Annual Administrative Review of

Durham Police Department

Traffic Stop Data

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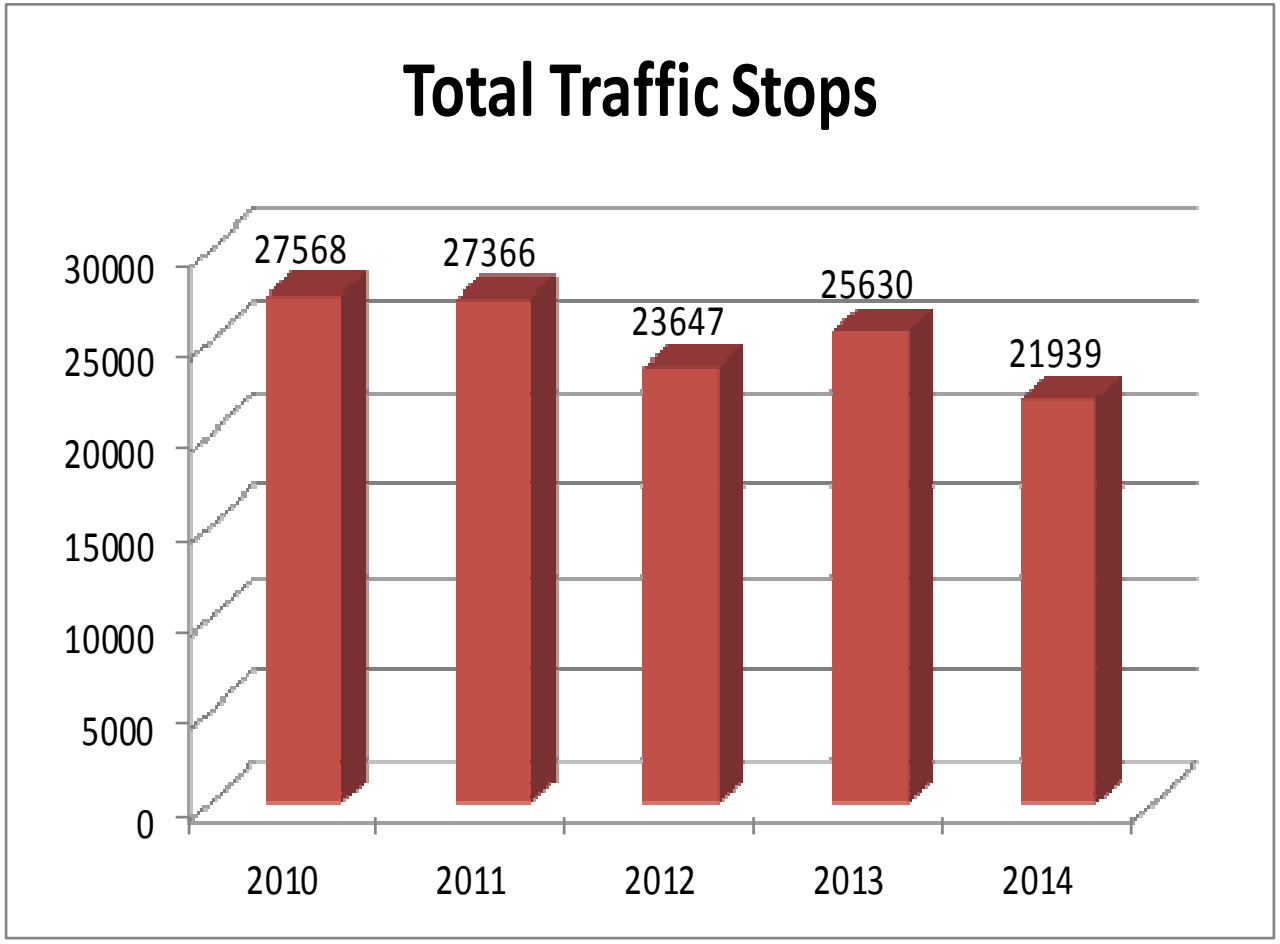
21,939 Total Traffic Stops



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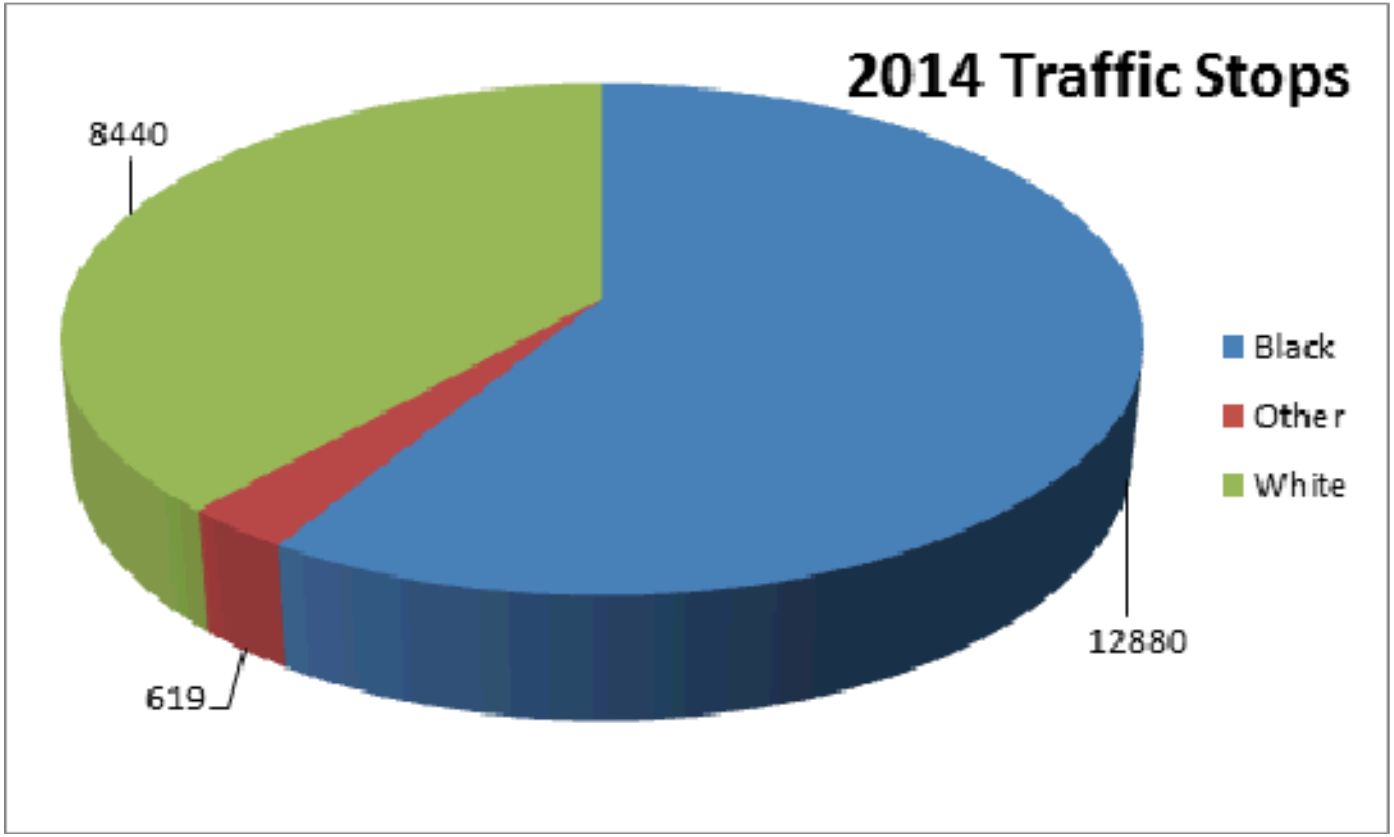
Demographics



- 12,880 (58.7%) Black
- 8,440 (38.5%) White

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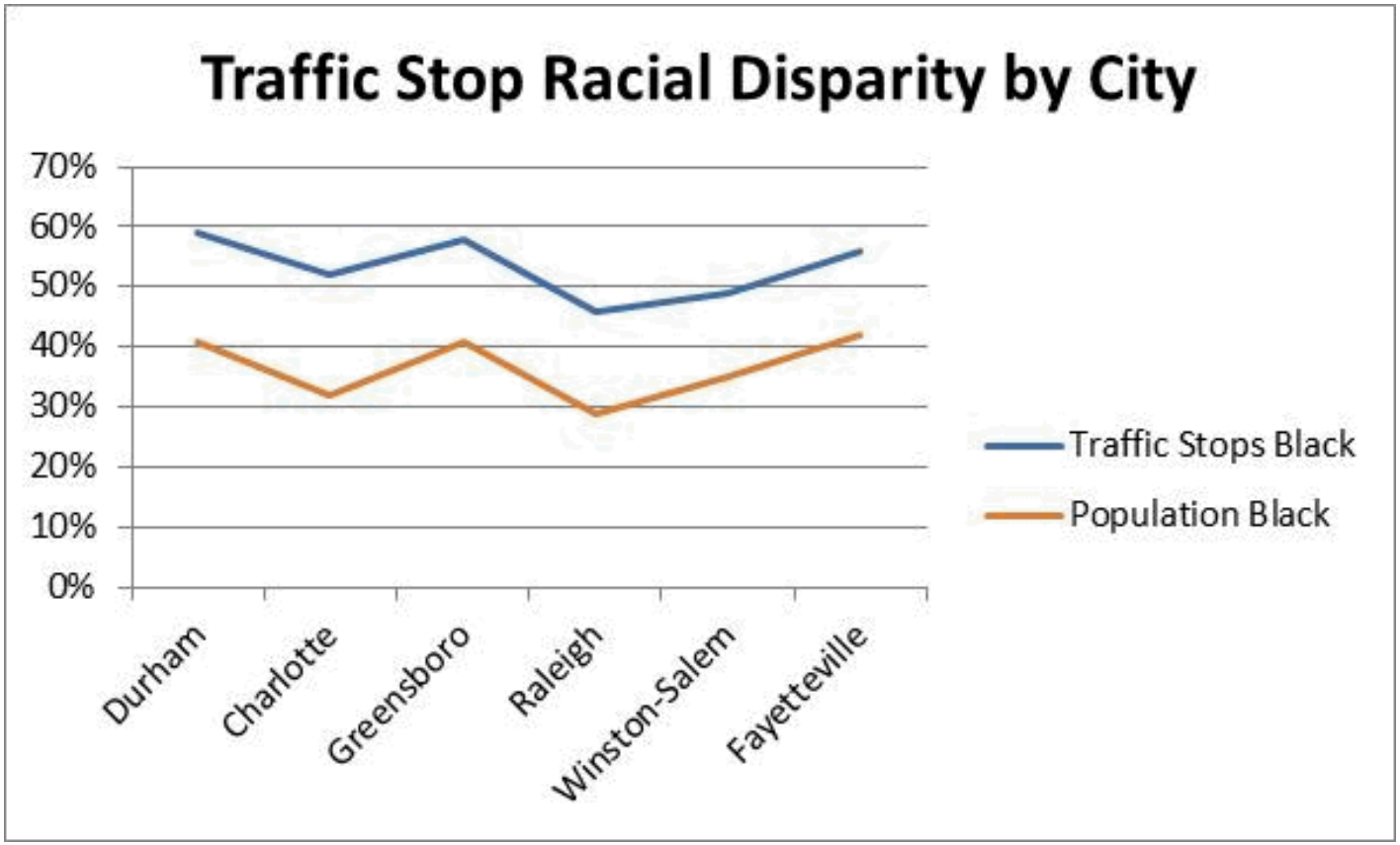
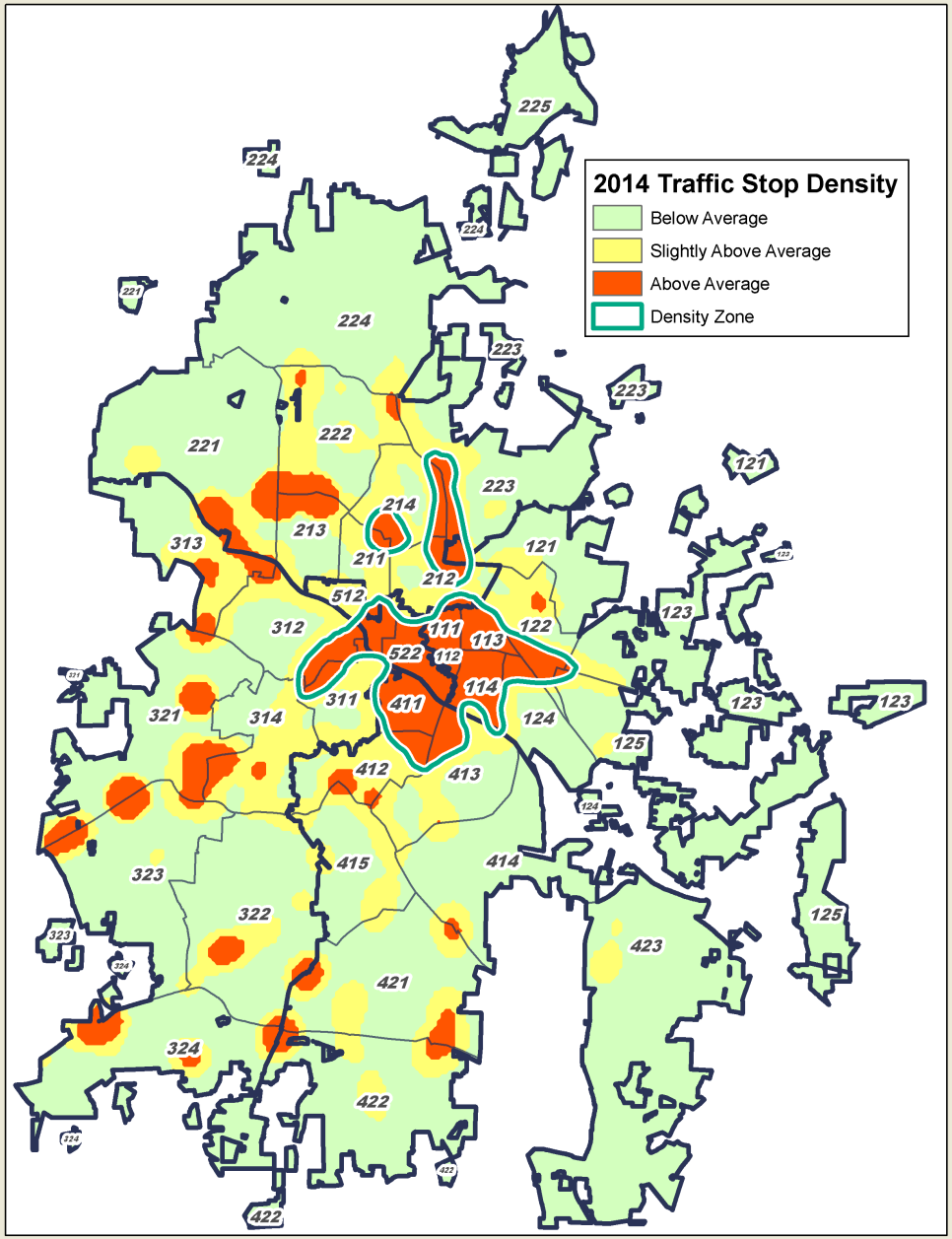
Disparity Analysis



Durham had relatively similar rates of racial disparity for both stops and searches as other major cities in North Carolina.

Traffic Stop Density



7,621 stops in a 6.5 square mile area (34.3% of all vehicle stops in the city)

- **61% Black**
- **21% White**
- **17% Other**

Area accounts for 27% of all crimes in the city and 31% of all calls for service.

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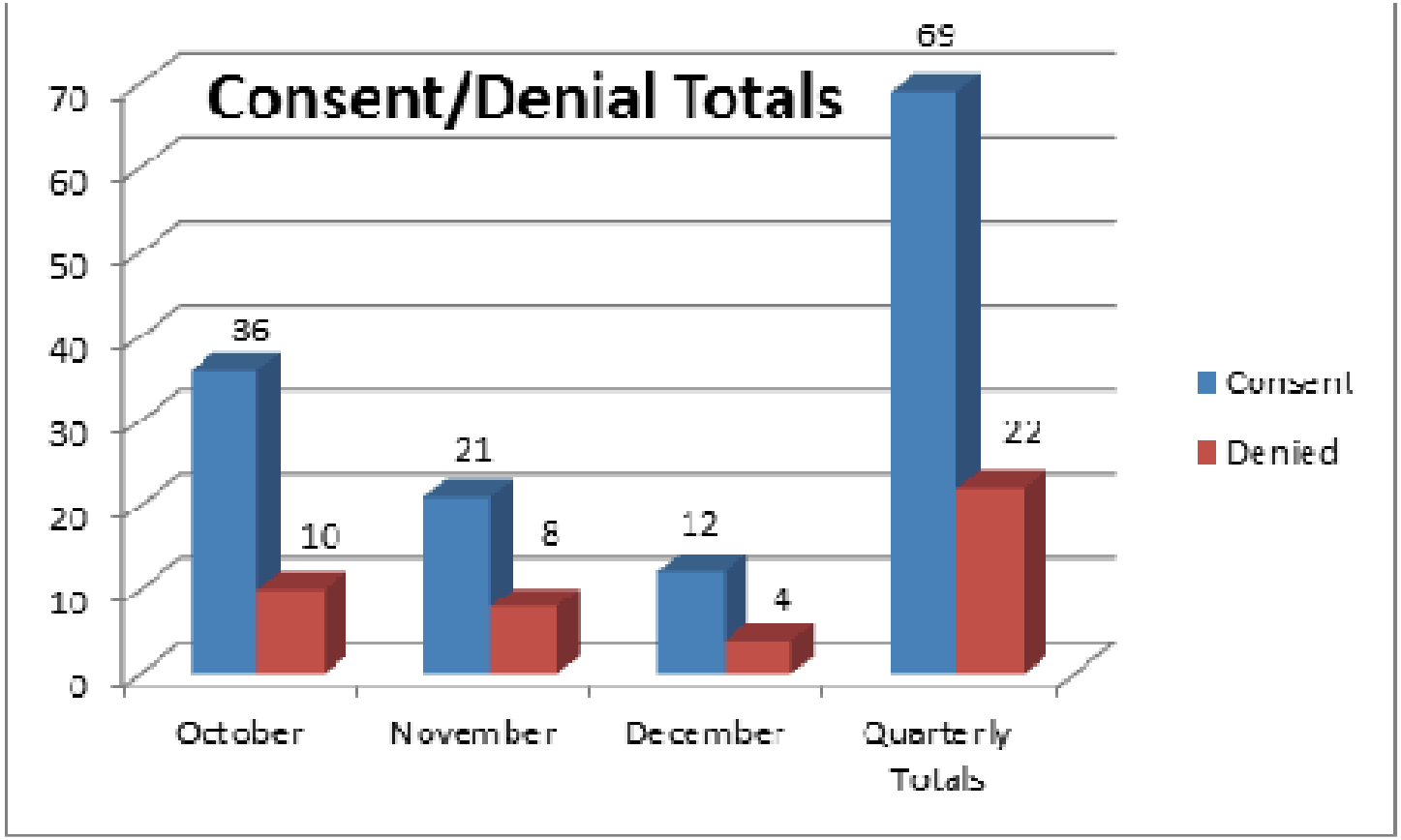
Consent Searches



91 requests
Oct. – Dec. 2014

69 granted;
22 denied

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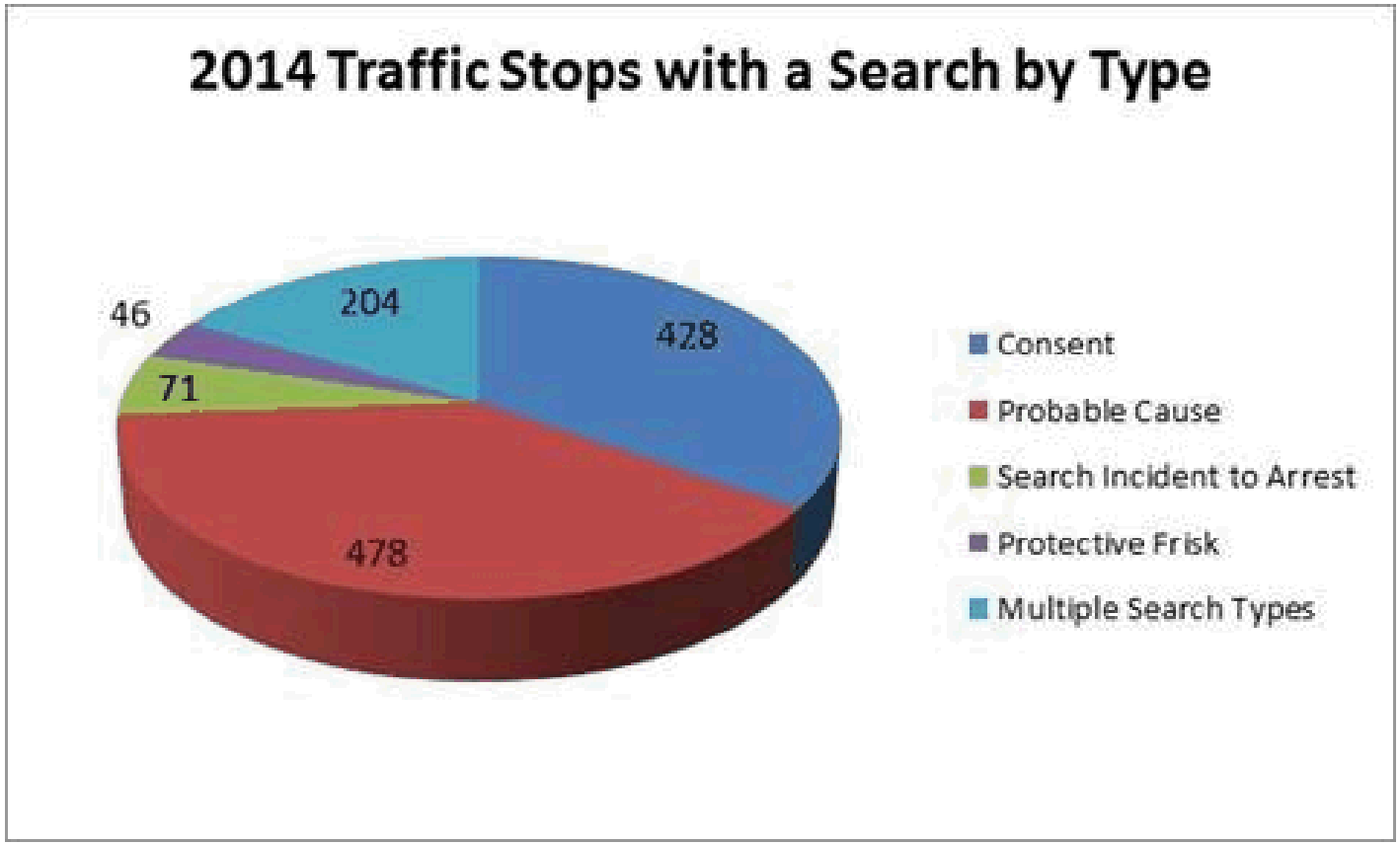
Traffic Stop Results



Of the 21,939 traffic stops in 2014, only 5.56% resulted in some type of search being conducted.

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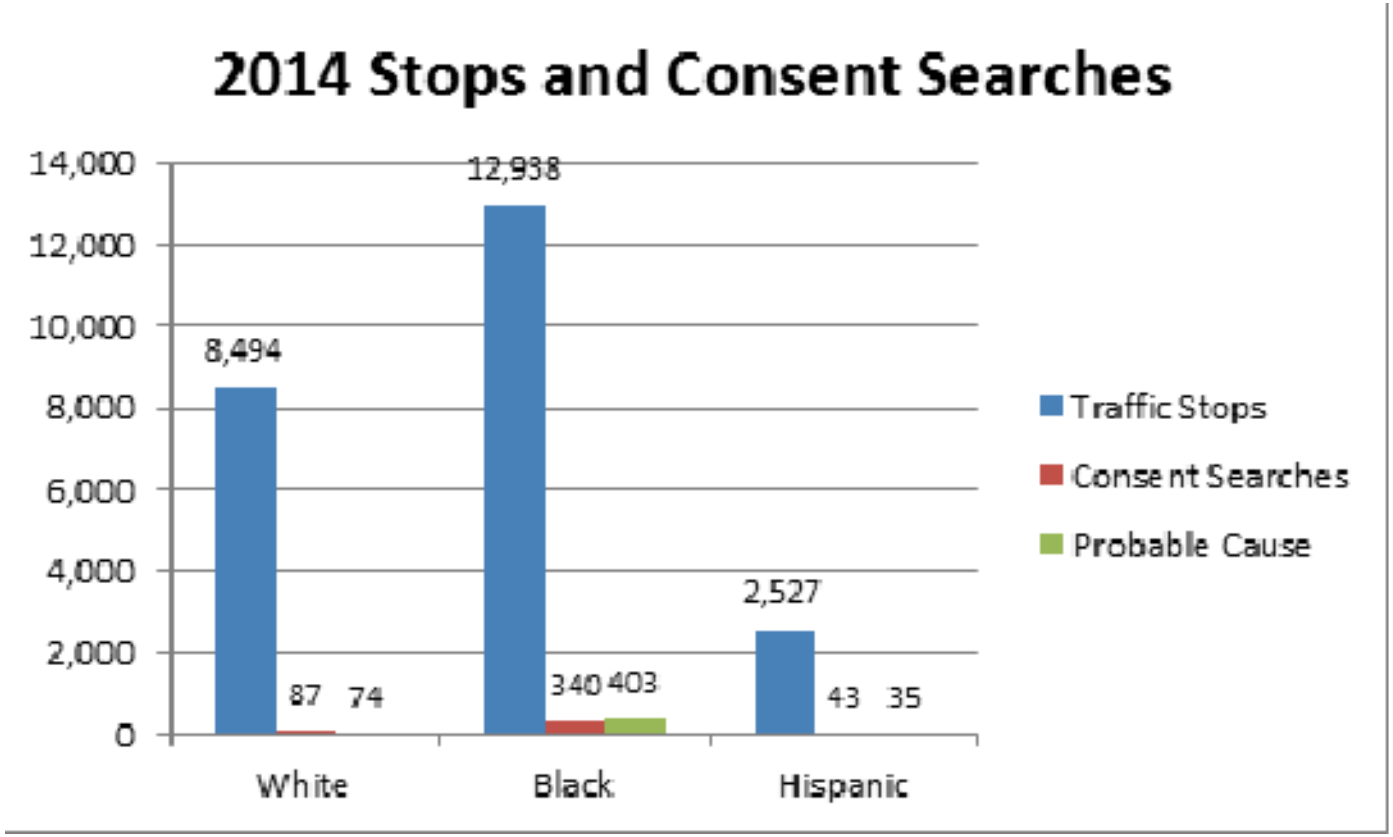

Of the 12,938 traffic stops of black drivers, 2.6% resulted in consent searches.

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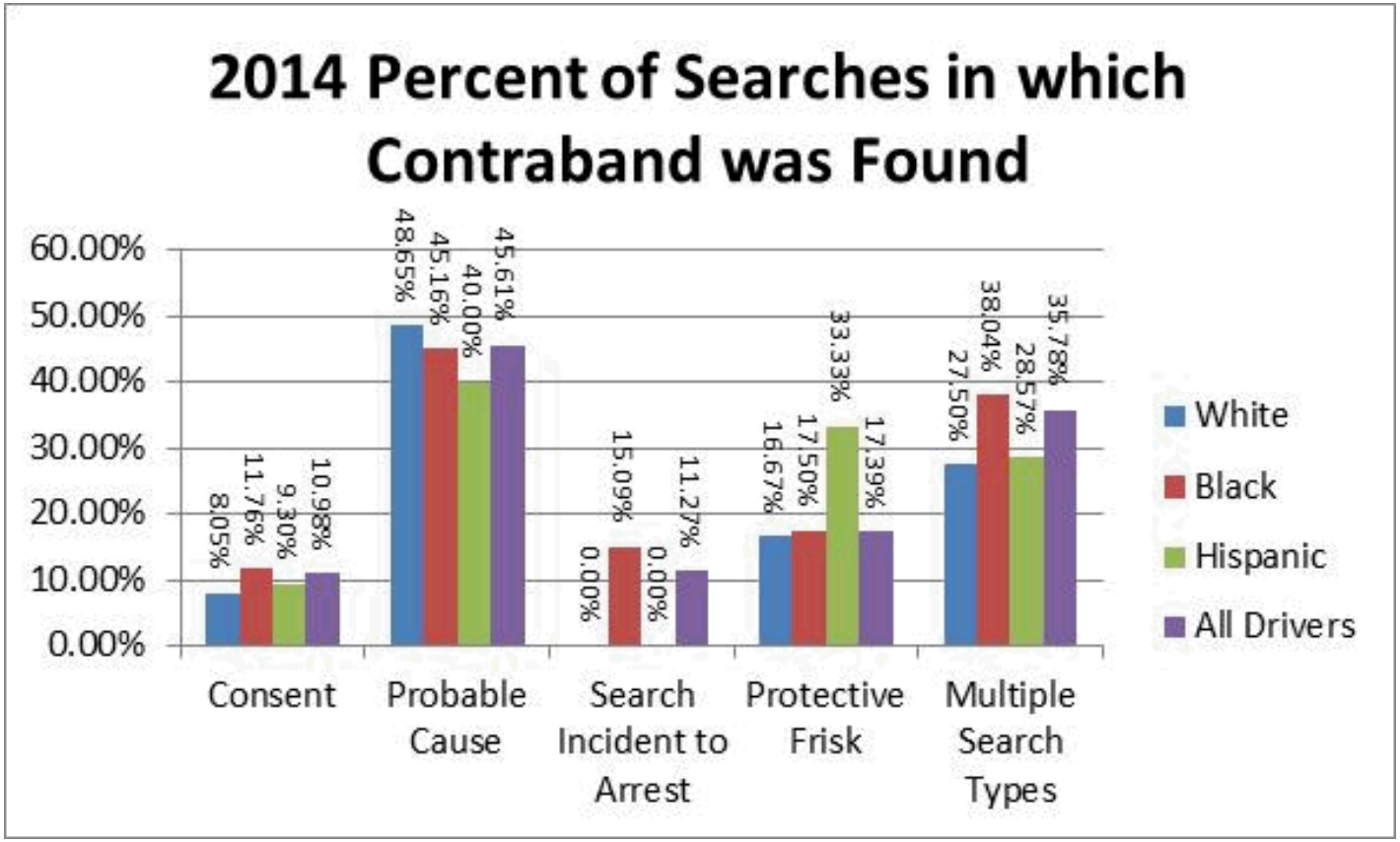
Contraband Found



Of the 1,227 traffic stops in which a search occurred, 354 (28.85%) resulted in contraband being found.

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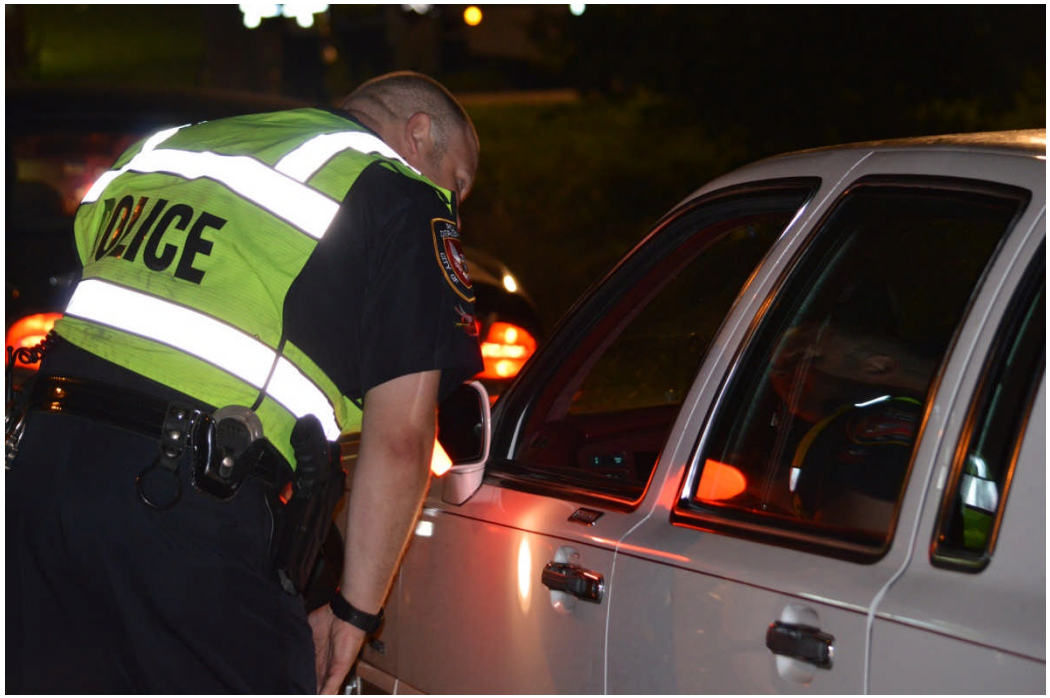
Findings



- Biannually, the Department conducts detailed analysis for any officer with at least 25 traffic stops and a 75% or higher stop rate of minorities.
- Analysis includes time and location of the stop, whether a search occurred, driver demographics, and a random review of the in-car camera video for the officers' stops.
- Based on our analysis, no unexplained disparities were identified.

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