

RACIAL PROFILING DATA/2008

Agency: **St. Louis County Police Dept.**

Population: 793,000

age 16 and over

KEY INDICATORS	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Stops	73567	51362	20242	830	621	46	466
Searches	7249	4195	2874	135	27	2	16
Arrests	3659	2174	1402	59	13	3	8
Statewide population %	N/A	83.76	10.76	2.27	1.55	0.49	1.17
Local population %	N/A	73.25	20.82	1.51	3.19	0.24	0.99
Disparity index	N/A	0.95	1.32	0.75	0.26	0.26	0.64
Search rate	9.85	8.17	14.20	16.27	4.35	4.35	3.43
Contraband hit rate	17.95	18.69	17.57	2.96	18.52	50.00	12.50
Arrest rate	4.97	4.23	6.93	7.11	2.09	6.52	1.72

Notes: Population figures are 2008 Census estimates for persons 16 years of age and older who designated a single race. Hispanics may be of any race. Other includes persons of mixed race and unknown race.

Disparity index = (proportion of stops / proportion of population). A value of 1 represents no disparity; values greater than 1 indicate over-representation, values less than 1 indicate under-representation.

Search rate = (searches / stops) X 100.

Contraband hit rate = (searches with contraband found / total searches) X 100.

Arrest rate = (arrests / stops) X 100.

#Error indicates zero denominator.

VEHICLE STOP STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Reason for stop	Moving	40872	32513	7118	471	441	23	306
	Equipment	12312	7203	4808	128	81	9	83
	License	18110	10173	7572	196	84	13	72
	Investigative	2417	1582	773	38	16	1	7
Stop outcome	Citation	52345	36542	14465	545	430	30	333
	Warning	17004	11857	4641	222	166	14	104
	No action	3680	2598	970	60	23	2	27
Location of stop	Interstate hwy	14214	10987	2831	167	124	6	99
	US hwy	1016	579	390	17	21	0	9
	State hwy	24929	18640	5568	319	211	14	177
	County road	25189	14617	9976	230	214	22	130
	City street	6931	5710	1076	62	39	2	42
	Other	1288	829	401	35	12	2	9
Driver gender	Male	46633	32537	12623	694	420	23	336
	Female	26934	18825	7619	136	201	23	130
Driver age	17 and under	4465	3463	909	29	35	4	25
	18-29	31702	21633	9203	447	213	23	183
	30-39	15389	9947	4972	204	143	6	117
	40 and over	22011	16319	5158	150	230	13	141

SEARCH STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Probable cause/ authority to search	Consent	3178	1873	1227	58	14	0	6
	Inventory	76	37	33	6	0	0	0
	Drug/alcohol odor	742	378	355	6	2	0	1
	Incident to arrest	2903	1727	1099	58	10	2	7
	Plain view contraband	160	101	58	0	1	0	0
	Reasonable suspicion-weapon	143	41	98	2	0	0	2
	Drug-dog alert	57	28	28	1	0	0	0
	Other	92	55	31	5	0	0	1
What searched	Driver	535	289	236	5	4	0	1
	Car/property	961	636	300	20	4	0	1
	Driver & Property	5753	3270	2338	110	19	2	14
Search duration	0-15 minutes	7050	4083	2800	122	27	2	16
	16-30 minutes	184	106	71	7	0	0	0
	31+ minutes	15	6	3	6	0	0	0
Contra-band found	Drugs/alcohol	1053	648	396	3	4	1	1
	Currency	8	4	3	1	0	0	0
	Weapon	96	37	58	0	0	0	1
	Stolen property	44	15	29	0	0	0	0
	Other	123	91	31	0	1	0	0
Arrest charge	Outstanding warrant	1796	873	902	13	4	2	2
	Drug violation	489	287	197	1	2	1	1
	Resist arrest	15	7	8	0	0	0	0
	Offense against person	27	12	15	0	0	0	0
	Traffic Violation	49	28	10	11	0	0	0
	DWI/BAC	994	821	137	29	3	0	4
	Property offense	124	43	78	1	1	0	1
	Other	211	128	76	4	3	0	0

Agency response

While the data compiled in this report is informative, any conclusions drawn from the data must be tempered with common sense. For example, population data used to calculate the disparity index does not include members of the minority community that reside in the city of St. Louis and, therefore, increases the diversity of drivers on the road within St. Louis County. Nor does the data reflect that in a majority of traffic stops, police officers do not know the race of the driver prior to initiating the traffic stop. Our Department policy specifies that race-based detentions, traffic stops, arrests, searches and seizures of property are forbidden. In 2008 our Department received 326,907 calls for service; officers made 15,755 full-custody arrests and 73,567 traffic stops with no complaints of racial profiling. All commissioned officers participate in annual cultural diversity and sensitivity training and specialized training that prohibits the illegal practice of racial profiling. Supervisors review traffic stop data on a quarterly basis to ensure that officers do not engage in biased based policing.