

HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

2017 Annual Racial Profiling Report



RACIAL PROFILING

The Houston Police Department (HPD) prohibits the practice of racial profiling and has established policies, provided training to its officers, and instituted a process to monitor traffic stops.

STATISTICS SUMMARY

HPD conducted 312,285 traffic stops in 2017, 3.9% fewer stops than the previous year. Traffic stops were most often a result of moving traffic violations (228,883) and searches (27,213) were conducted in 8.7% of all stops. Contraband (6,397) was found in 23.5% of the time. In all, HPD effected 13,199 arrests, issued 189,915 tickets, and 111,018 warnings as a result of traffic stops in 2017.

FILING COMPLAINTS

Discrimination in any form, including racial profiling, is strictly prohibited and the department will take immediate and appropriate action to investigate allegations of discrimination. Any person who believes he or she has been stopped, searched, or inappropriately ticketed or arrested based on racial, ethnic or national origin profiling should file a complaint.

Complaints can be filed at any HPD police station or at the following locations:

- Houston Police Department Central Intake Office
- Houston Area Urban League (HAUL)
- League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Houston Chapter

TRAFFIC STOPS BY RACE & GENDER

	Female	Male	Total	% of Total
African	36,917	73,702	110,619	35.4%
Asian/PI	3,754	8,525	12,279	3.9%
Caucasian	43,247	89,519	132,766	42.5%
Hispanic	11,908	39,946	51,854	16.6%
Middle Eastern	200	1,056	1,256	0.4%
Native American	117	385	502	0.2%
Unknown/Other	1,068	1,941	3,009	1.0%
TOTAL	97,211	215,074	312,285	100.0%

2016 COMPARISON

Total	% Change
109,984	0.6%
12,379	-0.8%
148,320	-10.5%
49,353	5.1%
1,230	2.1%
472	6.4%
3,321	-9.4%
325,059	-3.9%

REASON FOR TRAFFIC STOP

	Moving Traffic Violation	Pre-Existing Knowledge	Vehicle Traffic Violation	Violation of Law (non-traffic)	Total	% of Total
African	72,645	2,847	33,573	1,554	110,619	35.4%
Asian/PI	10,646	75	1,496	62	12,279	3.9%
Caucasian	113,473	1,278	17,175	840	132,766	42.5%
Hispanic	28,170	1,973	19,907	1,804	51,854	16.6%
Middle Eastern	945	14	285	12	1,256	0.4%
Native American	390	7	102	3	502	0.2%
Unknown/Other	2,614	10	383	2	3,009	1.0%
TOTAL	228,883	6,204	72,921	4,277	312,285	100.0%

REASON FOR SEARCH

	Probable Cause	Incident to Arrest	Consent	Inventory	Contraband in Plain View	Total
African	6,715	3,406	4,225	866	407	15,619
Asian/PI	89	69	96	29	45	328
Caucasian	1,794	1,769	1,506	394	573	6,036
Hispanic	1,651	1,782	1,104	541	53	5,131
Middle Eastern	10	15	14	7	0	46
Native American	17	6	11	7	2	43
Unknown/Other	2	1	2	1	4	10
TOTAL	10,278	7,048	6,958	1,845	1,084	27,213