

**REPORT TO THE  
COMMISSION  
S.D.P.D. PURSUITS  
2019-2024 TOTALS**

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## **Introduction**

On October 4, 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Senate Bill 719 (Romero and Margett). This law, which went into effect January 1, 2006, requires law enforcement agencies to establish pursuit policies, provide ongoing pursuit training to their officers, and ensure all pursuits are documented and submitted to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) within 30 days. The CHP is required to submit an annual report to the Legislature that includes, but is not limited to: • The total number of pursuits reported to the CHP during that year; • the total number of pursuits involving a collision in which an injury or fatality to an uninvolved third party occurred; and, • the total number of uninvolved third parties who were injured or killed as a result of those collisions.

## **Statistical Data:**

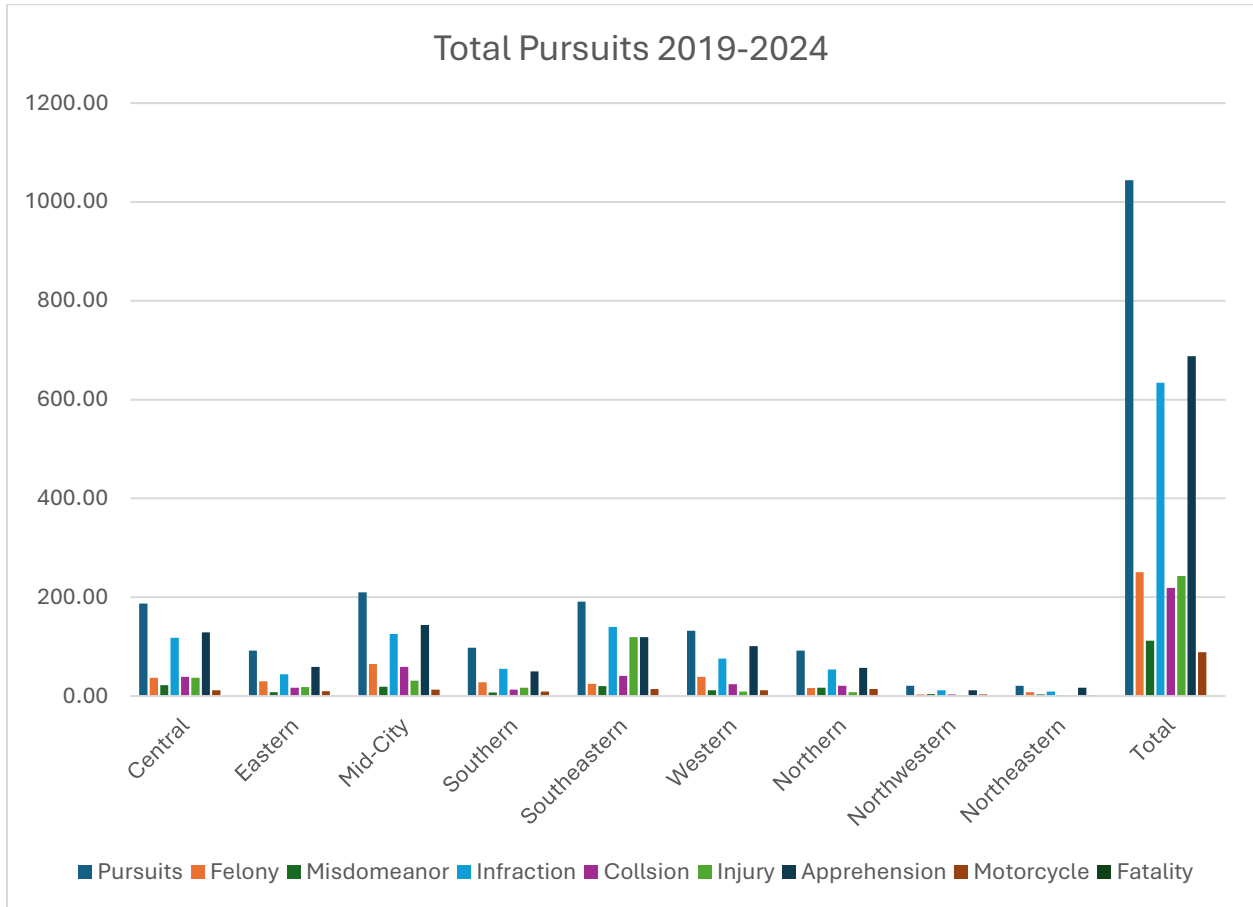
The following 2019-2024 data reflects information submitted to the CHP by the *San Diego Police Department* pursuant to Section 14602.1 of the California Vehicle Code. The report has been compiled utilizing 2019-2024 provided by the *San Diego Police Department* as of July 16, 2024.

## **Introduction**

A vehicle pursuit is defined as an event involving one or more law enforcement officers attempting to apprehend a suspect operating a motor vehicle while the suspect is attempting to avoid arrest by using high speed driving or other evasive tactics, such as driving off a highway, turning suddenly, or driving in a legal manner, but willfully failing to yield to the officer's signal to stop. On October 4, 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Senate Bill 719 (Romero and Marget, see Annex B.) This law, which went into effect January 1, 2006, requires law enforcement agencies to establish pursuit policies, provide ongoing pursuit training to their officers, and ensure all pursuits are documented and submitted to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) within 30 days. The CHP is required to submit an annual report to the Legislature which includes, but is not limited to: the total number of pursuits reported to the CHP during that year, the total number of pursuits involving a collision in which an injury or fatality to an uninvolved third party occurred, and the total number of uninvolved third parties who were injured or killed as a result of those collisions. ·

The following report is a breakdown of the data provided by the San Diego Police Department and analyzed by the San Diego Commission on Police Practices for the citizens of San Diego City.

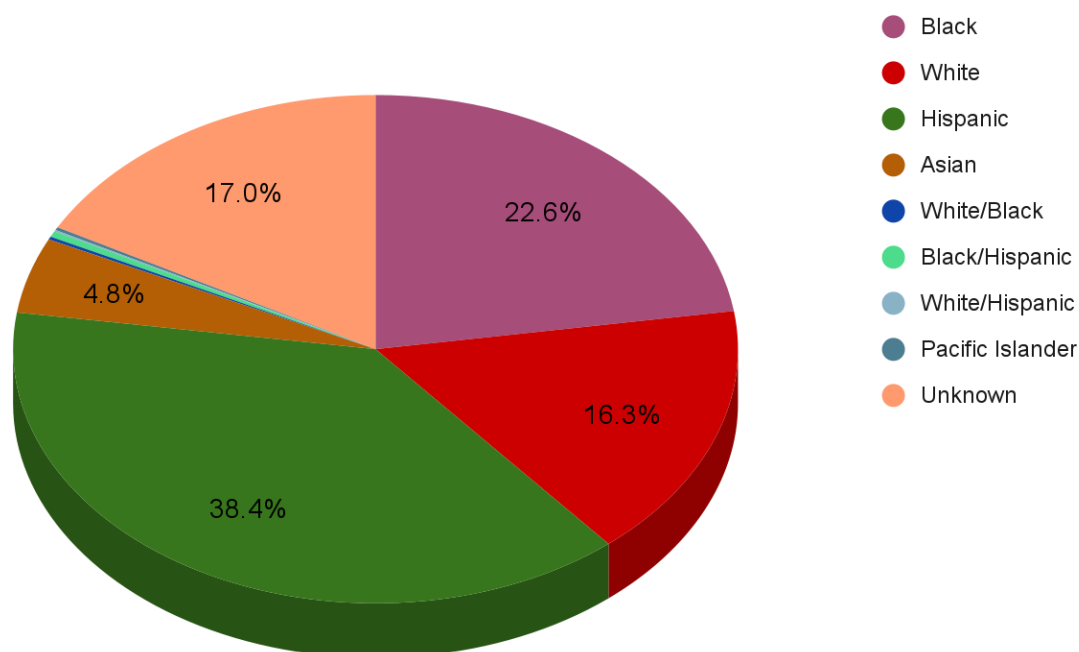
## Pursuits:



*In a five-year period among all divisions, S.D.P.D. initiated 1,044 pursuits across all divisions.*

# Ethnicity:

## ***ETHNICITY INVOLVED IN PURSUITS SDPD 2019-2024***

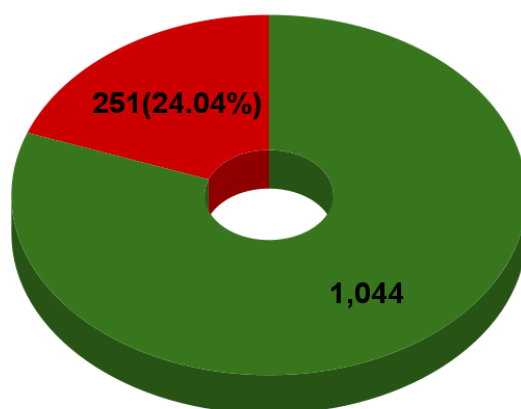


*As shown in the figure above, according to an analysis of San Diego Police Department Pursuits Data, out of 1,044 pursuits from 2019-2024, 38.4% were Hispanic, 22.6% were Black, 16.3% were White, 4.8% were Asian, 0.2% were White/Black, 0.4% were Black/Hispanic, 0.1% were White/Hispanic, 0.2% were Pacific Islanders and 17% were with not registered or the officer in pursuit was unable to identify the individual.*

## Felony:

**Original violation observed by agency initiating pursuits:**

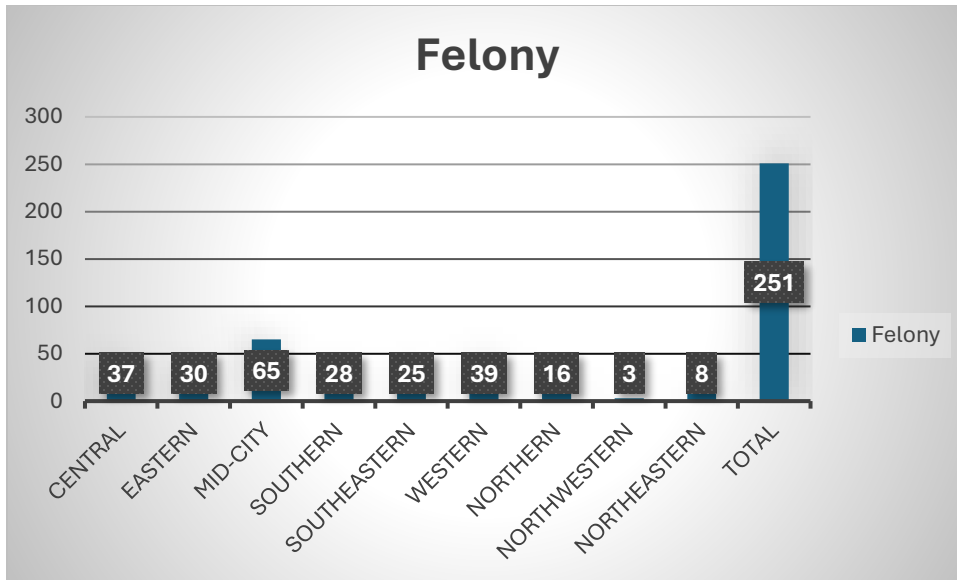
*Felony*



● TOTAL # OF PURSUITS ● % OF PURSUITS INITIATED DUE TO FELONY VIOLATION

*In a five-year period among all divisions, 251 of the 1,044 pursuits were initiated for felonious reasons.*

*These accounted for 24% of all pursuits initiated.*



## Percentages by Divisions:

*Central: 14.7%*

*Eastern: 11.95%*

*Mid-City: 25.90%*

*Southern: 11.10%*

*Southeastern: 9.90%*

*Western: 15.50%*

*Northern: 6.3%*

*Northwestern: 1.1%*

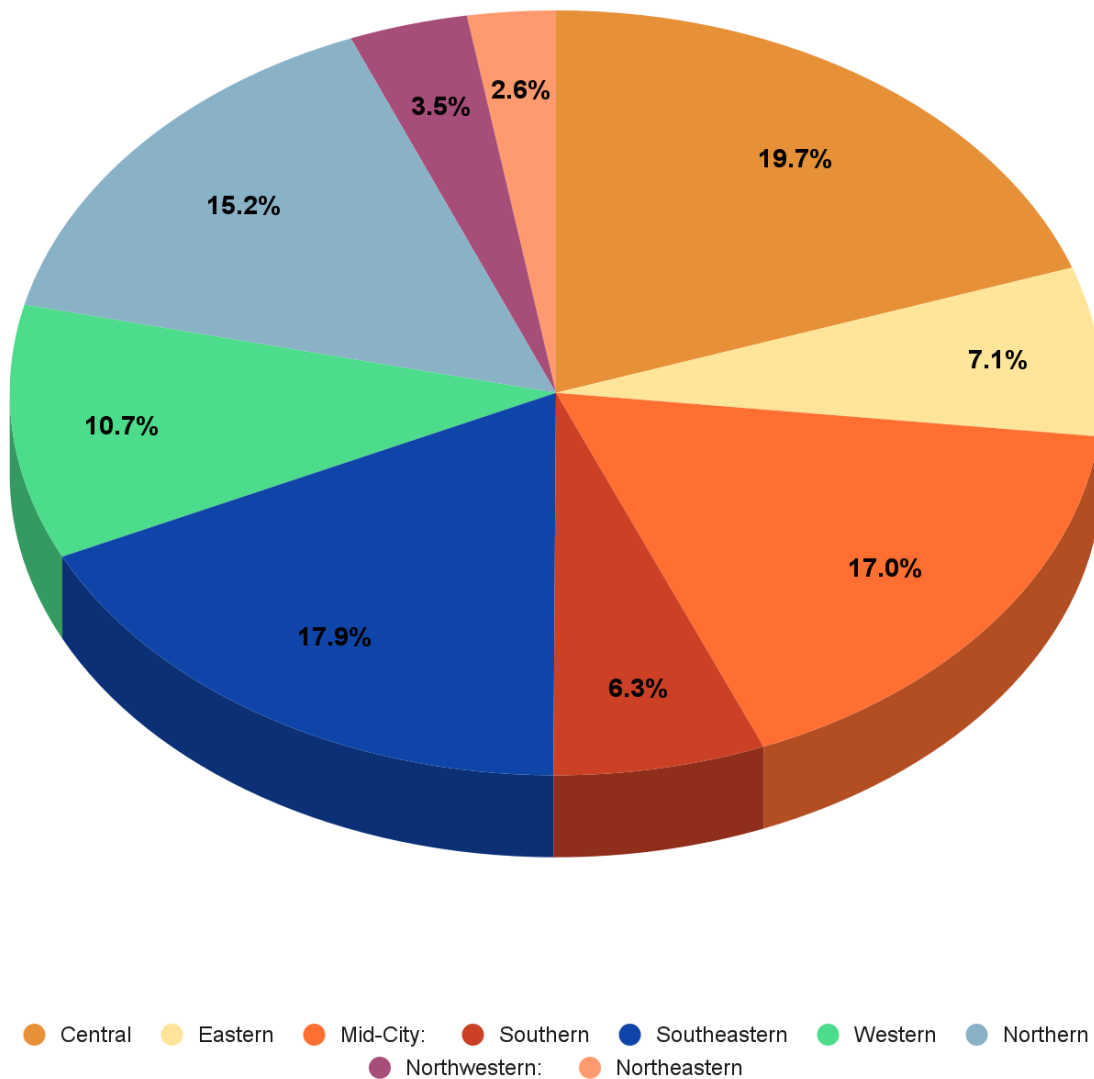
*Northeastern: 3.1%*

*Total: 251*

## Misdemeanors:

*In a five-year period among all divisions, 112 of the 1,044 pursuits were initiated for misdemeanors.*

*These accounted for 10.7% of all pursuits initiated.*





## **Percentages by Divisions:**

*Central: 19.6%*

*Eastern: 7.1%*

*Mid-City: 16.9%*

*Southern: 6.25%*

*Southeastern: 17.8%*

*Western: 10.7%*

*Northern: 15.1%*

*Northwestern: 3.5%*

*Northeastern: 2.6%*

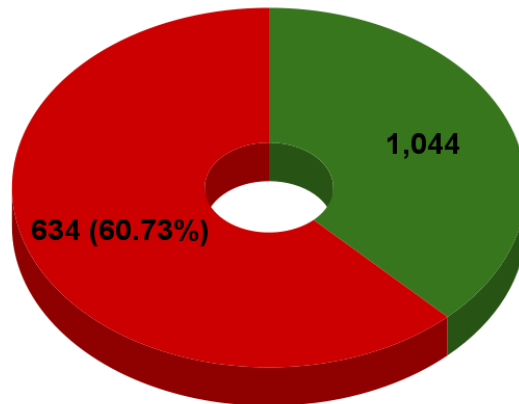
*Total: 112*

# Infractions:

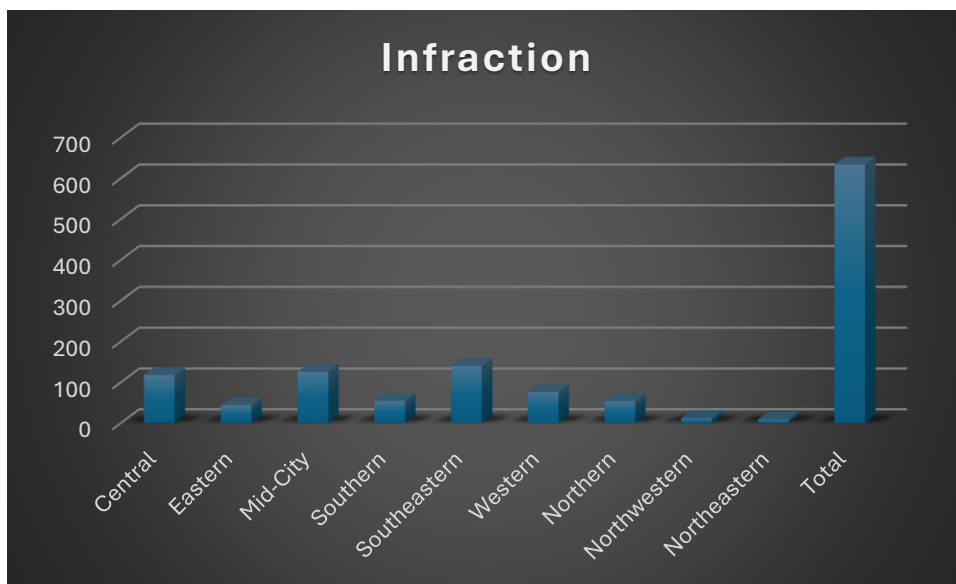
*In a five-year period among all divisions, 634 of the 1,044 pursuits were initiated for infractions.*

*These accounted for 60.7% of all pursuits initiated.*

## **Infraction Violation Observed By SDPD Before Initiating Pursuits**



● TOTAL # OF PURSUITS ● % OF PURSUITS INITIATED DUE TO AN INFRACTION



## **Percentages by Divisions:**

*Central: 18.6%*

*Eastern: 6.9%*

*Mid-City: 19.8%*

*Southern: 8.6%*

*Southeastern: 22%*

*Western: 11.9%*

*Northern: 8.4%*

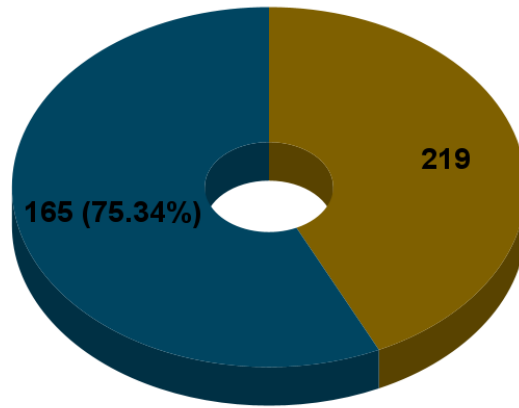
*Northwestern: 1.8%*

*Northeastern: 1.4%*

*Total: 634*

# Pursuits Ending In Collisions:

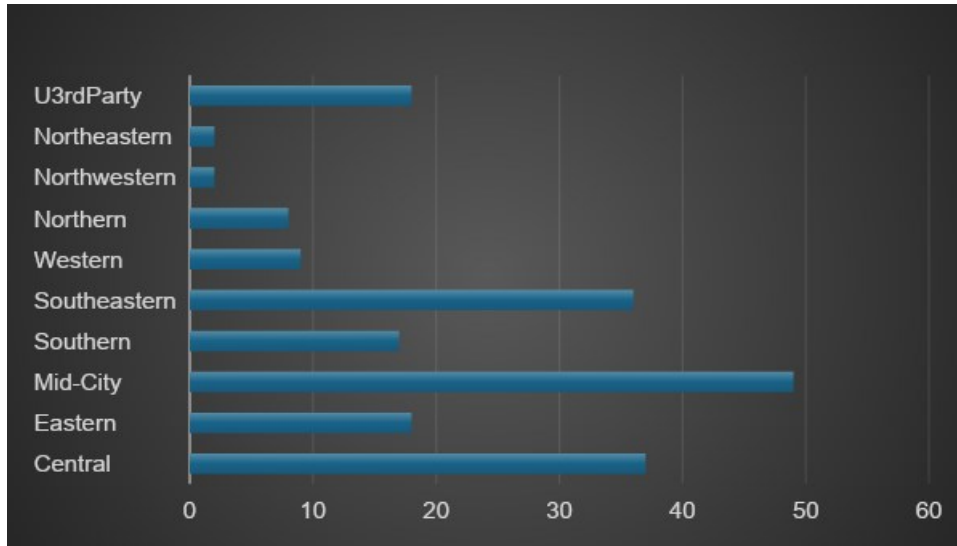
## ***Percentage of Injuries Resulting From Total Number of Collisions***



● Total # of Collisions    ● Total # of Injuries Resulting From A Collision

*An analysis of San Diego Police Department Pursuits Data from 2019-2024 revealed that out of 219 collisions pursuits 165(75.34%) resulted in Injuries to 1 or more individuals.*

## Collisions Ending In Injury:



## Injuries by Divisions:

*Central: 37*

*Eastern: 18*

*Mid-City: 49*

*Southern: 17*

*Southeastern: 36*

*Western: 9*

*Northern: 8*

*Northwestern: 2*

*Northeastern: 2*

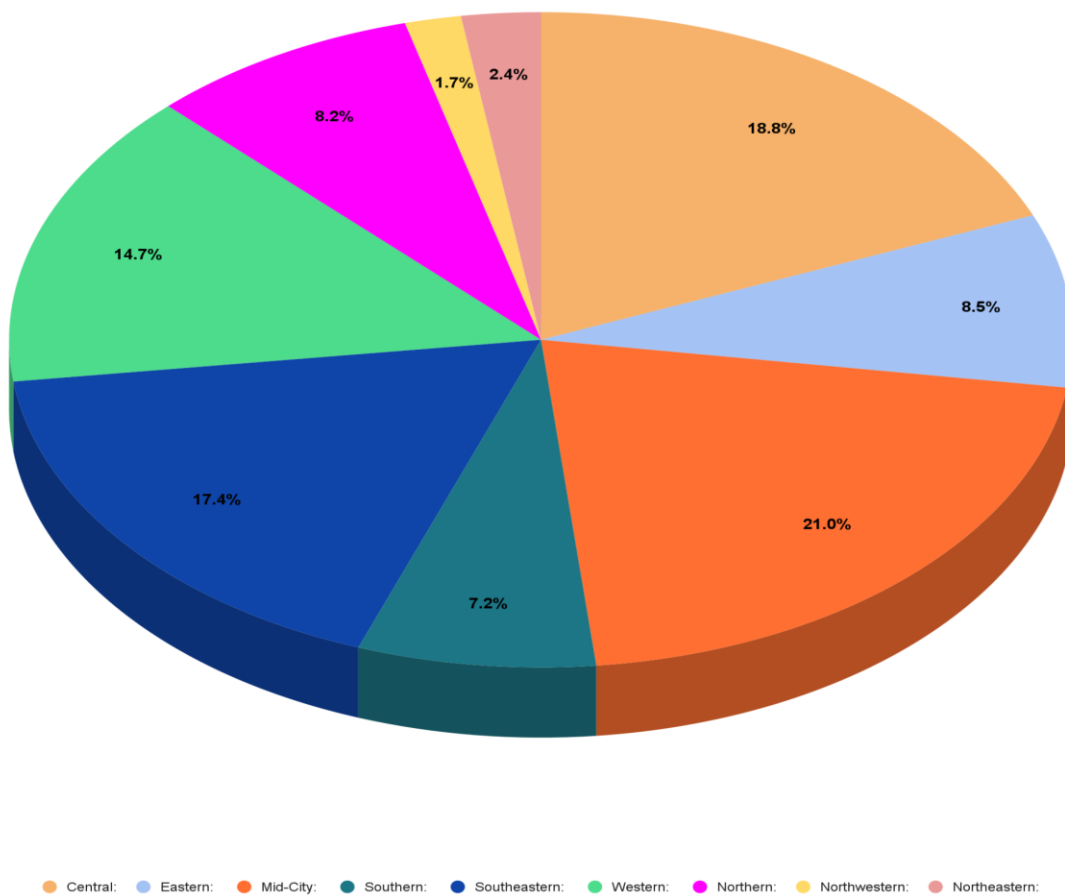
*Total: 176*

*1 pursuit ended in the suspect taking his own life.*

# Pursuits Ending In Apprehensions:

*In a five-year period among all divisions, 688 of the 1,044 pursuits initiated ended in an apprehension.*

*These accounted for 65% of all pursuits initiated.*



## **Percentages by Divisions:**

*Central: 18.7%*

*Eastern: 8.5%*

*Mid-City: 20.9%*

*Southern: 7.2%*

*Southeastern: 17.3%*

*Western: 14.6%*

*Northern: 8.2%*

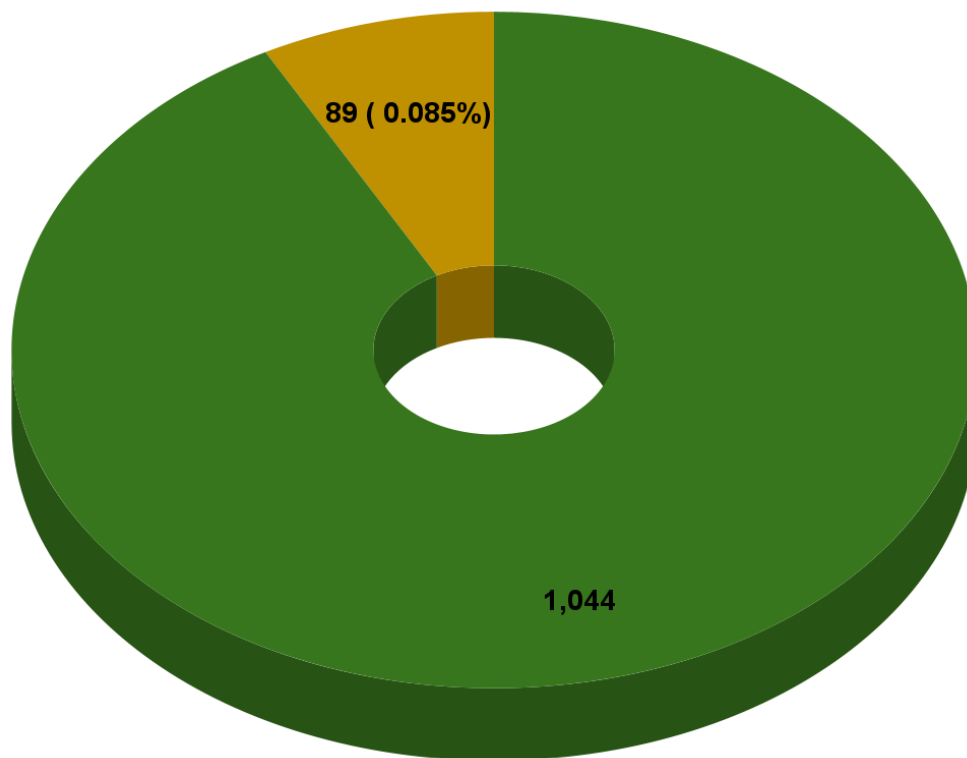
*Northwestern: 1.7%*

*Northeastern: 2.4%*

*Total: 688*

# Pursuits Involving Motorcycles:

## *Pursuits Involving An Individual Operating A Motorcycle*

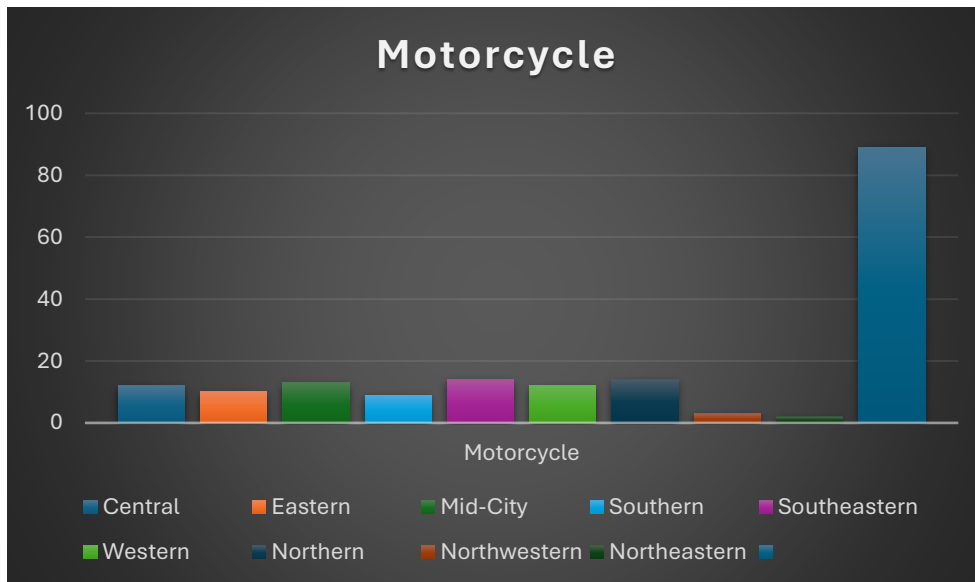


● Total # of Pursuits    ● Total # of Motorcycle Pursuits

*In a five-year period among all divisions, 89 of the 1,044 pursuits initiated involved motorcycles.*

*These accounted for 0.085% of all pursuits initiated.*





## Percentages by Divisions:

*Central: 13.4%*

*Eastern: 11.2%*

*Mid-City: 14.6%*

*Southern: 10.1%*

*Southeastern: 15.7%*

*Western: 13.4%*

*Northern: 15.7%*

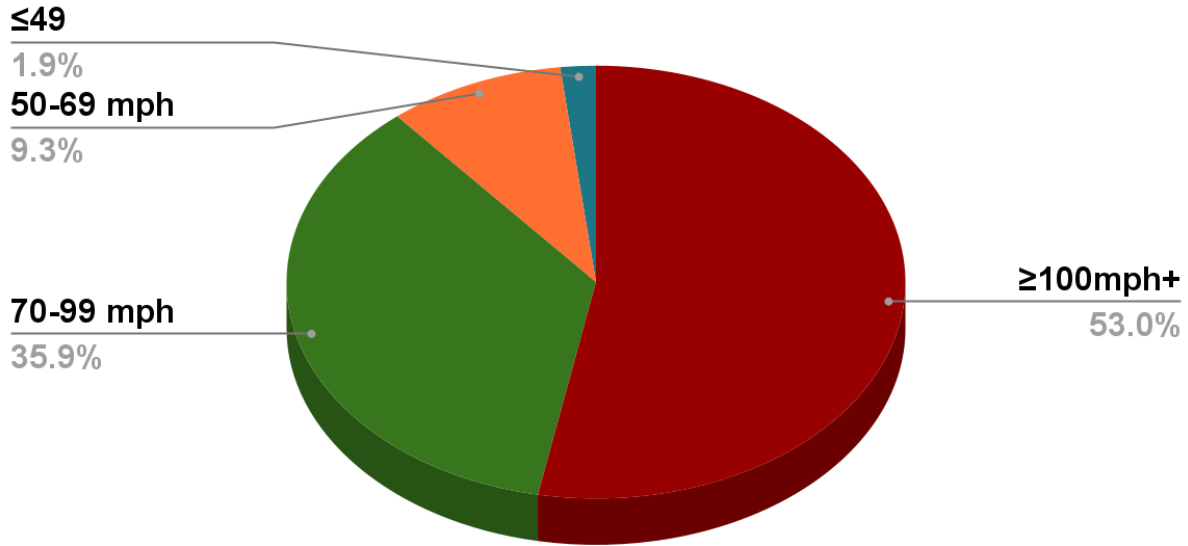
*Northwestern: 3.3%*

*Northeastern: 2.2%*

*Total: 89*

**Highway Speeds:**

**HIGHWAY SPEED LIMITS IN SDPD 2019-2024 PURSUITS**



*Highway Surface Speeds During Pursuits: After an examination of San Diego Police Department Pursuits Data from 2019-2024, we discovered that the maximum reported surface speed was 140 mph (Mid-City District.) The reported highway surface speeds on from all nine district from 2019–2024 ranged from 25 mph to 140 mph. Out of the 432 pursuits involving highway pursuits 53% of the drivers drove over ≥100 mph. 35.9% of the drivers drove over 70 mph to 99 mph. 9.3% of the drivers drove over 50 mph to 69 mph during pursuits. 1.9% of the drivers drove ≤ 49 mph.*

## Surface Street Speeds:

| Central                 | Eastern                 | Mid-City                | Southern                | South E.                | Western                 | Northern                | North W.                | North E.                |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Total P.</b><br>189  | <b>Total P.</b><br>94   | <b>Total P.</b><br>212  | <b>Total P.</b><br>100  | <b>Total P.</b><br>193  | <b>Total P.</b><br>134  | <b>Total P.</b><br>94   | <b>Total P.</b><br>23   | <b>Total P.</b><br>22   |
| <b>&gt;50mph</b><br>40% | <b>&gt;50mph</b><br>53% | <b>&gt;50mph</b><br>50% | <b>&gt;50mph</b><br>44% | <b>&gt;50mph</b><br>55% | <b>&gt;50mph</b><br>42% | <b>&gt;50mph</b><br>51% | <b>&gt;50mph</b><br>39% | <b>&gt;50mph</b><br>50% |
| <b>&gt;80mph</b><br>11% | <b>&gt;80mph</b><br>16% | <b>&gt;80mph</b><br>15% | <b>&gt;80mph</b><br>12% | <b>&gt;80mph</b><br>22% | <b>&gt;80mph</b><br>12% | <b>&gt;80mph</b><br>19% | <b>&gt;80mph</b><br>17% | <b>&gt;80mph</b><br>22% |
| <b>Top Speed</b><br>100 | <b>Top Speed</b><br>105 | <b>Top Speed</b><br>100 | <b>Top Speed</b><br>105 | <b>Top Speed</b><br>110 | <b>Top Speed</b><br>100 | <b>Top Speed</b><br>100 | <b>Top Speed</b><br>100 | <b>Top Speed</b><br>100 |

*Southeastern leads in all categories with the exception of speeds over 80 mph which it tied with the Northeastern division at 22%.*