



Seattle Office of
Police Accountability

2021 Recap & Mid-year Report

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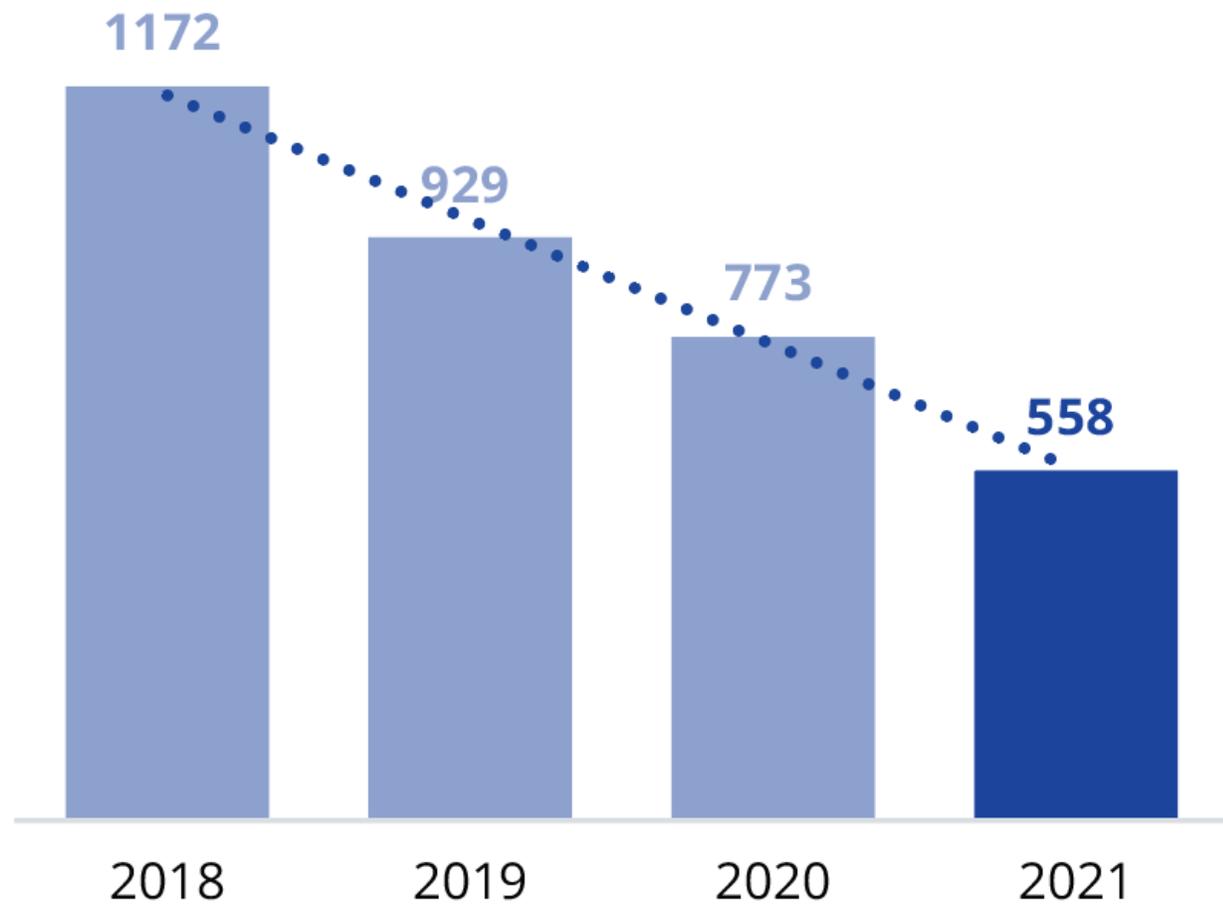
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2021 Data & Trends Recap



The number of cases opened each year continues to decline

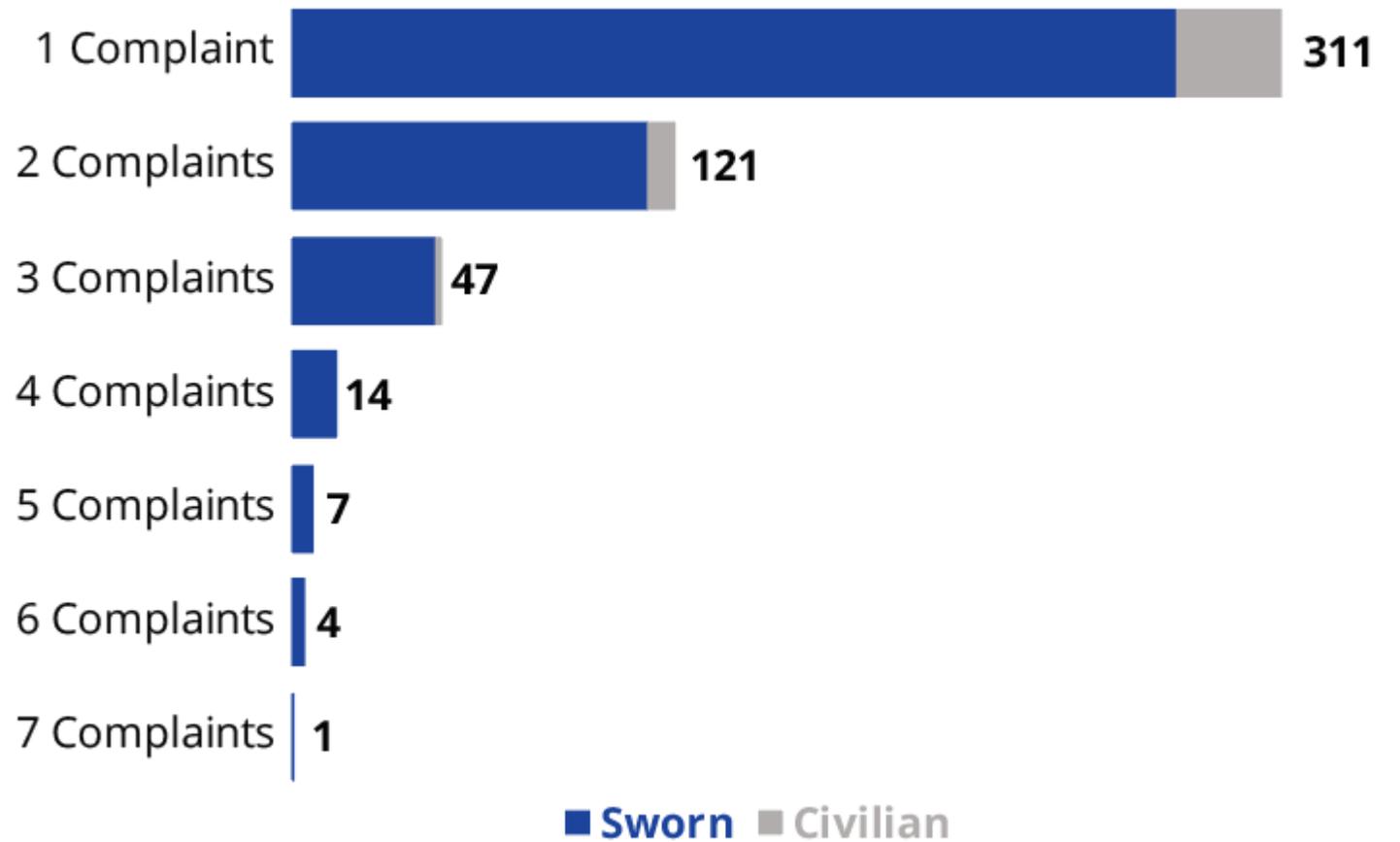


Cases Opened by Year (2018-2021)

Transfer of 911 Communication & Parking Enforcement

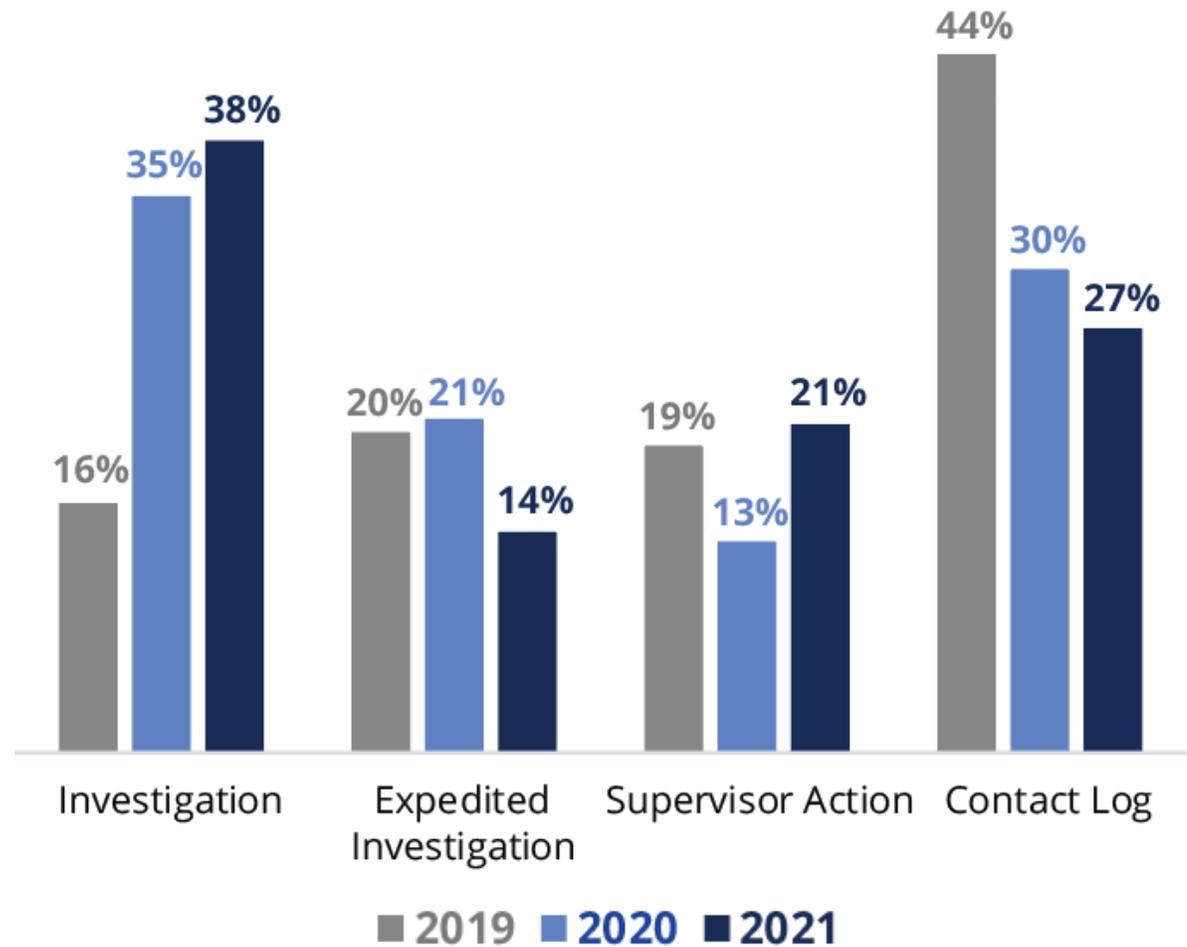
- Prior to the transfer, OPA had opened:
 - 7 cases involving 10 emergency communications employees
 - 25 cases involving 26 PEOs
- After the transfer, OPA referred any new complaints to CSCC or SDOT

**Over one-third
of sworn
employees
received at
least one
complaint**



Complaints Received Per Employee (2021)

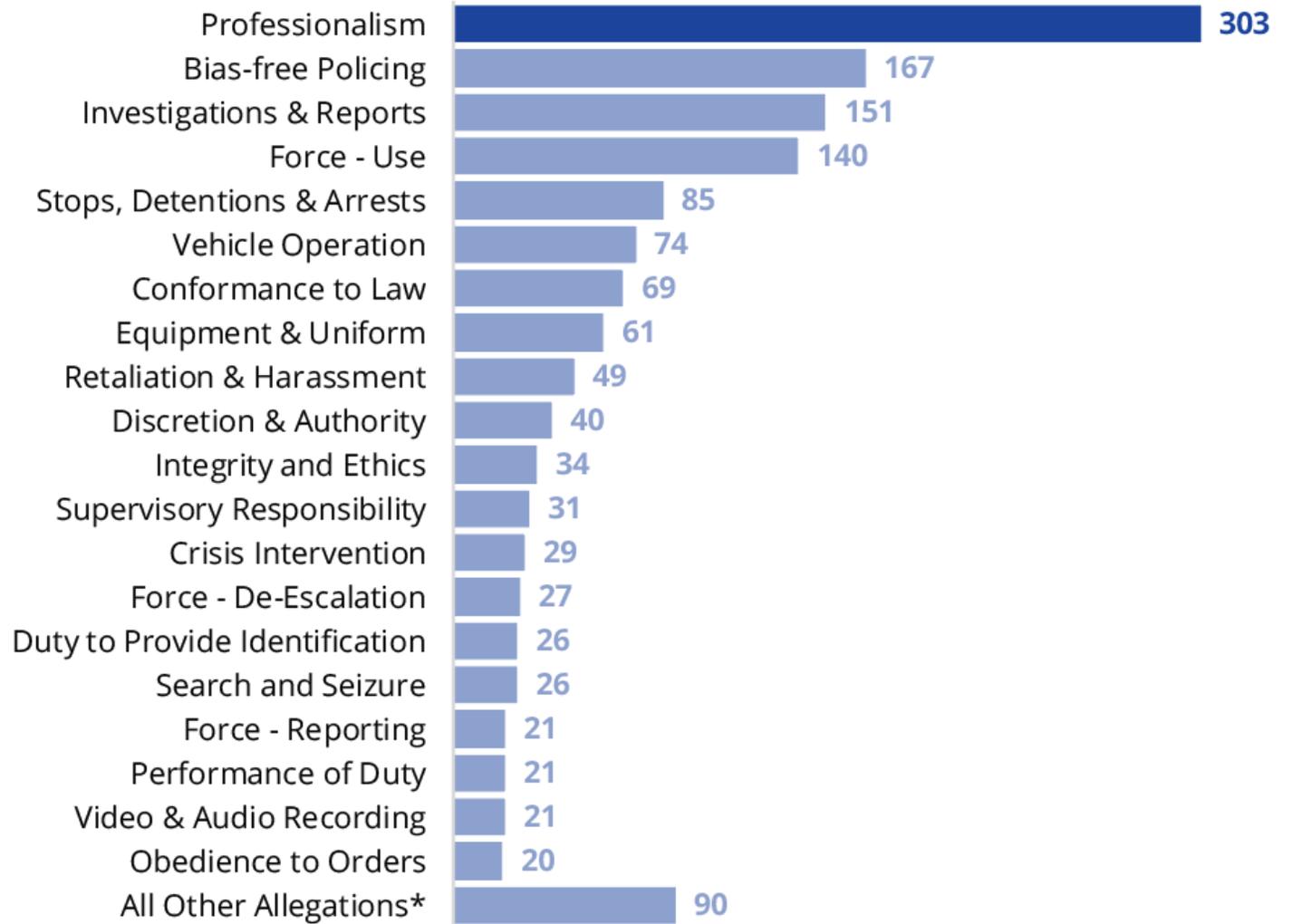
The proportion of cases classified for full investigation continued to increase in 2021



* Figure excludes Rapid Adjudication and Mediation. Totals shown per year equal 99%.

Classification Type as a Percent of Total Complaints (2019-2021)

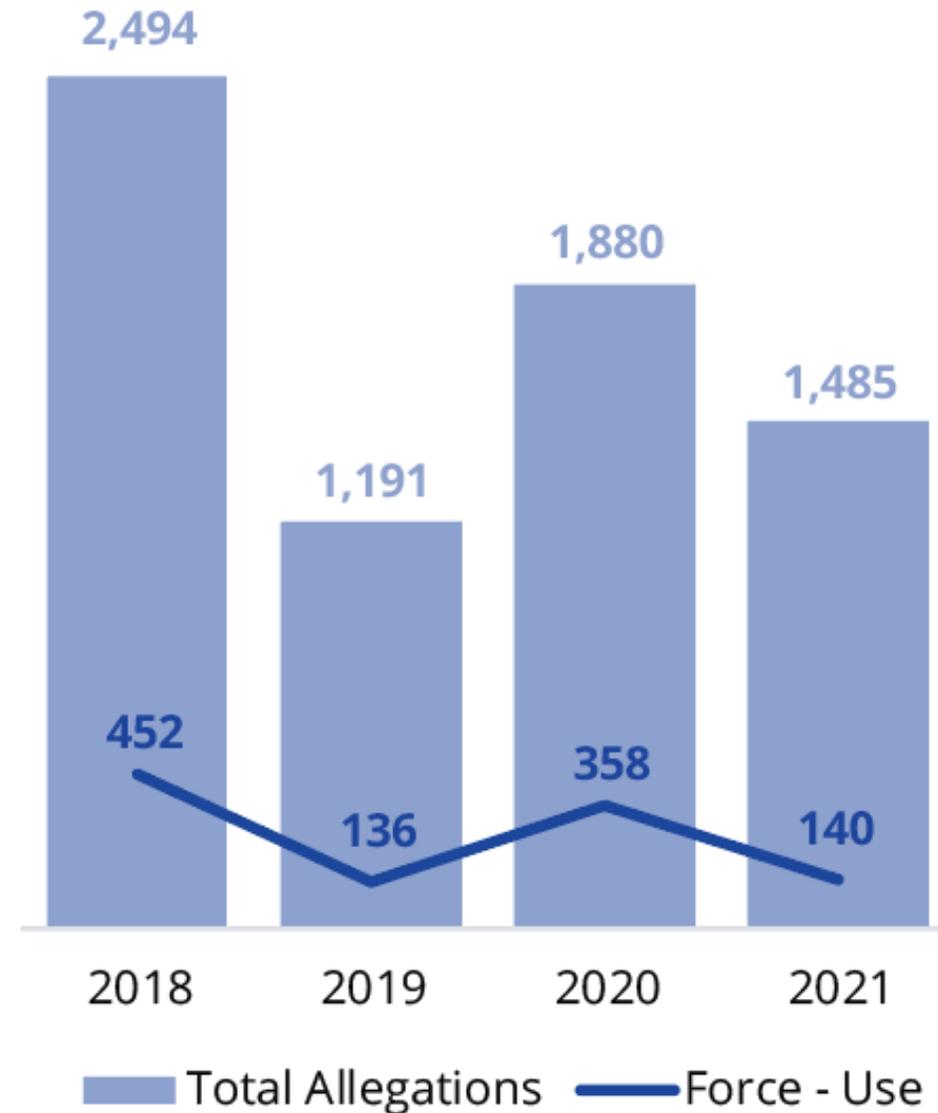
Professionalism, Bias, and Investigations & Reports were the most common allegations



Count of Allegations by Type (2021)

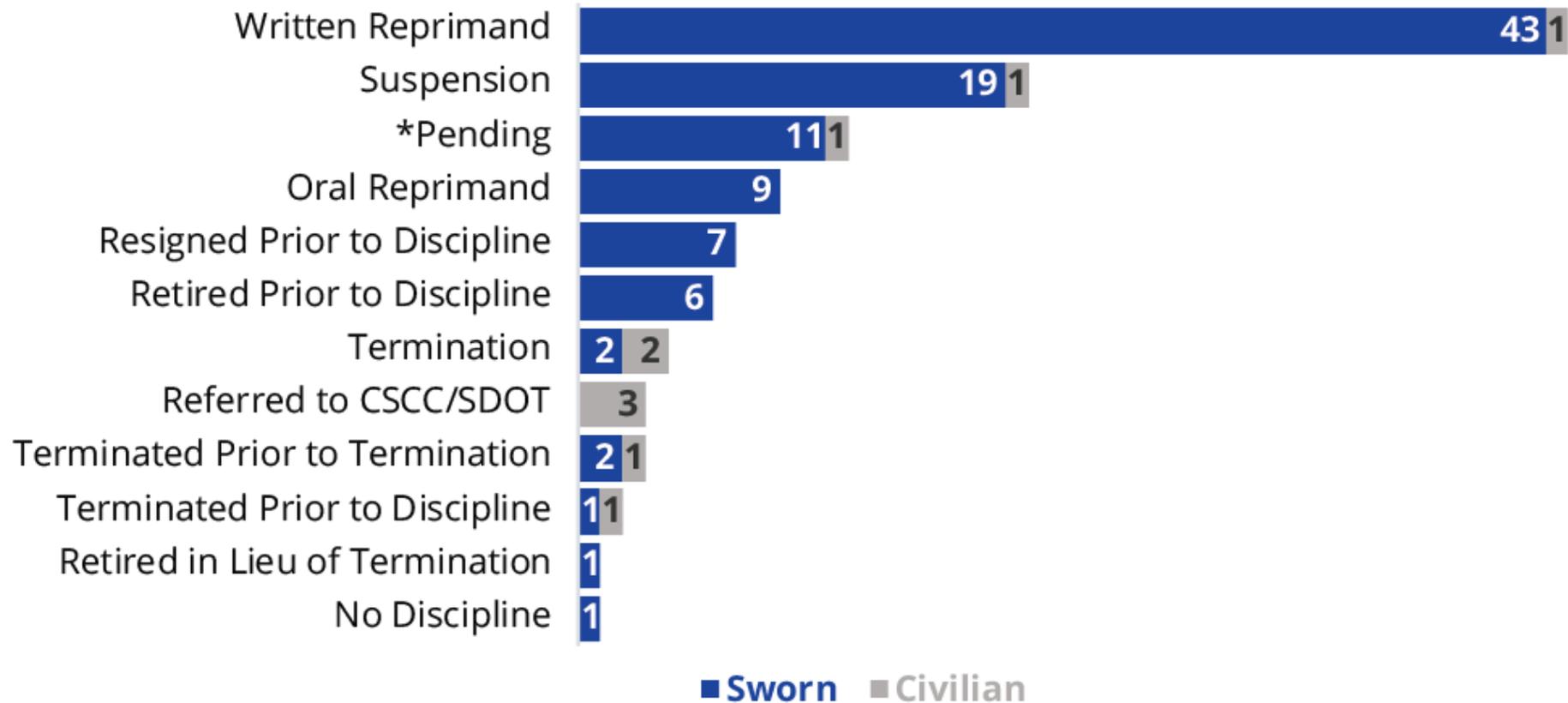
* Category includes the following allegations: Administrative Procedures & Requirements (18); Self-Reporting Obligations (18); Social Media (9); Information & Communications Systems (7); Property & Evidence (7); Bias – Reporting (6); Timekeeping & Payroll (6); Tickets & Traffic Contact Reports (5); Force – Investigation (4); Courtesy & Demeanor (3); Bias – Investigation (2); Alcohol & Substance Use (1); and Confidentiality (1).

Use of Force allegations decreased significantly from 2020



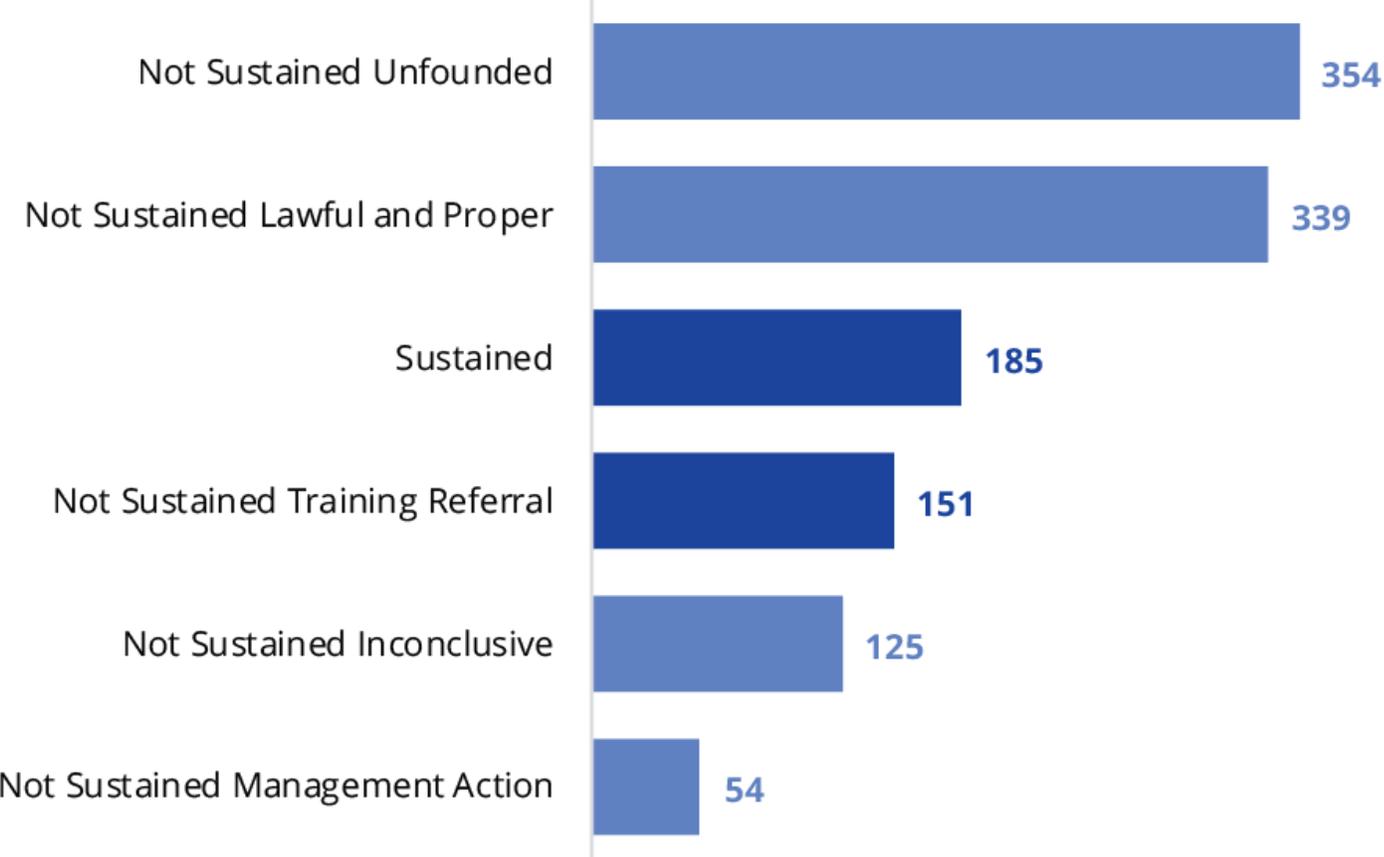
Number of Use of Force Allegations by Year (2018-2021)

98 employees received discipline following OPA investigations



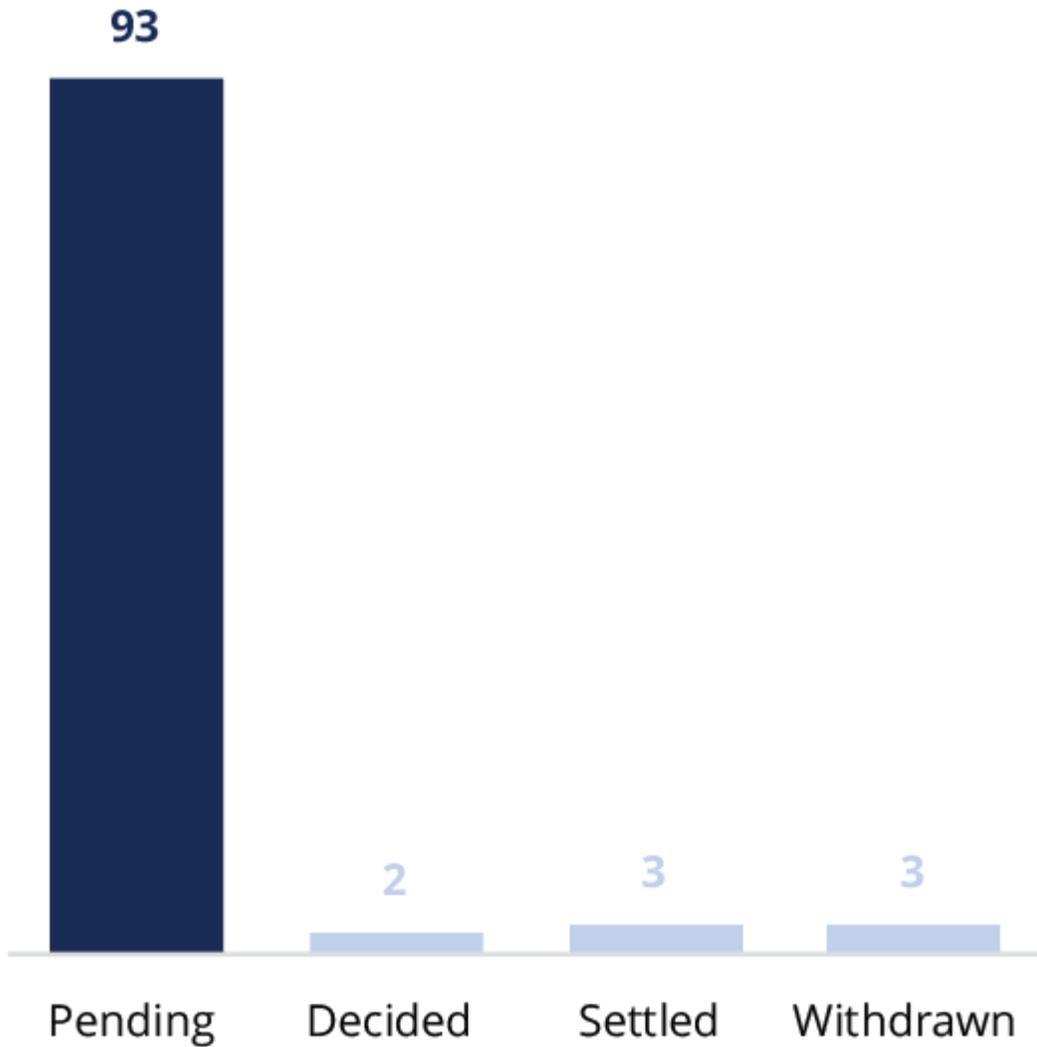
Discipline Imposed by Type for Sustained Findings (2021)

26% of completed investigations contained one or more **sustained findings**



Findings Issued for Allegations by Type (2021)

One case containing two sustained allegations was **overturned** by the Chief in 2021



Most appeals filed through arbitration were still open

Status of Appeals Filed through Arbitration between 2016 and 2021



**OPA issued
recommendations
on 22 areas of SPD
policy & training**

Updating the OPA Manual



2022 Midyear Data & Trends

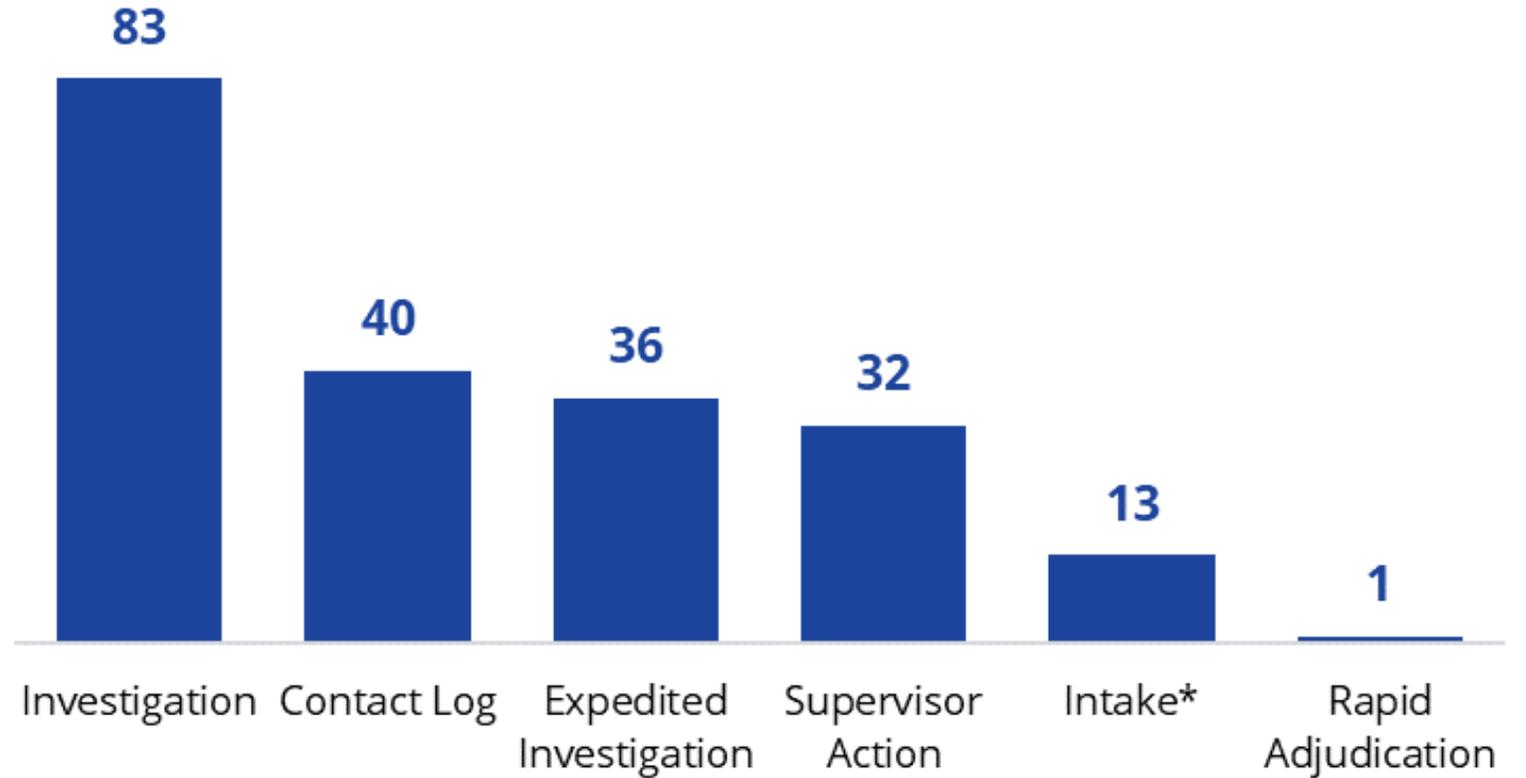


2022 Midyear Highlights

- Interim administration started in late January
- Number of complaints continues to decrease
 - 205 cases in the first half of 2022
- Three-quarters of complaints from community members

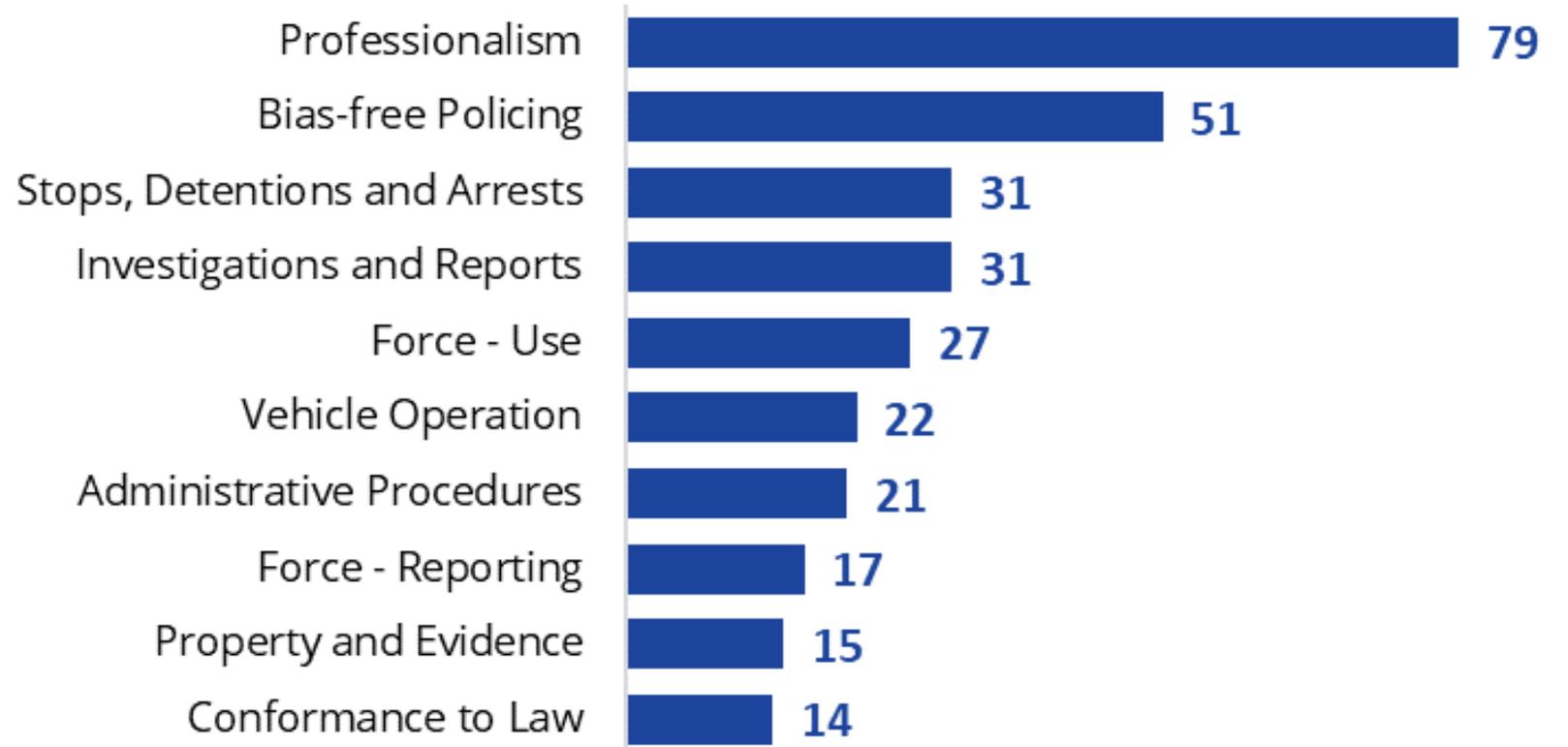
**Classified 60%
of cases** for
investigation

Classification of Cases (Jan-June 2022)



7% of all allegations for use of force

Most Common Allegations (Jan-June 2022)



Abbreviated DCMs

- Critical civilian staff shortages
- Abbreviated DCMs for Not Sustained cases (June 1 – October 1)
- No impact to Sustained cases

Questions?

