

Abbreviated data dictionary for **a database of complaints made against Missouri police officers**

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Established in 1988, [the Peace Officer Standards and Training \(POST\) program](#) is responsible for issuing, and revoking, police officer licenses for every law enforcement agency in Missouri. Complaints are available via an [online portal](#), which includes thousands of cases involving numerous state agencies. Because of the volume of cases and agencies, it's not always immediately clear when a case involves police misconduct. The Marshall Project - St. Louis combed through the portal to compile every case against a police officer from February 2014 through April 2025 into a searchable database. The [database](#) we're providing has seven columns with information from various sources as explained below.

1. **Name:** From the complaint document filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission.
2. **Complaint date:** From the complaint filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission.
3. **Complaint year:** From the complaint filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission.
4. **Type of allegation:** The Marshall Project - St. Louis reviewed the complaints and created 15 categories based on common allegations. Some complaints contained more than one type of allegation. The categories are:
 - a. Alcohol-related
 - b. Death
 - c. Disturbance
 - d. Domestic
 - e. Driving under the influence
 - f. Driving-related (non-DUI)
 - g. Drug-related
 - h. Financial
 - i. Harassment (repeatedly contacting someone against their wishes, bullying behavior, violating orders of protection, etc.)
 - j. Honesty
 - k. Improperly accessed information (using criminal justice databases for personal use)
 - l. Other (slashing tires, mental health calls, selling firearms without a license, election fraud, failing to take care of police canine, etc.)
 - m. Reckless disregard (leaving a scene where someone needed help, ignoring needs of a person in jail with a medical problem, etc.)
 - n. Sexual misconduct
 - o. Use of force
5. **Decision:** From the decision document posted by the Administrative Hearing Commission. Updated as of May 2025.
6. **POST license status:** From the Department of Public Safety ([uploaded here](#)). Updated as of May 2025.
7. **All departments:** All of the departments we could identify where an officer has been employed, from information contained in the complaint filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission, the Department of Public Safety and/or news reports. In some cases, a department was not identified so the cell is blank.