



Dallas Police Department

2007 Police Traffic Contact Data Annual Report



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Philosophy Statement



- **It is the goal of the Dallas Police Department to provide public safety service that is both effective and fair.**
- **To achieve this goal, racial profiling is strictly forbidden and will never be tolerated in the Dallas Police Department.**
- **The reality and the perception by all citizens must be that police officers do not stop, detain, or take enforcement action based solely upon race, color, or ethnicity.**
- **Racial profiling incurs the cost of eroding the trust between police and citizens, thus undermining the legitimacy of police actions.**
- **Through determination, vigilance, and training, the Police Department will foster and maintain the confidence of all citizens in the integrity and professionalism of its police officers.**
- **All citizens must believe that the administration of justice is applied fairly and that racial profiling is never used as a means of enforcement.**
- **They must also believe that they will be judged solely on their own conduct and never on racial generalizations.**
- **The Dallas Police Department is committed to protecting the rights of all citizens. This commitment extends to maintaining the trust and confidence of citizens through fair application of the law.**

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Chief of Police



2007 Traffic Contacts, Searches From Contacts, Consensual Searches and Custodial Arrests From Traffic Contacts

RACE	Traffic Contacts		Searches From Contacts		Consensual Searches		Custody Arrests	
	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total
White	91,187	39.6%	2,534	20.1%	427	20.7%	2,496	31.2%
African American	79,082	34.4%	5,565	44.2%	1,078	52.2%	2,716	34.0%
Hispanic	56,695	24.6%	4,377	34.7%	541	26.2%	2,670	33.4%
Asian	1,632	0.7%	77	0.6%	10	0.5%	69	0.9%
Native American	95	0.0%	13	0.1%	2	0.1%	7	0.1%
Other	1,393	0.6%	34	0.3%	7	0.3%	35	0.4%
Total	230,084	100%	12,600	100%	2,065	100%	7,993	100%

Total Traffic Contacts Three Year Comparison



RACE	2007		2006		2005	
	Number of Contacts	Percent of Total	Number of Contacts	Percent of Total	Number of Contacts	Percent of Total
White	91,187	39.6%	105,589	39.5%	93,249	40.3%
African American	79,082	34.4%	95,238	35.7%	77,440	33.5%
Hispanic	56,695	24.6%	63,134	23.6%	57,845	25.0%
Asian	1,632	0.7%	1,772	0.7%	2,044	0.9%
Native American	95	0.0%	121	0.0%	81	0.0%
Other	1,393	0.6%	1,240	0.5%	784	0.3%
Total	230,084	100%	267,094	100%	231,443	100%

Total Searches from Traffic Contact Three Year Comparison



RACE	2007		2006		2005	
	Number of Searches	Percent of Total	Number of Searches	Percent of Total	Number of Searches	Percent of Total
White	2,534	20.1%	3,058	21.5%	3,822	28.8%
African American	5,565	44.2%	6,452	45.3%	4,595	34.6%
Hispanic	4,377	34.7%	4,588	32.2%	4,736	35.7%
Asian	77	0.6%	87	0.6%	89	0.7%
Native American	13	0.1%	21	0.1%	10	0.1%
Other	34	0.3%	45	0.3%	21	0.2%
Total	12,600	100%	14,251	100%	13,273	100%

Consensual Searches From Traffic Contacts Three Year Comparison



RACE	2007		2006		2005	
	Number of Searches	Percent of Total	Number of Searches	Percent of Total	Number of Searches	Percent of Total
White	427	20.7%	411	21.1%	570	24.6%
African American	1,078	52.2%	1,056	54.3%	1,138	49.1%
Hispanic	541	26.2%	466	24.0%	597	25.8%
Asian	10	0.5%	7	0.4%	9	0.4%
Native American	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	7	0.3%	4	0.2%	2	0.1%
Total	2,065	100%	1,944	100%	2,316	100%

Custodial Arrests From Traffic Contacts Three Year Comparison



RACE	2007		2006		2005	
	Number of Arrests	Percent of Total	Number of Arrests	Percent of Total	Number of Arrests	Percent of Total
White	2,496	31.2%	2,299	31.4%	1,655	31.8%
African American	2,716	34.0%	2,469	33.7%	1,389	26.7%
Hispanic	2,670	33.4%	2,471	33.7%	2,079	40.0%
Asian	69	0.9%	58	0.8%	57	1.1%
Native American	7	0.1%	8	0.1%	10	0.2%
Other	35	0.4%	17	0.2%	11	0.2%
Total	7,993	100%	7,322	100%	5,201	100%

Racial Profiling Complaints



- In 2007 the Dallas Police Department made 230,084 documented traffic contacts and responded to 623,901 calls for service.
- Out of these 853,985 documented contacts, only 18 (.002%) resulted in complaints being filed with the Internal Affairs Unit alleging racial profiling.
- 15 of the 18 complaints were determined to be "Unfounded"
- 2 of the 18 complaints were classified as "Not Sustained"
- 16 of the allegations came as the result of a traffic stop

External Review of Data



- The Dallas Police Department requested Dr. Eric Fritsch and Dr. Robert Taylor, Department of Criminal Justice, University of North Texas, to review this report.
- Their analysis of DPD report - "Department is in compliance with applicable Texas law on the collection of racial profiling data."



QUESTIONS?