HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

2024 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 297,259 traffic stops in 2024, 12.5% fewer stops than the previous year. Traffic stops were most often a result of moving traffic violations (181,818) and searches (16,204) were conducted in 5.45% of all stops. Contraband (5,517) was found 34.05% of the time. In all, HPD effected 11,825 arrests, issued 129,260 tickets, and 159,728 warnings as a result of traffic stops in 2024. No racial profiling complaints were filed against HPD during the reporting period.

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*	2024 Racial Profiling
Population	**2,314,157**	**297,259**
Alaskan/Native American	1%	1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	7%	4%
Black	23%	34%
Hispanic	44%	31%
White	25%	30%
TOTAL PERCENTAGE	**100%**	**100.00%**

**Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2019-2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*

TRAFFIC STOPS BY RACE & GENDER

	Female	Male	Total	% of Total
Alaskan/Native American	296	1,135	1,431	0.48%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3,716	9,562	13,278	4.47%
Black	34,972	65,832	100,804	33.91%
Hispanic	23,817	68,219	92,036	30.96%
White	29,713	59,997	89,710	30.18%
TOTAL	**92,514**	**204,745**	**297,259**	**100.00%**

2023 COMPARISON

Total	% Change
1,284	0.10%
14,602	0.17%
116,555	-0.40%
95,182	2.94%
109,657	-2.10%
339,715	**-12.50%**

REASON FOR TRAFFIC STOP

	Moving Traffic Violation	Pre-Existing Knowledge	Vehicle Traffic Violation	Violation of Law (non-traffic)	Total	% of Total
Alaskan/Native American	1,007	4	395	25	1,431	0.48%
Asian/Pacific Islander	9,963	37	3,201	77	13,278	4.47%
Black	57,351	1,329	39,917	2,207	100,804	33.91%
Hispanic	54,113	1,301	33,889	2,733	92,036	30.96%
White	59,384	579	28,834	913	89,710	30.18%
TOTAL	**181,818**	**3,250**	**106,236**	**5,955**	**297,259**	**100.00%**

REASON FOR SEARCH

	Probable Cause	Incident to Arrest	Consent	Inventory	Contraband in Plain View	Total
Alaskan/Native American	9	16	13	4	0	42
Asian/Pacific Islander	55	65	64	26	5	215
Black	3,828	2,066	2,171	646	163	8,874
Hispanic	1,030	1,133	989	519	67	3,738
White	944	1,057	918	364	52	3,335
TOTAL	**5,866**	**4,337**	**4,155**	**1,559**	**287**	**16,204**

HOUSTON DEMOGRAPHICS COMPARISON

	Houston*	2024 Racial Profiling
Population	**2,314,157**	**297,259**
Male	49.74%	68.88%
Female	50.26%	31.12%
TOTAL PERCENTAGE	**100%**	**100.00%**

**Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2019-2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*

TRAFFIC STOP OUTCOME

	Verbal Warning	Citation	Arrested	Citation and Arrest	TOTAL
Alaskan/Native American	753	651	20	7	1,431
Asian/Pacific Islander	6,791	6,294	124	69	13,278
Black	58,915	36,348	4,067	1,474	100,804
Hispanic	47,207	41,868	2,130	831	92,036
White	46,062	40,545	1,930	1,173	89,710
TOTAL	**159,728**	**125,706**	**8,271**	**3,554**	**297,259**
TOTAL PERCENTAGE	**53.73%**	**42.29%**	**2.78%**	**1.20%**	**100.00%**

HIGHLIGHTS

1.65%

Stops in which race or ethnicity was known prior to stop

33.99%

Stops in which contraband was located during a search

0.70%

Stops in which physical force resulted in bodily injury

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