

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



TRAFFIC STOP DATA REPORT



January – June 2002



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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.

This report reflect traffic stop activities January through June of 2002.

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 - June 30, 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
Black	83,171	9.50%	11.34%
Hispanic	203,844	23.29%	31.99%
Other	15,462	1.77%	4.24%
White	572,678	65.44%	52.43%
TOTAL	875,155		

CITATIONS			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Black	44,509	9.65%	11.34%
Hispanic	113,802	24.67%	31.99%
Other	9,123	1.98%	4.24%
White	293,925	63.71%	52.43%
TOTAL	461,359		

WRITTEN WARNINGS			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Black	38,662	9.34%	11.34%
Hispanic	90,042	21.76%	31.99%
Other	6,339	1.53%	4.24%
White	278,753	67.36%	52.43%
TOTAL	413,796		

VEHICLE SEARCHES			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Black	5,969	12.96%	11.34%
Hispanic	16,506	35.85%	31.99%
Other	532	1.16%	4.24%
White	23,035	50.03%	52.43%
TOTAL	46,042		

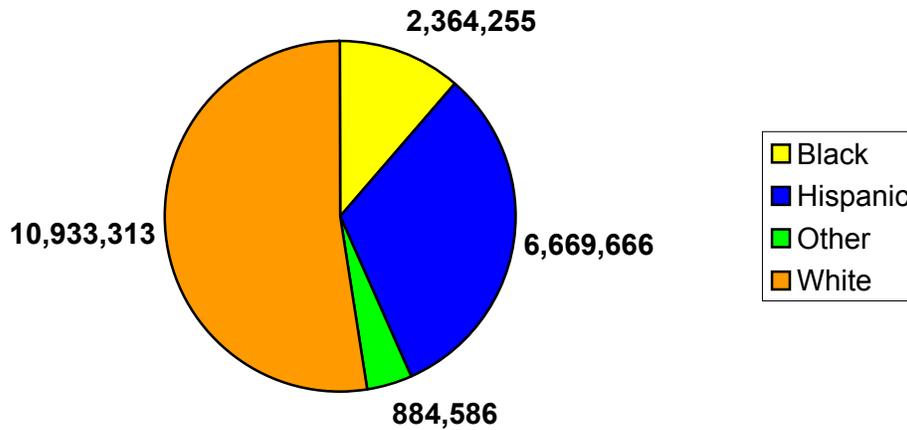
DRUG INTERDICTION			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Black	1,367	18.21%	11.34%
Hispanic	1,415	18.85%	31.99%
Other	72	0.96%	4.24%
White	4,653	61.98%	52.43%
TOTAL	7,507		

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
Black	2,364,255	11.34%
Hispanic	6,669,666	31.99%
Other	884,586	4.24%
White	10,933,313	52.43%
Total	20,851,820	100.00%

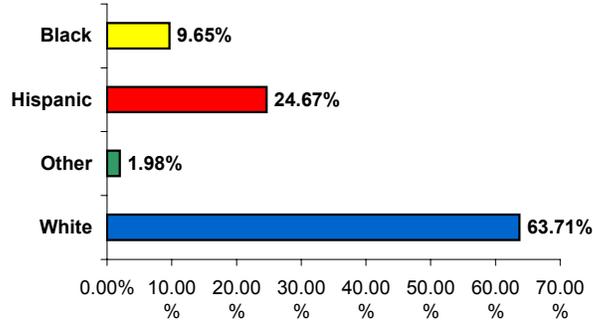


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2002 CITATIONS

(January 1, 2002 - June 30, 2002)

Race	Citations	Percentage
Black	44,509	9.65%
Hispanic	113,802	24.67%
Other	9,123	1.98%
White	293,925	63.71%
Total	461,359	

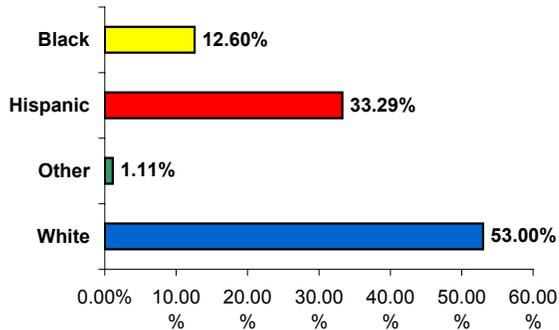


From January 1, 2002 - June 30, 2002 a total of 461,359 vehicles were stopped that resulted in a citation. Of those stopped 64% were white drivers, 25% were Hispanic drivers and 10% were black drivers.

**2002 CITATION VEHICLE
SEARCHES**

(January 1, 2002 - June 30, 2002)

Race	Citations	Percentage
Black	4,812	12.60%
Hispanic	12,712	33.29%
Other	423	1.11%
White	20,242	53.00%
Total	38,189	

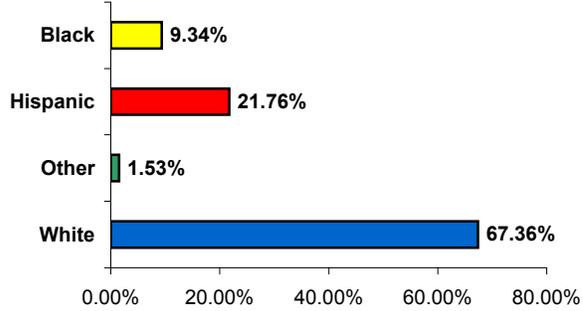


From January 1, 2002 - June 30, 2002 a total of 38,189 searches were conducted as vehicles were stopped for citations. 53% of those searches were conducted on white drivers, 33% on Hispanic drivers, 13% were on black drivers.

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2002 WARNING VIOLATIONS
(January 1, 2002 - June 30,2002)

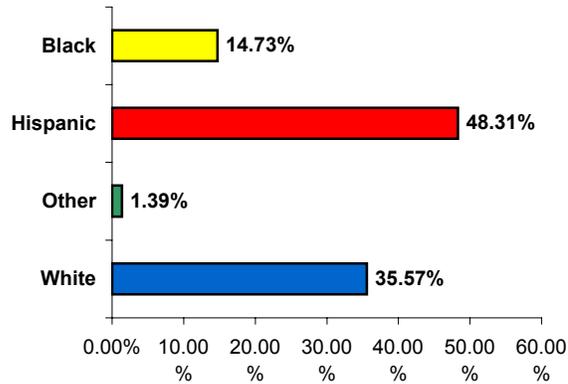
Race	Warnings	Percentage
Black	38,662	9.34%
Hispanic	90,042	21.76%
Other	6,339	1.53%
White	278,753	67.36%
Total	413,796	



From January 1, 2002 - June 30, 2002, 413,796 vehicles were stopped for warning violations. Of those stopped, 67% were white drivers, 22% were Hispanic drivers and 9% were black drivers.

2002 WARNING VEHICLE SEARCHES
(January 1, 2002 - June 30,2002)

Race	Warnings	Percentage
Black	1,157	14.73%
Hispanic	3,794	48.31%
Other	109	1.39%
White	2,793	35.57%
Total	7,853	

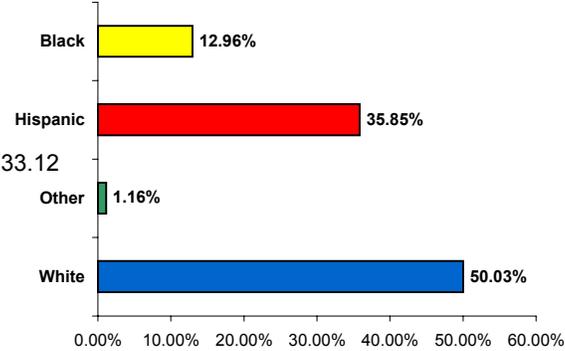


From January 1, 2002 - June 30, 2002, 7,853 vehicles were searched during warning stops. Of those stopped 36% were white drivers, 48% were Hispanic drivers and 15% were black drivers.

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**2002 VEHICLE SEARCHES
(CITATIONS & WARNINGS)**
(January 1, 2002 - June 30, 2002)

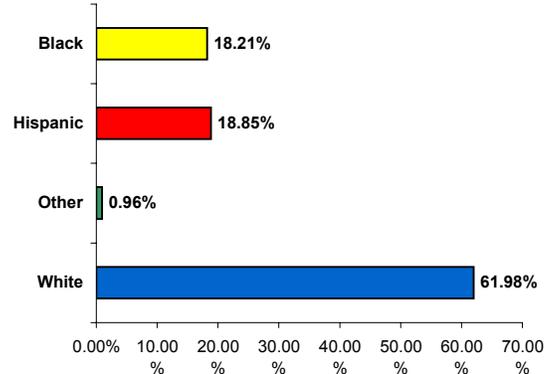
Race	Citations&Warnings	Percentage
Black	5,969	12.96%
Hispanic	16,506	35.85%
Other	532	1.16%
White	23,035	50.03%
Total	46,042	



From January 1, 2002 - June 30, 2002, a total of 46,042 vehicles were searched during traffic stops. 50% of the searches were conducted on white drivers, 13% of the searches were conducted on black drivers and 36% of the searches were on Hispanic drivers.

2002 DRUG INTERDICTION
(January 1, 2002 - June 30,2002)

Race	Interdictions	Percentage
Black	1,367	18.21%
Hispanic	1,415	18.85%
Other	72	0.96%
White	4,653	61.98%
Total	7,507	



From January 1, 2002 - June 30, 2002, 7,507 drug traffickers (above a user quantity of drugs) were discovered during vehicle searches. As a result of these arrests the agency confiscated 30,498.81 pounds of marijuana, 315,798.09 grams of cocaine, 3,459.70 grams of methamphetamine, 36,401 grams of heroin and 27,347.30 grams of other drugs. These confiscated drugs have an estimated street value of \$56,295,382.71

VEHICLE SEARCHES RESULTING IN NON-TRAFFIC CRIMINAL ARRESTS

(JANUARY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2002)

RACE	SEARCHES	DRUG CHARGES FROM SEARCHES	OTHER CRIMINAL CHARGES FROM SEARCHES	TOTAL CRIMINAL CHARGES	VEHICLE SEARCHES RESULTING IN NO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
Black	5,969	1,367	2,916	4,283	1,686
Hispanic	16,506	1,415	3,669	5,084	11,422
Other	532	72	171	243	289
White	23,035	4,653	10,678	15,331	7,704
TOTAL	46,042	7,507	17,434	24,941	21,101

Highlights:

- *54.17% of the total searches resulted in a non-traffic criminal arrest of the driver
- *16.30% of the total searches resulted in a drug charge on the driver
- *2.97% of the total searches resulted in a drug charge on black drivers
- *9.30% of the total searches resulted in a non-traffic criminal arrest of black drivers
- *45.83% of the total searches resulted in no non-traffic criminal activity
- *3.07% of the total searches resulted in a drug charge on Hispanic drivers
- *11.04% of the total searches resulted in a non-traffic criminal arrest of the Hispanic driver
- *10.11% of the total searches resulted in a drug charge on white drivers
- *33.30% of the total searches resulted in a non-traffic criminal arrest of white drivers
- *Approximately 1 driver was arrested for a non-traffic criminal offense for every 3 vehicles that were searched

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 - June 30, 2002

	Texas	Out Of State	Other	Unknown	Total
Race					
Black	4,405	989	572	3	5,969
Hispanic	12,678	832	2,903	93	16,506
Other	414	72	40	6	532
White	19,514	2,383	1,117	21	23,035
Total	37,011	4,276	4,632	123	46,042

Highlights:

- *80.39% of the total searches were vehicles from Texas
- *19.35% of the total searches were vehicles from another state or country
- *26.15% of the total black searches were from another state or country
- *22.63% of the total Hispanic searches were from another state or country
- *21.05% of other race/ethnicity were from another state or country
- *15.19% of white searches were from another state or country