

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



2003 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 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 2003.

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.

**Traffic Stop Data Report
Annual 2003
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Based upon available data (January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003) 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*	21,173	1.17%	2.80%
Black	293,051	9.13%	11.34%
Hispanic	1,060,697	33.04%	31.99%
Indian**	2,730	0.15%	0.60%
Other	18,233	0.57%	0.84%
White	1,814,623	56.52%	52.43%
TOTAL	3,210,507		

CITATIONS			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	12,063	1.58%	2.80%
Black	119,965	9.62%	11.34%
Hispanic	340,439	27.30%	31.99%
Indian**	1,388	0.18%	0.60%
Other	8,194	0.66%	0.84%
White	764,903	61.34%	52.43%
TOTAL	1,246,952		

WRITTEN WARNINGS			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	9,110	0.87%	2.80%
Black	173,086	8.81%	11.34%
Hispanic	720,258	36.68%	31.99%
Indian**	1,342	0.13%	0.60%
Other	10,039	0.51%	0.84%
White	1,049,720	53.46%	52.43%
TOTAL	1,963,555		

VEHICLE SEARCHES			
Race	# of Traffic Searches	% Race of Traffic Searches	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	411	0.72%	2.80%
Black	13,456	10.67%	11.34%
Hispanic	54,393	43.13%	31.99%
Indian**	134	0.23%	0.60%
Other	493	0.39%	0.84%
White	57,231	45.38%	52.43%
TOTAL	126,118		

TYPE OF SEARCH CONDUCTED			
Race	# of Searches	# of Consent Searches	# of Other Searches ***
Asian*	411	239	172
Black	13,456	7,240	6,216
Hispanic	54,393	18,829	35,564
Indian**	134	76	58
Other	493	269	224
White	57,231	25,060	32,171
TOTAL	126,118	51,713	74,405

DRUG INTERDICTION			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Asian*	41	0.42%	2.80%
Black	2,756	17.96%	11.34%
Hispanic	2,789	18.18%	31.99%
Indian**	24	0.25%	0.60%
Other	44	0.29%	0.84%
White	9,689	63.15%	52.43%
TOTAL	15,343		

*Asian/Pacific Islander

** Indian(American Indian or Alaskan Native)

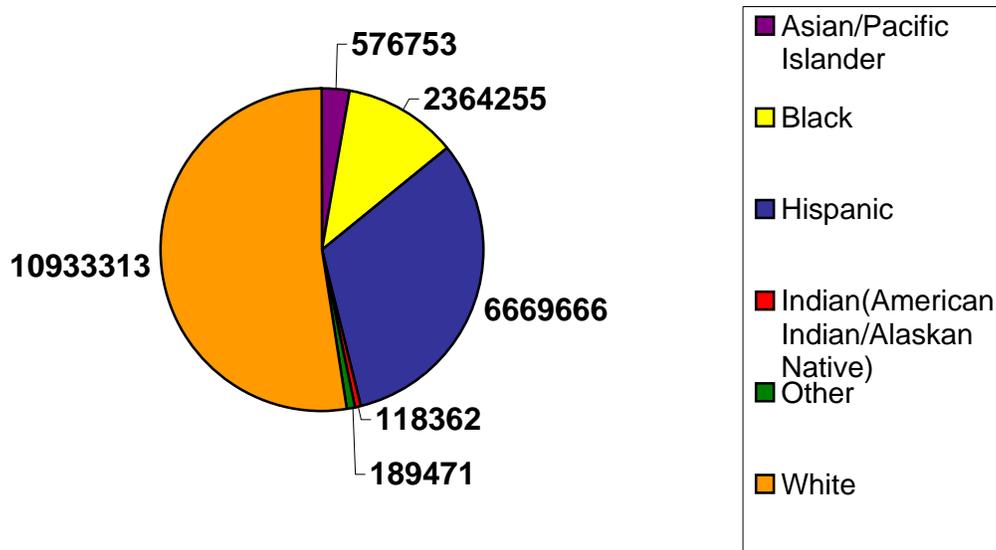
***Other searches include: Probable Cause, Incident to Arrest, and Inventory

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%
Total	20,851,820	100.00%

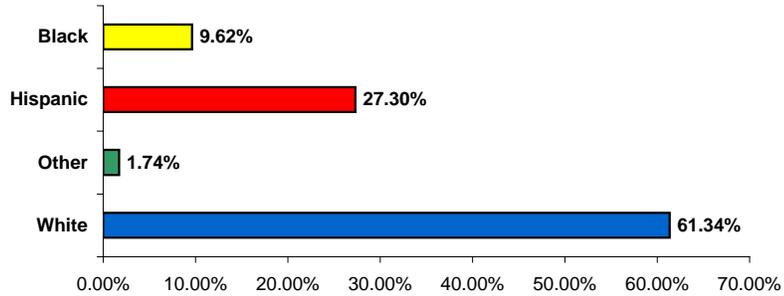


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2003 CITATIONS

(January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003)

Race	Citations	Percentage
Black	119,965	9.62%
Hispanic	340,439	27.30%
Other	21,645	1.74%
White	764,903	61.34%
Total	1,246,952	

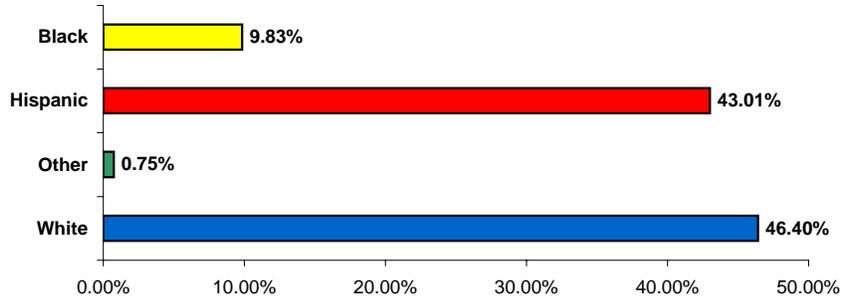


From January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003 a total of 1,246,952 vehicles were stopped that resulted in a citation. Of those stopped, 61.34% were white drivers, 27.30% were hispanic drivers and 9.62% were black drivers.

2003 CITATION VEHICLE SEARCHES

(January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003)

Race	Citations	Percentage
Black	10,076	9.83%
Hispanic	44,069	43.01%
Other	769	0.75%
White	47,544	46.40%
Total	102,458	



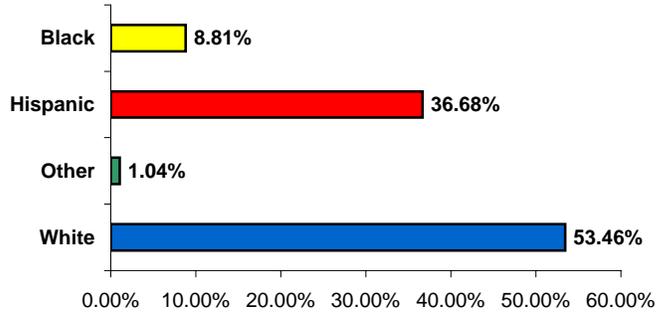
From January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003 a total of 102,458 searches were conducted as vehicles were stopped for citations. 46.40% of those searches were conducted on white drivers, 43.01% were on hispanic drivers, and 9.83% were on black drivers.

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2003 WARNINGS

(January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003)

Race	Warnings	Percentage
Black	173,086	8.81%
Hispanic	720,258	36.68%
Other	20,491	1.04%
White	1,049,720	53.46%
Total	1,963,555	

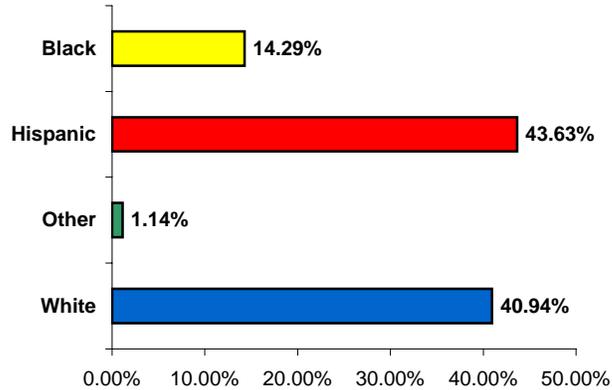


From January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003, a total of 1,963,555 vehicles were stopped that resulted in a warning. Of those stopped, 53.46% were white drivers, 36.68% were hispanic drivers, and 8.81% were black drivers.

2003 WARNING VEHICLE SEARCHES

(January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003)

Race	Warnings	Percentage
Black	3,380	14.29%
Hispanic	10,324	43.63%
Other	269	1.14%
White	9,687	40.94%
Total	23,660	



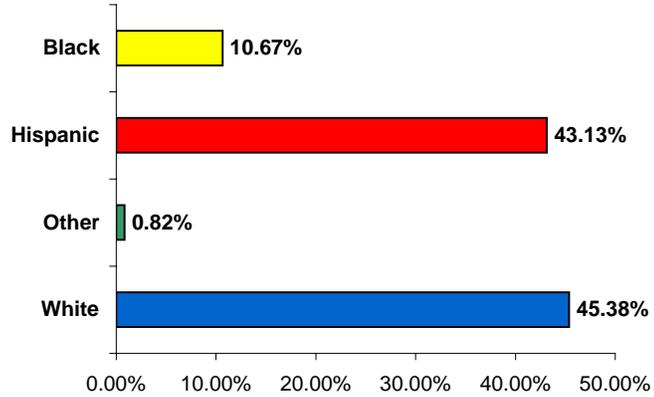
From January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003 a total of 23,660 searches were conducted as vehicles were stopped for warnings. 40.94% of those searches were conducted on white drivers, 43.63% were on hispanic drivers, and 14.29% were on black drivers.

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2003 VEHICLE SEARCHES (CITATIONS & WARNINGS)

(January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003)

Race	Citations&Warnings	Percentage
Black	13,456	10.67%
Hispanic	54,393	43.13%
Other	1,038	0.82%
White	57,231	45.38%
Total	126,118	

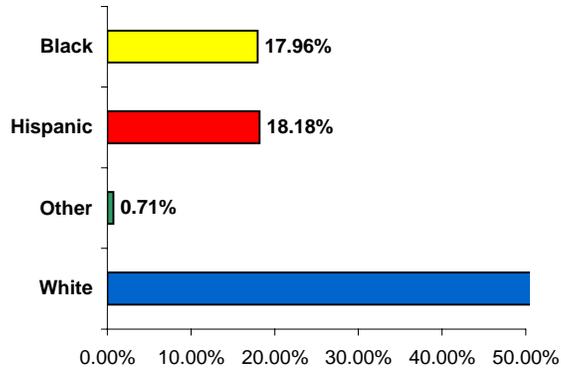


From January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003, a total of 126,118 vehicles were searched during traffic stops. 45.38% of the searches were conducted on white drivers, 43.13% of the searches were conducted on hispanic drivers and 10.67% of the searches were on black drivers.

2003 DRUG INTERDICTION

(January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003)

Race	Interdictions	Percentage
Black	2,756	17.96%
Hispanic	2,789	18.18%
Other	109	0.71%
White	9,689	63.15%
Total	15,343	



From January 1, 2003 - December 30, 2003, 15,343 drug traffickers (above a user quantity of drugs) were discovered during vehicle searches. As a result of these arrests the agency confiscated 74,226.99 pounds of marijuana, 1,044,240.55 grams of cocaine, 66,450.30 grams of methamphetamine, 19,502.37 grams of heroin and 496,208.65 grams of other drugs. These confiscated drugs have an estimated street value of \$130,785,110.60.

VEHICLE SEARCHES RESULTING IN NON-TRAFFIC CRIMINAL ARRESTS

(JANUARY 1, 2003 - DECEMBER 31, 2003)

RACE	SEARCHES	DRUG CHARGES FROM SEARCHES	OTHER CRIMINAL CHARGES FROM SEARCHES	TOTAL CRIMINAL CHARGES	VEHICLE SEARCHES RESULTING IN NO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
Black	13,456	2,756	3,292	6,048	7,408
Hispanic	54,393	2,789	4,075	6,864	47,529
Other	1,038	109	149	258	780
White	57,231	9,689	12,204	21,893	35,338
TOTAL	126,118	15,343	* 19,720	35,063	91,055

* Inaccurately reported for Jan-Jun Report

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, 2003 - DECEMBER 31, 2003)

RACE	TEXAS	OUT OF STATE	OTHER	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
Black	9,207	3,331	910	8	13,456
Hispanic	39,024	4,704	10,608	57	54,393
Other	635	332	70	1	1,038
White	44,775	9,788	2,624	44	57,231
Total	93,641	18,155	14,212	110	126,118