

2005 MID-YEAR REPORT



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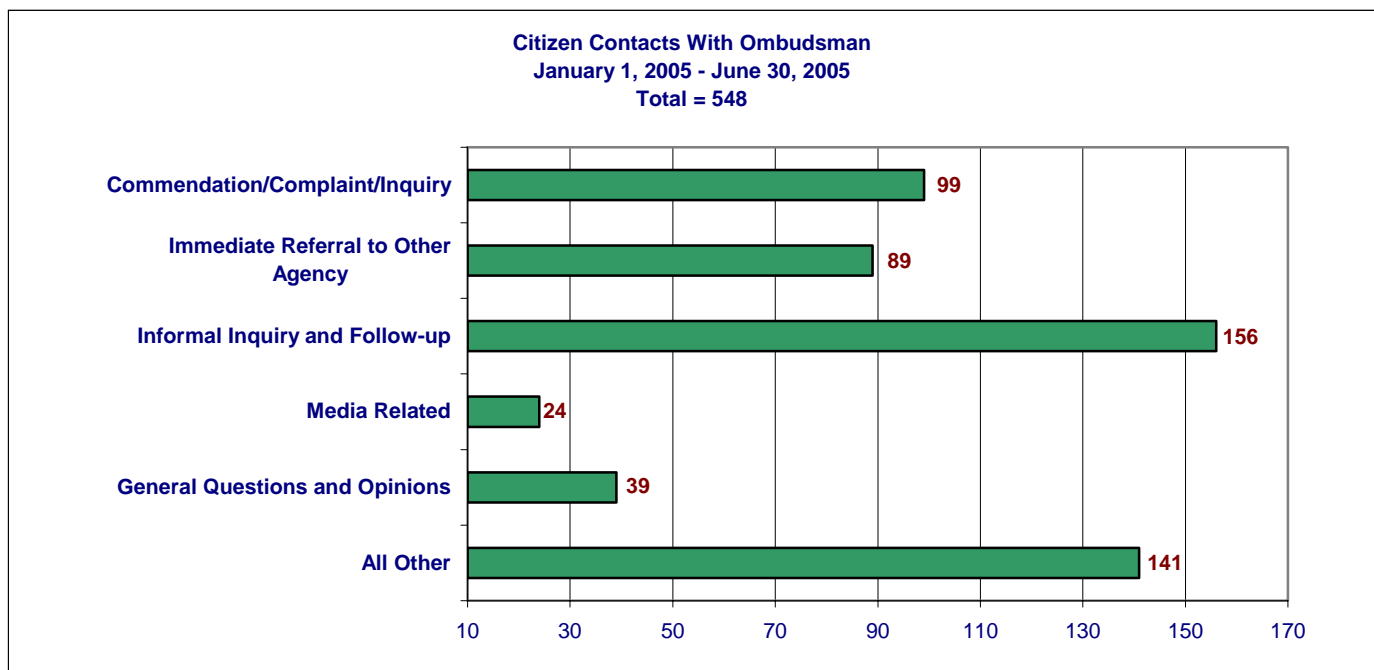
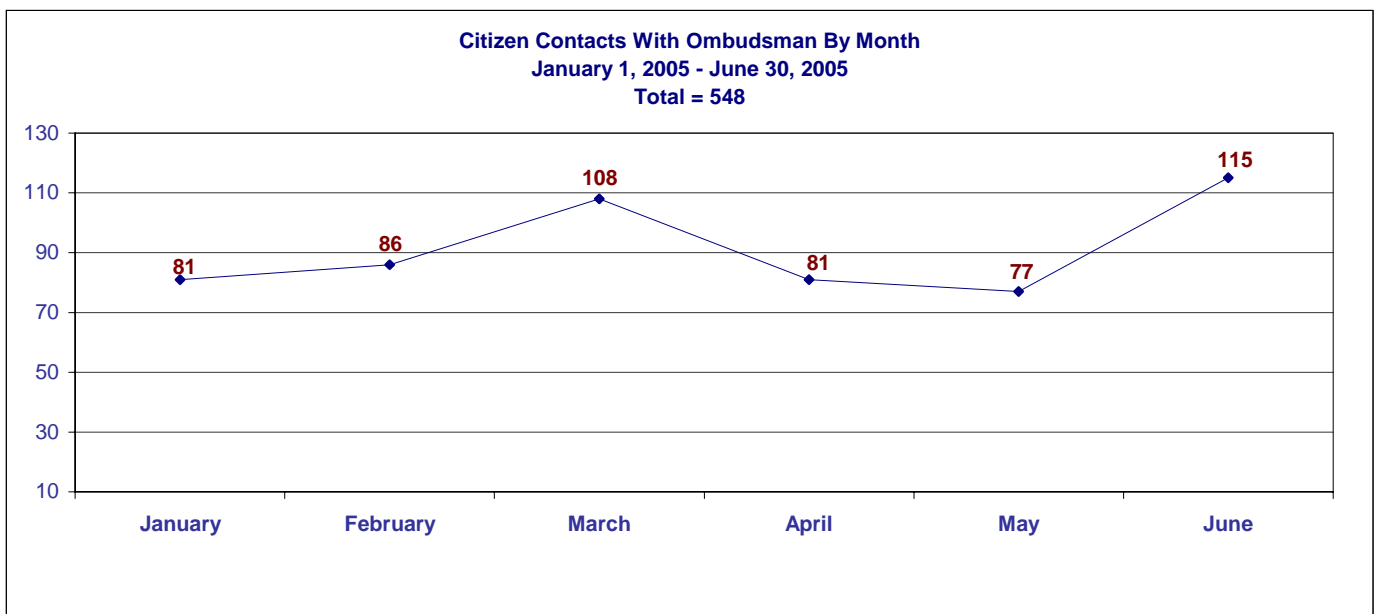
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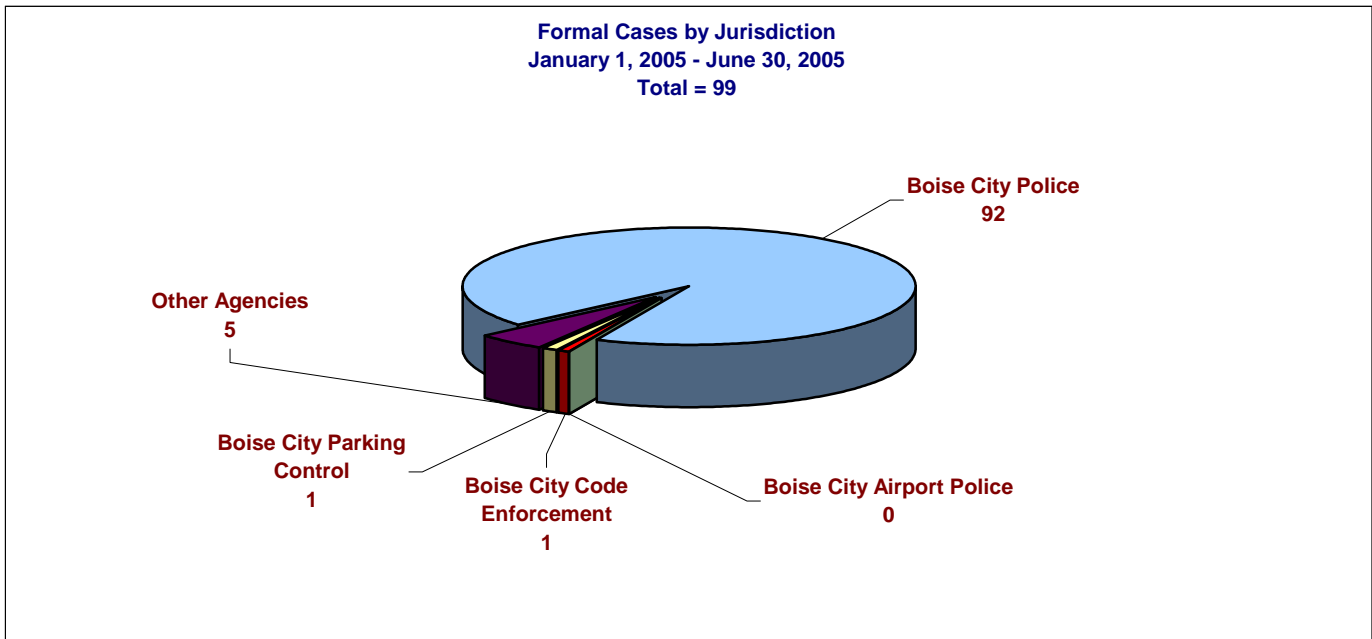
For the period covering January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005

The graphs and charts included in this document show the activities and findings of the Office of the Community Ombudsman for Boise City for the first six months of 2005.

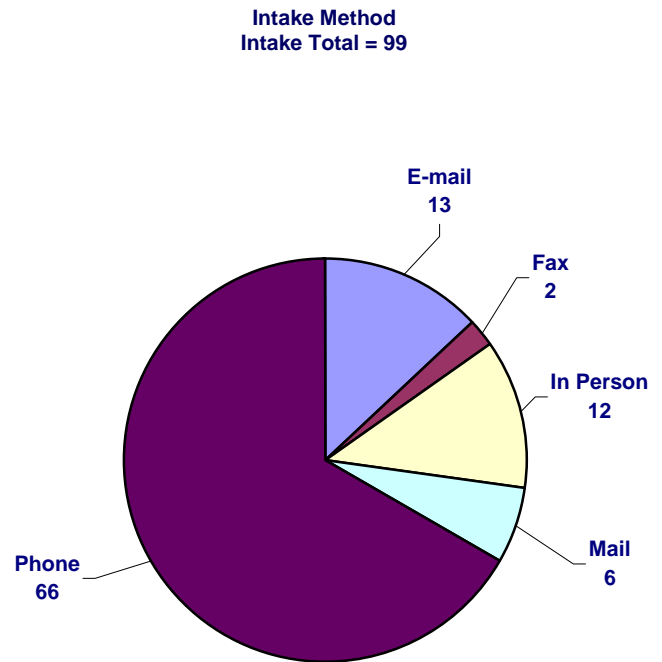
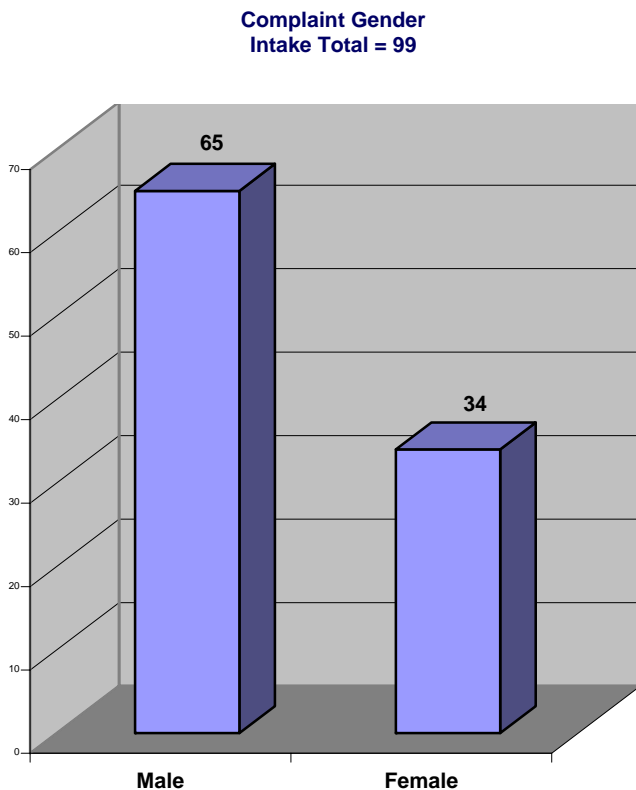
The following charts show the citizen contacts with the Ombudsman's Office for the time period of January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Citizens initiated 548 contacts during this time.



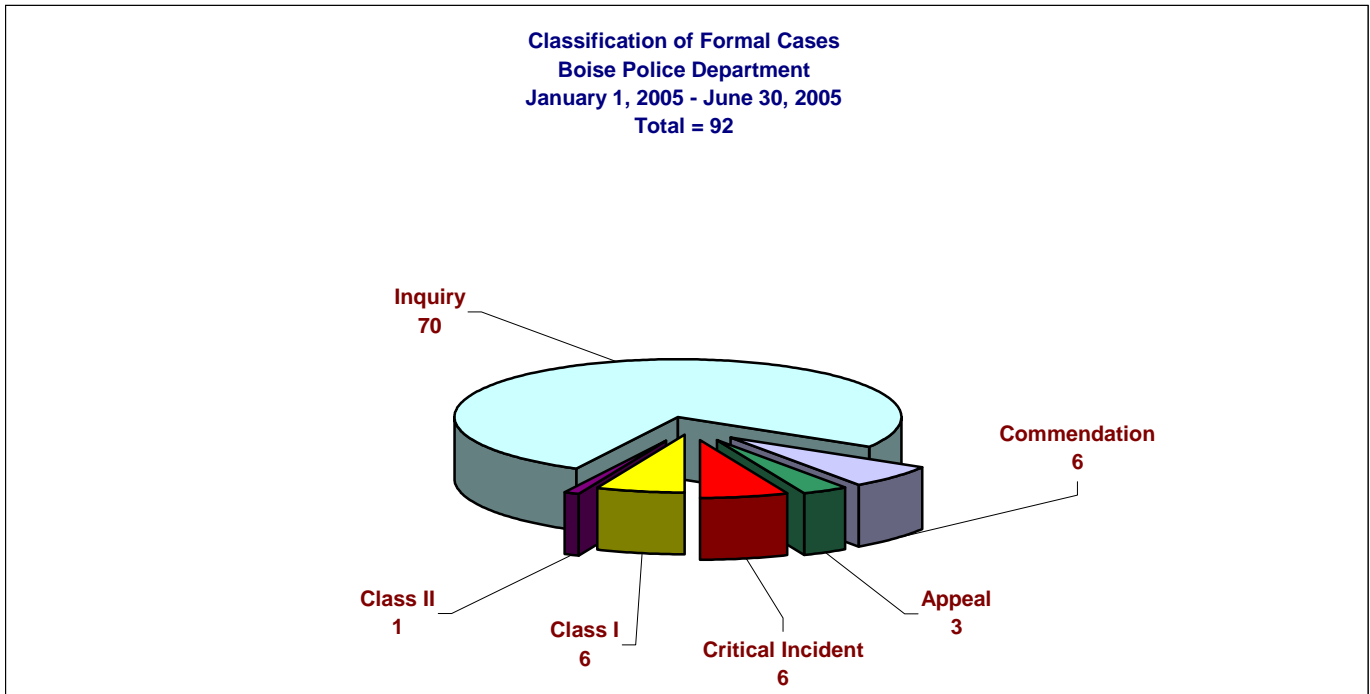
The ombudsman opened 99 cases during this six-month period in response to contacts initiated by members of the public. The following graph shows the formal cases by jurisdiction.



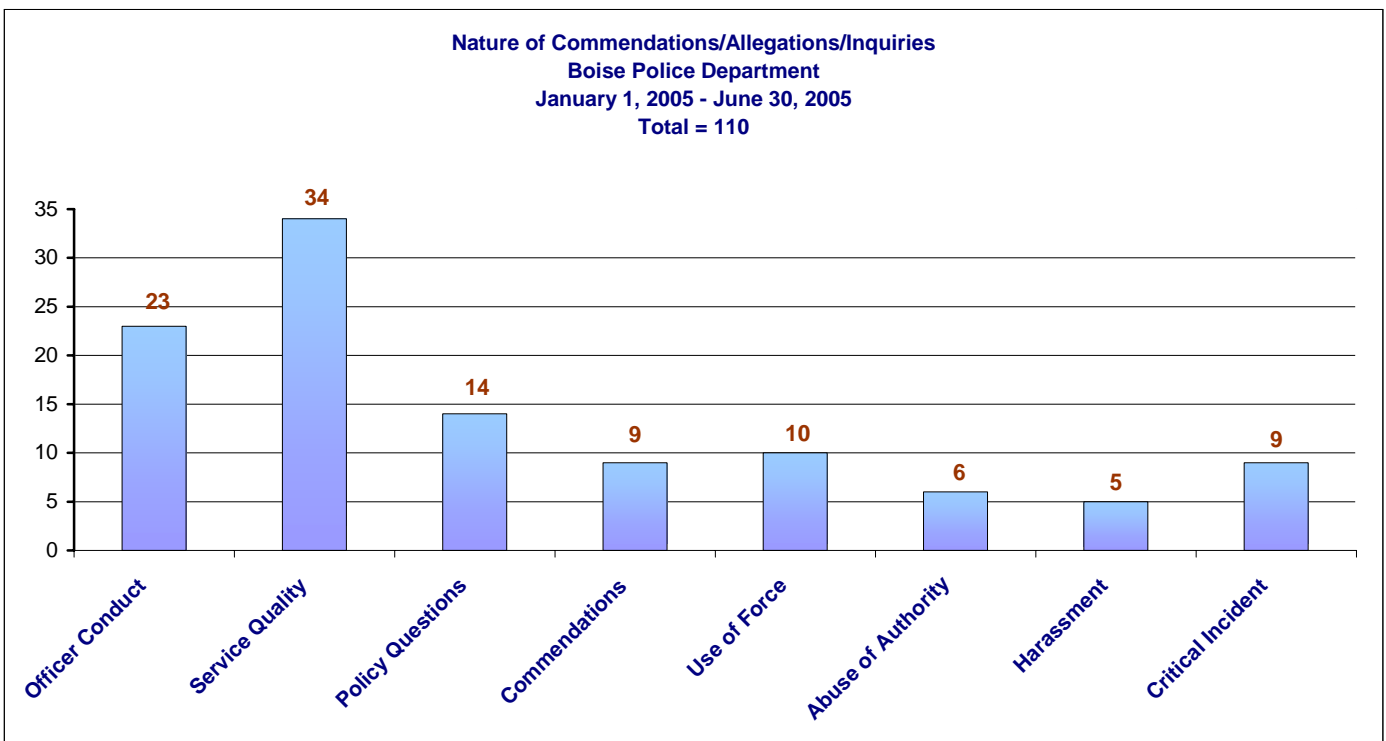
Nearly three quarters of the cases opened were initiated by citizens calling our office. Roughly twice as many males than females initiated contacts that led to cases opened by the ombudsman.



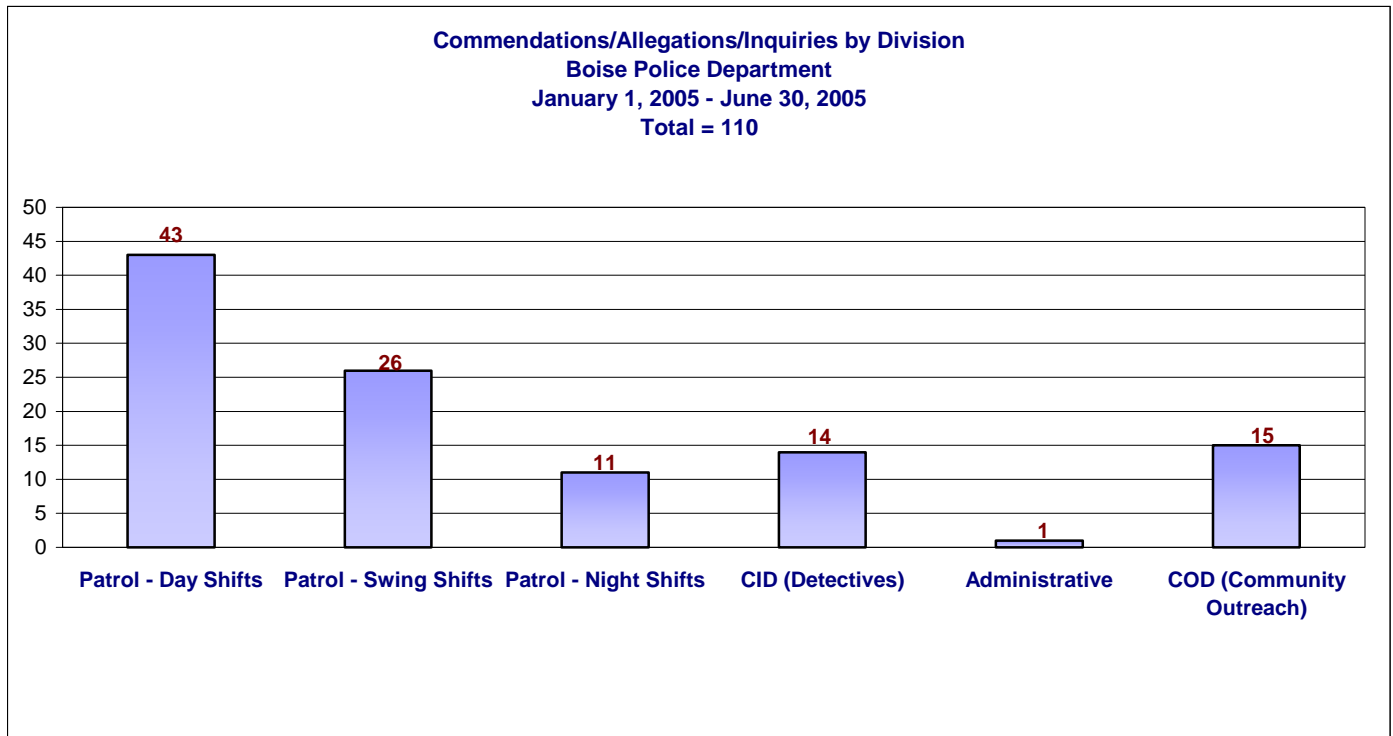
During the first half of 2005, 92 of the 99 formal cases opened by the ombudsman were related to cases involving the Boise Police Department. The classification of each case is presented below.



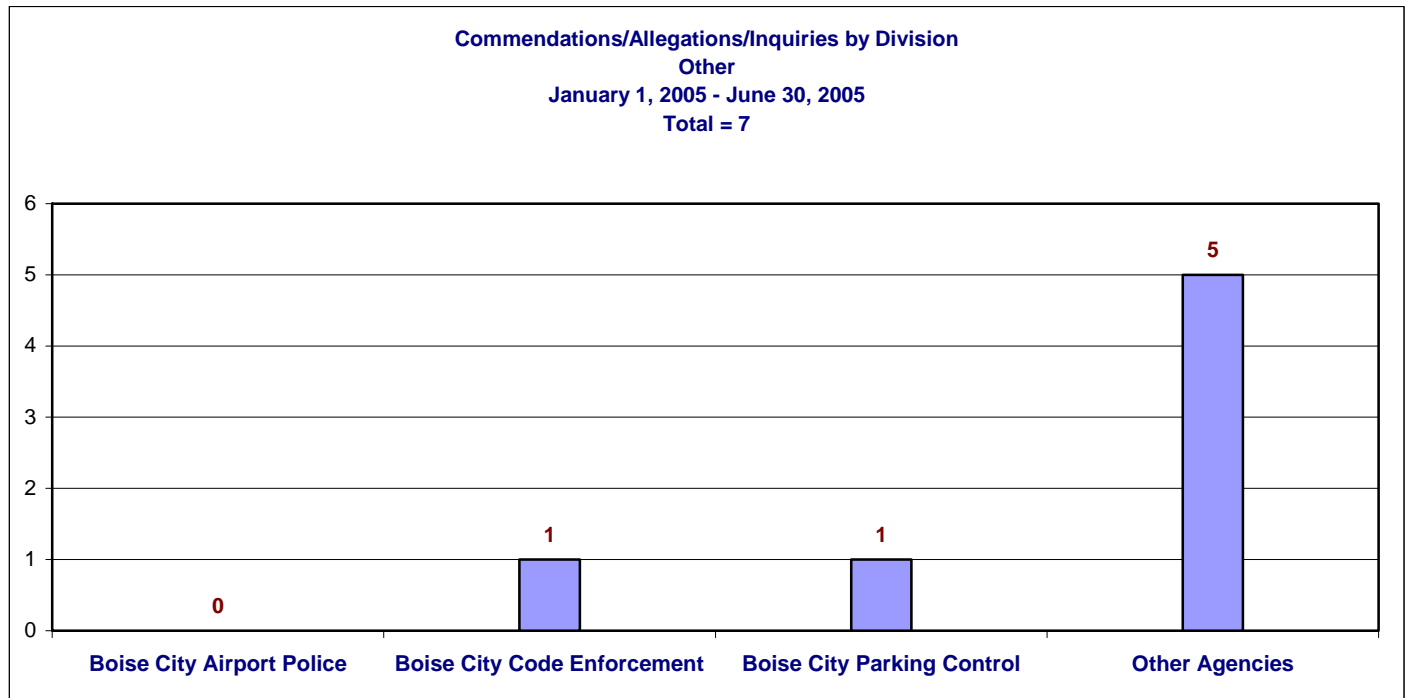
Since some cases involved allegations against more than one officer and/or multiple allegations against the same officer, the 92 formal cases for the Boise Police Department involved a total of 110 separate commendations, allegations, or inquiries.



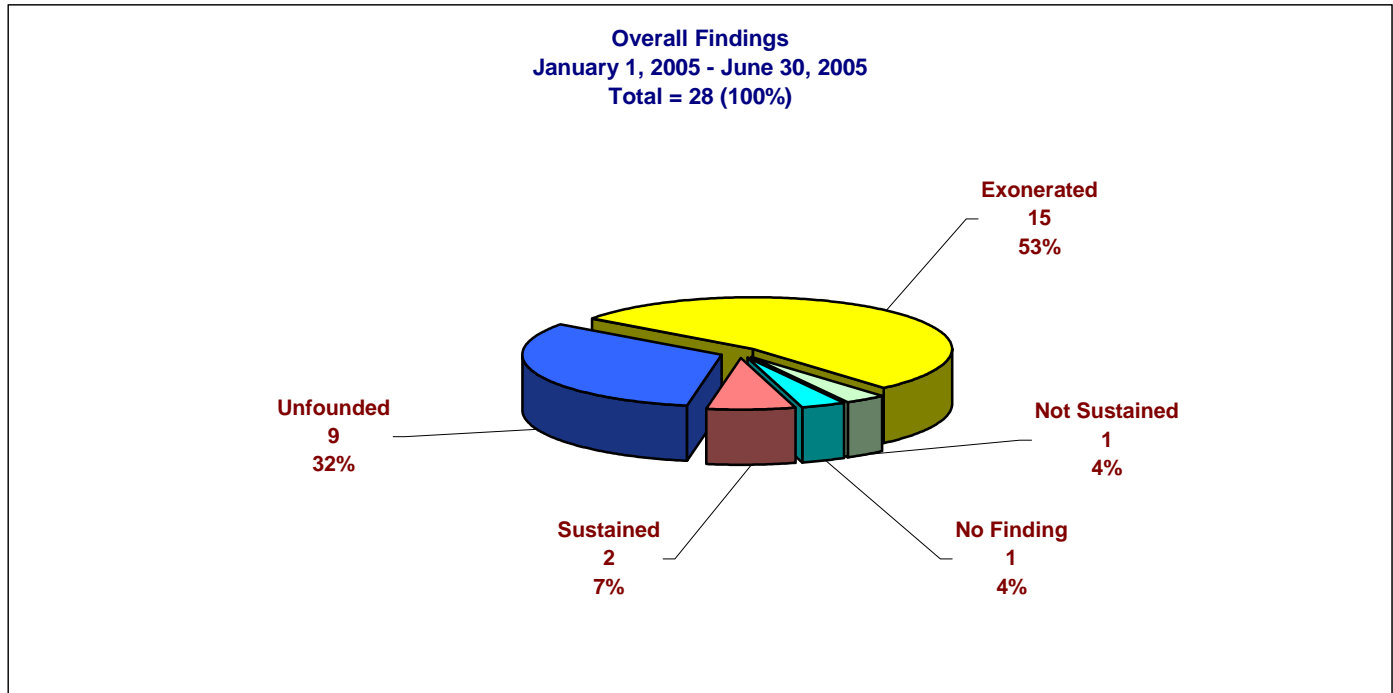
In the 92 formal cases involving the Police Department, the 110 commendations, allegations and inquiries were tracked by division.



The following chart displays the breakdown of the remaining 7 formal cases that did not involve the Police Department.



During the first half of 2005, the ombudsman issued 28 findings. All of these findings were related to cases involving the Boise Police Department. The following chart demonstrates the percentages of the overall findings.



Comparison of 2004 to 2005

As compared to the same period last year, the number of contacts logged into our office was slightly lower. There were 548 in the first half of 2005 versus 624 for the same period in 2004.

The number of actual cases (complaints, commendations, and inquiries) opened in the first half of 2005 was down from the same period in 2004 (99 versus 118).

“Officer Conduct” and “Service Quality” continued to be the primary complaints filed against Boise City law enforcement officers.

Of the 28 findings issued by the ombudsman during the first six months of 2005, 2 were “sustained”, (7%), 9 were “unfounded” (32%), 15 were “exonerated” (53%), 1 was “not sustained” (4%) and 1 was “no finding” (4%). As compared to the same period in 2004, the number of “sustained” findings, as a percent of all findings, decreased from 17% in the first half of 2004 to 7% during the same period of 2005.