

# Vehicle Stops Report, 2025

Agency Comments

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## 1 California Police Dept

Agency Public Comments:

Our agency was standing back up in 2025 after completely dissolving in 2024. Our traffic stop reporting is not complete for the year as our system was still being set up for tracking and was not complete until mid-year. As such, our reporting stats will be low for 2025 compared to previous years or the current year we are in.

## 2 Clayton Police Dept

Agency Public Comments:

As the County Seat, Clayton is home to the St. Louis County Courts, Government Center, Justice Center, and numerous social service agencies. The city also serves as a regional hub for business, dining, and entertainment, drawing a significant daily influx of commuters and visitors. As a result, Clayton's daytime population far exceeds its residential population, and traffic stop data reflects interactions with a largely non-resident driving population. Clayton also borders diverse neighboring communities, further influencing the demographics of drivers encountered. Consequently, residential population data alone is not an ideal benchmark for evaluating traffic stop disparities.

In 2025, Clayton Police Department received no complaints of racial profiling. The majority of stops resulted in warnings rather than citations or arrests, reflecting an emphasis on voluntary compliance and officer discretion. Instances of resisting arrest remained extremely rare. The department continues to prioritize fair and impartial policing through ongoing training in procedural justice, implicit bias awareness, de-escalation techniques, and constitutional policing practices. Officers are expected to base enforcement decisions on observed violations and legitimate public safety concerns, not arbitrary or pretextual factors. Clayton PD remains committed to transparency, accountability, and maintaining public trust while ensuring the safety of all who live, work, and visit the community.

## 3 Drexel Police Dept

Agency Public Comments:

To explain our notable increase in "moving" violations. In late 2024, Drexel Police received a grant from MODOT/MCRS for the exclusive purchase of speed measuring devices ("SMD"). We received the SMD's in early 2025. Per the grant perimeters, we were required to demonstrate use of the SMD's for speed enforcement. Without SMD's, we had two (2) speed or "moving" statistics in 2024. With the SMD's in place, our 2025 speed or "moving" statistics jumped to 92. Drexel PD is committed to the safety of the motoring public at-large, and will continue to regularly enforce "moving" violations within our city.

## 4 Gladstone Police Dept

Agency Public Comments:

Gladstone is considered an "inner tier" suburb in the Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area. It is completely surrounded by Kansas City, MO, a densely populated urban center with significantly different demographics than Gladstone. Gladstone is primarily residential that has vibrant and active retail areas with a white population greater than 78%. These retail districts include big box stores, grocery stores and other retail businesses. The multiple major arterial roads are used by many residents of surrounding municipalities to connect to the multiple state and interstate highways that run just outside of Gladstone's city limits in addition to patronizing our businesses. When viewed from that context, it appears that at any one time, the majority of people operating vehicles inside the corporate city limits of Gladstone are not its residents. As demonstrated by submitted statistics, approximately 72% of the stops conducted by our officers are on vehicles operated by non-residents of the driving age population using your 2024 population statistic. Since the numbers clearly show the vast majority of individuals contacted by Gladstone officers during vehicle stops are not residents, comparing the demographics of these drivers to the demographics of Gladstone's residents will result in flawed conclusions. Finally, as a CALEA nationally accredited organization, the Gladstone Police Department is continuously providing training to its members on such topics as bias-based policing and legal updates to ensure a well-trained, professional police force utilizing best practices in our profession.

## 5 Kansas City Police Dept

Agency Public Comments:

Relying on a census population for ages 16 and over as a benchmark does not provide a realistic picture of the driving population in Kansas City, Missouri at any given time. There are several major thoroughfares that run through the City, including I-29, I-35, and I-70 that contain a large percentage of drivers not reflected in population numbers used for comparison purposes. Additionally, Kansas City is contained within a large metropolitan

population, which adds to the commuter population on these roadways. When examining search rates, the probable cause/authority to search reasons should be considered. When examining arrest rates, the arrest charges should be considered. Lastly, KCPD views vehicle stop data collection as one of many tools to address the issue of racial profiling. Other tools in use by the Department include training, community programs, and policies.

## **6 Lake St Louis Police Dept**

Agency Public Comments:

The city of Lake Saint Louis is bordered by I-70 to the north and I-64 bisects the south end with the addition of Hwy 364 as a connector highway throughout St. Charles County. A large shopping center is just north of I-64 and a retail district lies directly to the south. Workers routinely travel both interstate corridors west to the Wentzville GM Plant and to major employers in O'Fallon and other points east. Additionally, Lake St. Louis has a 2026 population of 20,345 and is currently growing at a rate of 3% annually and its population has increased by 21.18% since the most recent census, which recorded a population of 16,789 in 2020. Due to these factors, calculating a disparity index based on comparison of ethnicity of drivers stopped with the ethnicity of the city's population may be misleading due to the transient traffic.

## **7 Maryland Heights Police Dept**

Agency Public Comments:

Maryland Heights has 1,747 businesses, which employ 39,536 people. Maryland Heights is the host city to Hollywood Casino, which had 3,607,029 visitors in 2025. The 20,000 seat Verizon Wireless Amphitheater had 362,963 visitors in 2025. The 4,500 seat Centene St Louis Music Park had 86,876 visitors in 2025. The Centene Ice Rink had 821,250 visitors in 2025. The city has 22 hotels with 3,800 rooms. Maryland Heights has 81 total licensed liquor establishments with 62 selling alcohol by the drink. Finally, the section of I-270 in Maryland Heights has an average daily traffic count reported by MoDOT of 138,200 vehicles.

The annual demographics of the 50,443,000 vehicles on I-270; the 3,607,029 visitors to the casino; the 362,963 visitors to the amphitheater; The combined total of 908,126 patrons of the Centene Community Ice Center; and the 39,536 people employed in Maryland Heights are not known and impact the validity of this report.

## **8 Montgomery County Sheriff's Dept**

Agency Public Comments:

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office is committed to fair and impartial policing and reviews all traffic stop data annually. Montgomery County has a small minority population, with Black residents representing less than 1% of the total population. As a result, statistical measures such as stop rates and disparity indices can appear elevated due to the small population size. Additionally, a significant portion of our traffic enforcement occurs on Interstate highways and major state routes, which involve a large number of non-resident drivers. These motorists do not reflect the demographics of Montgomery County and can impact overall stop data. Our data shows that the majority of traffic stops result in warnings rather than citations or arrests, reflecting a focus on voluntary compliance and public safety. Furthermore, contraband hit rates are consistent across demographic groups, indicating that enforcement decisions are based on observed violations and lawful investigative practices. The Sheriff's Office remains committed to transparency, ongoing training, and accountability to ensure all individuals are treated with fairness and respect.

## **9 O'Fallon Police Dept**

Agency Public Comments:

The City of O'Fallon is located in the center of St. Charles County. We have 2 major Interstates- I-70/64, Route 364 and State Highway 79. O'Fallon also has a major arterial roadway- MO K- that connects the 4 highways from north to south and is a major retail corridor. Because of these heavily traveled roadways, our driver population is more diverse than the census population would indicate, making our disparity index artificially high.

## **10 Osage County Sheriff's Dept**

Agency Public Comments:

Osage County is unique in that it boasts an extremely stable population, comprised of long-time family residents. Property and home sales are very low, and our home-ownership rate is extremely high. Osage County's resident population experiences very little influx and most of our transient population consists of students attending the State-Tech College. Additionally, Osage County has two major highways running through that connects St. Louis

to Kansas City and caters to traffic exiting I-44 traveling to our state's capital. Those attending the college and traveling on those state highways are subject to contact with our agency in the event of a criminal investigation or during traffic enforcement. These factors often disproportionately skew numbers pertaining to statistical gathering specific to Osage County.

## **11 Platte County Sheriff's Dept**

Agency Public Comments:

The Platte County Sheriff's Office provides patrol and traffic enforcement services in an area that includes multiple major interstate corridors, a large shopping and entertainment district, casino, many hotels, and the Kansas City International Airport. It is bordered by Kansas City, KS, Kansas City, MO, and Leavenworth, KS, with minority populations of 61.0%, 43.5%, and 26.9%, respectively. It should be noted that 65% of all 2025 traffic stops by Platte County personnel, were reported as nonresident drivers. Although the racial makeup of all of the nonresident drivers traveling Platte County roadways is unknown, it is unlikely to accurately reflect the racial and ethnic makeup of the county's population. The Platte County Sheriff's Office prohibits racial profiling by policy and is committed to ensuring impartial public safety service regardless of race, age, gender or other factors. Officers receive annual racial and cultural sensitivity training and the Sheriff's Office maintains accountability through the racial profiling reporting process in compliance with Missouri State Statute. Data included in the Platte County report includes stops conducted in unincorporated Platte County and the jurisdictions of Camden Point, Dearborn, Houston Lake, and Lake Waukomis.

## **12 St John Police Dept**

Agency Public Comments:

We acknowledge the importance of reviewing and understanding traffic stop data, especially when disparities appear to be present. After an initial review of the findings, it is important to consider contextual factors that contribute to these statistics.

The disparity index is calculated using the city's residential census population. While the report shows a higher index for some drivers, this should be viewed in context. St. John has a small residential population of approximately 5,700, as well as an influx of rental properties that may or may not be represented in the census calculation. Over 1,500 of the 1,740 total stops involve non-residents, meaning the majority of drivers stopped are not city residents.

Because the disparity index relies on resident population data, it does not fully reflect the actual driving population, and the impact of non-residential traffic and roadway volume. These factors contribute to a significant daily influx of commuters and visitors traveling through major roadways. Looking deeper at the data and the outcomes of traffic stops provides a clearer picture. We understand that it is critical to ensure that traffic enforcement efforts remain fair, consistent, and driven by objective criteria. We also recognize the importance of community trust and remain committed to ensuring that enforcement is equitable and aligned with best practices.

## **13 Sunrise Beach Police Dept**

Agency Public Comments:

As Sunrise Beach is located at the Lake of the Ozarks, a significant tourist attraction, our community experiences substantial seasonal and pass-through traffic. The vast majority of our traffic stops involve non-resident drivers traveling on state highways rather than local residents. As a result, comparisons between stop data and the Sunrise Beach population may not fully reflect the unique traffic patterns and environment within our jurisdiction.