

# HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2023 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 339,715 traffic stops in 2023, 27.2% more stops than the previous year. Traffic stops were most often a result of moving traffic violations (201,211) and searches (19,020) were conducted in 5.6% of all stops. Contraband (6,164) was found 32.4% of the time. In all, HPD effected 9,514 arrests, issued 139,158 tickets, and 191,034 warnings as a result of traffic stops in 2023. Five (5) racial profiling complaints were filed against HPD during the reporting period. Of the complaints, four (4) were unfounded and one (1) was 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*	2023 Racial Profiling
<b>Population</b>	<b>2,302,878</b>	<b>339,715</b>
Asian/Pacific Islander	7%	4%
Black	22%	35%
Hispanic	45%	28%
White	25%	32%
Unknown/Other	1%	1%
<b>TOTAL PERCENTAGE</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\*Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

### TRAFFIC STOPS BY RACE & GENDER

	Female	Male	Total	% of Total
Alaskan/Native American	313	971	1,284	0.38%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4,349	10,253	14,602	4.30%
Black	40,988	75,567	116,555	34.31%
Hispanic	24,398	70,784	95,182	28.02%
White	36,680	72,977	109,657	32.28%
Unknown/Other	807	1,628	2,435	0.72%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,535</b>	<b>232,180</b>	<b>339,715</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### 2022 COMPARISON

Total	% Change
957	34.17%
10,862	34.43%
95,750	21.73%
82,142	15.87%
74,118	47.95%
3,334	-26.96%
<b>267,163</b>	<b>27.16%</b>

### REASON FOR TRAFFIC STOP

	Moving Traffic Violation	Pre-Existing Knowledge	Vehicle Traffic Violation	Violation of Law (non-traffic)	Total	% of Total
Alaskan/Native American	763	23	471	27	1,284	0.38%
Asian/Pacific Islander	10,828	88	3,564	122	14,602	4.30%
Black	64,265	1,817	48,000	2,473	116,555	34.31%
Hispanic	50,063	1,733	39,853	3,533	95,182	28.02%
White	72,894	911	34,697	1,155	109,657	32.28%
Unknown/Other	2,398	0	37	0	2,435	0.72%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>201,211</b>	<b>4,572</b>	<b>126,622</b>	<b>7,310</b>	<b>339,715</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### REASON FOR SEARCH

	Probable Cause	Incident to Arrest	Consent	Inventory	Contraband in Plain View	Total
Alaskan/Native American	10	10	9	1	0	30
Asian/Pacific Islander	55	71	60	16	13	215
Black	4,070	2,419	2,803	861	324	10,477
Hispanic	1,104	1,459	961	571	277	4,372
White	1,152	1,208	995	381	178	3,914
Unknown/Other	1	0	0	0	11	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,392</b>	<b>5,167</b>	<b>4,828</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>19,020</b>

## RESULT OF TRAFFIC STOP

	Alaskan/Native American	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unknown/Other	Total	% of Total
Verbal Warning	792	7,730	70,943	55,375	56,197	6	191,043	56.24%
Citation	463	6,662	39,146	36,249	49,812	2,429	134,751	38.67%
Arrested	14	102	4,512	2,093	2,454	0	9,175	2.70%
Citation and Arrest	15	108	1,958	1,556	1,109	0	4,746	1.40%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>14,602</b>	<b>116,555</b>	<b>95,182</b>	<b>109,657</b>	<b>2,435</b>	<b>339,715</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## HIGHLIGHTS

**1.64%**

Stops in which race or ethnicity was known prior to stop

**32.4%**

Stops in which contraband was located during a search

**0.99%**

Stops in which physical force resulted in bodily injury