

2018

RACIAL PROFILING ANALYSIS



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This report reflects motor vehicle stop activities of the Dallas Police Department for the calendar year 2018 as required by Article 2.132 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

Statistical Data on Racial Profiling

Data was collected from January 1 – December 31, 2018 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 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.”)

For calendar year 2018 data, the state of Texas is no longer allowing agencies to claim what used to be 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 is reporting all data required by law.

Sex	Traffic Contacts		Census Population Estimate
	Total	% of Total	% Total
Male	38,855	62%	49.6%
Female	23,801	38%	50.4%
Race			
Black	23,422	37.4%	24.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,042	1.7%	3.4%
White	14,662	23.4%	29.1%
Hispanic/Latino	23,301	37.2%	41.7%
Alaskan Native / American Indian	229	0.4%	0.3%
Total	62,656	100%	1,341,075

US Census Bureau estimate as of July 1, 2017 (most recent at the time of this analysis). The census includes an estimated 2.6% of people who claim more than one race, Texas statute only allows listed race/ethnicity in this report.

The overall number of traffic contacts decreased from 91,003 in 2017, to 62,656 in 2018. The percentage of traffic contacts by race remained relatively unchanged.

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 2018, audio/video cameras have been installed in one hundred percent of the nine hundred twenty-six (926) vehicles that routinely perform motor vehicle stops. Furthermore, as of December 2018 there are one thousand twenty-five (1125) body cameras that have been issued to officers in patrol. There are plans to issue additional cameras to officers in 2019 with the ultimate goal of having all patrol officers and supervisors issued body worn cameras.

DVR Review Team and Supervisory Video Review

The Mission of the DVR Review Team (Digital Video Recorder) 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 year for all patrol officers assigned to them to assess officer behavior, as per General Order 328.03 D1.

2018 DVR Team Reviews	
Reviewed Evading Arrest offenses	405
Reports Generated	21
Commendations Recommended	7

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
2014	12	Unfounded 8 Not Sustained 4
2015	12	Unfounded 6 Not Sustained 6
2016	9	Unfounded 7 Not Sustained 2
2017	6	Unfounded 3 Not Sustained 3
2018	1	Unfounded 1

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.

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.

RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

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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 2018 one complaint of racial profiling was made against officers of this department, and the disposition of this complaint was unfounded.

The following is the Dallas Police Department's 2018 report on racial profiling as required by law, including an analysis of motor vehicle stops compared to gender and ethnic populations of the Dallas Police Department's reporting area.

Executed by: ***U. RENEÉ HALL***
Chief Administrator
DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
Date: 02/22/2018

DALLAS POLICE DEPT. Motor Vehicle Racial Profiling Information

Total Stops: 62,656

1. Gender:

Female:	23,801
Male:	38,855

2. Race or ethnicity:

Black:	23,422
Asian/Pacific Islander:	1,042
White:	14,662
Hispanic/Latino:	23,301
Alaska Native/American Indian:	229

3. Was race or ethnicity known prior to stop?

Yes	2,012
No	60,644

4. Reason for stop:

Violation of law	5,431
Preexisting knowledge	1,374
Moving traffic violation	44,775
Vehicle traffic violation	11,076

5. Street address or approximate location of the stop:

City street	59,063
US highway	1,211
County road	355
State highway	1,749
Private property or other	278

6. Was a search conducted?

Yes	3,642
No	59,014

7. Reason for search:	
Consent	385
Contraband in plain view	140
Probable cause	615
Inventory	1,693
Incident to arrest	809

8. Was contraband discovered?	
Yes	991
No	2,651

9. Description of contraband:	
Drugs	712
Currency	29
Weapons	175
Alcohol	110
Stolen Property	48
Other	133

10. Result of the stop:	
Verbal warning	16,223
Written warning	103
Citation	44,352
Written warning and arrest	25
Citation and arrest	258
Arrest	1,695

Arrest Total = 1978

11. Arrest Based on:	
Violation of Penal Code	807
Violation of Traffic Law	192
Violation of City Ordinance	41
Outstanding Warrant	938

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

Yes 5
No 62,651

Gender and ethnic population of Dallas (as reported by resident, and estimated by US Census Bureau, current estimate as of February 20, 2019):

Gender:

Male: 49.6%
Female: 50.4%

Ethnic Population:

Black: 24.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander: 3.4%
White(non-Hispanic): 29.1%
Hispanic: 41.7%
American Indian and Alaskan Native: 0.3%
Two or more races: 2.6%

Traffic stop gender and ethnic population representation (as determined by officer):

Gender:

Male: 62%
Female: 38%

Ethnic Population

Black: 37.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander: 1.7%
White(non-Hispanic): 23.4%
Hispanic: 37.2%
American Indian and Alaskan Native: 0.4%