

# 2004 TRAFFIC STOP DATA REPORT



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF  
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In October, 2000, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) released the first Traffic Stop Data Report relating to Traffic Law Enforcement traffic stops. The report was designed to provide a historical background pertaining to the issues of racial profiling and examined the activities of the Texas Department of Public Safety as related to traffic stops.

In an on-going effort to keep the state's leadership, DPS commissioned officers, and other interested citizens of the state of Texas informed on department activities, a Traffic Stop Data Report is issued annually for activities January through December.

During the 77th Regular session of the Texas Legislature, Senate Bill 1074 regarding "Racial Profiling" was enacted. Senate Bill 1074 requires Texas Law Enforcement Agencies to collect certain traffic stop data and to annually report the data to the governing body of the agency.

This report reflects traffic stop activities of the Texas Department of Public Safety for the calendar year 2004.

The ethnic breakdown of the Texas population in this report is based on the 2000 United States Census Data, rather than the population estimates from the Texas State Data Center reflected in the initial report of October 2000.

The Texas Department of Public Safety remains committed to the prevention of racial profiling. Racial profiling is illegal, inconsistent with the principles of American policing, and an indefensible public protection strategy.

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Based upon available data (January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004) Troopers with the DPS made traffic stops, issued citations, warnings, and/or conducted searches of vehicles as follows:

| <b>TRAFFIC STOPS</b> |                    |                         |                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Race                 | # of Traffic Stops | % Race of Traffic Stops | % Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas |
| Asian*               | 24,402             | 0.86%                   | 2.80%                                |
| Black                | 273,819            | 9.60%                   | 11.34%                               |
| Hispanic             | 685,411            | 24.04%                  | 31.99%                               |
| Indian**             | 2,355              | 0.08%                   | 0.60%                                |
| Other                | 21,512             | 0.75%                   | 0.84%                                |
| White                | 1,843,370          | 64.66%                  | 52.43%                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>2,850,869</b>   |                         |                                      |

| <b>CITATIONS</b> |                    |                         |                                      |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Race             | # of Traffic Stops | % Race of Traffic Stops | % Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas |
| Asian*           | 13,824             | 1.00%                   | 2.80%                                |
| Black            | 138,048            | 9.99%                   | 11.34%                               |
| Hispanic         | 361,629            | 26.18%                  | 31.99%                               |
| Indian**         | 1,219              | 0.09%                   | 0.60%                                |
| Other            | 9,979              | 0.72%                   | 0.84%                                |
| White            | 856,760            | 62.02%                  | 52.43%                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>1,381,459</b>   |                         |                                      |

| <b>WRITTEN WARNINGS</b> |                    |                         |                                      |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Race                    | # of Traffic Stops | % Race of Traffic Stops | % Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas |
| Asian*                  | 10,578             | 0.72%                   | 2.80%                                |
| Black                   | 135,771            | 9.24%                   | 11.34%                               |
| Hispanic                | 323,782            | 22.03%                  | 31.99%                               |
| Indian**                | 1,136              | 0.08%                   | 0.60%                                |
| Other                   | 11,533             | 0.78%                   | 0.84%                                |
| White                   | 986,610            | 67.14%                  | 52.43%                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>1,469,410</b>   |                         |                                      |

| <b>CONSENT VEHICLE SEARCHES</b> |               |                            |                                      |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Race                            | # of Searches | % Race of Consent Searches | % Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas |
| Asian*                          | 241           | 0.49%                      | 2.80%                                |
| Black                           | 7,356         | 14.83%                     | 11.34%                               |
| Hispanic                        | 15,663        | 31.58%                     | 31.99%                               |
| Indian**                        | 46            | 0.09%                      | 0.60%                                |
| Other                           | 304           | 0.61%                      | 0.84%                                |
| White                           | 25,995        | 52.40%                     | 52.43%                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>49,605</b> |                            |                                      |

| <b>ALL OTHER VEHICLE SEARCHES</b> |                       |                    |                                      |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Race                              | # of Traffic Searches | % Race of Searches | % Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas |
| Asian*                            | 242                   | 0.25%              | 2.80%                                |
| Black                             | 7,141                 | 7.50%              | 11.34%                               |
| Hispanic                          | 49,551                | 52.03%             | 31.99%                               |
| Indian**                          | 66                    | 0.07%              | 0.60%                                |
| Other                             | 328                   | 0.34%              | 0.84%                                |
| White                             | 37,912                | 39.81%             | 52.43%                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>95,240</b>         |                    |                                      |

| <b>CRIMINAL INTERDICTION</b> |                          |                               |                                      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Race                         | # of Criminal Violations | % Race of Criminal Violations | % Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas |
| Asian*                       | 116                      | 0.31%                         | 2.80%                                |
| Black                        | 6,932                    | 18.36%                        | 11.34%                               |
| Hispanic                     | 7,122                    | 18.87%                        | 31.99%                               |
| Indian**                     | 46                       | 0.12%                         | 0.60%                                |
| Other                        | 182                      | 0.48%                         | 0.84%                                |
| White                        | 23,353                   | 61.86%                        | 52.43%                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>37,751</b>            |                               |                                      |

\*Asian/Pacific Islander

\*\* Indian(American Indian or Alaskan Native)

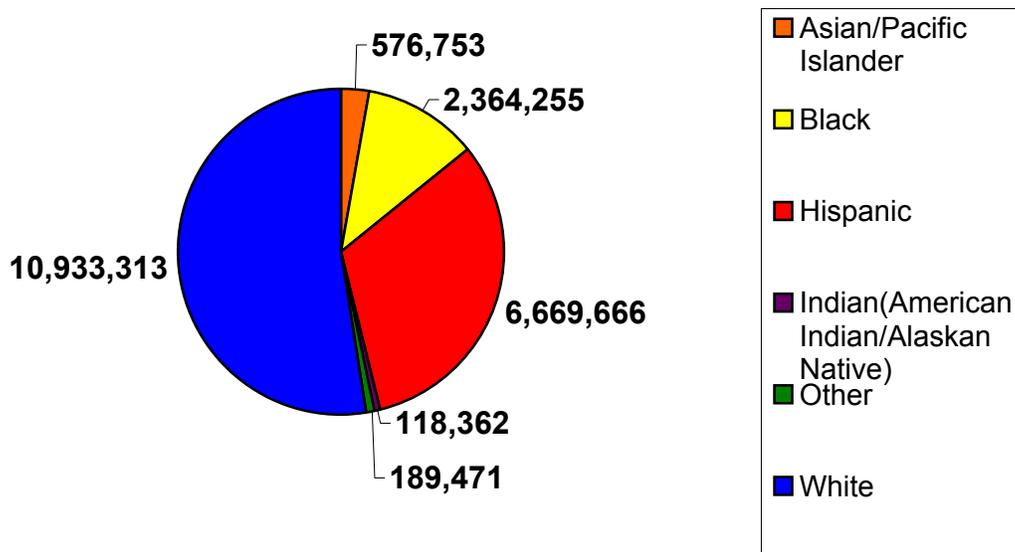
\*\*\*All other vehicle searches include: Probable Cause, Incident to Arrest, and Inventory

## POPULATION BY RACE/ETHNICITY IN TEXAS

The following chart demonstrates the race/ethnicity population estimates for Texas as determined by the 2000 United States Census.

TEXAS POPULATION ESTIMATE

| Origin by Race                         | Total Persons     | Percentage     |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Asian/Pacific Islander                 | 576,753           | 2.80%          |
| Black                                  | 2,364,255         | 11.34%         |
| Hispanic                               | 6,669,666         | 31.99%         |
| Indian(American Indian/Alaskan Native) | 118,362           | 0.60%          |
| Other                                  | 189,471           | 0.84%          |
| White                                  | 10,933,313        | 52.43%         |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>20,851,820</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |

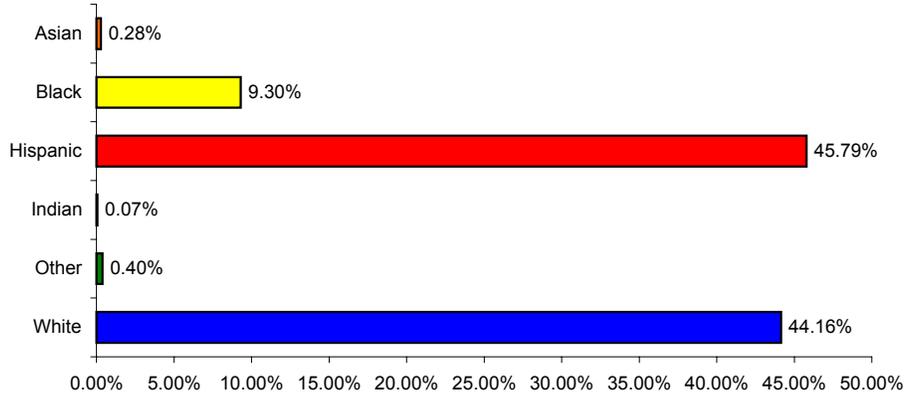


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**2004 VEHICLE SEARCHES  
(CITATIONS)**

(January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004)

| <b>Race</b>     | <b>Citations</b> | <b>Percentage</b> |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Asian</b>    | 358              | 0.28%             |
| <b>Black</b>    | 11,886           | 9.30%             |
| <b>Hispanic</b> | 58,497           | 45.79%            |
| <b>Indian</b>   | 89               | 0.07%             |
| <b>Other</b>    | 509              | 0.40%             |
| <b>White</b>    | 56,408           | 44.16%            |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>127,747</b>   |                   |

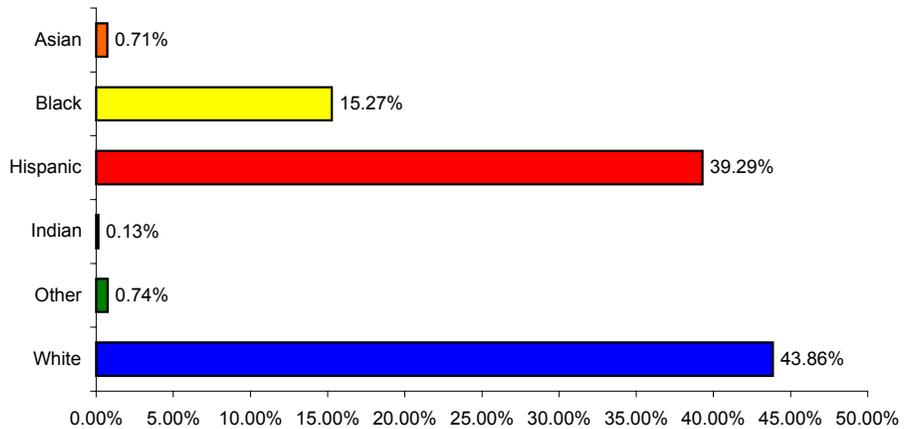


From January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004 a total of 127,747 searches were conducted as vehicles were stopped for citations.

**2004 VEHICLE SEARCHES  
(WARNINGS)**

(January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004)

|                 |               |        |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|
| <b>Asian</b>    | 122           | 0.71%  |
| <b>Black</b>    | 2,611         | 15.27% |
| <b>Hispanic</b> | 6,717         | 39.29% |
| <b>Indian</b>   | 23            | 0.13%  |
| <b>Other</b>    | 126           | 0.74%  |
| <b>White</b>    | 7,499         | 43.86% |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>17,098</b> |        |

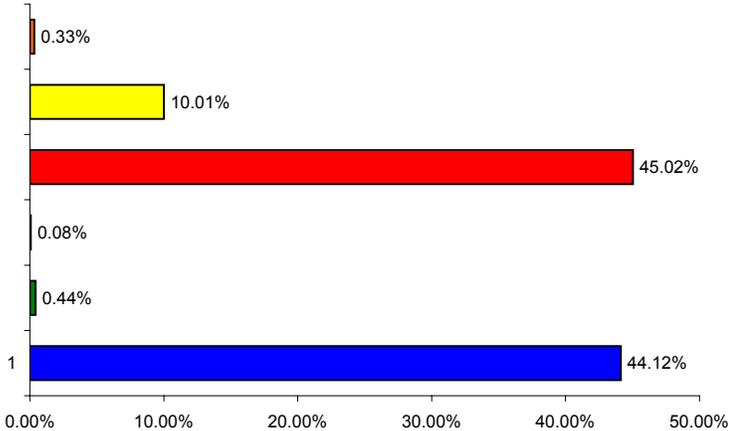


From January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004 a total of 17,098 searches were conducted as vehicles were stopped for warnings.

**2004 VEHICLE SEARCHES  
(CITATIONS & WARNINGS)**

(January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004)

| <b>Race</b>     | <b>Warnings &amp; Citations</b> | <b>Percentage</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Asian</b>    | 483                             | 0.33%             |
| <b>Black</b>    | 14,497                          | 10.01%            |
| <b>Hispanic</b> | 65,214                          | 45.02%            |
| <b>Indian</b>   | 112                             | 0.08%             |
| <b>Other</b>    | 632                             | 0.44%             |
| <b>White</b>    | 63,907                          | 44.12%            |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>144,845</b>                  |                   |



From January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004, a total of 144,845 vehicles were searched during traffic stops.

**NON-TRAFFIC CRIMINAL ARRESTS RESULTING FROM VEHICLE SEARCHES**

(JANUARY 1, 2004 - DECEMBER 31, 2004)

| <b>RACE</b>  | <b>DRUG CHARGES<br/>FROM SEARCHES</b> | <b>OTHER CRIMINAL CHARGES<br/>FROM SEARCHES</b> | <b>TOTAL CRIMINAL<br/>CHARGES</b> |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Asian        | 48                                    | 68                                              | 116                               |
| Black        | 3,020                                 | 3,912                                           | 6,932                             |
| Hispanic     | 2,661                                 | 4,461                                           | 7,122                             |
| Indian       | 18                                    | 28                                              | 46                                |
| Other        | 78                                    | 104                                             | 182                               |
| White        | 10,192                                | 13,161                                          | 23,353                            |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>16,017</b>                         | <b>21,734</b>                                   | <b>37,751</b>                     |

A non-traffic criminal offense is a criminal offense that is not classified as a traffic offense. These criminal offenses include violations that may range from minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage to murder.

**VEHICLE SEARCHES BY DRIVER LICENSE STATE**

(JANUARY 1, 2004 - DECEMBER 31, 2004)

| <b>RACE</b>  | <b>TEXAS</b>   | <b>OUT OF STATE</b> | <b>OTHER</b>  | <b>UNKNOWN</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>   |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Asian        | 343            | 113                 | 24            | 3              | 483            |
| Black        | 10,261         | 3,079               | 1,139         | 18             | 14,497         |
| Hispanic     | 47,386         | 3,868               | 13,832        | 128            | 65,214         |
| Indian       | 76             | 29                  | 7             | 0              | 112            |
| Other        | 404            | 144                 | 79            | 5              | 632            |
| White        | 51,741         | 8,236               | 3,831         | 99             | 63,907         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>110,211</b> | <b>15,469</b>       | <b>18,912</b> | <b>253</b>     | <b>144,845</b> |