of Force

In 2024, the New Bedford Police Department used force on 151 individuals in 138 incidents, with 167 total actions taken¹⁵. Data is provided below concerning the race/ethnicity and age of individuals on whom force was used, and the use of force actions that were used.

Individuals identified as white accounted for 56.3% (85 individuals) of all individuals upon whom force was used, with 30.5% (46 individuals) identified as black and 4.6% Hispanic (7 individuals). For 8.6% of individuals their race/ethnicity was either not stated, or it was unknown. 25.2% of individuals were in the 18–25-year-old age group, followed by 23.8% in the 26–35–year-old age group and 22.5% in the 36–45–year-old age group. 9.3% of individuals were juveniles (14 individuals).

Table 19.1: Race/Ethnicity of Use of Force Subjects by Age, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Age	Race/Ethnicity					Total
	Black	Hispanic	White	Not Stated	Unknown	
Juvenile	5.3%	0.7%	2.0%	0.0%	1.3%	9.3%
18-25	7.3%	2.6%	12.6%	2.0%	0.7%	25.2%
26-35	10.6%	0.0%	11.9%	1.3%	0.0%	23.8%
36-45	5.3%	0.7%	15.9%	0.7%	0.0%	22.5%
46-55	0.7%	0.0%	8.6%	1.3%	0.0%	10.6%
56-65	0.7%	0.7%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	4.6%
Over 65	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%
Unknown	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	2.7%
Total	30.5%	4.6%	56.3%	6.6%	2%	100%

The use of handcuffs was the most common use of force recorded, with 75.4% of all use of force actions only involving handcuffs, while a further 2.4% involved handcuffs. Tasers were used in 10.8% of all use of force actions. Firearms were drawn or pointed at a subject in 2.4% of use of force actions.

¹⁵ Multiple individuals may be involved in a single incident, and multiple use of force actions may be used on a specific individual.

Table 19.2: Subjects Race/Ethnicity and Actions Taken, New Bedford, MA, 2024.

Use of Force Type	Black	Hispanic	White	Unknown	Total
Handcuffed	0.6%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	2.4%
Handcuffed Only	21.6%	3.0%	42.5%	8.4%	75.4%
Leg Shackles	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%
Guided Him To The Ground	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%	3.6%
Punch	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%
Struck Subject/Sapstick	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%
Taser Unholstered	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
Laser Pointed	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
Taser Arc	1.2%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	1.8%
Taser Drive Stun	3.6%	0.6%	2.4%	0.0%	6.6%
Taser Used On Subject	1.8%	0.6%	1.8%	0.0%	4.2%
Drew Weapon	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%
Pointed Firearm At Subject	0.6%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	1.8%
Not Indicated	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%
Grand Total	31.1%	4.2%	55.7%	9.0%	100%

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