Phoenix Police Department Research Project

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Introduction

We are a part of Dr. Terrill's research team, and there are five student members in total. Justin Richardson, Hannah White, and Stephanie Geoghan are the three graduate students, while Wendy Garcia and Casandra Rojas are the undergraduate students. The Phoenix Police Department provided our research group with data located in Oracle for us to analyze. The data that we were provided had recorded police use of force during the years 2018-2020. Since this information will be published for the general public in the upcoming days or months it is to remain confidential. We were asked to view it from the public's point of view, not from an academic perspective.
Methodology & Materials

- The data that was provided to us by The Phoenix Police Department consisted of six tabs in total, each containing different points of focus.
  - The tabs consisted of different numbers, graphs, pie charts, maps, precincts, and classifications based on race & ethnicity.
- A obstacle we faced as a group was that the Phoenix Police Department only provided one license to access the Oracle data; therefore, we had to create a schedule.
- The schedule was by hour intervals, and we as undergraduate members had to complete a total of 9-10 hours per week, while the graduate students did 4-5 hours per week.
- To ease the process of data sharing between Dr. Terrill and the group members, we came to the conclusion that we would all create our own separate google document form in which we would write our comments, concerns, and recommendations.
- Later, when we were all done composing our own document, we shared it with every member. Justin Richardson was in charge of looking over all the five documents and compile them to a single document.
- Our main goal was to view it from the general public perspective and see the data through their eyes. We made sure to write down the aspects that were not clear or easily understandable, the areas that needed improvements, and also the ones that need more focus and clarification.
**Next Steps**

On March 5th, 2021, the team met at the ASU Downtown Campus in a UCENT Building room. During this meeting, we discussed our thoughts, concerns, notes, and suggestions for the data as a whole.

After the meeting, a master google doc was created that consisted of six pages full of suggestions. This master document was shared with the Phoenix Police Department for them to review before March 11th.

The master google document had suggestions such as rearranging the order of the tabs (having the most attention grabber at the beginning and the least at the end), creating a table of contents to better guide the public when accessing this information, defining several terms unknown to the general public, and refine the visuals of the data.
Results

On March 11th, 2021, we went to the Phoenix Police Department headquarters and met with a group of five officials in person, and the rest attended remotely.

Dr. Terrill proceeded to begin the meeting with the overall topic we wanted to touch and gave a summary of each subject. We also had the chance to hear Phoenix Police Department officials and their perspectives regarding the Oracle data.

The meeting lasted approximately an hour, in which feedback was shared from both sides. Each of us had the opportunity to voice our opinions at the meeting and share feedback and improvements to the data. Unfortunately, the data is confidential, and any data should be kept private at the Phoenix Police Department's request. Once Phoenix Police Department Officials work on the data, and once it is updated, they will share the data with the public.
Thank you for your attention