



# KENNEWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## 2020 Year End Statistical Review

Year	Use of Force	Collisions	Vehicle Pursuits	IA Investigations
2019	67	12	12	11
2020	68	8	15	12

### Use of Force Data

Ethnicity	Asian	White	Hispanic	Black	Other
2019	1	43	17	6	0
2020	0	35	21	11	1

Gender	Male	Female
2019	60	7
2020	60	8

Average Age	
2019	31.37 Years Old
2020	30.96 Years Old

Type of Force	Taser	Grab/Hold	Push/Pull	Strike/Hit	ASP/Stick	Firearm	OC	K-9	Special Weapon
2019	23	22	9	34	4	1	0	1	1
2020	32	16	13	21	2	1	0	4	4

Note: In some use of force applications, multiple levels/ techniques were used to gain compliance.

The Kennewick Police Department had one instance of deadly force, which resulted in the death of the offender. This use of force was investigated by the Tri-Cities Special Investigations Unit and reviewed by BCPA Andy Miller. The BCPA cleared the Kennewick Police Officer of any wrongdoing. A Kennewick Police Department shooting review board was conducted and Chief Hohenberg determined the officer acted in accordance with the Kennewick Police Department Rules & Regulations.

Use of force showed an increase of 1.49 percent between 2019 and 2020. In reviewing use of force incidents, Taser applications were the most used type of force at 47.05 percent. Strike/hit was the second

most used type of force at 30.88 percent. It should be noted the use of strike/hit force decreased 38.23 percent from 2019. The use of special weapons and K-9 both increased 300 percent. The use of ASP/Stick decreased 50 percent.

### Vehicle Collision Data

<b>Review Board Findings</b>	Preventable	Non-Preventable
2019- 12 Vehicle Collisions	8	4
2020- 8 Vehicle Collisions	6	2

Vehicle collisions showed a decrease of 25 percent between 2019 and 2020. Further, the number of preventable collisions decreased by 25 percent as well.

### Vehicle Pursuit Data

	Within Policy	Collision Involved
2019- 12 Vehicle Pursuits	10 Yes/ 2 No	2
2020- 15 Vehicle Pursuit	15 within policy	5

Vehicle pursuits showed an increase of 25 percent between 2019 and 2020. In 2020, 100 percent of the vehicle pursuits were within policy while 83.33 percent were within policy in 2019. The number of vehicle collisions resulting from vehicle pursuits increased 150 percent.

### IA Investigations/ Reviews Data

<b>Year</b>	Sustained	Not Sustained	Exonerated	Unfounded	Policy Failure
2019- 11	2	3	3	5	0
2020- 11	7	1	2	3	0

Note: Some IA investigations/reviews had multiple findings.

In 2020, IA investigations/reviews increased by 9.09 percent. Nine internal investigations into complaints were conducted along with two shooting review boards and an internal review into an in-custody death, which occurred in December 2020. It should be noted the in-custody death internal review is still open.

### General Activity

- Eighty-Nine pre-employment background investigations.
  - Ten commissioned police officers hired.
  - Three cadet officers hired.
  - One police support specialist hired.

### Bias Based Policing

There were no biased policing allegations reported to the Kennewick Police Department during 2020.

#### Enforcement contacts by demographics:

In 2020, the Kennewick Police Department contacted and took enforcement action on 5,554 citizens for both traffic and non-traffic related incidents. The number of contacts represents both dispatch calls for service and proactivity. Demographic information for the community was obtained using Tri-City Development Council's website. The representative numbers used for this research are as follows:

2020 Total Contacts	5554	KPD Statistics	Community Statistics
Male	3513	63.25%	51%
Female	2041	36.75%	49%
Asian	51	0.92%	3%
Black	237	4.27%	2%
Hispanic	1238	22.29%	32%
American Indian	5	0.09%	1%
Other/Unknown	749	13.49%	17%
White	3274	58.95%	73%

Use of force by demographics:

In 2020, the Kennewick Police Department had sixty-eight uses of force. Of those sixty-eight uses of force, force was used against the white race 51.47 percent, Hispanic ethnicity 30.88 percent, African Americans 16.17 and Indigenous American 1.47 percent.

Comparatively, in 2019 use of force against the white race was 64.17 percent, Hispanic ethnicity 25.37 percent, African Americans 8.95 and the Asian race 1.49 percent.

**Findings**

The categories of use of force, IA investigations/reviews and vehicle pursuits all showed an increase between 2019 and 2020. Vehicle collision showed a decrease between 2019 and 2020. The Kennewick Police Department's enforcement statistics compared to our community demographics represents no apparent bias in the departments policing activities.