

# 2007 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 2007.

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, 2007 - December 31, 2007) 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*	26,858	0.95%	2.80%
Black	275,276	9.73%	11.34%
Hispanic	743,608	26.29%	31.99%
Indian**	1,568	0.06%	0.60%
Other	26,160	0.93%	0.84%
White	1,754,606	62.04%	52.43%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,828,076</b>		

CITATIONS			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	13,573	1.08%	2.80%
Black	130,131	10.34%	11.34%
Hispanic	340,383	27.05%	31.99%
Indian**	792	0.06%	0.60%
Other	13,338	1.06%	0.84%
White	760,256	60.41%	52.43%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,258,473</b>		

WRITTEN WARNINGS			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	13,285	0.85%	2.80%
Black	145,145	9.25%	11.34%
Hispanic	403,225	25.69%	31.99%
Indian**	776	0.05%	0.60%
Other	12,822	0.82%	0.84%
White	994,350	63.35%	52.43%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,569,603</b>		

CONSENT VEHICLE SEARCHES			
Race	# of Searches	% Race of Consent Searches	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	222	0.57%	2.80%
Black	5,643	14.52%	11.34%
Hispanic	13,052	33.58%	31.99%
Indian**	65	0.17%	0.60%
Other	307	0.79%	0.84%
White	19,575	50.37%	52.43%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,864</b>		

PROBABLE CAUSE VEHICLE SEARCHES			
Race	# of Searches	% Race of Consent Searches	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	72	0.45%	2.80%
Black	2,989	18.86%	11.34%
Hispanic	3,332	21.03%	31.99%
Indian**	10	0.06%	0.60%
Other	114	0.72%	0.84%
White	9,329	58.87%	52.43%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,846</b>		

ALL OTHER VEHICLE SEARCHES***			
Race	# of Traffic Searches	% Race of Searches	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	132	0.36%	2.80%
Black	4,082	11.01%	11.34%
Hispanic	9,922	26.76%	31.99%
Indian**	21	0.06%	0.60%
Other	159	0.43%	0.84%
White	22,755	61.38%	52.43%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37,071</b>		

CRIMINAL INTERDICTION			
Race	# of Criminal Violations	% Race of Criminal Violations	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	82	0.41%	2.80%
Black	4,008	19.89%	11.34%
Hispanic	3,559	17.66%	31.99%
Indian**	12	0.06%	0.60%
Other	109	0.54%	0.84%
White	12,378	61.44%	52.43%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,148</b>		

\*Asian/Pacific Islander

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

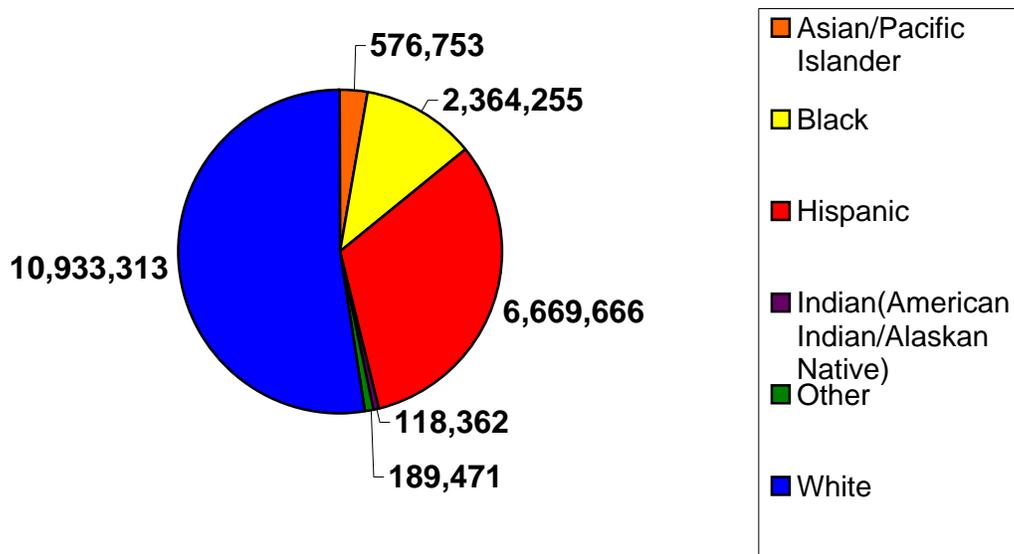
\*\*\*All other vehicle searches include: Incident to Arrest, and Inventory

## 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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,851,820</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

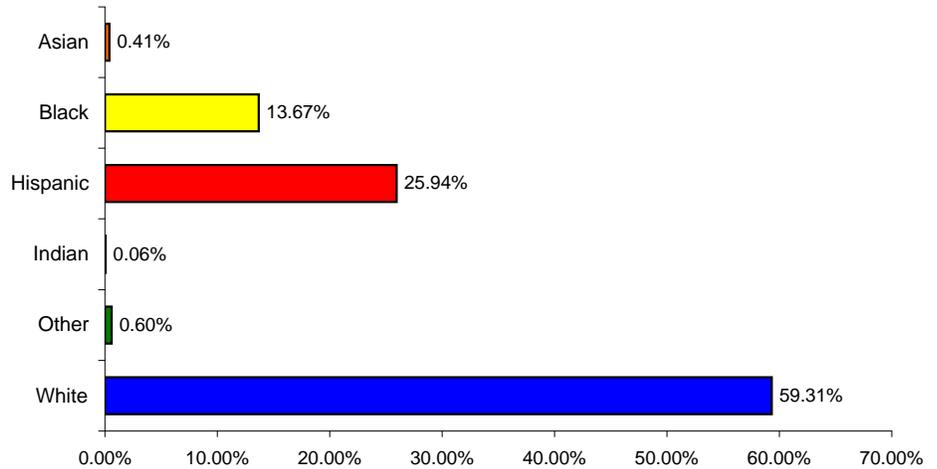


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### 2007 VEHICLE SEARCHES (CITATIONS)

(January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007)

Race	Citations	Percentage
Asian	319	0.41%
Black	10,637	13.67%
Hispanic	20,185	25.94%
Indian	47	0.06%
Other	466	0.60%
White	46,147	59.31%
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,801</b>	

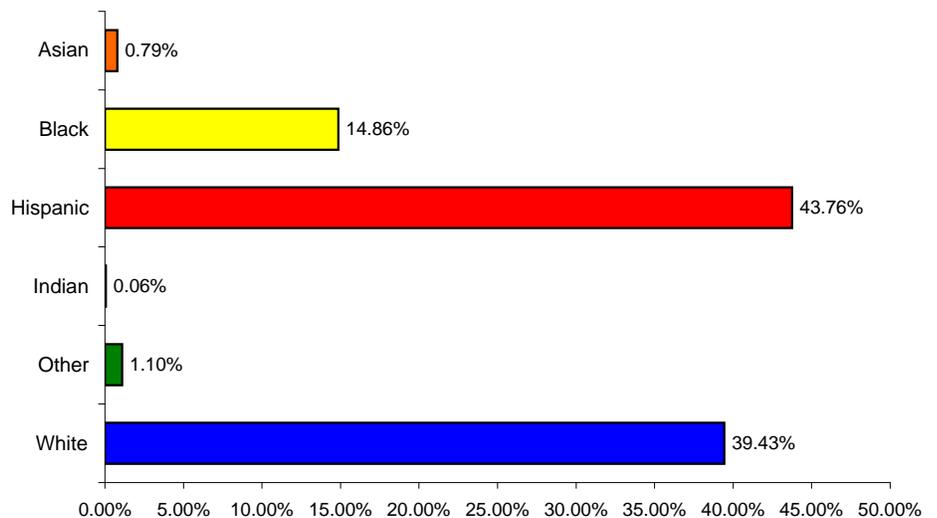


From January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007 a total of 77,801 searches were conducted as vehicles were stopped for citations.

### 2007 VEHICLE SEARCHES (WARNINGS)

(January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007)

Race	Warnings	Percentage
Asian	110	0.79%
Black	2,077	14.86%
Hispanic	6,118	43.76%
Indian	9	0.06%
Other	154	1.10%
White	5,512	39.43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,980</b>	



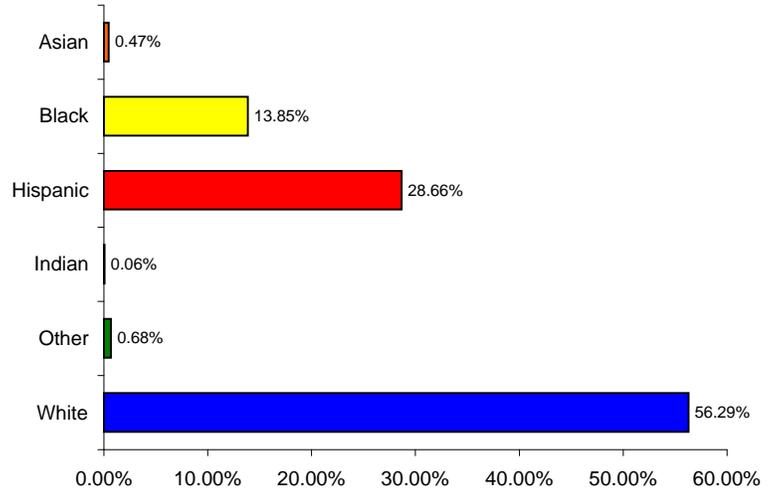
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**2007 VEHICLE SEARCHES  
(CITATIONS & WARNINGS)**

(January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007)

<b>Race</b>	<b>Warnings &amp; Citations</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Asian</b>	429	0.47%
<b>Black</b>	12,714	13.85%
<b>Hispanic</b>	26,303	28.66%
<b>Indian</b>	56	0.06%
<b>Other</b>	620	0.68%
<b>White</b>	51,659	56.29%
<b>Total</b>	91,781	



From January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007, a total of 91,781 vehicles were searched during traffic stops.

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

(JANUARY 1, 2007 - DECEMBER 31, 2007)

<b>RACE</b>	<b>DRUG CHARGES FROM SEARCHES</b>	<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CHARGES FROM SEARCHES</b>	<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CHARGES</b>
Asian	55	27	82
Black	2,540	1,468	4,008
Hispanic	1,973	1,586	3,559
Indian	7	5	12
Other	74	35	109
White	8,463	3,915	12,378
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,112</b>	<b>7,036</b>	<b>20,148</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, 2007 - DECEMBER 31, 2007)

<b>RACE</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>OUT OF STATE</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Asian	274	132	7	13	426
Black	9,206	2,733	15	759	12,713
Hispanic	17,620	2,232	1,236	5,219	26,307
Indian	33	17	3	3	56
Other	384	185	14	37	620
White	42,296	6,223	289	2,851	51,659
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,813</b>	<b>11,522</b>	<b>1,564</b>	<b>8,882</b>	<b>91,781</b>