

2006 TRAFFIC STOP DATA REPORT



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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 2006.

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, 2006 - December 31, 2006) Troopers with the DPS made traffic stops, issued citations, warnings, and/or conducted searches of vehicles as follows:

TRAFFIC STOPS			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	27,885	0.90%	2.80%
Black	309,325	9.96%	11.34%
Hispanic	766,191	24.66%	31.99%
Indian**	1,940	0.06%	0.60%
Other	23,764	0.76%	0.84%
White	1,978,008	63.66%	52.43%
TOTAL	3,107,113		

CITATIONS			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	14,668	1.05%	2.80%
Black	148,135	10.58%	11.34%
Hispanic	355,118	25.36%	31.99%
Indian**	1,021	0.07%	0.60%
Other	11,602	0.83%	0.84%
White	869,852	62.11%	52.43%
TOTAL	1,400,396		

WRITTEN WARNINGS			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	13,217	0.77%	2.80%
Black	161,190	9.44%	11.34%
Hispanic	411,073	24.09%	31.99%
Indian**	919	0.05%	0.60%
Other	12,162	0.71%	0.84%
White	1,108,156	64.93%	52.43%
TOTAL	1,706,717		

CONSENT VEHICLE SEARCHES			
Race	# of Searches	% Race of Consent Searches	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	221	0.49%	2.80%
Black	6,988	15.44%	11.34%
Hispanic	14,527	32.09%	31.99%
Indian**	28	0.06%	0.60%
Other	253	0.56%	0.84%
White	23,250	51.36%	52.43%
TOTAL	45,267		

PROBABLE CAUSE VEHICLE SEARCHES			
Race	# of Searches	% Race of Consent Searches	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	62	0.34%	2.80%
Black	3,914	21.43%	11.34%
Hispanic	3,420	18.72%	31.99%
Indian**	13	0.07%	0.60%
Other	86	0.47%	0.84%
White	10,771	58.97%	52.43%
TOTAL	18,266		

ALL OTHER VEHICLE SEARCHES***			
Race	# of Traffic Searches	% Race of Searches	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	143	0.36%	2.80%
Black	4,429	11.21%	11.34%
Hispanic	10,379	26.28%	31.99%
Indian**	19	0.05%	0.60%
Other	201	0.51%	0.84%
White	24,326	61.59%	52.43%
TOTAL	39,497		

CRIMINAL INTERDICTION			
Race	# of Criminal Violations	% Race of Criminal Violations	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	82	0.37%	2.80%
Black	4,628	20.77%	11.34%
Hispanic	3,596	16.14%	31.99%
Indian**	15	0.07%	0.60%
Other	98	0.44%	0.84%
White	13,863	62.22%	52.43%
TOTAL	22,282		

*Asian/Pacific Islander

** Indian(American Indian or Alaskan Native)

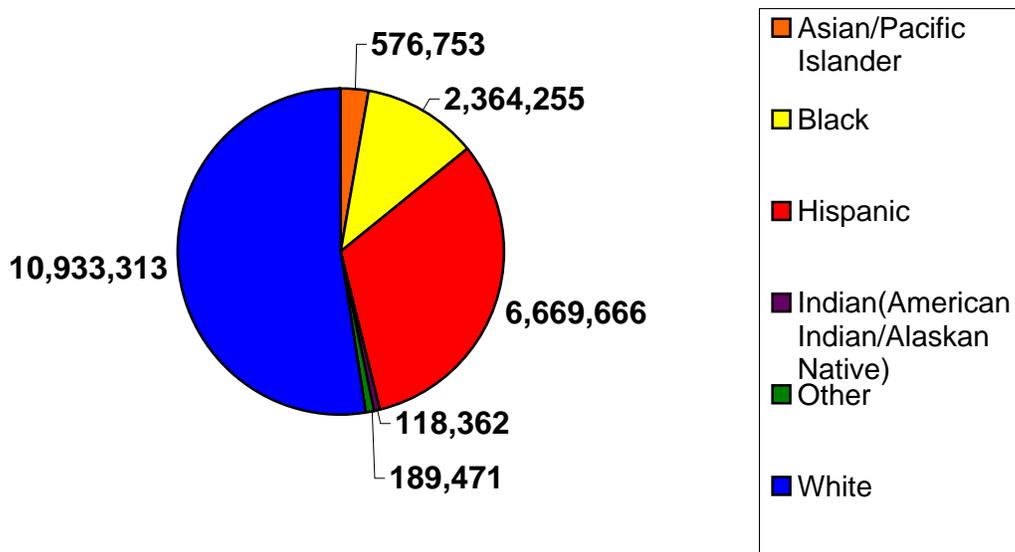
***All other vehicle searches include: Incident to Arrest, and Inventory

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%
Total	20,851,820	100.00%

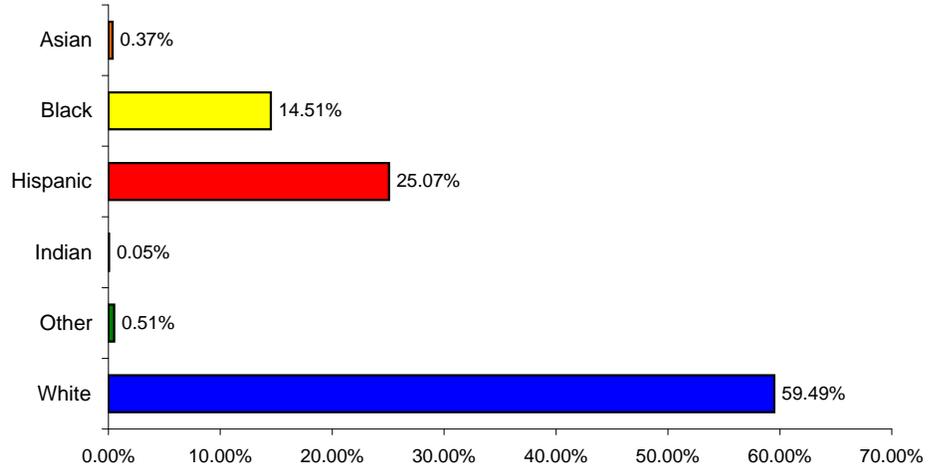


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**2006 VEHICLE SEARCHES
(CITATIONS)**

(January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006)

Race	Citations	Percentage
Asian	317	0.37%
Black	12,458	14.51%
Hispanic	21,523	25.07%
Indian	45	0.05%
Other	436	0.51%
White	51,083	59.49%
Total	85,862	

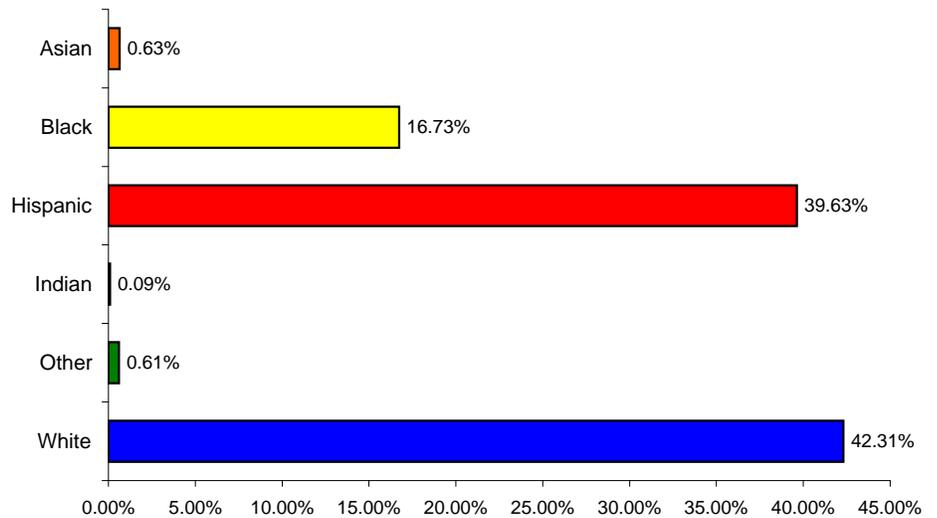


From January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006 a total of 85,862 searches were conducted as vehicles were stopped for citations.

**2006 VEHICLE SEARCHES
(WARNINGS)**

(January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006)

Race	Citations	Percentage
Asian	109	0.63%
Black	2,873	16.73%
Hispanic	6,803	39.63%
Indian	15	0.09%
Other	104	0.61%
White	7,264	42.31%
Total	17,168	



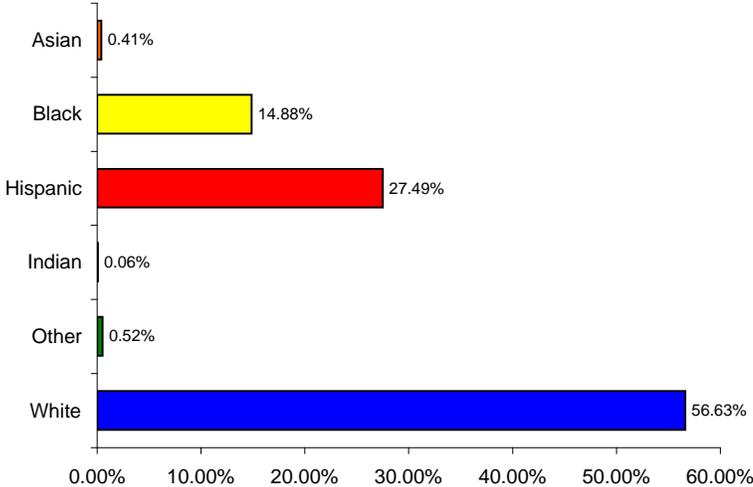
From January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006 a total of 17,168 searches were conducted as vehicles were stopped for warnings.

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**2006 VEHICLE SEARCHES
(CITATIONS & WARNINGS)**

(January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006)

Race	Warnings & Citations Percentage	
Asian	426	0.41%
Black	15,331	14.88%
Hispanic	28,326	27.49%
Indian	60	0.06%
Other	540	0.52%
White	58,347	56.63%
Total	103,030	



From January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006, a total of 103,030 vehicles were searched during traffic stops.

NON-TRAFFIC CRIMINAL ARRESTS RESULTING FROM VEHICLE SEARCHES

(JANUARY 1, 2006 - DECEMBER 31, 2006)

RACE	DRUG CHARGES FROM SEARCHES	OTHER CRIMINAL CHARGES FROM SEARCHES	TOTAL CRIMINAL CHARGES
Asian	67	15	82
Black	3,213	1,415	4,628
Hispanic	2,058	1,538	3,596
Indian	10	5	15
Other	72	26	98
White	9,487	4,376	13,863
TOTAL	14,907	7,375	22,282

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, 2006 - DECEMBER 31, 2006)

RACE	TEXAS	OUT OF STATE	OTHER	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
Asian	307	99	9	11	426
Black	10,697	3,662	9	963	15,331
Hispanic	18,700	2,693	1,226	5,707	28,326
Indian	33	23	1	3	60
Other	367	130	8	35	540
White	47,303	7,359	303	3,382	58,347
Total	77,407	13,966	1,556	10,101	103,030