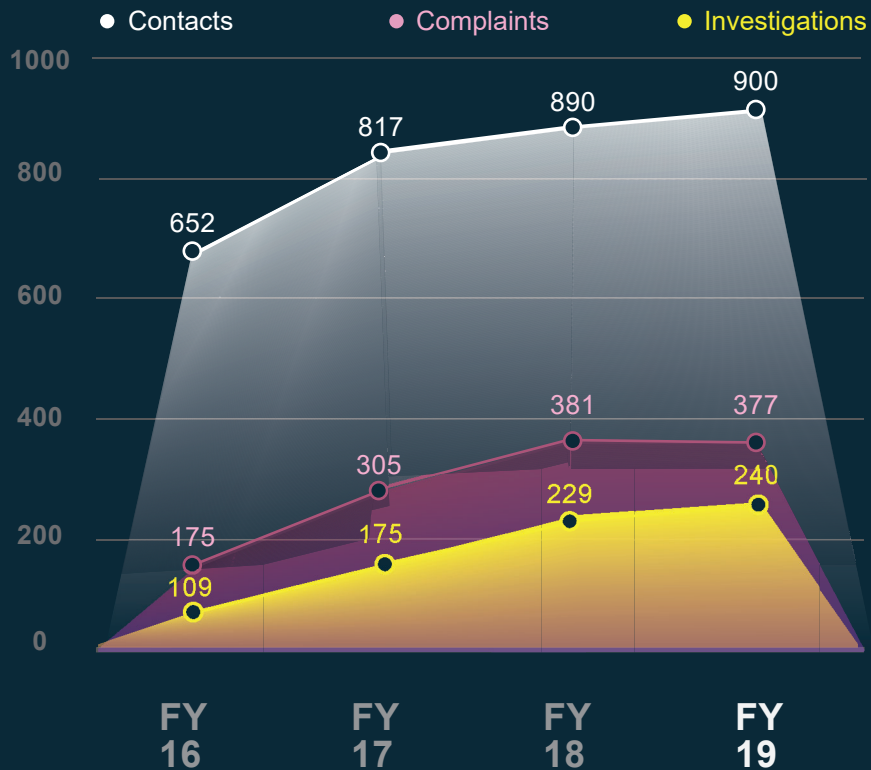


Government of the District of Columbia  
Police Complaints Board  
Office of Police Complaints

# FY19 Mid-Year Report



# COMPLAINT ACTIVITY



FY19

1% 

CONTACTS  
RECEIVED  
Increase

1% 

FORMAL  
COMPLAINTS  
Decrease

5% 

NEW  
INVESTIGATIONS  
OPENED  
Increase

372

Total Complaints  
Investigated

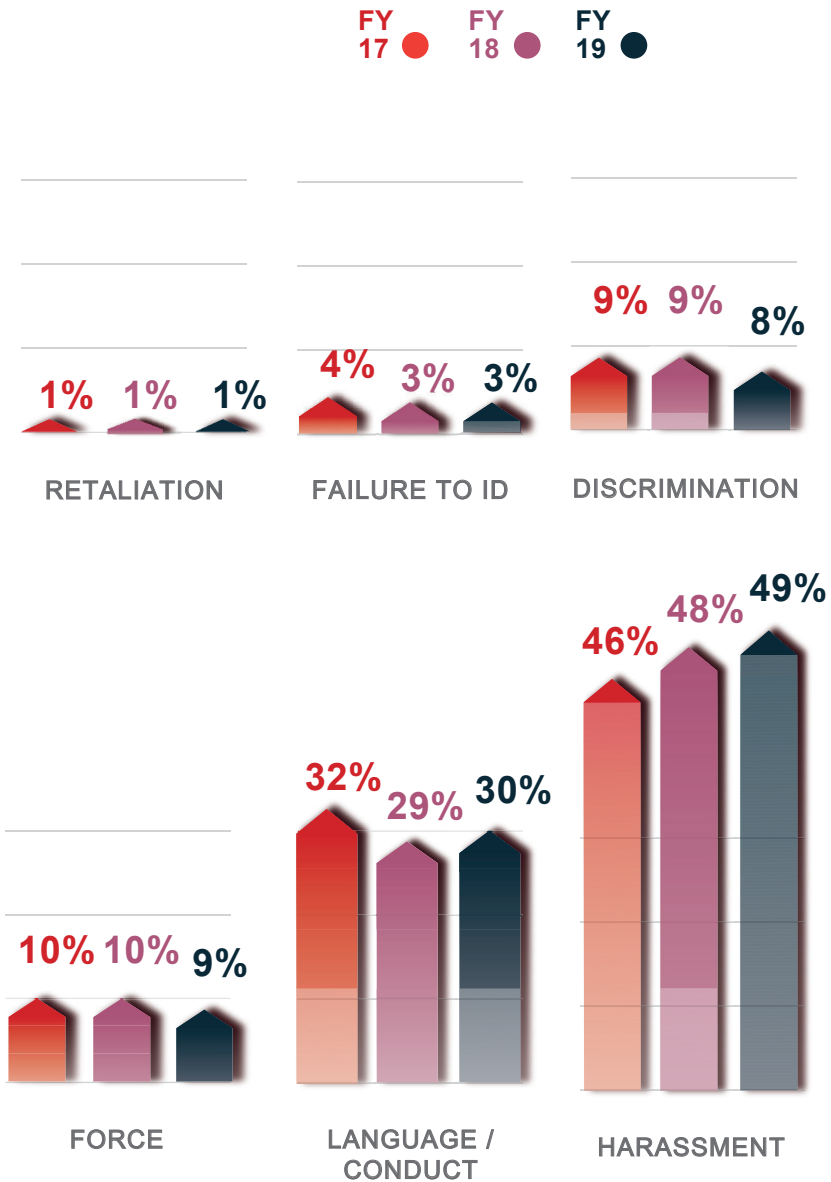
OCT - MAR\*

5% 

Decrease in Total  
Complaints  
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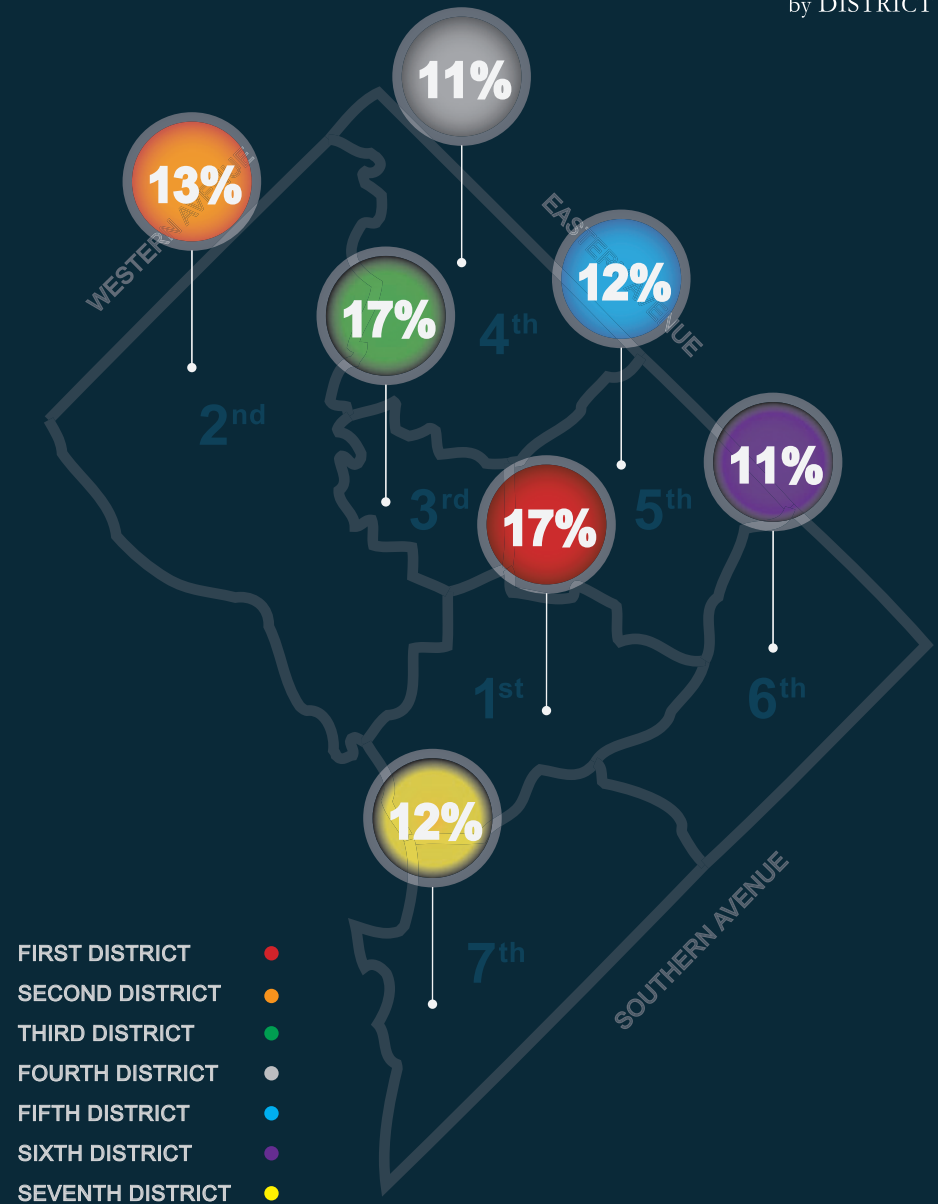
\*New Cases Plus Open Cases From Prior Fiscal Years. All numbers are for the first half of the fiscal year indicated. OPC's fiscal year is Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.

# ALLEGATIONS

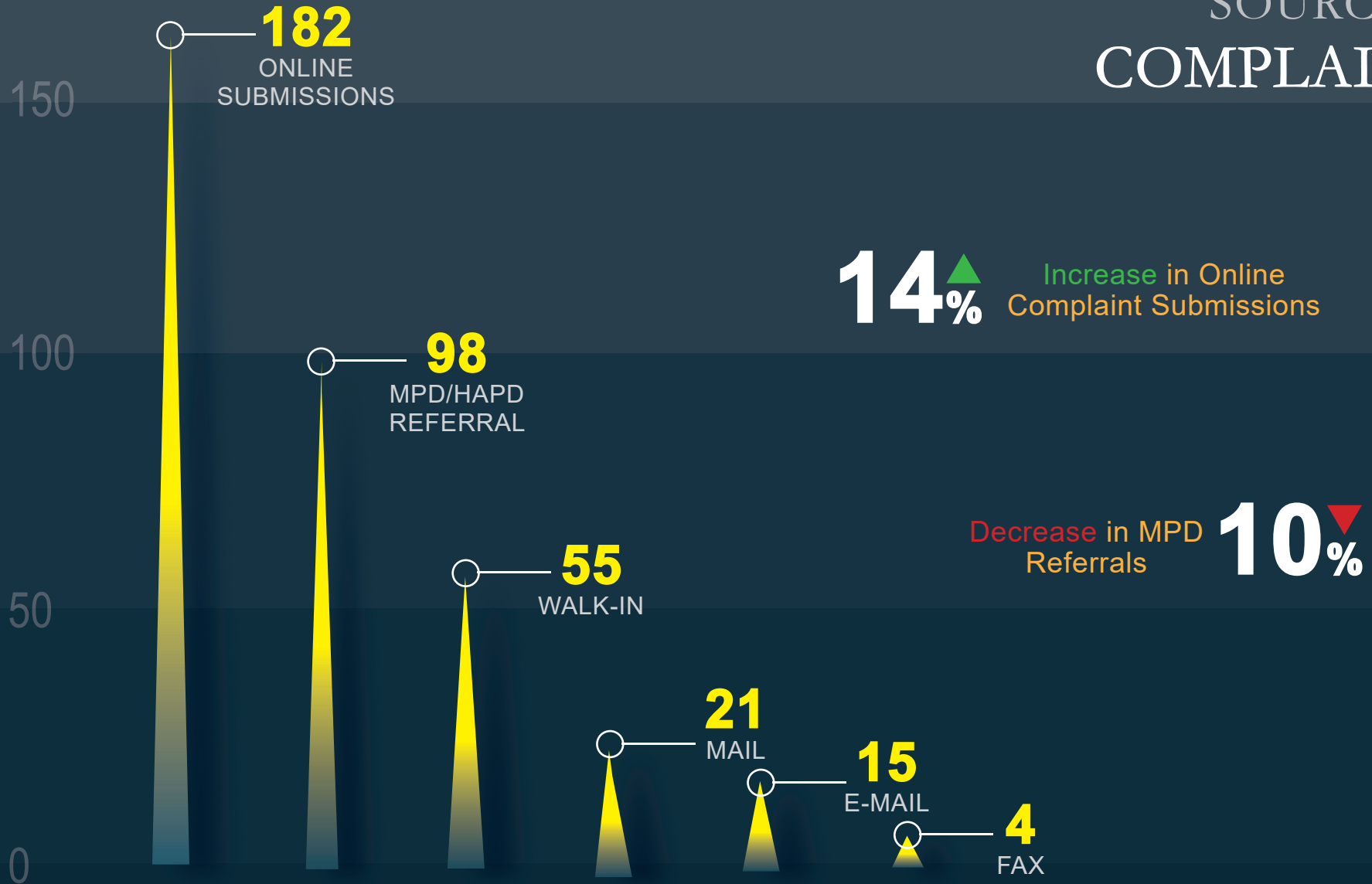


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by DISTRICT

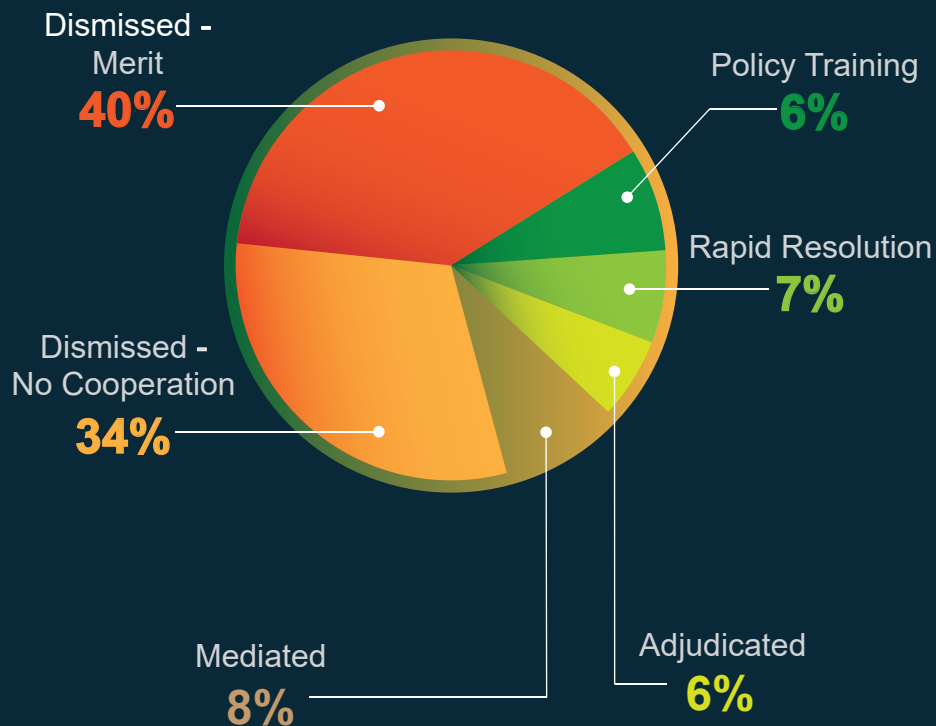


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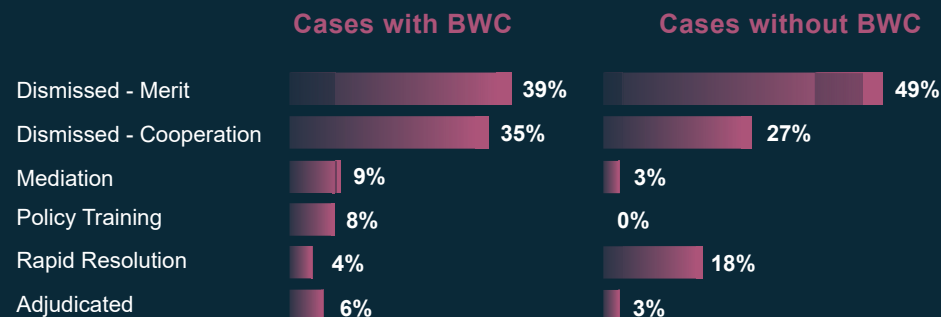
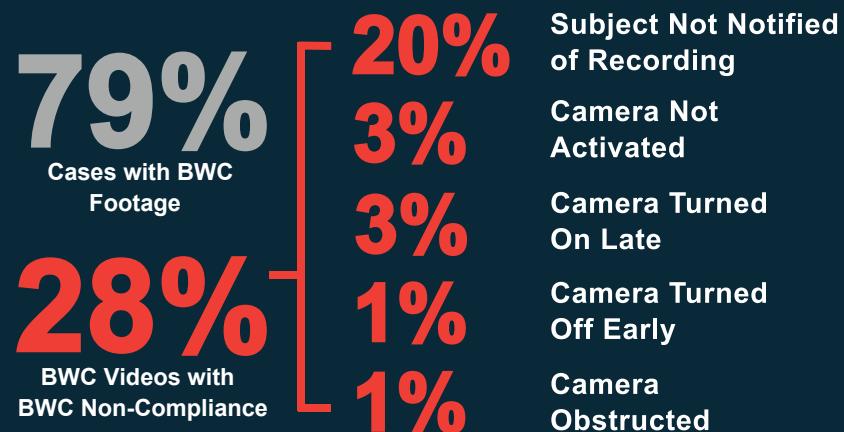
# CASE DISPOSITIONS

DISPOSITIONS OF  
CASES CLOSED



**3%** ▲ Increase  
ADJUDICATED and DISMISSED-NO  
COOPERATION DISPOSITIONS

# BODY WORN CAMERA



# POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

OPC published two recommendations in the first half of FY19 to help update policies and improve police and community relationships.

## **Implementation Update on the Reports and Recommendations of the Police Complaints Board From Fiscal Year 2017 (released December 18, 2018)**

- Revisits the policy recommendations made in FY17, which included six reports and 16 recommendations to the Council, MPD and/or DCHAPD.
- Of the 16 recommendations, five have been fully implemented, five are partially implemented, and six have not been implemented. For each partially or not implemented past recommendation, guidance is provided as to how the recommendation can become fully implemented.

## **Using Litigation Data to Improve Policing (released March 11, 2019)**

• Police work comes with inherent risk, and with that can come litigation. Comprehensive police department policies and well-trained officers can minimize risk, however, litigation remains an inevitable consequence of policing. Careful collection and analysis of litigation data has the potential to reduce costs to the District while improving officer performance and police-community relations. MPD can use litigation data to ensure that training and policies are targeted to prevent issues that led to the litigation, and work to keep them from reoccurring. Sharing this information with the public will also lead to greater transparency, and public trust.

- PCB recommended that MPD:
  - Establish a program to systematically review litigation data for lawsuits filed against MPD and its members. This internal review should be used to develop relevant trainings and policy changes; and
  - Publish public reports, with aggregate information, regarding the lawsuits, together with the costs associated with the litigation. The reports should include the state of any interventions, trainings, or policy changes based on the litigation to inform the public that MPD is responsive to issues that are brought to the attention of the department, and these reports should be made annually.

# HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT

- Visiting our website at <http://dcforms.dc.gov/webform/office-police-complaints-online-complaint-form>
- Calling OPC's office at (202) 727-3838
- Calling OPC's 24-hour, toll-free Hotline at 1(866) 588-0569
- Visiting any OPC community partner (community partners are listed on OPC's website under "File a Complaint")
- Visiting OPC Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
- Visiting any MPD district station

## **Complaint forms can be submitted:**

- Online
- In person
- By email
- By fax
- By mail
- By dropping forms off at any MPD district station

## ABOUT OPC

The Office of Police Complaints (OPC) is an independent District of Columbia Government agency that provides a fair and impartial forum for the review and resolution of police misconduct complaints filed against Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and D.C. Housing Authority Police Department officers.

## OUR MISSION

OPC's mission is to increase community trust in the District of Columbia police forces by providing a fair, thorough, and independent system of civilian oversight of law enforcement.



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## DIRECTIONS to OPC by PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

### metrobus

Nearby Metrobus routes include: 32, 33, 36, 37, 39, 42, 52, 80, D4, G8, G9, A9, P19, S2, S4, X2

### metrorail

McPherson Sq



OPC is in the building directly above the 14th Street exit of the McPherson Square Metro Station. McPherson Square is served by Metro's Blue, Orange, and Silver lines.

### circulator

Green: Woodley Park - Adams Morgan - McPherson Square

Yellow: Georgetown - Union Station