

Citizen's Complaints Against Peace Officers (CAPO)

Data Set Overview and History

The Citizens' Complaints Against Peace Officers (CAPO) data provides annual summary information on the number of complaints reported by citizens against peace officers. Assembly Bill 953 (2015) modified the reporting requirements to also include complaints based upon racial and identify profiling claims. 2016 was the first year of collection under the new reporting requirements. Prior to 2016, the data was only released at the statewide summary level; no agency specific data was published. Agencies report individual numbers to the DOJ but pursuant to Penal Code (PC) Section 13012(e).

Statutory Authority

The CA DOJ has statutory authority to collect CAPO data pursuant to PC Section 13012(e).

Data Characteristics and Known Limitations

1. Setting up policy and procedures for collecting information regarding complaints against peace officers is statutorily left up to the discretion of the agency (PC section 832.5). Therefore, each agency could implement and outreach differently which could affect the number of complaints (in either direction...more or less) they receive and caution should be taken when comparing across agencies who may have different policies.
2. CAPO collection is under a California statute. This data is not sent to the FBI.
3. This data set contains information submitted by some local and state agencies that do not report any other data to us (i.e. fire departments, district attorneys, housing development agencies etc.). The primary requirement for reporting is that the agency employs peace officers as defined in PC sections 830-830.6. This means we will have complaint data in this file and no corresponding arrest or crime data for some agencies.
4. State agencies report one set of numbers for the entire state (county level information is not available). Similar to the Law Enforcement Personnel data, entities such as CHP, which have a presence in each county, only report one number to us for the agency as a whole.
5. Large agencies that contract for community policing services only report one set of numbers. The data is based on the actions of a department, not the activity within its contract cities. For example, arrest and crime data are available for the city of Compton; however, Compton is a contract city of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD), and citizens' complaint data is only reported under the LASD. Since this is the case for several of the larger counties, one must take caution in comparing these data sets. The data reported for counties with large amounts of contract agencies will appear disproportionate to the number of arrests and crimes reported for that agency. Using the example above, LASD reports 50 LEA Personnel, 20 complaints, 100 arrests and 60 crimes. The numbers appear disproportionate because one would need to take all the arrest and crime data for the contract agencies into account to see a proportionate reference to the personnel and complaints reported.

6. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation represents a large number of complaints annually, but does not report any UCR (crime or arrest) data.

Data Element and Values Defined

Cell Location	Data Element	Description/Definition	Value
A	NCIC	The NCIC number of the Agency that reported the complaints.	Four digit alphanumeric
B	AgencyName	The literal name of the Agency that reported the complaints.	alphanumeric
C	ComplaintYear	The year in which the complaint data was reported.	YYYY
D	TotalComplaintsReported	The total number of complaints reported.	Numerical Count
E	NonCriminalReported	The number of non-criminal complaints reported.	Numerical Count
F	MisdemeanorReported	The number of misdemeanor complaints reported.	Numerical Count
G	FelonyReported	The number of felony complaints reported.	Numerical Count
H	TotalComplaintsInDetentionReported	The total number of complaints reported by local detention facilities.	Numerical Count
I	NonCriminalInDetentionReported	The number of non-criminal complaints reported by local detention facilities.	Numerical Count
J	MisdemeanorInDetentionReported	The number of misdemeanor complaints reported by local detention facilities.	Numerical Count
K	FelonyInDetentionReported	The number of felony complaints reported by local detention facilities.	Numerical Count
L	TotalRacialProfilingComplaintsReported	The total number of complaints reported with a racial or identity profiling component.	Numerical Count
M	RaceEthnicityReported	The number of complaints reported with a race/ethnicity profiling component.	Numerical Count
N	NationalityReported	The number of complaints reported with a nationality profiling component.	Numerical Count

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O	GenderReported	The number of complaints reported with a gender profiling component.	Numerical Count
P	AgeReported	The number of complaints reported with an age profiling component.	Numerical Count
Q	ReligionReported	The number of complaints reported with a religion profiling component.	Numerical Count
R	GenderIdentityExpressionReported	The number of complaints reported with a gender identity/expression profiling component.	Numerical Count
S	SexualOrientationReported	The number of complaints reported with a sexual orientation profiling component.	Numerical Count
T	MentalDisabilityReported	The number of complaints reported with a mental disability profiling component.	Numerical Count
U	PhysicalDisabilityReported	The number of complaints reported with a physical disability profiling component.	Numerical Count
V	TotalComplaintsSustained	The total number of complaints sustained.	Numerical Count
W	NonCriminalSustained	The number of non-criminal complaints sustained.	Numerical Count
X	MisdemeanorSustained	The number of misdemeanor complaints sustained.	Numerical Count
Y	FelonySustained	The number of felony complaints sustained.	Numerical Count
Z	TotalComplaintsInDetentionSustained	The total number of complaints reported by local detention facilities that were sustained.	Numerical Count
AA	NonCriminalInDetentionSustained	The number of non-criminal complaints reported by local detention facilities that were sustained.	Numerical Count
AB	MisdemeanorInDetentionSustained	The number of misdemeanor complaints reported by local detention facilities that were sustained.	Numerical Count
AC	FelonyInDetentionSustained	The number of felony complaints reported by local detention facilities that were sustained.	Numerical Count

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AD	TotalRacialProfilingComplaintsSustained	The total number of complaints with a racial or identity profiling component that were sustained.	Numerical Count
AE	RaceEthnicitySustained	The number of complaints with a race/ethnicity profiling component that were sustained.	Numerical Count
AF	NationalitySustained	The number of complaints with a nationality profiling component that were sustained.	Numerical Count
AG	GenderSustained	The number of complaints with a gender profiling component that were sustained.	Numerical Count
AH	AgeSustained	The number of complaints with an age profiling component that were sustained.	Numerical Count
AI	ReligionSustained	The number of complaints with a religion profiling component that were sustained.	Numerical Count
AJ	GenderIdentityExpressionSustained	The number of complaints with a gender identity/expression profiling component that were sustained.	Numerical Count
AK	SexualOrientationSustained	The number of complaints with a sexual orientation profiling component that were sustained.	Numerical Count
AL	MentalDisabilitySustained	The number of complaints with a mental disability profiling component that were sustained.	Numerical Count
AM	PhysicalDisabilitySustained	The number of complaints with a physical disability profiling component that were sustained.	Numerical Count
AN	TotalComplaintsExonerated	The total number of complaints exonerated.	Numerical Count
AO	NonCriminalExonerated	The number of non-criminal complaints exonerated.	Numerical Count
AP	MisdemeanorExonerated	The number of misdemeanor complaints exonerated.	Numerical Count
AQ	FelonyExonerated	The number of felony complaints exonerated.	Numerical Count
AR	TotalComplaintsInDetentionExonerated	The total number of complaints reported by local detention facilities that were exonerated.	Numerical Count
AS	NonCriminalInDetentionExonerated	The number of non-criminal complaints reported by local detention facilities that were exonerated.	Numerical Count

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AT	MisdemeanorInDetentionExonerated	The number of misdemeanor complaints reported by local detention facilities that were exonerated.	Numerical Count
AU	FelonyInDetentionExonerated	The number of felony complaints reported by local detention facilities that were exonerated.	Numerical Count
AV	TotalRacialProfilingComplaintsExonerated	The total number of complaints with a racial or identity profiling component that were exonerated.	Numerical Count
AW	RaceEthnicityExonerated	The number of complaints with a race/ethnicity profiling component that were exonerated.	Numerical Count
AX	NationalityExonerated	The number of complaints with a nationality profiling component that were exonerated.	Numerical Count
AY	GenderExonerated	The number of complaints with a gender profiling component that were exonerated.	Numerical Count
AZ	AgeExonerated	The number of complaints with an age profiling component that were exonerated.	Numerical Count
BA	ReligionExonerated	The number of complaints with a religion profiling component that were exonerated.	Numerical Count
BB	GenderIdentityExpressionExonerated	The number of complaints with a gender identity/expression profiling component that were exonerated.	Numerical Count
BC	SexualOrientationExonerated	The number of complaints with a sexual orientation profiling component that were exonerated.	Numerical Count
BD	MentalDisabilityExonerated	The number of complaints with a mental disability profiling component that were exonerated.	Numerical Count
BE	PhysicalDisabilityExonerated	The number of complaints with a physical disability profiling component that were exonerated.	Numerical Count
BF	TotalComplaintsNotSustained	The total number of complaints not sustained.	Numerical Count
BG	NonCriminalNotSustained	The number of non-criminal complaints not sustained.	Numerical Count

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BH	MisdemeanorNotSustained	The number of misdemeanor complaints not sustained.	Numerical Count
BI	FelonyNotSustained	The number of felony complaints not sustained.	Numerical Count
BJ	TotalComplaintsInDetentionNotSustained	The total number of complaints reported by local detention facilities that were not sustained.	Numerical Count
BK	NonCriminalInDetentionNotSustained	The number of non-criminal complaints reported by local detention facilities that were not sustained.	Numerical Count
BL	MisdemeanorInDetentionNotSustained	The number of misdemeanor complaints reported by local detention facilities that were not sustained.	Numerical Count
BM	FelonyInDetentionNotSustained	The number of felony complaints reported by local detention facilities that were not sustained.	Numerical Count
BN	TotalRacialProfilingComplaintsNotSustained	The total number of complaints with a racial or identity profiling component that were not sustained.	Numerical Count
BO	RaceEthnicityNotSustained	The number of complaints with a race/ethnicity profiling component that were not sustained.	Numerical Count
BP	NationalityNotSustained	The number of complaints with a nationality profiling component that were not sustained.	Numerical Count
BQ	GenderNotSustained	The number of complaints with a gender profiling component that were not sustained.	Numerical Count
BR	AgeNotSustained	The number of complaints with an age profiling component that were not sustained.	Numerical Count
BS	ReligionNotSustained	The number of complaints with a religion profiling component that were not sustained.	Numerical Count
BT	GenderIdentityExpressionNotSustained	The number of complaints with a gender identity/expression profiling component that were not sustained.	Numerical Count
BU	SexualOrientationNotSustained	The number of complaints with a sexual orientation profiling component that were not sustained.	Numerical Count

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BV	MentalDisabilityNotSustained	The number of complaints with a mental disability profiling component that were not sustained.	Numerical Count
BW	PhysicalDisabilityNotSustained	The number of complaints with a physical disability profiling component that were not sustained.	Numerical Count
BX	TotalComplaintsUnfounded	The total number of complaints unfounded.	Numerical Count
BY	NonCriminalUnfounded	The number of non-criminal complaints unfounded.	Numerical Count
BZ	MisdemeanorUnfounded	The number of misdemeanor complaints unfounded.	Numerical Count
CA	FelonyUnfounded	The number of felony complaints unfounded.	Numerical Count
CB	TotalComplaintsInDetentionUnfounded	The total number of complaints reported by local detention facilities that were unfounded.	Numerical Count
CC	NonCriminalInDetentionUnfounded	The number of non-criminal complaints reported by local detention facilities that were unfounded.	Numerical Count
CD	MisdemeanorInDetentionUnfounded	The number of misdemeanor complaints reported by local detention facilities that were unfounded.	Numerical Count
CE	FelonyInDetentionUnfounded	The number of felony complaints reported by local detention facilities that were unfounded.	Numerical Count
CF	TotalRacialProfilingComplaintsUnfounded	The total number of complaints with a racial or identity profiling component that were unfounded.	Numerical Count
CG	RaceEthnicityUnfounded	The number of complaints with a race/ethnicity profiling component that were unfounded.	Numerical Count
CH	NationalityUnfounded	The number of complaints with a nationality profiling component that were unfounded.	Numerical Count
CI	GenderUnfounded	The number of complaints with a gender profiling component that were unfounded.	Numerical Count

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CJ	AgeUnfounded	The number of complaints with an age profiling component that were unfounded.	Numerical Count
CK	ReligionUnfounded	The number of complaints with a religion profiling component that were unfounded.	Numerical Count
CL	GenderIdentityExpressionUnfounded	The number of complaints with a gender identity/expression profiling component that were unfounded.	Numerical Count
CM	SexualOrientationUnfounded	The number of complaints with a sexual orientation profiling component that were unfounded.	Numerical Count
CN	MentalDisabilityUnfounded	The number of complaints with a mental disability profiling component that were unfounded.	Numerical Count
CO	PhysicalDisabilityUnfounded	The number of complaints with a physical disability profiling component that were unfounded.	Numerical Count
CP	TotalComplaintsPending	The total number of complaints that are pending.	Numerical Count
CQ	NonCriminalPending	The number of non-criminal complaints that are pending.	Numerical Count
CR	MisdemeanorPending	The number of misdemeanor complaints that are pending.	Numerical Count
CS	FelonyPending	The number of felony complaints that are pending.	Numerical Count
CT	TotalComplaintsInDetentionPending	The total number of complaints reported by local detention facilities that are pending.	Numerical Count
CU	NonCriminalInDetentionPending	The number of non-criminal complaints reported by local detention facilities that are pending.	Numerical Count
CV	MisdemeanorInDetentionPending	The number of misdemeanor complaints reported by local detention facilities that are pending.	Numerical Count
CW	FelonyInDetentionPending	The number of felony complaints reported by local detention facilities that are pending.	Numerical Count

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CX	TotalRacialProfilingComplaintsPending	The total number of complaints with a racial or identity profiling component that are pending.	Numerical Count
CY	RaceEthnicityPending	The number of complaints with a race/ethnicity profiling component that are pending.	Numerical Count
CZ	NationalityPending	The number of complaints with a nationality profiling component that are pending.	Numerical Count
DA	GenderPending	The number of complaints with a gender profiling component that are pending.	Numerical Count
DB	AgePending	The number of complaints with an age profiling component that are pending.	Numerical Count
DC	ReligionPending	The number of complaints with a religion profiling component that are pending.	Numerical Count
DD	GenderIdentityExpressionPending	The number of complaints with a gender identity/expression profiling component that are pending.	Numerical Count
DE	SexualOrientationPending	The number of complaints with a sexual orientation profiling component that are pending.	Numerical Count
DF	MentalDisabilityPending	The number of complaints with a mental disability profiling component that are pending.	Numerical Count
DG	PhysicalDisabilityPending	The number of complaints with a physical disability profiling component that are pending.	Numerical Count
DH	NoComplaintsFiled	TRUE = The agency reported no complaints for the statistical year. FALSE = The agency did report complaints for the statistical year.	TRUE, FALSE