

Racial Profiling Analysis 2021 Data

Bryan Police Department

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Compliance with Texas Code of Criminal Procedure

- ▶ Bryan Police Department is fully in compliance with Texas law pertaining to:
 - ▶ A policy prohibiting racial profiling
 - ▶ Officer training and education on racial profiling
 - ▶ The racial profiling complaint process and public education about the complaint process
 - ▶ The collection of racial profiling data

Comparative Analysis #1

Traffic Stops by Race/Ethnicity

▶ Total Stops: 14,025

- ▶ White total: 5,341
- ▶ Hispanic/Latino total: 4,869
- ▶ Black total: 3,574
- ▶ Asian/Pacific Islander total: 230
- ▶ Alaska Native/American Indian total: 11

Total Stops to Population

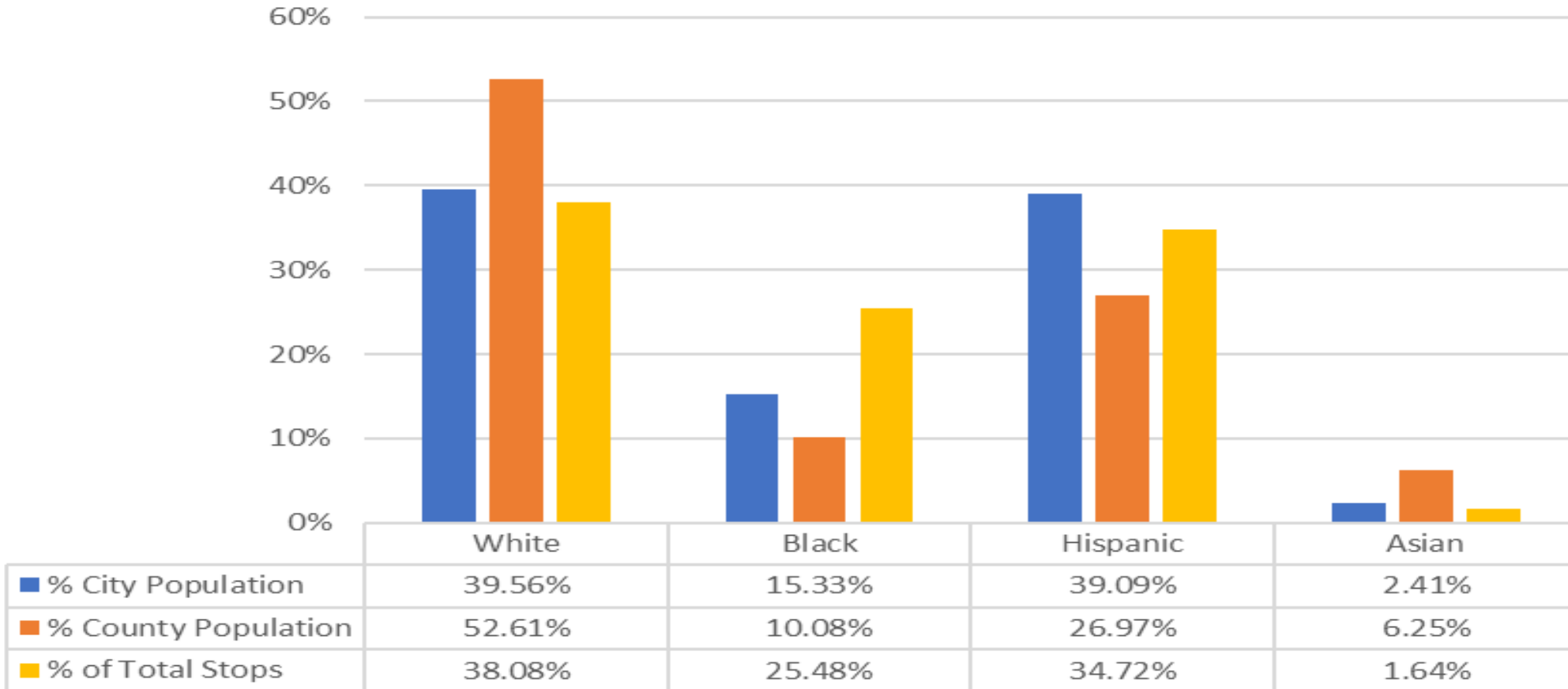


Figure: Percentage of total stops relative to proportion of City and County population. Population figures are derived from the 2020 Decennial Census Redistricting Data (DEC) of the U.S. Census Bureau.

Issues in Assessing Stop Data

- ▶ **Disproportionality and the Problem of Base-Rates**
 - ▶ A valid measure of the driving population does not exist
 - ▶ As a proxy, census data is used which is problematic as an indicator of the driving population
- ▶ **The Determination of Race/Ethnicity**
 - ▶ In few traffic stops (2.2%), does a Bryan police officer know the driver's race/ethnicity before the stop.

Comparative Analysis #2

Traffic Stop Outcomes

Verbal Warnings

- White motorists - 52%
- Black motorists - 52%
- Hispanic motorists - 47%
- Asian motorists - 64%

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- White motorists - 28%
- Black motorists - 29%
- Hispanic motorists - 39%
- Asian motorists - 22%

- ▶ Of 14,025 traffic stops, two involved physical force resulting in bodily injury to the motorist (0.01%).

Arrests

- White motorists - 2.5%
- Black motorists - 10.6%
- Hispanic motorists - 5.1%
- Asian motorists - 2.6%
- 46% based on violation of penal code
- 44% based on outstanding warrant

Comparative Analysis #3

Searches

926 searches occurred pursuant to 14,025 traffic stops (6.6%)

Searches

- White motorists - 3.1%
- Black motorists - 12.7%
- Hispanic motorists - 6.2%
- Asian motorists - 2.2%

Consent Searches

- 179 of the 926 searches were based on consent
- 19.3% of all searches were consent searches
- 1.3% of all traffic stops resulted in a consent search

▶ 63% of searches based on probable cause

Contraband Discovered

- Contraband discovered in 55.6% of all searches
- Drugs were the most discovered contraband (80.0%)

Analysis #4

Racial Profiling Complaints

In 2021, the Bryan Police Department received one complaint alleging that a peace officer employed by the agency engaged in racial profiling. After investigation, the complaint was unfounded.

Questions?