

HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

2019 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 322,013 traffic stops in 2019, 9.3% fewer stops than the previous year. Traffic stops were most often a result of moving traffic violations (231,516) and searches (26,292) were conducted in 8.2% of all stops. Contraband (6,611) was found 25.1% of the time. In all, HPD effected 17,169 arrests, issued 189,361 tickets, and 121,848 warnings as a result of traffic stops in 2019. Eighteen (18) racial profiling complaints were filed against HPD during the reporting period. Of the complaints, 16 were unfounded and two (2) were not sustained.

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.

HOUSTON DEMOGRAPHICS COMPARISON

	Houston	2019 Racial Profiling
Population	2,325,502	322,013
Asian/Pacific Islander	7%	5%
Black	23%	36%
Hispanic	44%	25%
White	25%	33%
Unknown/Other	1%	1%
TOTAL PERCENTAGE	100%	100%

TRAFFIC STOPS BY RACE & GENDER

	Female	Male	Total	% of Total
Alaskan/Native American	215	640	855	0.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4,398	9,967	14,365	4.5%
Black	39,144	76,110	115,254	35.8%
Hispanic	20,880	60,210	81,090	25.1%
White	34,381	70,429	104,810	32.5%
Unknown/Other	1,973	3,666	5,639	1.8%
TOTAL	100,991	221,022	322,013	100.0%

2018 COMPARISON

Total	% Change
603	41.8%
15,433	-6.9%
128,090	-10.0%
50,798	59.6%
156,164	-32.9%
4,044	39.4%
355,132	-9.3%

REASON FOR TRAFFIC STOP

	Moving Traffic Violation	Pre-Existing Knowledge	Vehicle Traffic Violation	Violation of Law (non-traffic)	Total	% of Total
Alaskan/Native American	703	8	140	4	855	0.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	12,484	69	1,755	57	14,365	4.5%
Black	74,767	2,126	36,862	1,499	115,254	35.8%
Hispanic	52,532	1,403	25,068	2,087	81,090	25.2%
White	85,499	809	17,751	751	104,810	32.5%
Unknown/Other	5,531	0	105	3	5,639	1.8%
TOTAL	231,516	4,415	81,681	4,401	322,013	100.0%

REASON FOR SEARCH

	Probable Cause	Incident to Arrest	Consent	Inventory	Contraband in Plain View	Total
Alaskan/Native American	13	4	7	5	0	29
Asian/Pacific Islander	81	86	108	25	71	371
Black	6,012	3,213	4,642	755	506	15,128
Hispanic	1,431	1,579	1,140	380	519	5,049
White	1,590	1,439	1,517	429	617	5,692
Unknown/Other	1	4	0	0	18	23
TOTAL	9,128	6,425	7,414	1,594	1,731	26,292

STOPS IN WHICH PHYSICAL FORCE RESULTED IN BODILY INJURY: 2,410 (0.7%)