

Racial Profiling Report | Full

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TRAVIS CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE has adopted a detailed written policy on racial profiling. Our policy:

- 1) clearly defines acts constituting racial profiling;
- 2) strictly prohibits peace officers employed by the TRAVIS CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE from engaging in racial profiling;
- 3) implements a process by which an individual may file a complaint with the TRAVIS CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE if the individual believes that a peace officer employed by the TRAVIS CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE has engaged in racial profiling with respect to the individual;
- 4) provides public education relating to the agency's complaint process;
- 5) requires appropriate corrective action to be taken against a peace officer employed by the TRAVIS CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE who, after an investigation, is shown to have engaged in racial profiling in violation of the TRAVIS CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE policy;
- 6) requires collection of information relating to motor vehicle stops in which a warning or citation is issued and to arrests made as a result of those stops, including information relating to:
 - a. the race or ethnicity of the individual detained;
 - b. whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the individual detained consented to the search;
 - c. whether the peace officer knew the race or ethnicity of the individual detained before detaining that individual;
 - d. whether the peace officer used physical force that resulted in bodily injury during the stop;
 - e. the location of the stop;
 - f. the reason for the stop.
- 7) requires the chief administrator of the agency, regardless of whether the administrator is elected, employed, or appointed, to submit an annual report of the information collected under Subdivision (6) to:
 - a. the Commission on Law Enforcement; and
 - b. the governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency, if the agency is an agency of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state.

The TRAVIS CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE has satisfied the statutory data audit requirements as prescribed in Article 2.133(c), Code of Criminal Procedure during the reporting period.

Executed by: TRACY J. MILLER
Senior Planner

Date: 02/26/2021

Total stops: 17239

Street address or approximate location of the stop

City street	4303
US highway	1435
County road	9146
State highway	1830
Private property or other	525

Was race or ethnicity known prior to stop?

Yes	324
No	16915

Race / Ethnicity

Alaska Native / American Indian	93
Asian / Pacific Islander	707
Black	2190
White	9226
Hispanic / Latino	5023

Gender

Female	5742
Alaska Native / American Indian	22
Asian / Pacific Islander	256
Black	740
White	3187
Hispanic / Latino	1537
Male	11497
Alaska Native / American Indian	71
Asian / Pacific Islander	451
Black	1450
White	6039
Hispanic / Latino	3486

Reason for stop?

Violation of law	861
Alaska Native / American Indian	6
Asian / Pacific Islander	19
Black	100
White	469

Hispanic / Latino	267
Preexisting knowledge	145
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	3
Black	23
White	73
Hispanic / Latino	46
Moving traffic violation	12137
Alaska Native / American Indian	68
Asian / Pacific Islander	551
Black	1524
White	6442
Hispanic / Latino	3552
Vehicle traffic violation	4096
Alaska Native / American Indian	19
Asian / Pacific Islander	134
Black	543
White	2242
Hispanic / Latino	1158
Was a search conducted?	
Yes	345
Alaska Native / American Indian	1
Asian / Pacific Islander	8
Black	53
White	172
Hispanic / Latino	111
No	16894
Alaska Native / American Indian	92
Asian / Pacific Islander	699
Black	2137
White	9054
Hispanic / Latino	4912
Reason for Search?	
Consent	60
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	2
Black	11
White	33

Hispanic / Latino	14
Contraband	70
Alaska Native / American Indian	1
Asian / Pacific Islander	2
Black	7
White	38
Hispanic / Latino	22
Probable	184
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	4
Black	33
White	86
Hispanic / Latino	61
Inventory	6
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	2
Hispanic / Latino	4
Incident to arrest	25
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	2
White	13
Hispanic / Latino	10

Was Contraband discovered?

Yes	224
Alaska Native / American Indian	1
Asian / Pacific Islander	5
Black	35
White	118
Hispanic / Latino	65
No	121
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	3
Black	18
White	54
Hispanic / Latino	46

Did the finding result in arrest?
(total should equal previous column)

Yes	0	No	0
Yes	0	No	0
Yes	2	No	0
Yes	13	No	0
Yes	10	No	0

Description of contraband	
Drugs	145
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	3
Black	25
White	75
Hispanic / Latino	42
Weapons	3
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	3
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Currency	0
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Alcohol	53
Alaska Native / American Indian	1
Asian / Pacific Islander	1
Black	5
White	31
Hispanic / Latino	15
Stolen property	5
Alaska Native / American Indian	1
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	3
White	1
Hispanic / Latino	0
Other	18
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	2
White	9
Hispanic / Latino	7
Result of the stop	
Verbal warning	336

Alaska Native / American Indian	1
Asian / Pacific Islander	14
Black	29
White	229
Hispanic / Latino	63
Written warning	12900
Alaska Native / American Indian	69
Asian / Pacific Islander	547
Black	1703
White	7115
Hispanic / Latino	3466
Citation	3977
Alaska Native / American Indian	23
Asian / Pacific Islander	146
Black	452
White	1874
Hispanic / Latino	1482
Written warning and arrest	10
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	3
White	2
Hispanic / Latino	5
Citation and arrest	16
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	3
White	6
Hispanic / Latino	7
Arrest	0
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Arrest based on	
Violation of Penal Code	10
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0

Black	2
White	3
Hispanic / Latino	5
Violation of Traffic Law	4
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	1
White	2
Hispanic / Latino	1
Violation of City Ordinance	0
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Outstanding Warrant	11
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	4
White	1
Hispanic / Latino	6

Was physical force resulting in bodily injury used during stop?

Yes	3
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	2
Hispanic / Latino	1
No	17236
Alaska Native / American Indian	93
Asian / Pacific Islander	707
Black	2190
White	9224
Hispanic / Latino	5022

Number of complaints of racial profiling

Total	0
Resulted in disciplinary action	0
Did not result in disciplinary action	0

Submitted electronically to the



The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement



Travis County Sheriff's Office 2020 Annual Report on Racial Profiling

Report Prepared By:

Senior Planner Tracy Miller

February 11, 2021

BACKGROUND

During the 77th Legislative Session the Texas Congress passed SB 1074 titled *PROHIBITION OF RACIAL PROFILING BY PEACE OFFICERS*. The Act amended the Code of Criminal Procedures to include the following articles:

- 2.132 Requiring law enforcement agencies to develop a detailed written policy on racial profiling.
- 2.133 Requiring law enforcement agencies to collect reports on traffic and pedestrian stops.
- 2.134 Requiring law enforcement agencies to analyze the data collected and report the data to their respective governing bodies (The Commissioners Court).

DATA

Between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, Travis County Sheriff’s Office deputies detained on traffic stops or had contact with 17,239 individuals. Racial breakdown of these contacts and census data of Travis County and the Metropolitan Statistical Area that includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Williamson, and Travis counties combined.

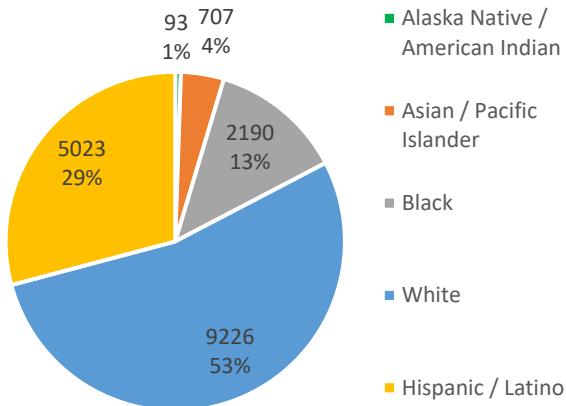
TCSO Contacts

Race	Total	Total
Alaska Native / American Indian	93	0.54%
Asian / Pacific Islander	707	4.10%
Black	2,190	12.70%
Hispanic / Latino	5,023	29.14%
White	9,226	53.52%
Total	17,239	

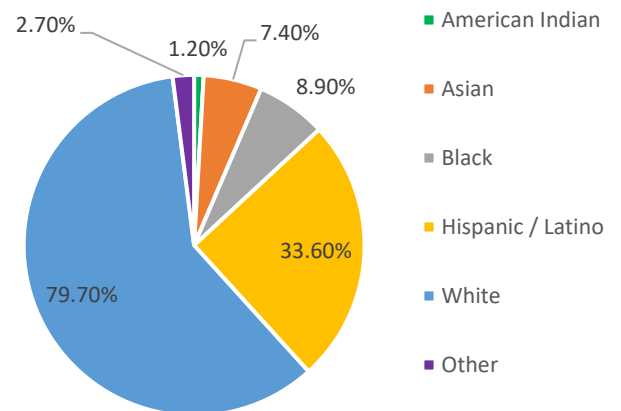
Census Data

Race	Travis County[1]	SMSA[2]
American Indian	1.20%	1.50%
Asian	7.40%	3.80%
Black	8.90%	6.96%
Hispanic / Latino	33.60%	38.40%
White	79.70%	85.32%
Other	2.70%	2.36%

TCSO Contacts by Race



2020 Census - Travis County by Race



Gender	Total	Total
Female	5,742	33.31%
Male	11,497	66.69%
Total	17,239	100.00%

¹ 2020 Census – Travis County ONLY

² 2020 Census – the average for Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Williamson, and Travis Counties combined

ANALYSIS

Our analysis of the data looks at three areas that we believe allow a deeper understanding of what is happening within our agency. Those areas are: 1) was the race of the individual known prior to contact being made; 2) did the contact result in a search; 3) what was the reason for the search.

Race Known – One question when it comes to evaluating racial profiling data is whether the law enforcement officer was aware of the race of the individual prior to the stop. Data gathered by TCSO shows only 324 instances (1.88%) where the race was known prior to the contact. The following table shows the breakdown of those known contacts by race including number of contacts, percentage of known contacts, and percentage of all stops.

Race	# of known contacts	% of known contacts	% of all contacts
Alaska Native / American Indian	0	0%	0%
Asian / Pacific Islander	10	3.09%	0.06%
Black	43	13.27%	0.25%
Hispanic / Latino	58	17.90%	0.34%
White	213	65.74%	1.24%

Search Conducted – The U.S. Constitution protects against unreasonable searches which is why we review this component of our racial profiling data. There are various types of searches. The data provided includes all searches conducted during a detention including frisks (Terry), consensual searches, searches based on probable cause, searches conducted under warrant, and searches incident to an arrest. In 2020, 345 (2.00%) of contacts resulted in a search being conducted. The following table will look at those searches by race including the number of searches, percentage by race of all searches, and percentage of all contacts for that race.

Race	# of searches	% of all searches	% of race contacts
Alaska Native / American Indian	1	0.29%	1.08%
Asian / Pacific Islander	8	2.32%	1.13%
Black	53	15.36%	2.42%
Hispanic / Latino	111	32.17%	2.21%
White	172	49.85%	1.86%

Reason for Search – While numbers, in and of themselves, do not give the entire picture of what was happening during a contact, looking at the data related to the reason for the stop is important to further understand what is happening within the agency.

	Consent	Plain View	PC or Reasonable Stop	Impound	Incident to On-Site Arrest/Warrant
American Indian					
Number of searches	0	1	0	0	0
% of all searches of race	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
% of all searches of type	0.00%	1.43%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Asian					
Number of searches	2	2	4	0	0
% of all searches of race	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
% of all searches of type	0.42%	0.36%	0.27%	0.00%	0.00%
Hispanic					
Number of searches	14	22	61	4	10
% of all searches of race	12.61%	19.82%	54.95%	3.60%	9.01%
% of all searches of type	0.21%	0.28%	0.30%	0.60%	0.36%
Black					
Number of searches	11	7	33	0	2
% of all searches of race	20.75%	13.21%	62.26%	0.00%	3.77%
% of all searches of type	0.35%	0.19%	0.34%	0.00%	0.15%
White					
Number of searches	33	38	86	2	13
% of all searches of race	19.19%	22.09%	50.00%	1.16%	7.56%
% of all searches of type	0.32%	0.32%	0.27%	0.19%	0.30%

HISTORICAL DATA

The following tables give historical numbers related to overall contacts for the years 2014 through 2020.

Historical numbers are broken down by gender in the first table and race in the second.

Gender	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Female	15,770	16,043	11,325	14,967	12,218	14,438	5,742
Male	26,732	26,001	19,736	24,762	22,319	25,310	11,497
Total	42,502	42,044	31,061	39,729	34,537	39,748	17,239

Race	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Alaskan Native / American Indian	61	19	92	25	33	274	93
Asian / Pacific Islander	1,267	1,379	935	1,258	1,376	1,694	707
Black	5,053	4,878	3,198	4,402	4,128	4,592	2190
Hispanic / Latino	12,281	12,572	9,276	11,304	9,747	10,309	5023
White	23,302	22,573	17,207	22,364	19,253	22,879	9226
Middle Eastern	538	583	353	376	NA*	NA*	NA*
Total	42,502	42,044	31,061	39,729	34,537	39,748	17,239

*NA – no longer separated in the report

RACIAL PROFILING COMPLAINTS

During 2020 the Travis County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs section did not investigate any complaints of racial profiling.

EXCLUDED DATA

A total of three records were excluded because the State Report template does not accept the information as provided. We believe these are test or training records and cannot be verified.