

2021

# RACIAL PROFILING ANALYSIS



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This report reflects motor vehicle stop activities of the Dallas Police Department for the calendar year 2021 as required by Article 2.132 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. This report does not include traffic stops by other police agencies in the City of Dallas.

### **Statistical Data on Racial Profiling**

Data was collected from January 1 – December 31, 2021 that summarizes the information relating to:

- The race or ethnicity of the individual detained
- Whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the individual detained consented to the search
- Whether the peace officer knew the race or ethnicity of the individual detained before detaining that individual
- Whether the peace officer used physical force that resulted in bodily injury during the stop
- The location of the stop
- The reason for the stop
- The result of the stop

Officers are to record the race/ethnicity of the driver detained on all motor vehicle stops based on observation to the best of their ability and are not to rely solely on the Texas Driver License or Identification Card issued to the individual, which does not include the same race/ethnicity categories as defined in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 2.132 (a) (3). The policy of the Dallas Police Department is that officers will not ask a person for their race or ethnicity. (General Order 302.01 J: “Officers will not ask an individual for their race but will make that determination to the best of their ability.”)

Beginning in 2018, the state of Texas no longer allowed agencies to claim what was previously referred to as “Tier 1 exemption.” This exemption was available to agencies that equipped all police vehicles, that routinely made traffic stops, with dash cameras. If claimed, the agency was permitted to report a more limited data set. In 2018, the Dallas Police Department began gathering and reporting all data required by law.

## Summary of Data

### Summary of 2021 Traffic Stops vs. Population Estimate

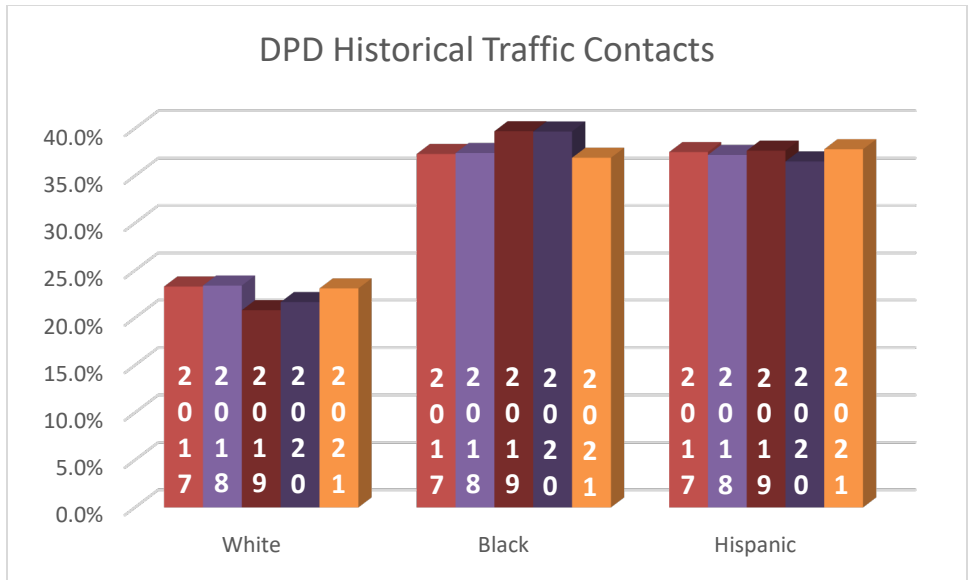
Sex	Traffic Contacts		Population Estimate
	Total	% of Total	% Total
Male	40,078	64.25%	49.4%
Female	22,302	35.75%	50.6%
Race / Ethnicity			
Black	24,747	39.67%	21.84%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,021	1.64%	3.54%
White	13,512	21.66%	33.87%
Hispanic/Latino	22,775	36.51%	39.65%
Alaskan Native / American Indian	325	0.52%	1.11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,380</b>		

U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimate Program produces and disseminates official population estimates.

The data in the above table is from the 2020 Census data from the United States Census Bureau. This data is a combination of races and Hispanic ethnicities. Texas statute directs agencies to record race and ethnicity combined. As a result, the table above indicates Hispanic/Latino as any race that has indicated Hispanic as an ethnicity.

The census includes an estimated 2.4% of people who claim more than one race, Texas statute only allows reporting of listed races/ethnicities.

The overall number of traffic contacts decreased from 91,762 in 2020 to 62,380 in 2021. Additional analysis of racial profiling data is contained in the appendix of this document.



Race	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Number of contacts	Percent of Total	Number of contacts	Percent of Total	Number of contacts	Percent of Total	Number of contacts	Percent of Total	Number of contacts	Percent of Total
White	21,206	23.3%	14,662	23.4%	21,611	23.1%	19,101	20.8%	13,512	21.7%
Black	33,921	37.3%	23,422	37.4%	34,487	36.9%	36,425	39.7%	24,747	39.7%
Hispanic	34,154	37.5%	23,301	37.2%	35,379	37.8%	34,507	37.7%	22,775	36.5%
Asian	1,018	1.1%	1,042	1.7%	1,588	1.7%	1,302	1.4%	1,021	1.6%
Native American	192	0.2%	229	0.4%	461	0.5%	427	0.5%	325	0.5%
Middle Eastern	512	0.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	91,003	100.0%	62,656	100.0%	93,526	100.0%	91,762	100.0%	62,380	100.0%

As of 2017, 'Other' is no longer accepted by TCOLE as a valid, 2018 removed middle eastern as a race, Native American now 'Alaskan Native/American Indian' Asian now 'Asian/Pacific Islander'. Data collection prior to 2018 only included citations or arrests.

### Assignment of Department Resources

The Dallas Police Department has implemented a Violent Crime Reduction Plan. Drawing from a substantial body of research on the positive impact that hot spots policing can have on reducing violence, this plan begins with a short-term focus on substantially increasing police visibility at micro locations (330'x330' grids) where violent crime is concentrated and prioritizing street-level deterrence and arrest of repeat offenders in these areas. The strategy is evidence-based and relies on increased police visibility and intelligence-led offender targeting rather than generalized “stop and frisk” or other dragnet tactics. Based on crime analysis and mapping, the DPD will assign officers to be highly visible on these grids identified

by crime analysis as the most violence-prone and at times when violence is most often reported. At other high crime grids, designated teams of officers will focus on the surveillance, deterrence, and arrest of repeat violent offenders.

These areas are populated with mostly minority populations. The more resources that target these areas, the more the traffic contact data will overrepresent minority populations. In 2021, a large majority of proactive enforcement was targeted toward these areas. The Dallas Police Department emphasizes discretion when issuing regulatory citations in these areas as the additional police presence is meant to deter violent crime. This is represented in the traffic stop data, as drivers identified as Hispanic or Black are more likely to receive verbal warnings than those determined to be White. 14.42% of drivers identified as Black received verbal warnings, 11.55% of drivers identified as Hispanic received verbal warnings, and only 5.94% of drivers identified as White received a verbal warning.

### **Mobile Video Recorders and Body Worn Cameras**

The Dallas Police Department has been at the forefront in advocating for the use of cameras for documentation of police/citizen contacts, and it remains our belief that only through this method will an accurate assessment of issues relating to these contacts be possible. This position is present in current legislation, which was collaboratively written by Senator Royce West and the Dallas Police Department.

As of December 2020, audio/video cameras have been installed in one hundred percent of the nine hundred twenty-six (928) police vehicles that routinely perform motor vehicle stops. Furthermore, as of December 2021 there are approximately two thousand one hundred (2,100) body cameras that have been issued to officers including all front-line officers, SWAT, Narcotics, Traffic, and Motorcycle officers. Distribution of additional cameras (and training in their use) has begun with the ultimate goal of having all uniformed officers and supervisors issued body worn cameras.

## DVR Review Team and Supervisory Video Review

The mission of the DVR (Digital Video Recorder) Review Team is to preserve the integrity of the work of the Dallas Police Department through regular reviews of the content of police in-car digital video recordings to ensure compliance with Departmental rules and regulations, as well as local, state, and federal laws.

Regular reviews ensure departmental accountability by identifying conduct that might bring discredit to the Department, training opportunities for improvement, development of field operating procedures, and incidents of commendable behavior.

Supervisors also conduct regular reviews of videos from officers under their command as required by TX77RSB1074; at a minimum, these reviews are to be conducted at least twice each month for all patrol officers assigned to them to assess officer behavior, as per General Order 328.03 D1.

2021 DVR Team Reviews	
Reviewed Evading Arrest offenses	321
Vehicle Pursuit Audits	9
Commendations Recommended	4

As of November 2013, consensual searches with no documentation or audio/video recording are no longer allowed. Officers are required to document all consensual searches that are conducted, even if no seizure or arrest is made.

Supervisors are also required to conduct regular reviews of body worn camera video to ensure compliance with departmental policy.

## Complaints Regarding Racial Profiling

The Dallas Police Department has established procedures for accepting complaints regarding racial profiling from citizens, and provides public education relating to the process for filing such complaints. Complaints regarding racial profiling are handled in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 614.021-614.023, as interpreted by the City Attorney.

The following are the number of complaints alleging racial profiling for the past five years. All complaints in the previous years have been Unfounded or Not Sustained.

Year	Number of Complaints Related to Racial Profiling	Disposition
2017	7	Unfounded 5 Not Sustained 2
2018	2	Not Investigated 1 Unfounded 1
2019	3	Unfounded 2 Not Sustained 1
2020	5	Unfounded 5
2021	12*	Not Investigated 6 Unfounded 4 Not Sustained 2

UNFOUNDED -- the investigation determined that the act or acts complained of did not occur.

NOT SUSTAINED -- the investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation.

NOT INVESTIGATED -- the complaint failed to meet the qualifications of the Texas Government Code, Section 614.021-614.023.

\*There was a change in the Departments General Orders and Dallas City Code creating a Dallas Community Oversight Board that now has control of external complaints.

## Data

The Dallas Police Department gathers data for this report from two sources: electronic citations and an internal intranet form for those who do not possess electronic citation machines. There was an error in the use of force reporting data from the internal intranet form. We consulted our use of force reporting system (Blue Team) to more accurately capture the use of force reporting numbers to reflect the numbers that are reported.

## **Conclusion**

The Dallas Police Department is committed to providing all information required to comply with the Racial Profiling Law. The Department continues to take steps to ensure that it also complies with the intent of the law.

Based on current departmental policy regarding data collection, the data, number of complaints, training, and philosophy of the Department, no evidence of a pattern of racial profiling by the members of the Dallas Police Department was found. The Department is in compliance with applicable Texas law on the collection of racial profiling data.



City of Dallas Population Demographics										
Race / Ethnicity	Black		Asian / Pacific Islander		White		Hispanic / Latino		Alaskan Native / American Indian	
Race / Ethnicity Percent	21.84%		3.54%		33.87%		39.65%		1.11%	
2021 Motor Vehicle Stops										
Race / Ethnicity	Black		Asian / Pacific Islander		White		Hispanic / Latino		Alaskan Native / American Indian	
Race / Ethnicity # / Percent	24,747	39.67%	1,021	1.64%	13,512	21.66%	22,775	36.51%	325	0.52%
2021 Motor Vehicle Stop Dispositions										
Race / Ethnicity	Black		Asian / Pacific Islander		White		Hispanic / Latino		Alaskan Native / American Indian	
Arrest	781	3.10%	13	1.30%	199	1.52%	511	2.26%	1	0.34%
Citation	14,808	58.84%	573	57.24%	9,538	72.77%	14,943	66.22%	240	81.63%
Citation and Arrest	61	0.24%	0	0.00%	11	0.08%	49	0.22%	1	0.34%
Verbal Warning	9,416	37.41%	413	41.26%	3,299	25.17%	6,992	30.99%	49	16.67%
Written Warning	96	0.38%	2	0.20%	59	0.45%	65	0.29%	3	1.02%
Written Warning and Arrest	5	0.02%	0	0.00%	1	0.01%	4	0.02%	0	0.00%
Total	25,167	100%	1,001	100%	13,107	100%	22,564	100%	294	100%

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**2021 Motor Vehicle Stop Searches**

Race / Ethnicity	Black		Asian / Pacific Islander		White		Hispanic / Latino		Alaskan Native / American Indian	
Consent	205	14.26%	4	21.05%	37	12.21%	152	15.40%	2	33.33%
Contraband in Plain View	95	6.61%	1	5.26%	23	7.59%	59	5.98%	0	0.00%
Incident to Arrest	351	24.41%	6	31.58%	109	35.97%	266	26.95%	2	33.33%
Inventory	349	24.27%	6	31.58%	80	26.40%	230	23.30%	0	0.00%
Probable Cause	438	30.46%	2	10.53%	54	17.82%	280	28.37%	2	33.33%
Total	1,438	100.00%	19	100.00%	303	100.00%	987	100.00%	6	100.00%

**2021 Motor Vehicle Stop Searches Resulting in Contraband or Evidence**

Race / Ethnicity	Black		Asian / Pacific Islander		White		Hispanic / Latino		Alaskan Native / American Indian	
Contraband or Evidence Found	611	42.49%	7	36.84%	116	38.28%	376	38.10%	1	16.67%
No Contraband or Evidence	827	57.51%	12	63.16%	187	61.72%	611	61.90%	5	83.33%
Total	1,438	100.00%	19	100.00%	303	100.00%	987	100.00%	6	100.00%

## RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

**Agency Name:** DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**Reporting Date:** 02/15/2021  
**TCOLE Agency Number:** 113208  
**Chief Administrator:** Eddie Garcia  
**Agency Contact Information:** Phone: 214-671-3905  
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1400 Lamar St.  
Dallas, TX 75215

Texas Occupations Code 1701.164 specifies that TCOLE collect incident-based data in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2.131 – 2.138. Chief administrators of law enforcement agencies that meet the criteria must submit racial profiling reports to their governing body, as well as TCOLE.

The Dallas Police Department meets the criteria of full reporting.

In 2021, twelve (12) complaints of racial profiling were made against officers of this department, and the disposition of these complaints were as follows. After a preliminary investigation of the (12) complaints, it was determined in (6) of the complaints that no investigation was to be conducted. Four (4) of the investigations were categorized as “Not Sustained” and Two (2) of the investigations were categorized as “Unfounded.”

The following is the Dallas Police Department’s 2021 report on racial profiling as required by law.

Executed by: **Eddie Garcia**  
Chief Administrator  
DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date: 02/26/2021

## **DALLAS POLICE DEPT. Motor Vehicle Racial Profiling Information**

### **1 Stops**

**1.1 Total Stops: 62,380**

### **2 Street Address or Approximate Location of the Stop**

*CCP 2.132(b)(6)(E), 2.133(b)(7)*

**2.1 City Street: 60,435**

**2.2 US Highway: 570**

**2.3 State Highway: 1,078**

**2.4 County Road: 96**

**2.5 Private Property or Other: 201**

### **3 Was Race or Ethnicity Known Prior to Stop?**

*CCP 2.132(b)(6)(C)*

**3.1 Yes: 884**

**3.2 No: 61,496**

### **4 Race or Ethnicity**

*CCP 2.132(a)(3), 2.132(b)(6)(A), 2.133(b)(1)(B)*

**4.1 Alaska Native / American Indian: 325**

**4.2 Asian / Pacific Islander: 1021**

**4.3 Black: 24,747**

**4.4 White: 13,512**

**4.5 Hispanic/Latino: 22,775**

### **5 Gender**

*CCP 2.133(b)(1)(a)*

**5.1 Female: 22,302**

**5.1.1 Alaska Native / American Indian: 100**

**5.1.2 Asian / Pacific Islander: 336**

**5.1.3 Black: 9,475**

**5.1.4 White: 5,245**

**5.1.5 Hispanic / Latino: 7,146**

- 5.2 Male: 40,078**
  - 5.2.1 Alaska Native / American Indian: 225**
  - 5.2.2 Asian / Pacific Islander: 685**
  - 5.2.3 Black: 15,272**
  - 5.2.4 White: 8,267**
  - 5.2.5 Hispanic / Latino: 15,629**

**6 Reason for Stop?**

*CCP 2.132(b)(6)(F), 2.133(b)(2)*

- 6.1 Violation of Law: 4,454**
  - 6.1.1 Alaska Native / American Indian: 11**
  - 6.1.2 Asian / Pacific Islander: 66**
  - 6.1.3 Black: 2,102**
  - 6.1.4 White: 650**
  - 6.1.5 Hispanic / Latino: 1,625**
  
- 6.2 Preexisting Knowledge: 844**
  - 6.2.1 Alaska Native / American Indian: 2**
  - 6.2.2 Asian / Pacific Islander: 8**
  - 6.2.3 Black: 371**
  - 6.2.4 White: 117**
  - 6.2.5 Hispanic / Latino: 346**
  
- 6.3 Moving Traffic Violation: 47,192**
  - 6.3.1 Alaska Native / American Indian: 280**
  - 6.3.2 Asian / Pacific Islander: 822**
  - 6.3.3 Black: 17,806**
  - 6.3.4 White: 11,393**
  - 6.3.5 Hispanic / Latino: 16,891**
  
- 6.4 Vehicle Traffic Violation: 9,890**
  - 6.4.1 Alaska Native / American Indian: 32**
  - 6.4.2 Asian / Pacific Islander: 125**
  - 6.4.3 Black: 4,468**
  - 6.4.4 White: 1,352**
  - 6.4.5 Hispanic / Latino: 3,913**

**7 Was a Search Conducted?**

CCP 2.132(b)(6)(B), 2.133(b)(3)

**7.1 Yes: 2,753**

**7.1.1 Alaska Native / American Indian: 6**

**7.1.2 Asian / Pacific Islander: 19**

**7.1.3 Black: 1,438**

**7.1.4 White: 303**

**7.1.5 Hispanic / Latino: 987**

**7.2 No: 59,627**

**7.2.1 Alaska Native / American Indian: 319**

**7.2.2 Asian / Pacific Islander: 1,002**

**7.2.3 Black: 23,309**

**7.2.4 White: 13,209**

**7.2.5 Hispanic / Latino: 21,788**

**1. Gender:**

**Female: 40,078**

**Male: 22,302**

**2. Race or ethnicity:**

**Black: 24,747**

**Asian/Pacific Islander: 1,021**

**White: 13,512**

**Hispanic/Latino: 22,775**

**Alaska Native/American Indian: 325**

**3. Was race or ethnicity known prior to stop?**

**Yes 884**

**No 61,496**

**4. Reason for stop:**

**Violation of law 4,454**

**Preexisting knowledge 844**

**Moving traffic violation 47,192**

**Vehicle traffic violation 9,890**

**5. Street address or approximate location of the stop:**

<b>City street</b>	<b>60,435</b>
<b>US highway</b>	<b>570</b>
<b>County road</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>State highway</b>	<b>1,078</b>
<b>Private property or other</b>	<b>201</b>

**6. Was a search conducted?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>2,753</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>59,627</b>

**7. Reason for search:**

<b>Consent</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Contraband in plain view</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>Probable cause</b>	<b>776</b>
<b>Inventory</b>	<b>665</b>
<b>Incident to arrest</b>	<b>734</b>

**8. Was contraband discovered?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>1,111</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>1,642</b>

**9. Description of contraband:**

<b>Drugs</b>	<b>828</b>
<b>Currency</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Weapons</b>	<b>335</b>
<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Stolen Property</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>130</b>

**10. Result of the stop:**

<b>Verbal warning</b>	<b>20,416</b>
<b>Written warning</b>	<b>225</b>
<b>Citation</b>	<b>40,102</b>
<b>Written warning and arrest</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Citation and arrest</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Arrest</b>	<b>1,505</b>

**Arrest Total = 1637**

**11. Arrest Based on:**

<b>Violation of Penal Code</b>	<b>797</b>
<b>Violation of Traffic Law</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Violation of City Ordinance</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Outstanding Warrant</b>	<b>717</b>

**12. Was physical force resulting in bodily injury used during stop?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>62,236</b>