Davis Police Department Stop Data
2019

Background

The Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) was formed, pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 953, to assist in the elimination of racial and identity profiling in law enforcement. To help achieve this goal, the RIPA Board developed a stop-data collection process that took effect in July 2018 for the eight largest agencies in California[1]. While agencies the size of Davis PD are not required to submit data until April 2023, we have embarked upon this effort four years earlier than required. To date, Davis PD remains one of the few agencies of its size to collect stop data in California.

Overall, the first-year data has helped our agency identify and clarify reporting errors, system glitches and methodology. Davis PD is poised to electronically submit 2020 stop data to DOJ next calendar year.
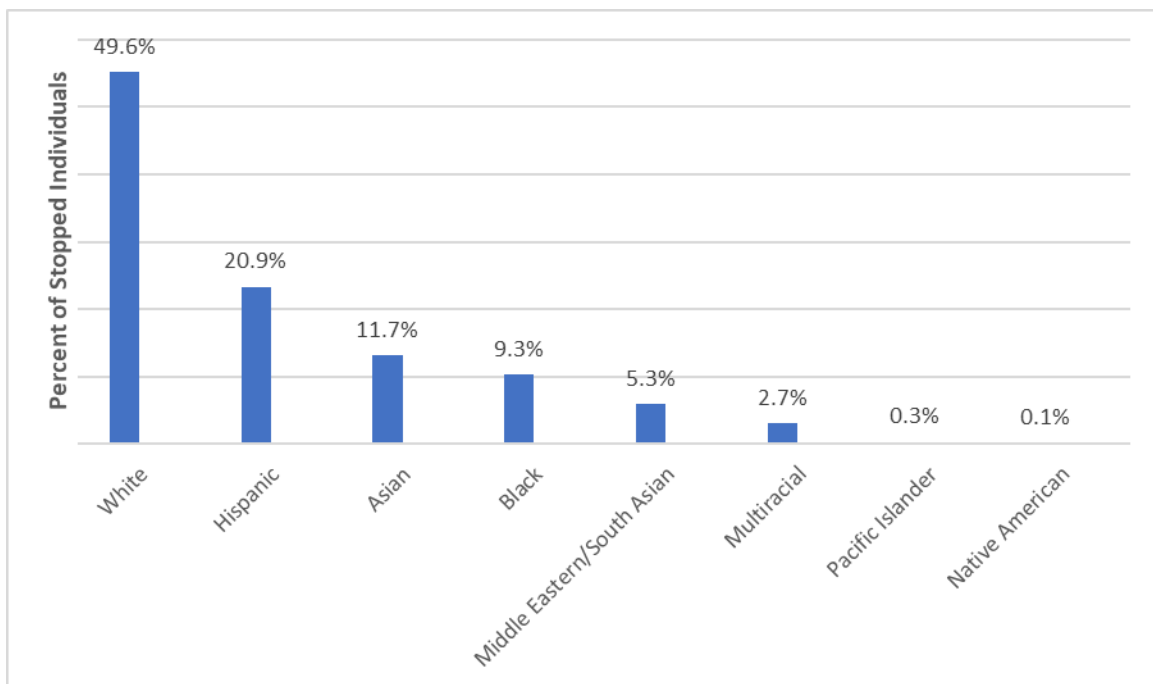
Quick Stats

- Number of stops with RIPA data: (N=5,561)
- 86% were officer initiated
- 71% of RIPA stops were conducted due to a traffic violation
- 20% of RIPA stops were conducted due to suspicion of criminal activity
- Of the RIPA stops (see Chart 1):
    - 12% were perceived as Asian
    - 9% were perceived as Black
    - 21% were perceived as Hispanic/Latino
    - 5% were perceived as Middle Eastern or South Asian
    - 50% were perceived as White

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[1] See the 2020 RIPA report here: https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/ripa/ripa-board-report-2020.pdf

Specific Data Sets

Charts 1/2: Ethnicity

Persons perceived to be White (49.6%), Hispanic (20.9%) and Asian (11.7%) comprised the majority of stopped individuals in this reporting period. This finding varied from the RIPA Board's 2020 report in which their data found the majority to be Hispanic (39.8%), White (33.2%) and Black (15.2%)[2].
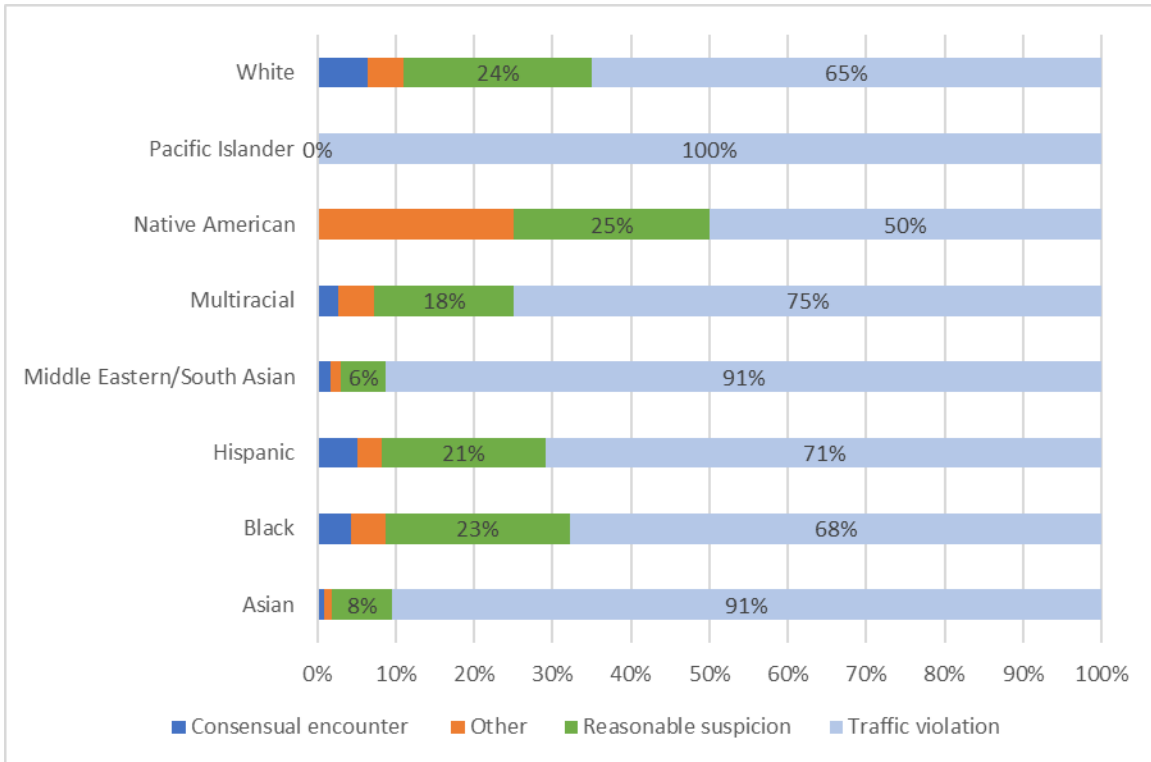

Ethnicity	Total Number Stopped
White	2,757
Hispanic	1,165
Asian	653
Black	515
Middle Eastern/South Asian	296
Multiracial	152
Pacific Islander	15
Native American	8

[2] The RIPA Board analyzed and reported on data provided from the eight largest law enforcement agencies in California: California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, San Diego Police Department, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, San Francisco Police Department, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, and San Diego County Sheriff's Department.
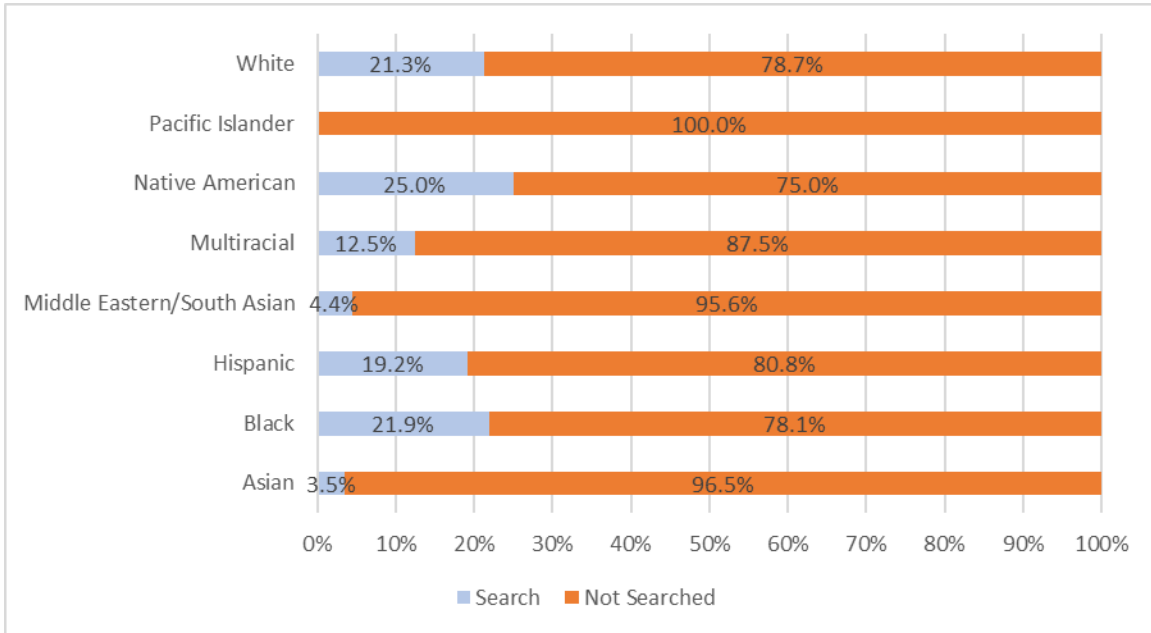
Charts 3/4: Ethnicity & Reason for Stop

The most commonly reported reason for a stop across all racial/ethnic groups was traffic violations (71%), followed by reasonable suspicion (20%). This finding is consistent with the findings released in the RIPA Board's 2020 report. The findings also showed that a higher percentage of Native American (25%), White (24%) and Black (23%) individuals were stopped for reasonable suspicion than other racial identity groups.

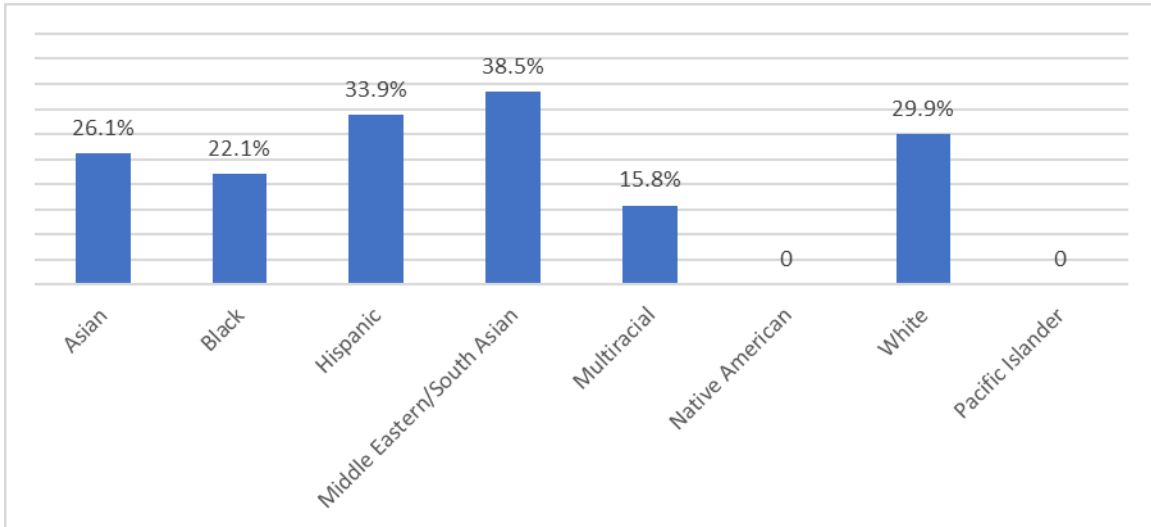| Ethnicity	Consensual encounter	Other	Reasonable suspicion	Traffic violation
Asian	6	6	50	591
Black	22	23	121	349
Hispanic	59	36	245	825
Middle Eastern/South Asian	5	4	17	270
Multiracial	4	7	27	114
Native American	0	2	2	4
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	15
White	176	129	658	1,794
Total	272	207	1120	3,962

Charts 5/6: Ethnicity & Search Outcomes

Overall, 18% of stopped individuals were subject to a person, vehicle, or other property search. The data shows that Native Americans had the highest search rate (25%), although the overall number of stops was low (N=8). The data also shows that White (21.3%) and Black (21.9%) individuals are searched at a rate 6 times higher than Asians (3.5%).

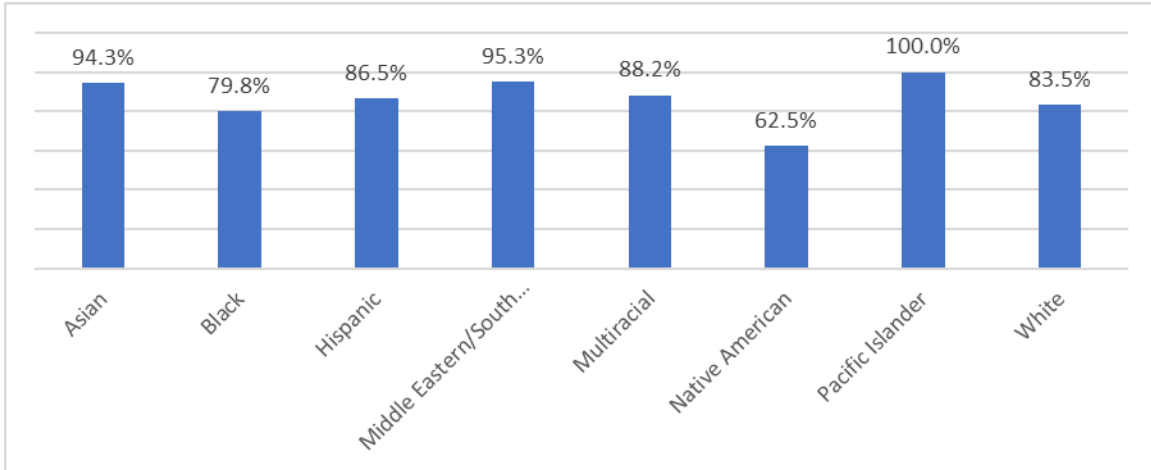| Ethnicity	Search	% Searched	Not Searched	% Not Searched	Total
Asian	23	3.5%	630	96.5%	653
Black	113	21.9%	402	78.1%	515
Hispanic	224	19.2%	941	80.8%	1165
Middle Eastern/South Asian	13	4.4%	283	95.6%	296
Multiracial	19	12.5%	133	87.5%	152
Native American	2	25.0%	6	75.0%	8
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%	15	100.0%	15
White	588	21.3%	2169	78.7%	2757

Charts 7/8: Ethnicity & Search Yield Rates

Search yield rate analyses demonstrate that of the stops involving a search, 30% (N=291) result in the location of contraband/evidence. Further, the data shows that search yield rates (locating evidence/contraband subsequent to a search) was highest for Middle Eastern/South Asian (38.5%) and lowest for Native Americans (0). Hispanic individuals appear to have higher search yield rates than Whites (29.9%), Asians (26.1%) and Blacks (22.1%).

Ethnicity	No Contraband	Contraband	Total Searches
Asian	17	6	23
Black	88	25	113
Hispanic	148	76	224
Middle Eastern/South Asian	8	5	13
Multiracial	16	3	19
Native American	2	0	2
White	412	176	588
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Total	691	291	982

Charts 9/10: Ethnicity & Source of Call

Overall, the data shows that 86% of all stops meeting the RIPA data criteria were officer initiated. Of these stops, a higher percentage of Pacific Islander (100%) and Middle Eastern/South Asian (95.3%) individuals were stopped at the discretion of the officer ("officer initiated"). Conversely, a much lower percentage of Black (79.8%) and Native American (62.5%) individuals were stopped at the discretion of the officer.
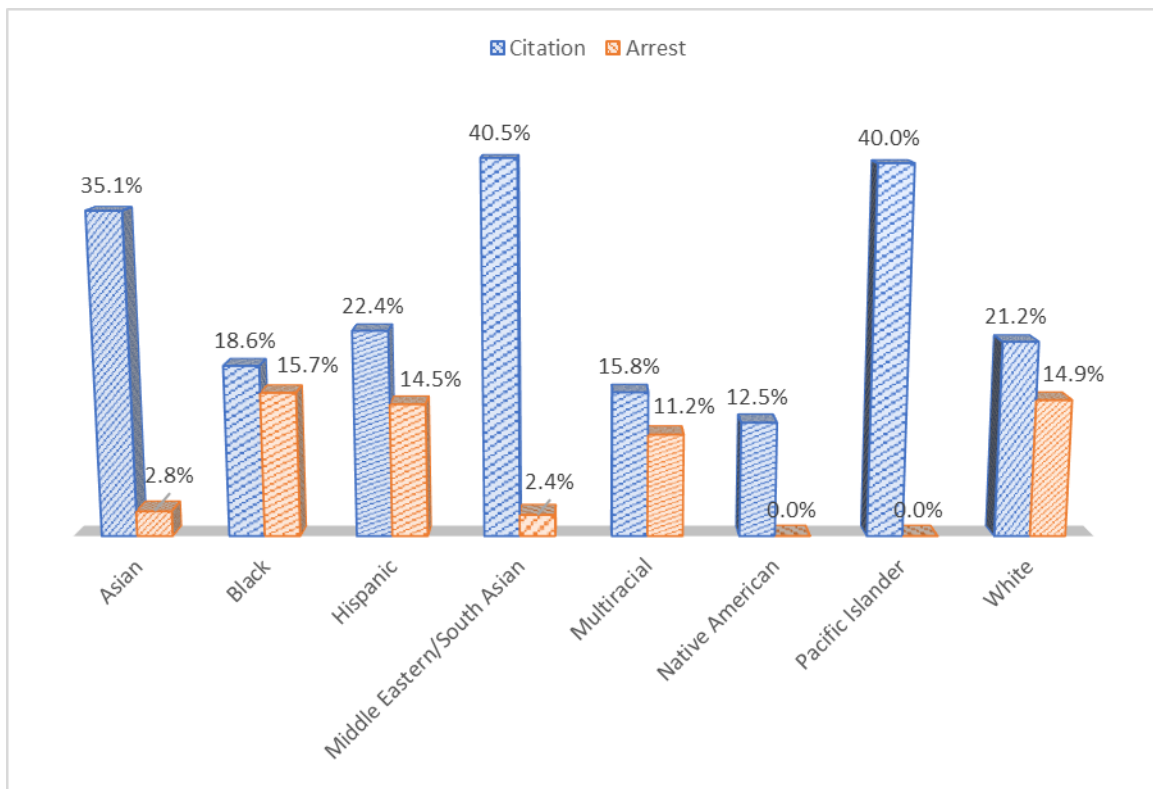

Ethnicity	Officer Initiated	%	Non-Officer Initiated	%	Grand Total
Asian	616	94.3%	37	5.7%	653
Black	411	79.8%	104	20.2%	515
Hispanic	1008	86.5%	157	13.5%	1165
Middle Eastern/South Asian	282	95.3%	14	4.7%	296
Multiracial	134	88.2%	18	11.8%	152
Native American	5	62.5%	3	37.5%	8
Pacific Islander	15	100.0%	0	0.0%	15
White	2303	83.5%	454	16.5%	2757

Charts 11/12: Ethnicity & Arrest/Citation Outcomes

The data shows that of the stops meeting RIPA criteria, 36% (N=2,026) of the individuals stopped were either cited or arrested. This finding deviates significantly from the RIPA Board 2020 report which found that the contributing agencies had arrested or cited over 60% of individuals stopped.

Arrests in this data set include the following: outstanding warrant arrests, "fresh" arrests and detentions (PC 849.5). In some cases, outside agency arrests are also included. Please see the accompanying arrest report for the actual number of fresh arrests. As demonstrated by the chart below, warrants account for anywhere between 11% to 53% of total arrests across ethnic groups.

Ethnicity	Citation	% Citation	Arrest	% Arrest	% Warrants
Asian	229	35.1%	18	2.8%	11%
Black	96	18.6%	81	15.7%	27%
Hispanic	261	22.4%	169	14.5%	30%
Middle Eastern/South Asian	120	40.5%	7	2.4%	43%
Multiracial	24	15.8%	17	11.2%	53%
Native American	1	12.5%	0	0.0%	0%
Pacific Islander	6	40.0%	0	0.0%	0%
White	585	21.2%	412	14.9%	37%
Total	1322	23.8%	704	12.7%	33.9%