

Greenville Police Department 2021 Citizen Complaints and Internal Investigations Summary Report



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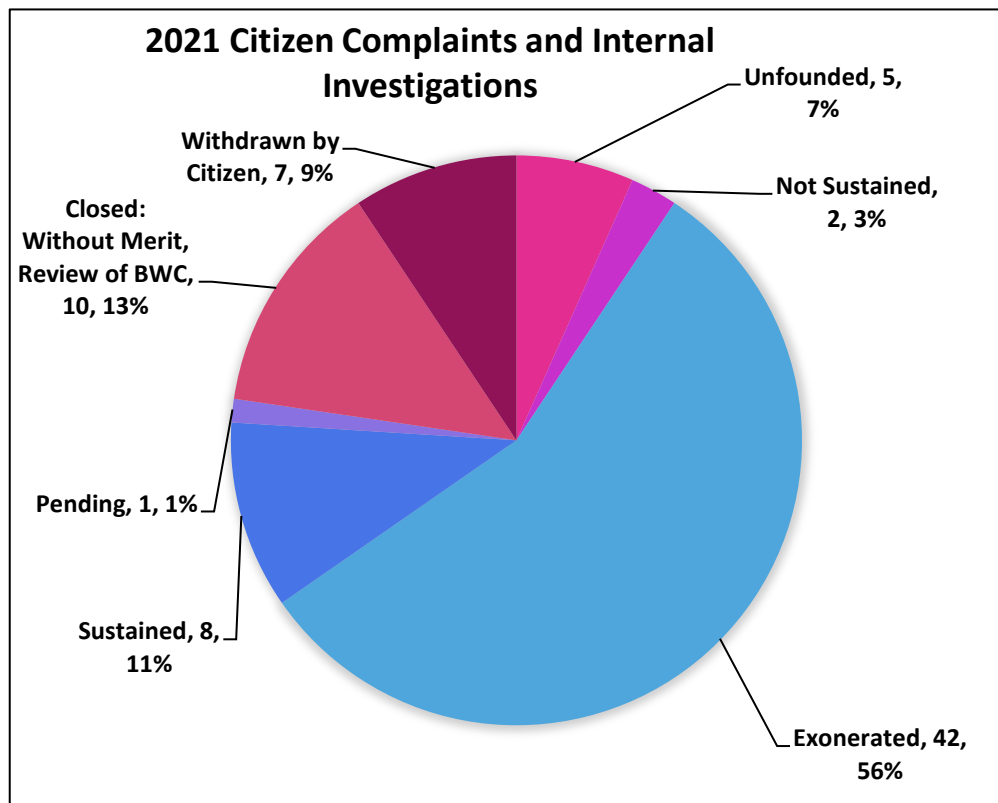


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In 2021, the Internal Affairs Unit investigated 64 complaint cases and 11 internal cases (114 allegations). This report includes data for **division-level investigations; investigations closed without merit following review of body-worn camera video footage; withdrawn complaints; and department-initiated investigations.** All allegations were investigated and adjudicated individually; for this report, a complaint case that involved multiple allegations or complainants were counted as one case and given an overall disposition. For 2021, investigations were disposed as follows:

	2019		2020		2021	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Unfounded	4	6.0%	2	2.1 %	5	6.7%
Not Sustained	4	4.0%	8	8.5%	2	2.7%
Exonerated	9	13.0%	24	25.5%	42	56.0%
Sustained	18	26.0%	27	28.7%	8	10.7%
Mediation	2	3.0%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%
Pending	0	1.0%	4	4.3%	1	1.3%
Closed: Without Merit, Reviewed of BWC	25	36.0%	19	20.2%	10	13.3%
Complaint Withdrawn	8	11.0%	9	9.6%	7	9.3%
TOTAL CASES	70	100.0%	94	100.0%	75	100.0%



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Field Operations makes up over half of the sworn workforce and is the source for the majority of arrests and contacts with the public. Of the 51 cases involving Field Operations officers, **40** were generated from citizen complaint.

	2019		2020		2021	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Field Operations	50	71.0%	65	69.0%	51	68.4%
Training	2	3.0%	2	2.1%	0	0.0%
Warrants/Court Security/ Traffic	4	6.0%	6	6.4%	14	18.4%
Criminal Investigations	5	7.0%	2	2.1%	2	2.6%
Vice & Narcotics	1	1.0%	2	2.1%	2	2.6%
Communications	2	3.0%	3	3.2%	2	2.6%
CRT, SRO, etc.	4	6.0%	13	14.0%	3	3.9%
Not listed/Unknown	2	3.0%	1	1.1%	1	1.3%
TOTAL	70	100.0%	94	100.0%	75	100.0%

Investigations by Complainant's Race and Gender

Race/Gender of Complainants	2019		2020		2021	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Minority	26	47.2%	31	44.9%	33	44.6%
Non-Minority	27	49.1%	25	36.2%	28	39.2%
Not listed/Unknown	2	3.6%	13	18.8%	12	16.2%
Total Complainants	55	100.0%	69	100.0%	73	100.0%
Internal Investigations	17	24.3%	27	28.7%	11	14.5%
Complaint Investigations	53	75.7%	67	71.3%	64	85.5%
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS	70	100%	94	100%	75	
Male	24	33.3%	35	50.7%	32	43.2%
Female	31	43.1%	34	49.3%	40	55.4%
Not listed/Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.43%

2019 and 2020 counts updated to show total cases investigated and total complainants

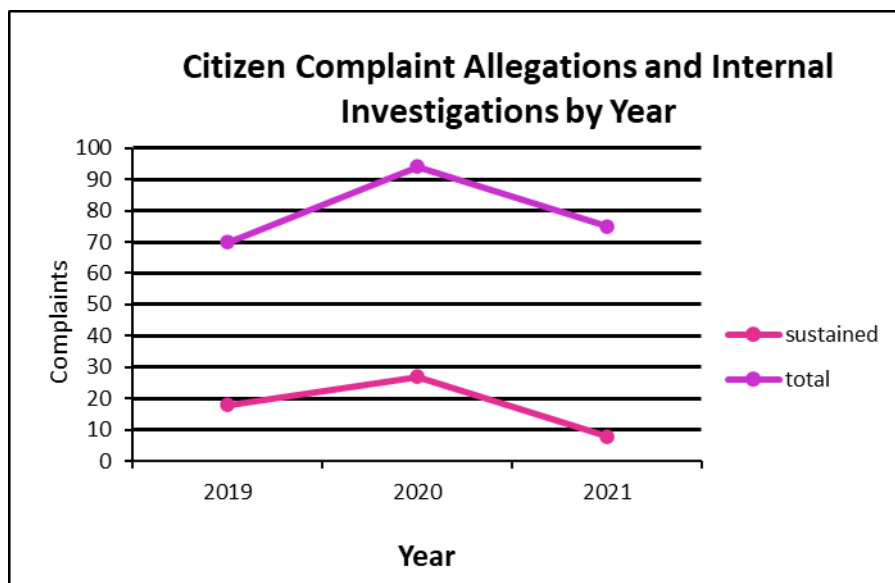
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Investigations by Employee Race and Gender

Race/Gender of Employees	2019		2020		2021	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Minority	6	7.5%	13	14.4%	12	13.5%
Non-Minority	72	90.0%	75	83.3%	75	85.4%
Not listed/Unknown	2	2.5%	2	2.2%	1	1.1%
Total Employees	80	100%	90	100%	88	100%
Internal Investigations	17	24.3%	27	28.7%	11	14.5%
Complaint Investigations	53	75.7%	67	71.3%	64	85.5%
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS	70	100.0%	94	100.0%	75	100.0%
Male	68	85.0%	72	80.0%	74	84.3%
Female	10	12.5%	16	17.8%	14	15.7%
Not listed/Unknown	2	2.5%	2	2.2%	0	0.0%
Total Employees	80	100%	90	100%	88	100%

Sustained Investigations

Eight investigations were sustained in 2021; none of the sustained represent complaints of bias-based policing.



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Sustained Investigations

IA #	COMPLAINANT RACE	COMPLAINANT GENDER	OFFICER(S), CIVILIAN(S) RACE	OFFICER GENDER	NATURE OF COMPLAINT
2021-DIV-0001	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	INTERNAL INVESTIGATION
2021-IA-0005	BLACK	MALE	HISPANIC	MALE	TRAFFIC STOP (LACKED PROBABLE CAUSE)
2021-IA-0007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	INTERNAL INVESTIGATION
2021-IA-0034	WHITE	MALE	WHITE	MALE	RELEASE OF INFORMATION
2021-IA-0035	BLACK	FEMALE	WHITE	MALE	VIOLATION NOT PART OF COMPLAINANT ALLEGATION
2021-IA-0053	NOT LISTED	FEMALE	WHITE	FEMALE	FAILED TO ADEQUATELY INVESTIGATE
2021-IA-0061	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	INTERNAL INVESTIGATION
2021-IA-0064	WHITE	FEMALE	WHITE	MALE	LACKED PROBABLE CAUSE FOR INTERFERING ARREST; LOST COMPLAINANT'S PROPERTY

Allegation/Complaint Category	Investigation Count	%	Allegation Count	%
ABSENT FROM DUTY	0	0.0%	1	.9%
ABUSE OF POSITION	0	0.0%	1	.9%
ARREST, SEARCH AND SEIZURE	13	17.3%	21	18.4%
BIAS-BASED POLICING	4	5.3%	5	4.4%
COMPETENCY	1	1.3%	1	.9%
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS	1	1.3%	3	2.6%
DISCRETION	0	0.0%	1	.9%
DRIVING	1	1.3%	1	.9%
DUTY RESPONSIBILITIES	12	16.0%	21	18.4%
GENERAL CONDUCT	1	1.3%	4	3.5%
IMPROPER USE OR DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE	0	0.0%	1	.9%
RELEASE OF INFORMATION	1	1.3%	2	1.7%
RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2	2.7%	3	2.6%
SUBMISSION OF REPORTS	1	1.3%	1	.9%
TRANSPORTING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN CITY VEHICLES	0	0.0%	1	.9%
TRUTHFULNESS	3	4.0%	4	3.5%
UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, RUDE, DISCOURTEOUS	13	17.3%	27	23.7%
USE OF FORCE	11	14.7%	16	14.0%
INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS (includes three UOF investigations)	11			
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS	64			
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS	75			
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS	114			

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Force Response Complaints and Investigations

IA NUMBER	DATE	TYPE OF FORCE	COMPLAINT	DISPOSITION
2021-IA-0004	2/24/2021	DISCHARGED PEPPER BALLS	DISCHARGE DURING PROTEST	EXONERATED
2021-IA-0006	3/6/2021	POINTED FIREARM	POINTED FIREARM AT CHILDREN'S HEAD	EXONERATED
2021-IA-0010	4/5/2021	UNARMED CONTROL	TAKE-DOWN OF SON, PUSHED IN CHEST	EXONERATED
2021-IA-0016	5/11/2021	DISCHARGED FIREARM	INTERNAL INVESTIGATION	EXONERATED
2021-IA-0018	5/12/2021	HANDCUFFED	INJURY TO WRIST SHOULDER	EXONERATED
2021-IA-0030	6/7/2021	EMPTY-HAND CONTROL	GRABBED AGGRESSIVELY, TWISTED WRIST	EXONERATED
2021-IA-0038	6/29/2021	DISCHARGED TASER	INTERNAL INVESTIGATION	EXONERATED
2021-IA-0051	9/1/2021	HANDCUFFED	APPLIED TOO TIGHT, CAUSING INJURY	EXONERATED
2021-IA-0055	9/74/2021	PUSHED	PUSHED AGAINST A WALL INSIDE GCDC	CLOSED BY BWC
2021-IA-0061	9/8/2021	DISCHARGED TASER	INTERNAL INVESTIGATION	SUSTAINED
2021-IA-0067	11/11/2021	EMPTY-HAND CONTROL	PRESSED THUMB INTO ARM, PUSHED	EXONERATED