



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Use of Force Incidents by Type

The goal of this data dictionary is to provide insight into how users should read and analyze the raw data available for download.

I. Tips when working with Use of Force data:

1. Statistical information is subject to change due to corrections, additional information, or incidents pending final review.
2. The month is when the incident took place, not the month of final adjudication. As incidents are reviewed, they may be added to the dataset retroactively.
 - a. For example, an incident that occurs in May 2020 may not complete review until September 2020. After final review is completed in September 2020, the stats will be updated for May 2020 to reflect the final statistics of the incident.
3. The sum of force types or officers/agents involved may be greater than the total incidents. Multiple force types and/or officers/agents may be involved in a single incident.
 - a. For example, consider a hypothetical CBP utilization of one less-lethal device against three subjects. This is counted as one incident involving one use of force type.

II. Data Dictionary

1. Data Source: Enforcement Action Statistical Analysis and Reporting (E-STAR)
2. Data Elements:

Data Variable	Description	Examples
Fiscal Year	The fiscal year the incident took place (Fiscal year time frame begins on October 1 and ends on September 30)	2018 2019 2020
Month (abbv)	The month the incident took place (abbreviated)	JAN FEB MAR
Component	Who in CBP was involved	Air and Marine Operations Office of Field Operations U.S. Border Patrol
Region	The border region in which the incident occurred; border regions are defined by each component	Coastal/Interior Northern Border Southern Border
Area of Responsibility	The directorate, field office, or sector where the incident occurred	Atlanta Field Office Big Bend Sector Operations Directorate
Force Type	The type of force(s) (high-level grouping) used in the use of force incident	Less-Lethal Vehicle/Vessel Firearm
Unique ID ¹	ID to represent a single use of force incident that occurred	210500044 190100023

¹ID fields are generated specifically for CBP.gov and are not used in CBP systems of record.