

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



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**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 from January through June of 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.

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Based upon available data (January 1, 2003 - June 30, 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
Black	136,241	9.09%	11.34%
Hispanic	506,315	33.79%	31.99%
Other	19,220	1.28%	4.24%
White	836,780	55.84%	52.43%
TOTAL	1,498,556		

CITATIONS			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Black	55,383	9.57%	11.34%
Hispanic	159,372	27.55%	31.99%
Other	9,765	1.69%	4.24%
White	353,976	61.19%	52.43%
TOTAL	578,496		

WRITTEN WARNINGS			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Black	80,858	8.79%	11.34%
Hispanic	346,943	37.71%	31.99%
Other	9,455	1.03%	4.24%
White	482,804	52.48%	52.43%
TOTAL	920,060		

VEHICLE SEARCHES			
Race	# of Traffic Searches	% Race of Searches	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Black	6,460	12.39%	11.34%
Hispanic	18,821	36.11%	31.99%
Other	538	1.03%	4.24%
White	26,301	50.46%	52.43%
TOTAL	52,120		

TYPE OF SEARCH CONDUCTED			
Race	# of Searches	# of Consent Searches	# of Other Searches *
Black	6,460	3,506	2,954
Hispanic	18,821	9,378	9,443
Other	538	314	224
White	26,301	11,827	14,474
TOTAL	52,120	25,025	27,095

DRUG INTERDICTION			
Race	# of Traffic Stops	% Race of Traffic Stops	% Race/Ethnicity Population of Texas
Black	1,384	18.08%	11.34%
Hispanic	1,388	18.13%	31.99%
Other	68	0.89%	4.24%
White	4,814	62.90%	52.43%
TOTAL	7,654		

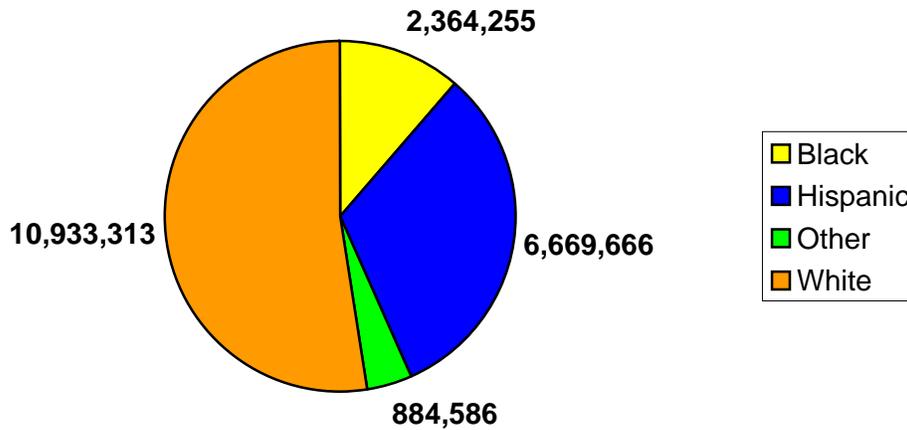
* Other searches include: Probable Cause, Incident to Arrest, and Inventory

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
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%

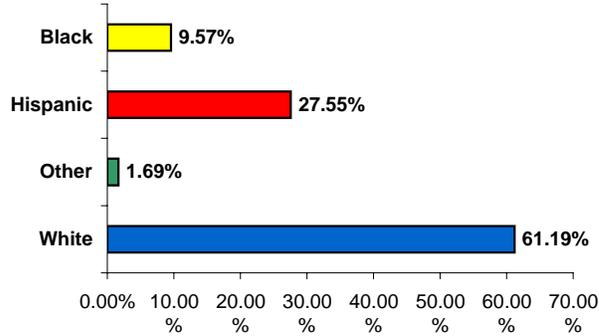


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2003 CITATIONS

(January 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003)

Race	Citations	Percentage
Black	55,383	9.57%
Hispanic	159,372	27.55%
Other	9,765	1.69%
White	353,976	61.19%
Total	578,496	

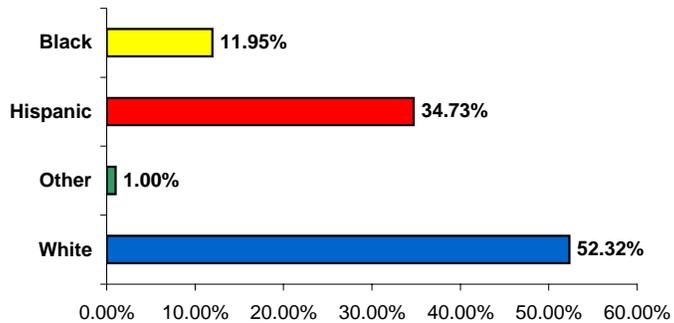


From January 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003 a total of 578,496 vehicles were stopped that resulted in a cite. Of those stopped, 61.19% were white drivers, 27.55% were hispanic drivers and 9.57% were black drivers.

2003 CITATION VEHICLE SEARCHES

(January 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003)

Race	Citations	Percentage
Black	5,365	11.95%
Hispanic	15,595	34.73%
Other	447	1.00%
White	23,494	52.32%
Total	44,901	



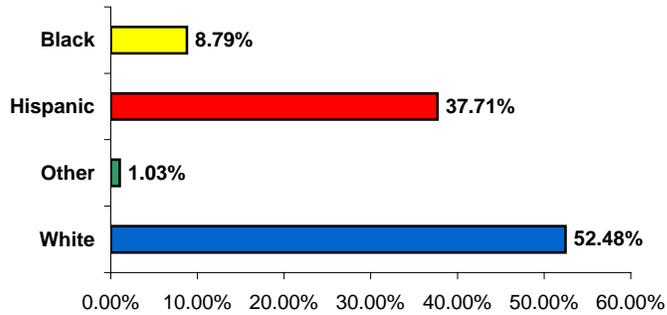
From January 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003 a total of 44,901 searches were conducted as vehicles were stopped for citations. 52.32% of those searches were conducted on white drivers, 34.73% were on hispanic drivers, and 11.95% were on black drivers.

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2003 WARNINGS

(January 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003)

Race	Warnings	Percentage
Black	80,858	8.79%
Hispanic	346,943	37.71%
Other	9,455	1.03%
White	482,804	52.48%
Total	920,060	

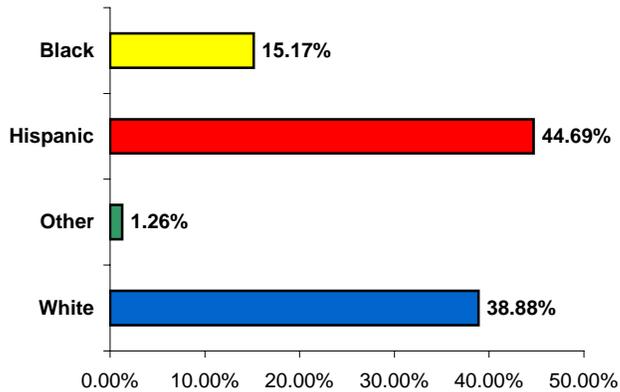


From January 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003, a total of 920,060 vehicles were stopped that resulted in a warning. Of those stopped, 52.48% were white drivers, 37.71% were hispanic drivers, and 8.79% were black drivers.

2003 WARNING VEHICLE SEARCHES

(January 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003)

Race	Warnings	Percentage
Black	1,095	15.17%
Hispanic	3,226	44.69%
Other	91	1.26%
White	2,807	38.88%
Total	7,219	

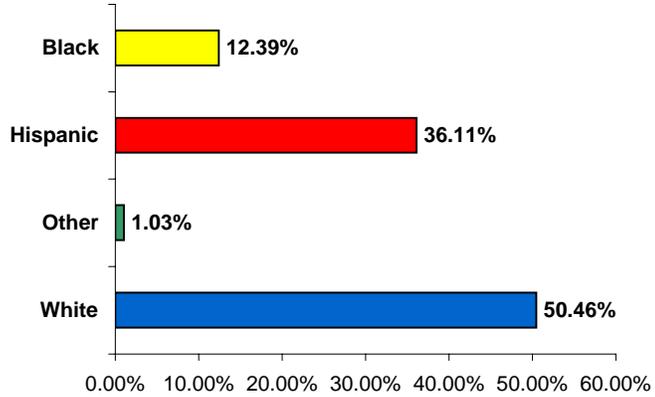


From January 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003 a total of 7,219 searches were conducted as vehicles were stopped for warnings. 38.88% of those searches were conducted on white drivers, 44.69% were on hispanic drivers, and 15.17% were on black drivers.

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**2003 VEHICLE SEARCHES
(CITATIONS & WARNINGS)**
(January 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003)

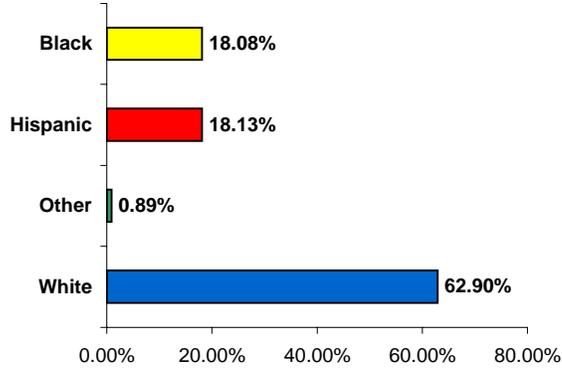
Race	Citations&Warnings	Percentage
Black	6,460	12.39%
Hispanic	18,821	36.11%
Other	538	1.03%
White	26,301	50.46%
Total	52,120	



From January 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003, a total of 52,120 vehicles were searched during traffic stops. 50.46% of the searches were conducted on white drivers, 36.11% of the searches were conducted on hispanic drivers and 12.39% of the searches were on black drivers.

2003 DRUG INTERDICTION
(January 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003)

Race	Interdictions	Percentage
Black	1,384	18.08%
Hispanic	1,388	18.13%
Other	68	0.89%
White	4,814	62.90%
Total	7,654	



From January 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003, 7,654 drug traffickers (above a user quantity of drugs) were discovered during vehicle searches. As a result of these arrests the agency confiscated 27,882.63 pounds of marijuana, 553,158.79 grams of cocaine, 49,386.84 grams of methamphetamine, 19,472.37 grams of heroin and 139,172.19 grams of other drugs. These confiscated drugs have an estimated street value of \$85,022,172.23.

VEHICLE SEARCHES RESULTING IN NON-TRAFFIC CRIMINAL ARRESTS

(JANUARY 1, 2003 - JUNE 30, 2003)

RACE	SEARCHES	DRUG CHARGES FROM SEARCHES	OTHER CRIMINAL CHARGES FROM SEARCHES	TOTAL CRIMINAL CHARGES	VEHICLE SEARCHES RESULTING IN NO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
Black	6,460	1,384	3,328	4,712	1,748
Hispanic	18,821	1,388	4,281	5,669	13,152
Other	538	68	193	261	277
White	26,301	4,814	12,207	17,021	9,280
TOTAL	52,120	7,654	20,009	27,663	24,457

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 - JUNE 30, 2003)

RACE	TEXAS	OUT OF STATE	OTHER	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
Black	4,350	1,627	481	2	6,460
Hispanic	13,326	2,170	3,299	26	18,821
Other	315	192	30	1	538
White	20,318	4,715	1,248	20	26,301
Total	38,309	8,704	5,058	49	52,120