



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of Police Accountability and Transparency

OPAT COMMISSION
January 25, 2024
PUBLIC REPORT

In accordance with the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 12-16.4, the OPAT Commission provides the following public report on OPAT activities for the quarter (FY24 Quarter 2 covering October 2023, November 2023, and December 2023), without disclosing personally identifiable information.

1) OPAT Promotion of Function, Availability, and Processes to the Public:

- a) The Executive Director role at the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT) remains vacant. Individuals that are interested in applying for the position must be a member of the Massachusetts Bar, and can apply online on the City of Boston Career Center.

2) OPAT Case Activities for FY24 Quarter 2 (October-December 2023*):

** Please note that case data is updated monthly and is available on OPAT's Website; data for January 2024 can be found on OPAT's website and will be reported out in the OPAT Commission Public Report for FY24 Quarter 3 (January-March 2024)¹*

- a) Disposition of cases referred by OPAT to the CRB:
 - i) On September 12, 2023, the CRB voted on 8 cases
 - Not Sustained: 3
 - Sustained: 2
 - Unfounded: 1
 - Insufficient Evidence: 1
 - Exonerated: 1

¹ The complaint data reported here does not include any appeals that may later be heard by the IAOP due to confidentiality requirements.



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- b) Disposition of CRB cases referred to the Police Commissioner, what discipline was recommended by the CRB, and what discipline was implemented by the Police Commissioner:
- i) On September 12, 2023, the CRB voted to sustain 2 cases and referred the matters to the Police Commissioner.
 - ii) Per the BPD Draft Discipline Matrix, the mitigating penalty for a violation of BPD Rule 113 Canon 8 and Rule 102 §3 is: oral reprimand to 1 day. The recommended discipline for Case #175 was as follows: **Oral Reprimand**.
 - iii) Per the BPD Draft Discipline Matrix, the mitigating penalty for a violation of Rule 102 §9 is: oral reprimand to 5 days with training. The recommended discipline for Case #190 was as follows: **Oral Reprimand**.
 - iv) In the matter of Case #175, the Boston Police Commissioner informed OPAT that he would not implement the Civilian Review Board's finding and recommended discipline.

In the matter of Case #190, the Boston Police Commissioner informed OPAT that he would implement the Civilian Review Board's finding and recommended discipline of an oral reprimand, to be issued by the officer's commanding officer.

Both responses from the Commissioner can be found on OPAT's website.

- c) Disposition of cases referred by OPAT to IAOP:

- i) On October 12, 2023 the IAOP voted 3-0 on six (6) cases to Agree with the Internal Affairs Findings.



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- d) Number of complaints received, type of misconduct alleged, and the investigatory status of those complaints:²
- i) OPAT received 14 cases from October–December 2023. The types of misconduct alleged in these cases are: disrespectful treatment, excessive use of force, harassment, improper towing, and racial profiling.
- e) Race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and age of complainants:
- i) Gender of Complainants:
 - Male: 4
 - Female: 5
 - Genderqueer/Gender Non-binary: 1
 - Decline to Answer: 4
 - ii) Age of Complainants:
 - 18-24: 1
 - 30-39: 2
 - 40-49: 3
 - 50-59: 1
 - 80-89: 1
 - Decline to Answer: 6
 - iii) Sexual Orientation of Complainants:
 - Straight/Heterosexual: 6
 - Decline to Answer: 6
 - Gay/Lesbian/Same Gender Loving: 2
 - iv) Race and Ethnicity of Complainants:
 - Black: 3
 - White: 1

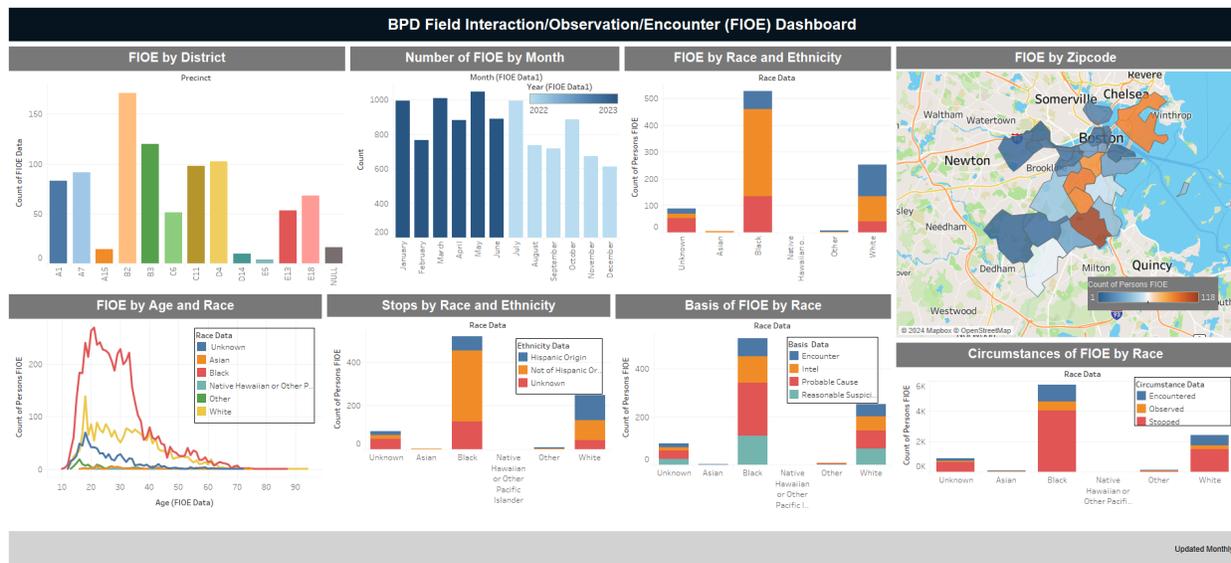
² Per Section 12-16.7 b. in the ordinance establishing OPAT, OPAT Staff review and may classify certain complaints as dismissed at intake prior to reaching the investigative step in our office. Cases that receive this designation include those whose allegations are out of scope of what our office investigates (such as allegations regarding other police departments), as well as those that have insufficient evidence to establish an allegation of police misconduct.



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- Black/African American: 2
- Latino: 1
- Other: 1
- Decline to answer: 6

3) OPAT Complaints Data FY24 Quarter 2 (October-December 2023*):



OPAT FY24 Q2 Field Interaction / Observation / Encounter (“FIOE”) Data:

a) FIOE Definitions:³

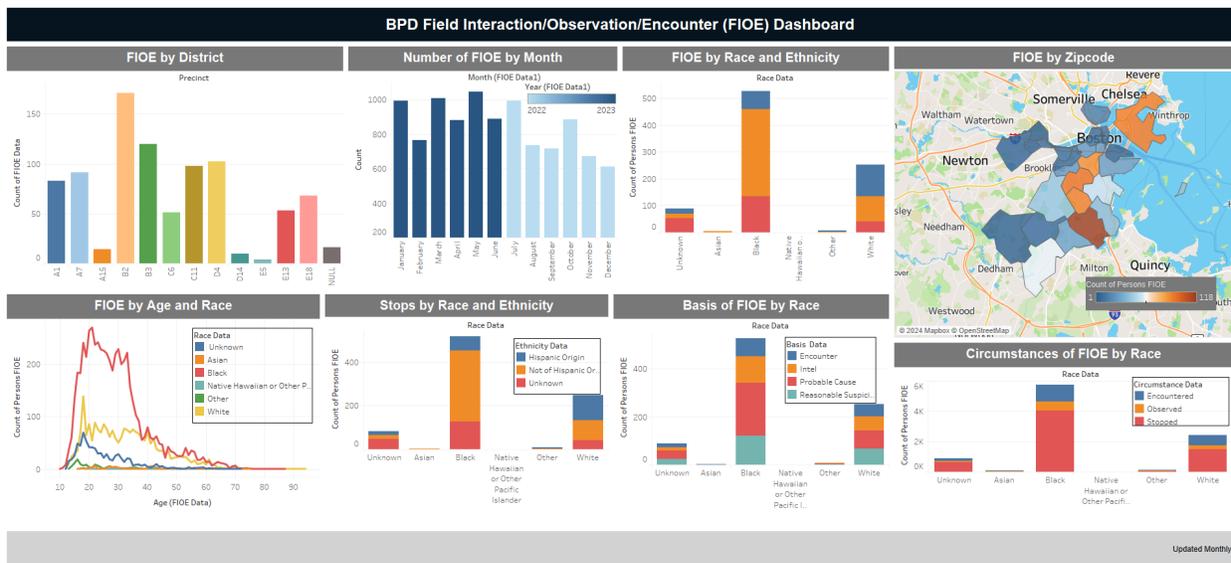
- i) Sec. 3.1 Encounter: Is an agreed upon interaction with an individual that is not an official stop and/or frisk. If a police officer talks to a person to gather information they must record the interaction.
- ii) Sec. 3.5 Observation: Is direct viewing of a person by an officer that does not include physical contact with the person. The officer must have a good reason when watching a person and they have to explain why they are watching that person through a report.

³ <https://www.boston.gov/departments/police-accountability-and-transparency#dashboards>



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- iii) Sec. 3.2 Field Interaction/Stop: Is keeping a person in custody, whether on foot or in a vehicle, based on reasonable suspicion. This is to determine the individual's identity and settle the officer's suspicions.

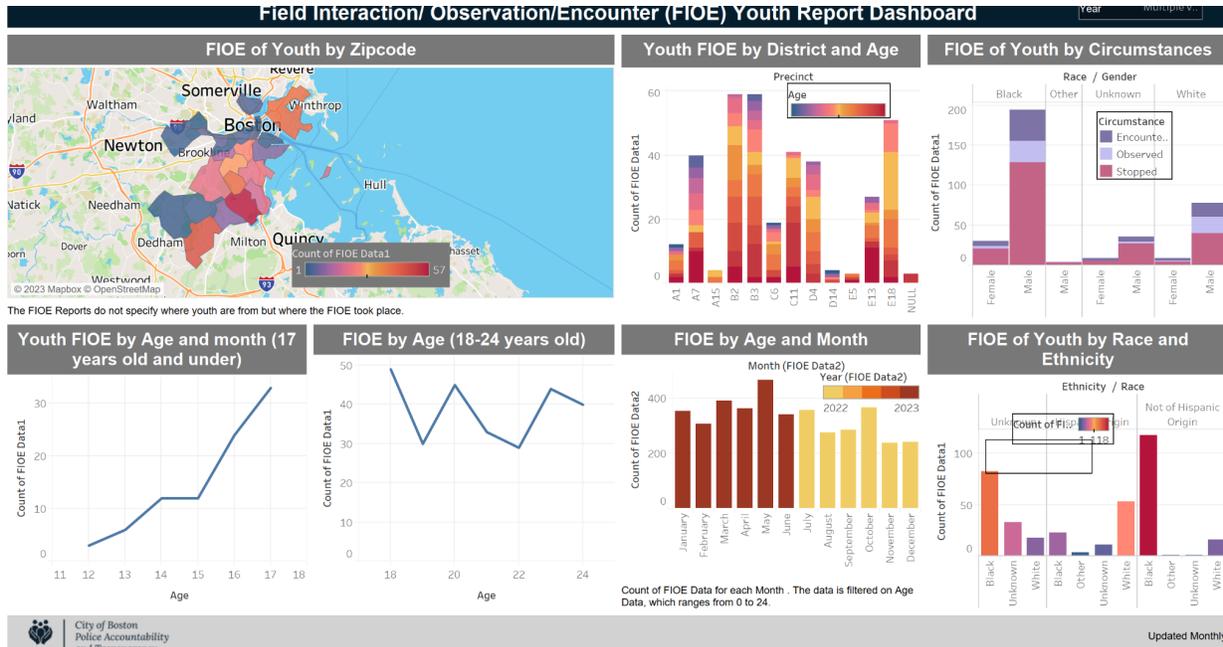


- In FY24 Quarter 2 (October 2023 - December 2023), there were 2,180 instances of a FIOE. With 15% of the total cases, District B4 had the most instances of a FIOE, and district B2 had a reduction of FIOE's by 113 cases. Black individuals were stopped more than any other demographic, with 58% of the total instances. With 30% of the total cases, the most common reason for FIOE was reasonable suspicion.



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OPAT FY24 Q2 Youth Field Interaction / Observation / Encounter (“FIOE”) Data⁴



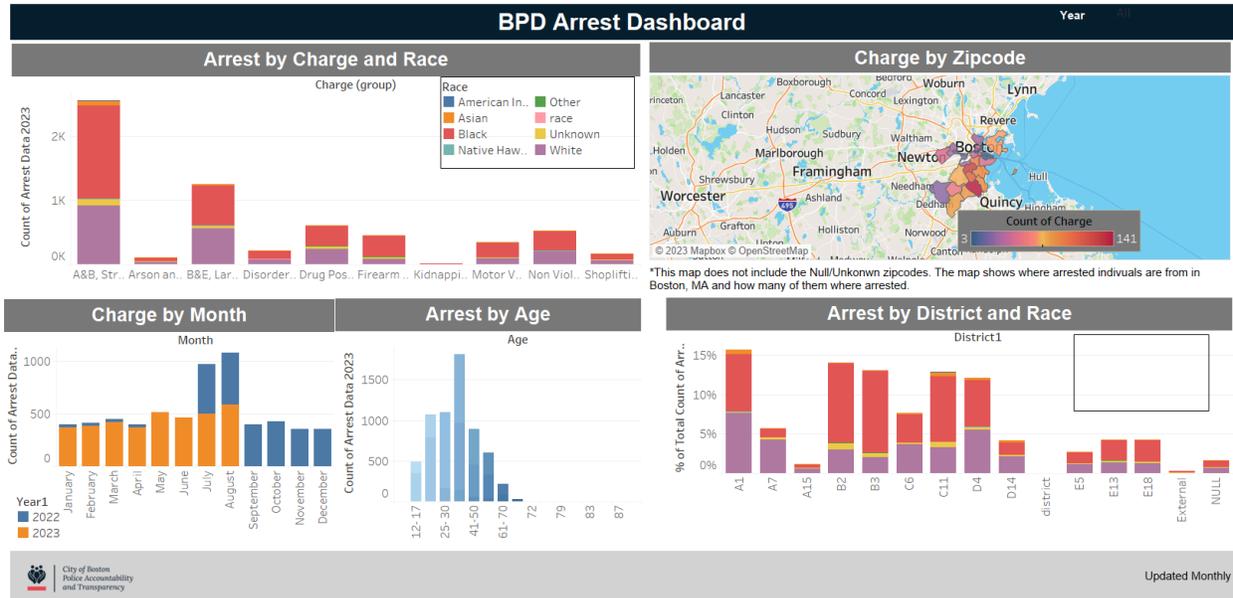
1. In FY24 Quarter 2 (October 2023 - December 2023), there were 751 instances of a FIOE of youth between ages 12-24. Black youth were stopped more than any other race, with 63.6% of the total stops. With 39.6% of the total cases, Black non-Hispanic males were targeted more than any other race/ethnicity, or gender. With 21% of the total cases, District B3 (Mattapan) reported the highest number of instances, followed by District C11 (Dorchester) with 16.5%, and District B2 (Roxbury) with 14.6%. The youngest age to be subjected to a FIOE was 12 years old, and the most common age within the youth is 24.

⁴ The entire Youth FIOE Dashboard is available on our OPAT website at [Police Accountability and Transparency | Boston.gov](https://www.boston.gov/police-accountability-and-transparency)



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OPAT FY24 Q2 Arrest Data⁵



1. In FY24 Quarter 2 (October 2023 - December 2023), there were 1,437 arrests. District B2 (Roxbury) has the most cases with 15.7%, followed by District A1 with 14.2%. Black individuals were arrested more than any other race. With 56.4% of the total cases, 32.8% of the total arrests fell under the violent crime category, making this the most common category of arrest in Boston.

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