

Twenty-Fourth Report of the Independent Monitor

Compliance Snapshot of NYPD's Stop, Frisk, and Search Practices

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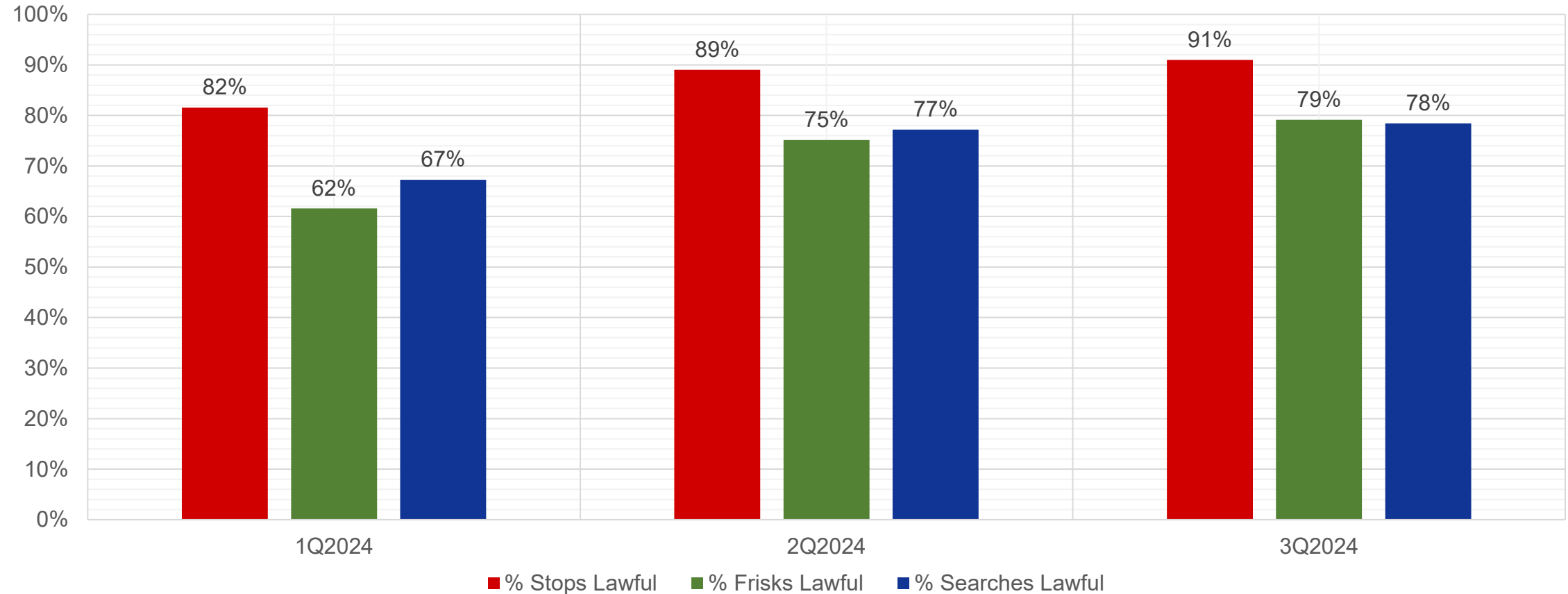
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1. Lawfulness of Stops, Frisks, and Searches

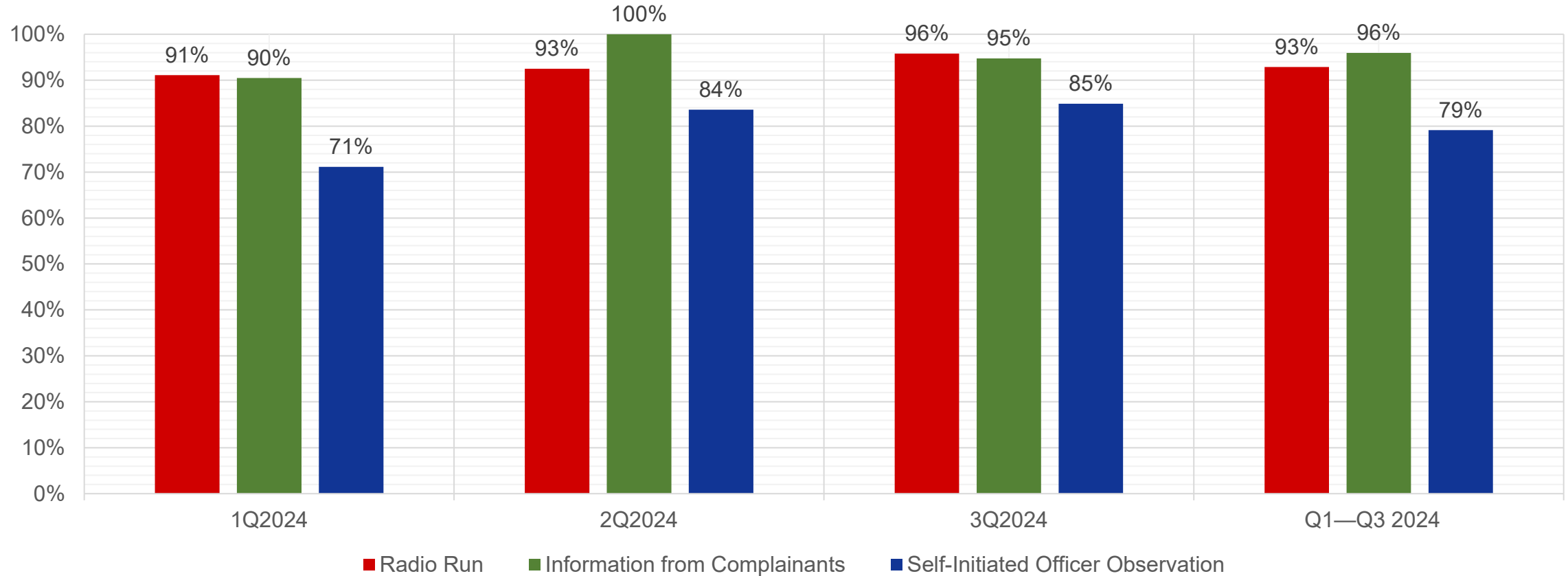
- In the third quarter of 2024, the Monitor's audits determined that 91% of reported *Terry* stops were lawful, 79% of frisks during *Terry* stops were lawful, and 78% of searches were lawful.
- For the first three quarters of 2024, self-initiated stops, where a stop is based on the officer's observation rather than a 911 or 311 call, were lawful 79% of the time.
- In the third quarter of 2024, 46% of NYPD's 99 commands had a compliance rate for frisks greater than 85%, and 27% of commands had a compliance rate for searches greater than 85%. In other words, most NYPD commands did not achieve minimum levels of constitutional compliance in frisks and searches during *Terry* stops.

Rate of NYPD Compliance with the Law

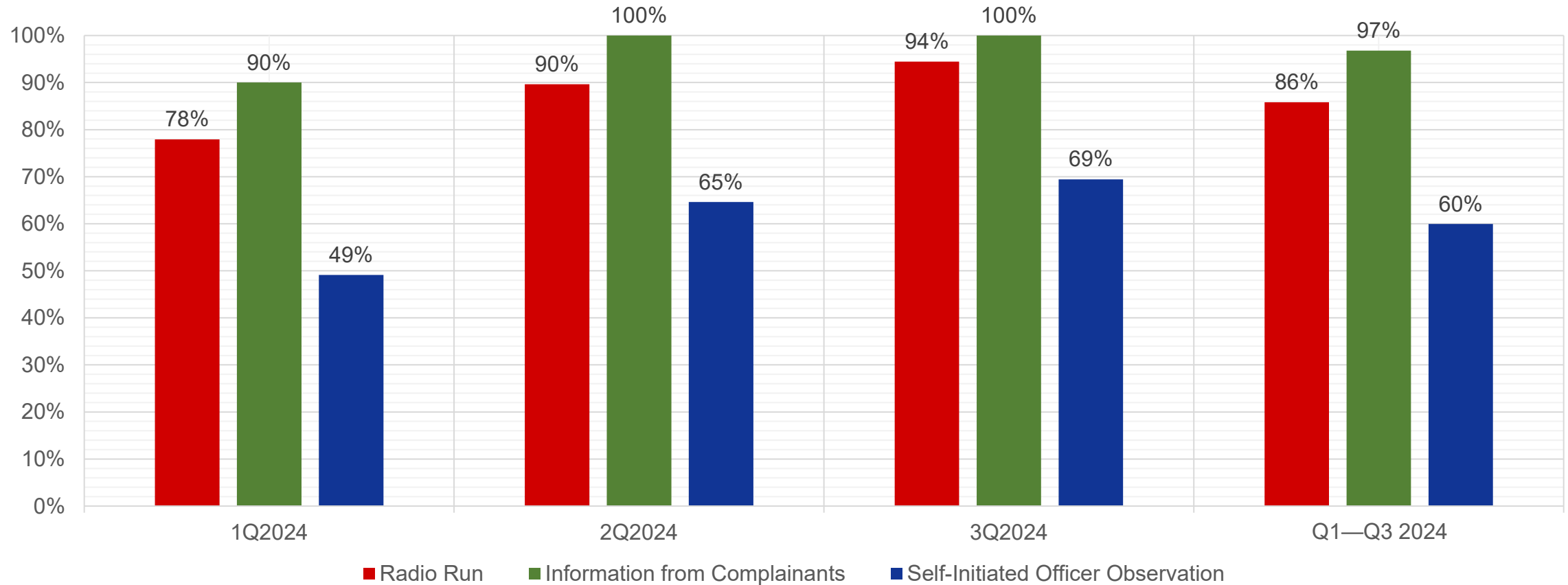


The Monitor team assessed stop, frisk, and search compliance with the Fourth Amendment. This chart shows the Monitor team's assessment of the lawfulness of NYPD reported stops, frisks, and searches by quarter. In the third quarter of 2024, 91% of stops, 79% of frisks, and 78% of searches were assessed as lawful.

Lawfulness of Stops Based on Type of Stop (Q1—Q3 2024)

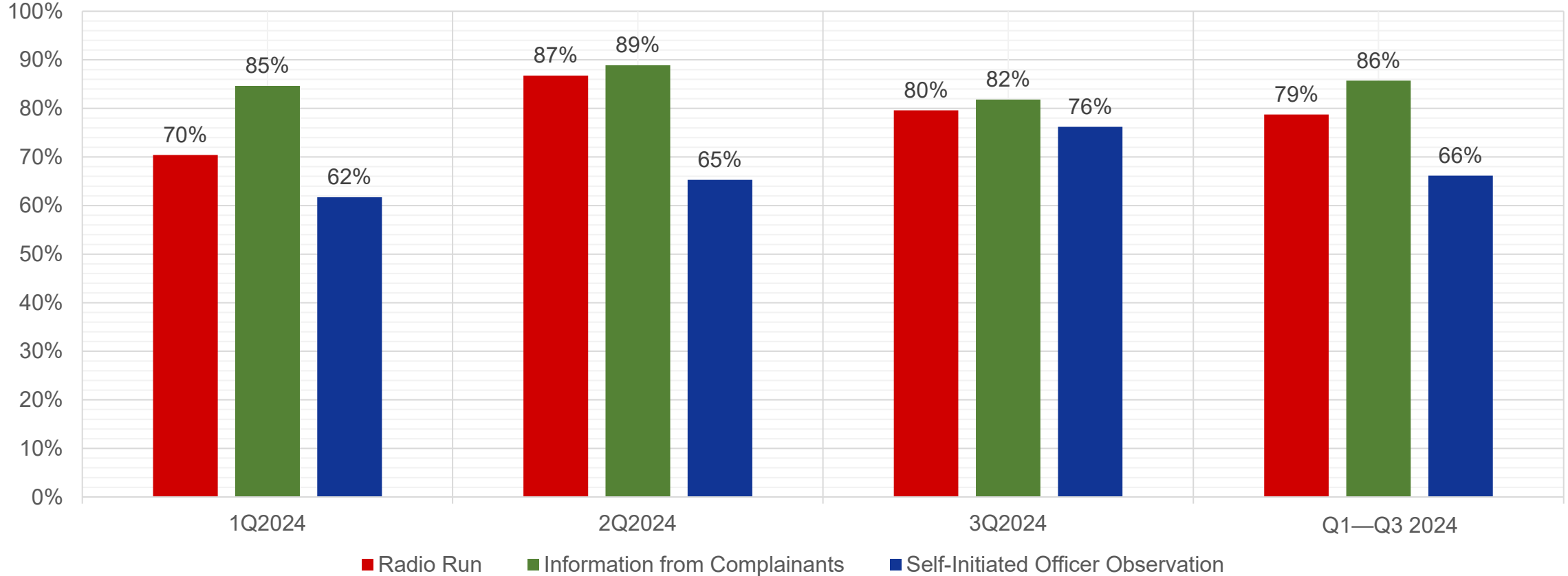


This chart shows the Monitor team’s assessment of the lawfulness of NYPD reported stops based on whether the stop was initiated by a radio run from a 911 or 311 call, by in-person information from a complainant or witness, or was self-initiated by the officer. In the first three quarters of 2024, 93% of radio run stops were lawful, 96% of stops based on complainant information were lawful, and 79% of self-initiated stops were lawful.

Lawfulness of Frisks by Type of Stop (Q1—Q3 2024)

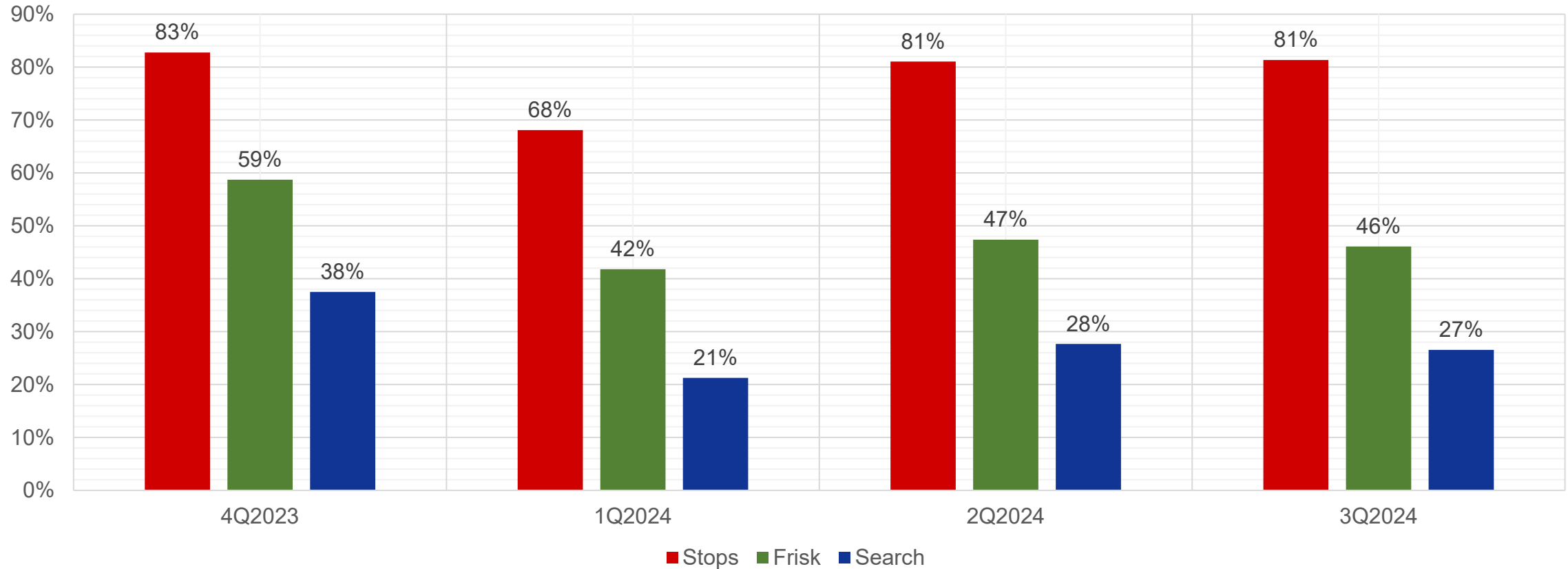
This chart shows the Monitor team’s assessment of the lawfulness of NYPD frisks, based on how the stop was initiated. From January-September 2024, frisks during stops based on radio runs or information from complainants were deemed lawful by the Monitor in higher percentages than frisks during self-initiated stops.

Lawfulness of Searches by Type of Stop (Q1—Q3 2024)



This chart shows the Monitor team's assessment of the lawfulness of NYPD searches based on how the stop was initiated. From January-September 2024, 79% of radio run searches were lawful, 86% of searches based on complainant information were lawful, but only 66% of searches based on the officers' self-initiated observations were lawful.

Percentage of NYPD Commands with Lawful Compliance Rates for Stops, Frisks, or Searches Greater than 85%

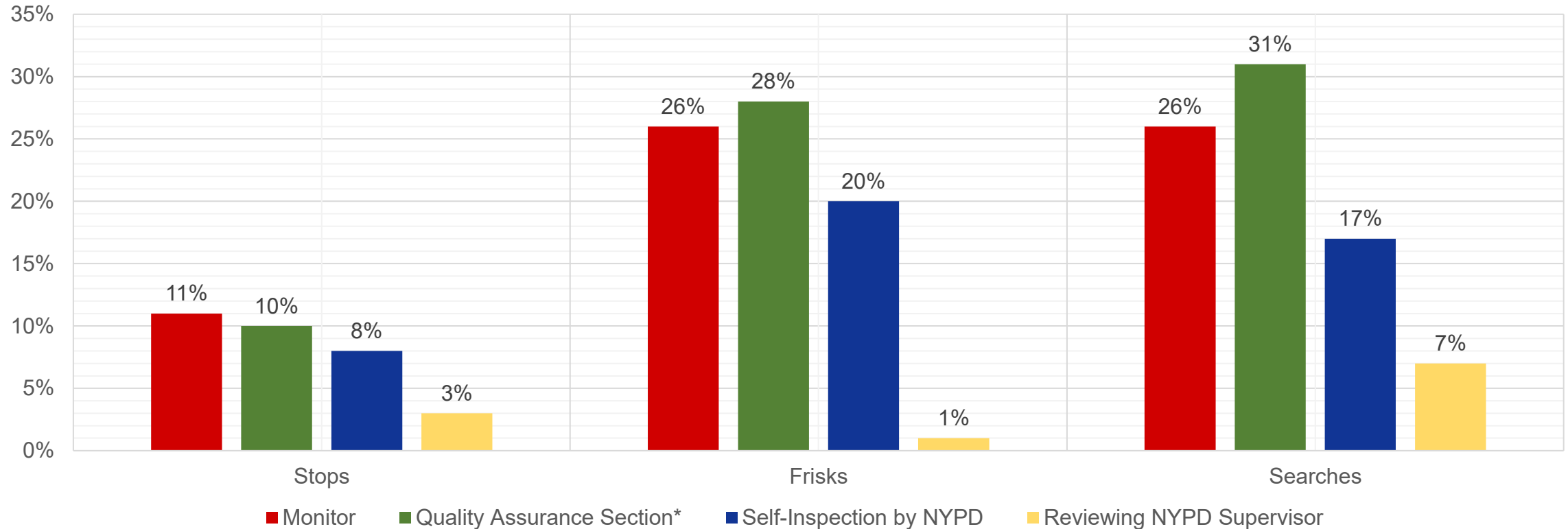


The NYPD Quality Assurance Section reviews commands' compliance with the Fourth Amendment, including Housing Bureau's Police Service Areas ("PSAs"), and Transit Bureau's Transit Districts. This chart shows the percent of commands in which the NYPD Quality Assurance Section has determined that at least 85% of the command's reported stops, frisks, or searches were lawful. For the third quarter of 2024, only 81% of commands had a compliance rate for stops greater than 85%; only 46% of commands had a compliance rate for frisks greater than 85%; and only 27% of commands had a compliance rate for searches greater than 85%.

2. NYPD Supervision

- NYPD supervisors repeatedly failed to identify unlawful stops, frisks, and searches.
- In the third quarter of 2024, the Monitor found that 11% of the stops, 26% of the frisks, and 26% of the searches reviewed were unlawful. In the same quarter, the reviewing supervisors found that 3% of stops, 1% of frisks, and 7% of searches were unlawful.

Comparison of Monitor Assessments Against NYPD Assessments Regarding Percentage of Stops, Frisks, and Searches Found to be Unlawful for Third Quarter of 2024

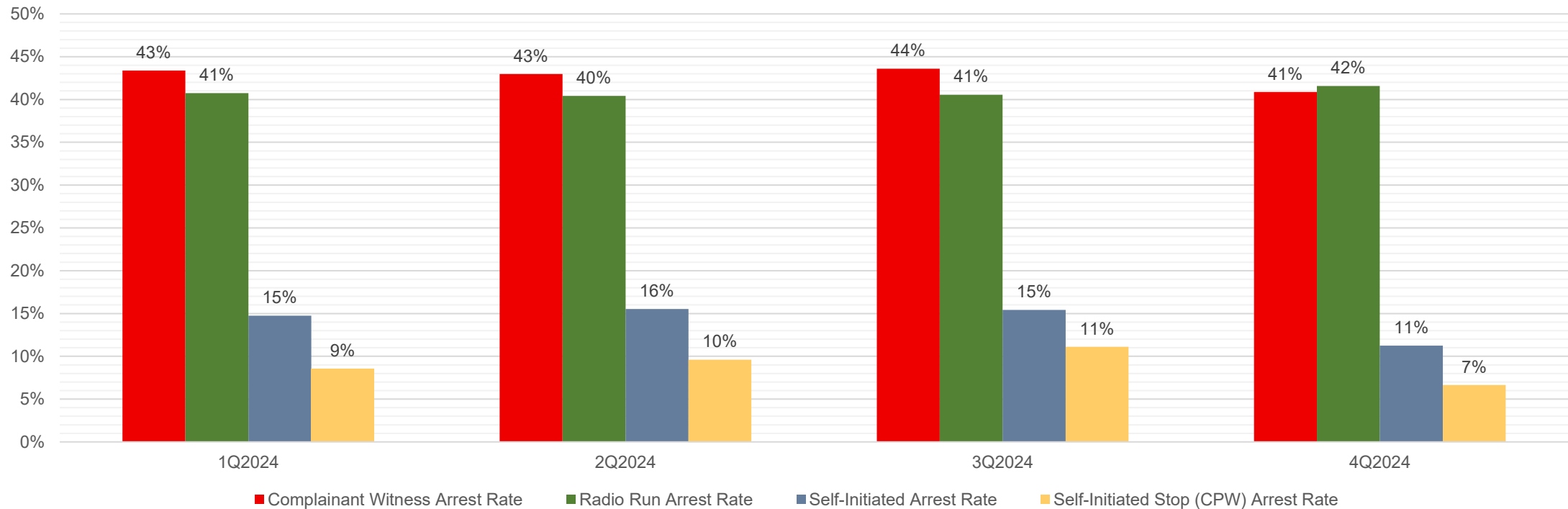


This chart compares the Monitor's audits with the NYPD Quality Assurance Section audits, audits by the NYPD commands themselves, and reviews by the first-line supervisors in the third quarter of 2024. Audits by QAS have significantly improved and closely mirror the Monitor's findings. Reviewing supervisors, however, approved close to 100% of all stops, frisks, and searches and barely identified any as unlawful. This is a critical gap.

3. Effectiveness of Stops by Arrest Rate

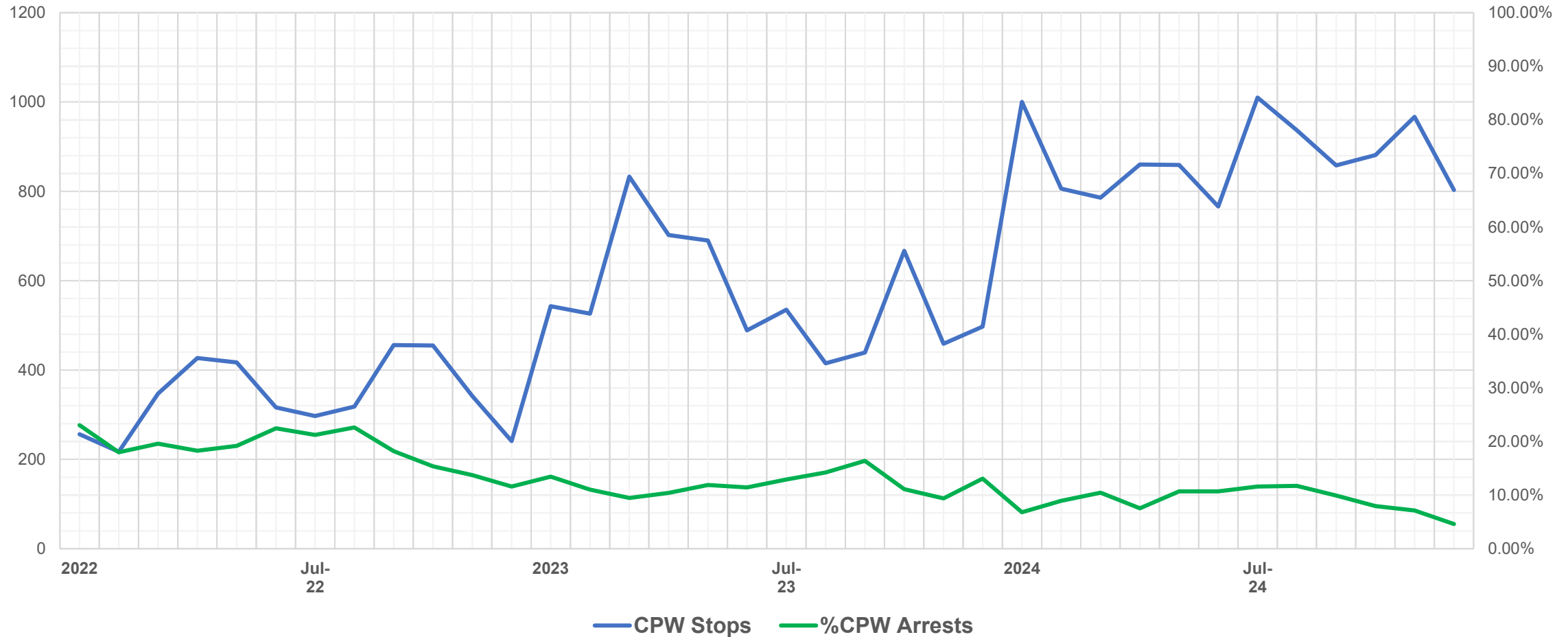
- In Q4 2024, reported stops initiated by complainants or radio runs had higher arrest rates (above 40%) compared to self-initiated stops (11%).
- The arrest rate for self-initiated stops for suspected weapon possession (SI-CPW) was lower, at 7%.
- From 2022 to 2024, the number of SI-CPW stops increased while the arrest rate for those stops decreased to less than 10% by the end of 2024.

Arrest Rate by Type of Stop



If a stop results in an arrest, that suggests that the stop was appropriately targeted at a suspect and that the officer making the stop likely had reasonable suspicion. At the same time, stops may be lawful even if they don't result in an arrest. This chart shows the percent of reported stops that resulted in an arrest, broken down by quarter and how the stops were initiated. Stops initiated by a complainant or witness ("CW") or a radio run ("RR") (i.e., when an officer is responding to a 911 or 311 call) were far more effective than stops based only on an officer's observation (self-initiated, or "SI"). In the fourth quarter of 2024, the arrest rate for CW stops was 41%; the arrest rate for RR stops was 42%; the arrest rate for all SI stops was 11%; and the arrest rate for SI stops where officers believed a person possessed a weapon ("SI-CPW") (Criminal Possession of a Weapon) was only 7%.

Self-Initiated CPW Stops: Number of Stops Increased; Number of Arrests Decreased

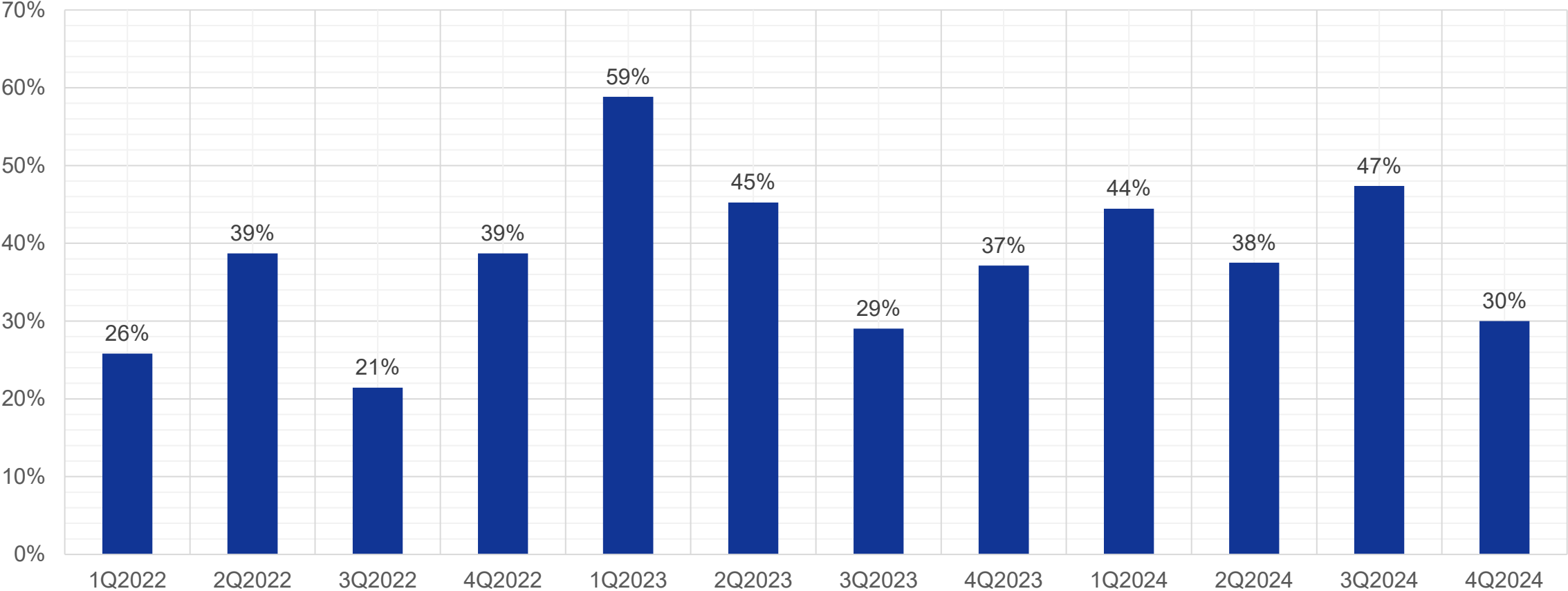


This chart shows the volume of self-initiated CPW stops from 2022 to 2024 and the CPW arrest rate for those stops over the same period. The number of self-initiated CPW stops has increased significantly over the last three years. In contrast, the arrest rate resulting from CPW stops has declined dramatically to well below 10%.

4. Underreporting

- In Q4 2024, for 30% of stops identified in the Monitor's audit, meaning almost one-third, NYPD officers did not complete a stop report when they should have.
- Over the past three years (2022-2024), approximately 38% of stops have gone unreported.
- Underreporting has varied over the last three years.

Percentage of NYPD Stops Not Reported from 2022 to 2024

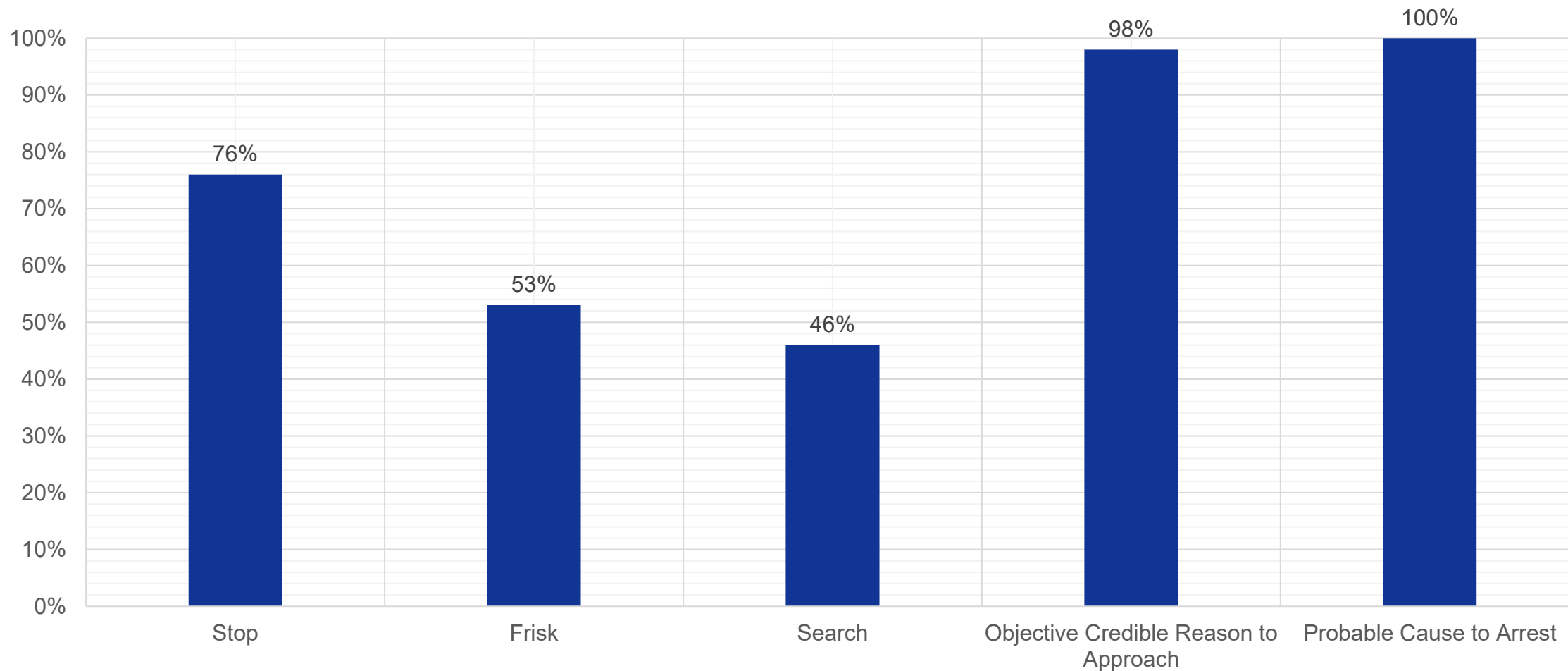


The number of *Terry* stops for which there is no stop report has varied over the last three years. This chart shows the results of the Monitor team’s audits of body-worn camera (“BWC”) videos to identify stops that were not documented. In the fourth quarter of 2024, officers failed to complete stop reports in 30% of stops identified in the audit. This assessment does not account for instances where BWCs were not activated, as it is not possible to estimate how many stops occurred when officers did not activate their BWCs.

5. Stops and Arrests by NYPD Housing Bureau Officers

- Compliance rates during Housing Bureau Officer encounters for the first half of 2024:
 - 77% of reported stops compliant
 - 52% of frisks compliant
 - 48% of searches compliant
- Compliance rates during trespass arrests for the first half of 2024:
 - 98% had an objective credible reason for the approach
 - 99% had probable cause for the arrest

Lawfulness of NYPD Housing Bureau Encounters in First Half of 2024



This slide shows the results of the Monitor's audits of reported stops and trespass arrests by the NYPD's Housing Bureau officers in the first half of 2024. In the first six months of 2024, 77% of stops, 52% of frisks, and 48% of searches were assessed as lawful. In that same period, compliance rates were high for trespass arrests in terms of both an objective credible reason to approach (98% lawful) and probable cause for the arrest (99%).

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Notes for Monitor's Twenty-Fourth Report: Compliance Snapshot

The Monitor's Twenty Fourth Report is a visual snapshot that shows the New York City Police Department's ("NYPD") level of compliance with the federal court's requirements in the *Floyd v. City of New York*, *Ligon v. City of New York*, and *Davis v. City of New York* stop and frisk cases. This document provides information about the data reflected in each slide.

Slide 4

The Monitor team's reviews involved an assessment of the encounters' compliance with the Fourth Amendment. This chart shows the Monitor team's assessment of the lawfulness of NYPD reported stops, frisks, and searches by quarter. In the third quarter of 2024, 91% of stops, 79% of frisks, and 78% of searches were assessed as lawful. It should also be noted that the reviews do not include stops that were not documented by NYPD officers. The NYPD cannot achieve compliance with the court-ordered reforms relating to *Terry* stops unless stops made by its members are documented by the officers conducting the stops.

(Data Source: Monitor Audits of Stop Reports, N=100 per month)

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This chart shows the Monitor team's assessment of the lawfulness of NYPD reported stops based on whether the stop was initiated by a radio run from a 911 or 311 call, by in-person information from a complainant or witness, or was a self-initiated stop based on the officer's observation. In the first three quarters of 2024, 93% of radio run stops were lawful, 96% of stops based on complainant information were lawful, but only 79% of stops based on the officers' self-initiated observations were lawful.

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This chart shows the Monitor team's assessment of the lawfulness of NYPD frisks, based on how the stop was initiated. In the first three quarters of 2024, 86% of radio run frisks were lawful, 97% of frisks based on complainant information were lawful, but only 60% of frisks based on the officers' self-initiated observations were lawful.

(Data Source: Monitor Audits of Stop Reports, N=100 per month)

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This chart shows the Monitor team's assessment of the lawfulness of NYPD searches, based on how the stop was initiated. In 2024, 79% of radio run searches were lawful, 86% of searches based on complainant information were lawful, but only 66% of searches based on the officers' self-initiated observations were lawful.

(Data Source: Monitor Audits of Stop Reports, N=100 per month)

Slide 8

The performance of commands—precincts, Housing Bureau’s Police Service Areas (“PSAs”), and Transit Bureau’s Transit Districts—vary across the City in terms of their compliance with the Fourth Amendment. This chart shows the percent of commands in which the NYPD has determined that at least 85% of their reported stops, frisks, or searches were lawful. For the third quarter of 2024, only 81% of commands had a compliance rate for stops greater than 85%; only 46% of commands had a compliance rate for frisks greater than 85%; and only 27% of commands had a compliance rate of searches greater than 85%.

(Data Source: QAS Quarterly Citywide Report on Stop Report Monitoring Audits)

Slide 10

This chart compares the Monitor’s audits with the audits prepared by the NYPD’s audit section, the Quality Assurance Section (“QAS”), audits by the NYPD commands themselves, and reviews by the first-line supervisors for the third quarter of 2024. Audits by QAS have significantly improved and closely mirror the Monitor’s findings. Reviewing supervisors, however, approved close to 100% of all stops, frisks, and searches, including those the Monitor found to be unlawful. Adequate supervision at the commands was lacking.

(Data Source: Monitor Audits of Stop Reports, N=100 per month)

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(Data Source: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/nypd/stats/reports-analysis/stopfrisk.page>)

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The number of *Terry* stops that are not being properly documented, as required, has varied over the last three years. Officers are conducting stops captured on their body-worn cameras (“BWC”) but they are not completing stop reports documenting the stop. This chart shows the results of the Monitor team’s audits of BWC videos to identify stops that were not documented. In the fourth quarter of 2024, officers failed to complete stop reports in 30% of stops identified in the Monitor’s audit. Note that this assessment does not account for instances where BWCs were not activated, as it is not possible to accurately estimate how many stops occurred when officers did not activate their BWCs.

(Data Source: Monitor Quarterly Audit of Investigative Encounter BWC videos, N=225 per quarter)

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(Data Source: Monitor Quarterly Audit of NYCHA Trespass Arrests (N=50) and Stop Reports (N=50))