

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



2002 ANNUAL

**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 supplement is issued each six months of the year to end in June and 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 2002, and is presented to the Public Safety Commission for its review.

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, 2002 - December 31, 2002) 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*	17,902	1.44%	2.80%
Black	177,884	9.36%	11.34%
Hispanic	445,940	23.46%	31.99%
Indian**	2,417	0.19%	0.60%
Other	14,271	0.75%	0.84%
White	1,242,138	65.36%	52.43%
TOTAL	1,900,552		

CITATIONS			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	11,065	1.76%	2.80%
Black	95,449	9.63%	11.34%
Hispanic	245,933	24.81%	31.99%
Indian**	1,383	0.22%	0.60%
Other	7,555	0.76%	0.84%
White	629,779	63.54%	52.43%
TOTAL	991,164		

WRITTEN WARNINGS			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	6,837	1.12%	2.80%
Black	82,435	9.06%	11.34%
Hispanic	200,007	21.99%	31.99%
Indian**	1,034	0.17%	0.60%
Other	6,716	0.74%	0.84%
White	612,359	67.34%	52.43%
TOTAL	909,388		

VEHICLE SEARCHES			
Race	# of Traffic Searches	% Race of Traffic Searches	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	454	0.98%	2.80%
Black	11,714	13.07%	11.34%
Hispanic	30,774	34.33%	31.99%
Indian**	109	0.24%	0.60%
Other	469	0.52%	0.84%
White	46,128	51.45%	52.43%
TOTAL	89,648		

TYPE OF SEARCH CONDUCTED			
Race	# of Searches	# of Consent Searches	# of Other Searches ***
Asian*	454	268	186
Black	11,714	6,021	5,693
Hispanic	30,774	14,289	16,485
Indian**	109	45	64
Other	469	239	230
White	46,128	19,089	27,039
TOTAL	89,648	39,951	49,697

DRUG INTERDICTION			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	66	0.67%	2.80%
Black	2,848	18.18%	11.34%
Hispanic	2,860	18.26%	31.99%
Indian**	14	0.14%	0.60%
Other	54	0.34%	0.84%
White	9,821	62.70%	52.43%
TOTAL	15,663		

*Asian/Pacific Islander

**Indian(American Indian or Alaskan Native

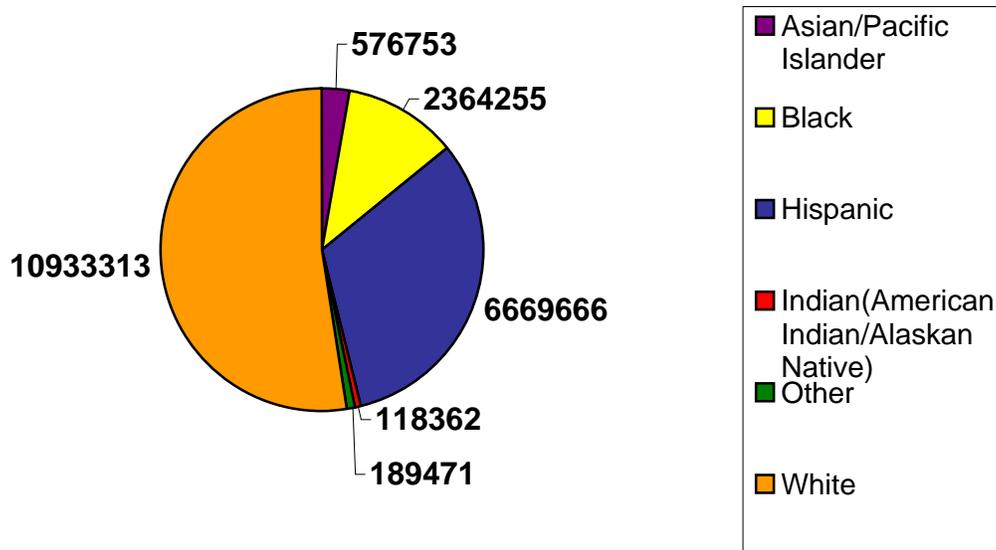
*** Other searches include: Probable Cause, Search Incident to Arrest, and Inventory Search

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%

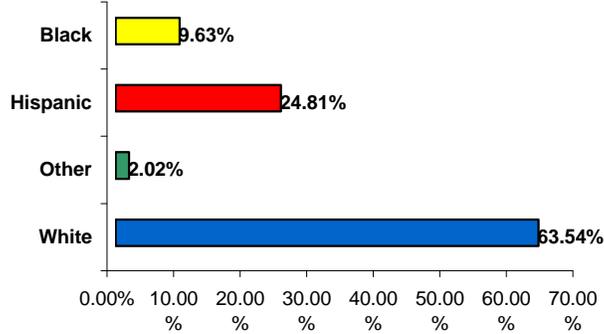


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2002 CITATIONS

(January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002)

Race	Citations	Percentage
Black	95,449	9.63%
Hispanic	245,933	24.81%
Other	20,003	2.02%
White	629,779	63.54%
Total	991,164	

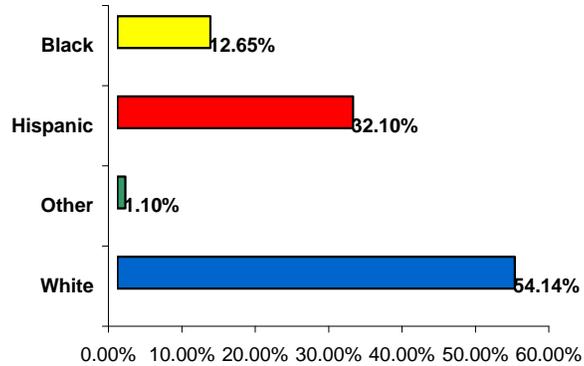


From January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002 a total of 991,164 vehicles were stopped that resulted in a citation. Of those stopped, 63.54% were white drivers, 24.81% were hispanic drivers and 9.63% were black drivers.

2002 CITATION VEHICLE SEARCHES

(January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002)

Race	Citations	Percentage
Black	9,771	12.65%
Hispanic	24,795	32.10%
Other	853	1.10%
White	41,817	54.14%
Total	77,236	

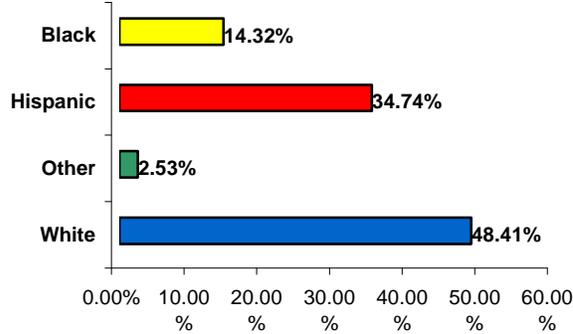


From January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002 a total of 77,236 searches were conducted as vehicles were stopped citations. 54.14% of those searches were conducted on white drivers, 32.10% on hispanic drivers, 12.65% were on black drivers.

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2002 WARNING VIOLATIONS
(January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002)

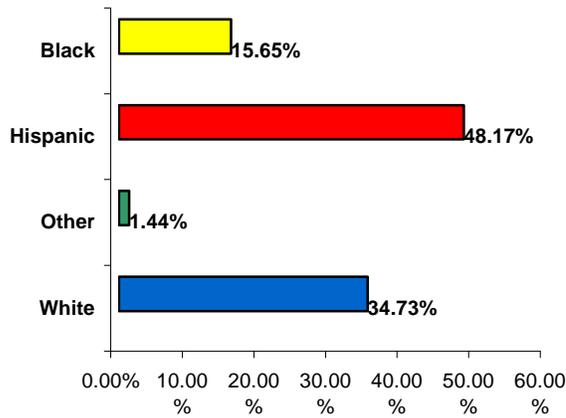
Race	Warnings	Percentage
Black	82,435	14.32%
Hispanic	200,007	34.74%
Other	14,587	2.53%
White	278,753	48.41%
Total	575,782	



From January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002, 575,782 vehicles were stopped for warning violations. Of those stopped, 48.41% were white drivers, 34.74% were hispanic drivers and 14.32% were black drivers.

2002 WARNING VEHICLE SEARCHES
(January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002)

Race	Warnings	Percentage
Black	1,943	15.65%
Hispanic	5,979	48.17%
Other	179	1.44%
White	4,311	34.73%
Total	12,412	



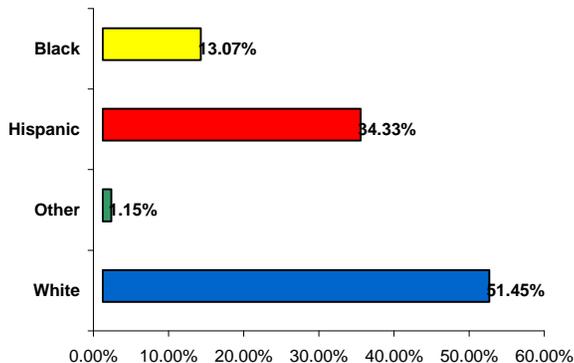
From January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002, 12,412 vehicles were searched during warning stops. Of those stopped, 34.73% were white drivers, 48.17% were hispanic drivers and 15.65% were black drivers.

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2002 VEHICLE SEARCHES (CITATIONS & WARNINGS)

(January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002)

Race	Citations&Warnings	Percentage
Black	11,714	13.07%
Hispanic	30,774	34.33%
Other	1,032	1.15%
White	46,128	51.45%
Total	89,648	

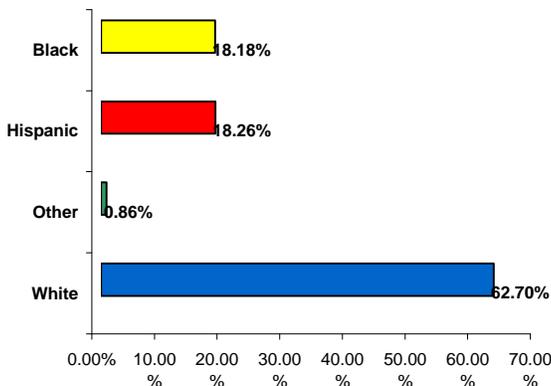


From January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002, a total of 89,648 vehicles were searched during traffic stops. 51.45% of the searches were conducted on white drivers, 34.33% of the searches were conducted on hispanic drivers and 13.07% of the searches were on black drivers.

2002 DRUG INTERDICTION

(January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002)

Race	Interdictions	Percentage
Black	2,848	18.18%
Hispanic	2,860	18.26%
Other	134	0.86%
White	9,821	62.70%
Total	15,663	



From January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002, 15,663 drug traffickers (above a user quantity of drugs) were discovered during vehicle searches. As a result of these arrests the agency confiscated 75,520.82 pounds of marijuana, 949,697.38 grams of cocaine, 28,770.59 grams of methamphetamine, 43,816.82 grams of heroin and 147,594.37 grams of other drugs. These confiscated drugs have an estimated street value of \$153,985,423.60.

VEHICLE SEARCHES RESULTING IN NON-TRAFFIC CRIMINAL ARRESTS

(JANUARY 1, 2002 - DECEMBER 31, 2002)

RACE	SEARCHES	DRUG CHARGES FROM SEARCHES	OTHER CRIMINAL CHARGES FROM SEARCHES	TOTAL CRIMINAL CHARGES	VEHICLE SEARCHES RESULTING IN NO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
Black	11,714	2,848	7,211	10,059	1,655
Hispanic	30,774	2,860	8,032	10,892	19,882
Other	1,032	134	414	548	484
White	46,128	9,821	26,192	36,013	10,115
TOTAL	89,648	15,663	41,849	57,512	32,136

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. A vehicle search generally occurs when there is articulable reasonable suspicion or probable cause to believe there is further criminal activity.

VEHICLE SEARCHES BY DRIVER LICENSE STATE

(JANUARY 1, 2002 - DECEMBER 31, 2002)

RACE	TEXAS	OUT OF STATE	OTHER	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
Black	7,830	2,967	868	49	11,714
Hispanic	22,115	3,063	5,464	132	30,774
Other	715	231	60	26	1,032
White	37,273	7,162	1,442	251	46,128
Total	67,933	13,423	7,834	458	89,648

HIGHLIGHTS

- *75.78% of the total searches were drivers from Texas
- *23.71% of the total searches were drivers from another state or country
- *32.74% of the total black searches were drivers from another state or country
- *27.71% of the total Hispanic searches were drivers from another state or country
- *28.20% of other race/ethnicity were drivers from another state or country
- *18.65% of white searches were drivers from another state or country