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# Traffic Stop Data Collection Policies for State Police, 2004

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Codebook

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# Bibliographic Description

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| ICPSR Study No.: | 4288 |
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| Principal Investigator(s): | United States Department of Justice. Bureau of Justice Statistics |
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# Scope of Study

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|---|---|
| Summary: | This collection contains survey data collected at the end of October 2004 from the 49 state law enforcement agencies in the United States that had traffic patrol responsibility. Information was gathered about their policies for recording race and ethnicity data for persons in traffic stops, including the circumstances under which demographic data should be collected for traffic-related stops and whether such information should be stored in an electronically accessible format. The survey was not designed to obtain available agency databases containing traffic stop records. |
| Subject Term(s): | data, ethnic identity, ethnicity, police patrol, policies and procedures, race, traffic |
| Smallest Geographic Unit: | state |
| Geographic Coverage: | United States |
| Time Period: | 2004 |
| Date(s) of Collection: | October 2004 |
| Unit of Observation: | agency |
| Universe: | State law enforcement agencies in the United States with traffic patrol responsibility. |

Data Type: survey data

## Methodology

Mode of Data Collection: self-enumerated questionnaire

Extent of Processing: UNDOCCHK.ICPSR/ REFORM.DOC/ DDEF.ICPSR/ CDBK.ICPSR

## Access and Availability

Extent of Collection: 1 data file + machine-readable documentation (PDF) + SAS setup file + SPSS setup file + Stata setup file

Data Format: Logical Record Length with SAS, SPSS, and Stata setup files, SAS transport (XPORT) file, SPSS portable file, and Stata system file

Original ICPSR Release: 2005-08-15

Note: Detailed file-level information (such as LRECL, case count, and variable count) may be found in the file manifest.

# Codebook for ICPSR 04288

# Traffic Stop Data Collection Policies for State Police, 2004

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|
| | Please Note: The "(M)" to the right of the value indicates the code has been designated as a missing value. |
| CASEID | CASE ID |

Start: 1
End: 7
Width: 7
Type: character (ISO)
Interval: discrete

| *Value* | *Frequency* | *%* |
|---|---|---|
| 2-10-1 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-10 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-11 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-12 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-13 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-14 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-15 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-16 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-17 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-18 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-19 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-2 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-20 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-21 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-22 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-23 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-24 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-25 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-26 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-27 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-28 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-29 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-3 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-30 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-31 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-32 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-33 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-34 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-35 | 1 | 2.0 % |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

CASEID — CASE ID *(cont.)*

| *Value* | *Frequency* | *%* |
|---|---|---|
| 2-10-36 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-37 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-38 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-39 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-4 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-40 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-41 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-42 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-43 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-44 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-45 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-46 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-47 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-48 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-49 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-5 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-6 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-7 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-8 | 1 | 2.0 % |
| 2-10-9 | 1 | 2.0 % |

STATEAB — STATE ABBREVIATION

Start: 8
End: 9
Width: 2
Type: character (ISO)
Interval: discrete

| *Value* | *Frequency* | *%* |
|---|---|---|
| AK | 1 | 2.0 % |
| AL | 1 | 2.0 % |
| AR | 1 | 2.0 % |
| AZ | 1 | 2.0 % |
| CA | 1 | 2.0 % |
| CO | 1 | 2.0 % |
| CT | 1 | 2.0 % |
| DE | 1 | 2.0 % |
| FL | 1 | 2.0 % |
| GA | 1 | 2.0 % |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|
| STATEAB | STATE ABBREVIATION *(cont.)* |

| *Value* | *Frequency* | *%* |
|---|---|---|
| IA | 1 | 2.0 % |
| ID | 1 | 2.0 % |
| IL | 1 | 2.0 % |
| IN | 1 | 2.0 % |
| KS | 1 | 2.0 % |
| KY | 1 | 2.0 % |
| LA | 1 | 2.0 % |
| MA | 1 | 2.0 % |
| MD | 1 | 2.0 % |
| ME | 1 | 2.0 % |
| MI | 1 | 2.0 % |
| MN | 1 | 2.0 % |
| MO | 1 | 2.0 % |
| MS | 1 | 2.0 % |
| MT | 1 | 2.0 % |
| NC | 1 | 2.0 % |
| ND | 1 | 2.0 % |
| NE | 1 | 2.0 % |
| NH | 1 | 2.0 % |
| NJ | 1 | 2.0 % |
| NM | 1 | 2.0 % |
| NV | 1 | 2.0 % |
| NY | 1 | 2.0 % |
| OH | 1 | 2.0 % |
| OK | 1 | 2.0 % |
| OR | 1 | 2.0 % |
| PA | 1 | 2.0 % |
| RI | 1 | 2.0 % |
| SC | 1 | 2.0 % |
| SD | 1 | 2.0 % |
| TN | 1 | 2.0 % |
| TX | 1 | 2.0 % |
| UT | 1 | 2.0 % |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

STATEAB — STATE ABBREVIATION *(cont.)*

| *Value* | *Frequency* | *%* |
|---|---|---|
| VA | 1 | 2.0 % |
| VT | 1 | 2.0 % |
| WA | 1 | 2.0 % |
| WI | 1 | 2.0 % |
| WV | 1 | 2.0 % |
| WY | 1 | 2.0 % |

STATENAM — STATE NAME

Start: 10
End: 59
Width: 50
Type: character (ISO)
Interval: discrete

| *Value* | *Frequency* | *%* |
|---|---|---|
| Alabama | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Alaska | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Arizona | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Arkansas | 1 | 2.0 % |
| California | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Colorado | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Connecticut | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Delaware | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Florida | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Georgia | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Idaho | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Illinois | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Indiana | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Iowa | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Kansas | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Kentucky | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Louisiana | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Maine | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Maryland | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Massachusetts | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Michigan | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Minnesota | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Mississippi | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Missouri | 1 | 2.0 % |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

STATENAM — STATE NAME *(cont.)*

| *Value* | *Frequency* | *%* |
|---|---|---|
| Montana | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Nebraska | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Nevada | 1 | 2.0 % |
| New Hampshire | 1 | 2.0 % |
| New Jersey | 1 | 2.0 % |
| New Mexico | 1 | 2.0 % |
| New York | 1 | 2.0 % |
| North Carolina | 1 | 2.0 % |
| North Dakota | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Ohio | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Oklahoma | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Oregon | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Pennsylvania | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Rhode Island | 1 | 2.0 % |
| South Carolina | 1 | 2.0 % |
| South Dakota | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Tennessee | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Texas | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Utah | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Vermont | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Virginia | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Washington | 1 | 2.0 % |
| West Virginia | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Wisconsin | 1 | 2.0 % |
| Wyoming | 1 | 2.0 % |

V1A — COLLECT RACE OF MOTORISTS AS OF 10/1/04

Start: 60
End: 60
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 20 | 40.8 % | 40.8% |
| 1 | Yes | 29 | 59.2 % | 59.2% |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.59 | 0.50 |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

## V1B — PREVIOUSLY COLLECTED SUCH INFORMATION

Start: 61
End: 61
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 2 | 4.1 % | 10.0% |
| 1 | Yes | 18 | 36.7 % | 90.0% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 29 | 59.2 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.90 | 0.31 |

## V1BF — V1B FLAG

Start: 62
End: 62
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | Actual response | 7 | 14.3 % | 14.3% |
| 1 | Analyst adjustment | 13 | 26.5 % | 26.5% |
| 8 | Skip | 29 | 59.2 % | 59.2% |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 0.00 | 8.00 | 5.00 | 3.66 |

## V1C — PLAN TO COLLECT THIS INFO. NEXT YEAR

Start: 63
End: 63
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 14 | 28.6 % | 73.7% |
| 1 | Yes | 5 | 10.2 % | 26.3% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 29 | 59.2 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 1 | 2.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.26 | 0.45 |

## V2A — AUTHORITY FOR DATA COLLECTION: STATE LAW

Start: 64
End: 64
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 12 | 24.5 % | 42.9% |
| 1 | Yes | 16 | 32.7 % | 57.1% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 1 | 2.0 % | - |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

V2A AUTHORITY FOR DATA COLLECTION: STATE LAW *(cont.)*

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.57 | 0.50 |

V2B AUTHORITY FOR COLLECT.: INTERNAL POLICY

Start: 65
End: 65
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 13 | 26.5 % | 46.4% |
| 1 | Yes | 15 | 30.6 % | 53.6% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 1 | 2.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.54 | 0.51 |

V2C AUTHORITY: FEDERAL CONSENT DECREE

Start: 66
End: 66
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 26 | 53.1 % | 92.9% |
| 1 | Yes | 2 | 4.1 % | 7.1% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 1 | 2.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.07 | 0.26 |

V2D AUTHORITY FOR COLLECTION: COURT ACTION

Start: 67
End: 67
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 26 | 53.1 % | 92.9% |
| 1 | Yes | 2 | 4.1 % | 7.1% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 1 | 2.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.07 | 0.26 |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

## V2E AUTHORITY FOR COLLECTION - VOLUNTARY

Start: 68
End: 68
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 23 | 46.9 % | 82.1% |
| 1 | Yes | 5 | 10.2 % | 17.9% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 1 | 2.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.18 | 0.39 |

## V3A UNITS IN REQUIREMENT - TRAFFIC PATROL

Start: 69
End: 69
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 0 | 0.0 % | 0.0% |
| 1 | Yes | 29 | 59.2 % | 100.0% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 |

## V3B UNITS IN REQUIREMENT - INVESTIGATIVE

Start: 70
End: 70
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 18 | 36.7 % | 62.1% |
| 1 | Yes | 11 | 22.4 % | 37.9% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.38 | 0.49 |

## V3C UNITS INCLUDED IN REQUIREMENT - SPECIAL

Start: 71
End: 71
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 19 | 38.8 % | 65.5% |
| 1 | Yes | 10 | 20.4 % | 34.5% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

V3C — UNITS INCLUDED IN REQUIREMENT - SPECIAL *(cont.)*

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.34 | 0.48 |

V3D — UNITS IN REQUIREMNT - GEOGRAPHIC

Start: 72
End: 72
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 24 | 49.0 % | 82.8% |
| 1 | Yes | 5 | 10.2 % | 17.2% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.17 | 0.38 |

V3E — UNITS INCLUDED IN REQUIREMENT - OTHER

Start: 73
End: 73
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 27 | 55.1 % | 93.1% |
| 1 | Yes | 2 | 4.1 % | 6.9% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.07 | 0.26 |

V4A — CIRCUMSTANCES: INITIATED TRAFFIC STOPS

Start: 74
End: 74
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 7 | 14.3 % | 24.1% |
| 1 | Yes | 22 | 44.9 % | 75.9% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.76 | 0.44 |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

## V4B — CIRCUMSTANCES: REACTIVE TRAFFIC STOPS

Start: 75
End: 75
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 21 | 42.9 % | 72.4% |
| 1 | Yes | 8 | 16.3 % | 27.6% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.28 | 0.45 |

## V4C — CIRCUMSTANCES: STOPS RESLT IN CITATION

Start: 76
End: 76
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 11 | 22.4 % | 37.9% |
| 1 | Yes | 18 | 36.7 % | 62.1% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.62 | 0.49 |

## V4D — CIRCUMSTANCES: STOPS RESULTED IN ARREST

Start: 77
End: 77
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 12 | 24.5 % | 41.4% |
| 1 | Yes | 17 | 34.7 % | 58.6% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.59 | 0.50 |

## V4E — CIRCUMSTANCES: VEHICLE/OCCUPANT SEARCH

Start: 78
End: 78
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 15 | 30.6 % | 51.7% |
| 1 | Yes | 14 | 28.6 % | 48.3% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

## V4E CIRCUMSTANCES: VEHICLE/OCCUPANT SEARCH *(cont.)*

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.48 | 0.51 |

## V4F CIRCUMSTANCES: OUT-OF-FORCE ENCOUNTERS

Start: 79
End: 79
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 16 | 32.7 % | 55.2% |
| 1 | Yes | 13 | 26.5 % | 44.8% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.45 | 0.51 |

## V5A HOW TO DETERMINE RACE - OBSERVATION

Start: 80
End: 80
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 2 | 4.1 % | 6.9% |
| 1 | Yes | 27 | 55.1 % | 93.1% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.93 | 0.26 |

## V5B HOW TO DETERMINE RACE - ORALLY BY DRIVER

Start: 81
End: 81
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 18 | 36.7 % | 62.1% |
| 1 | Yes | 11 | 22.4 % | 37.9% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.38 | 0.49 |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

## V5C — HOW TO DETERMINE RACE - DOCUMENTS

Start: 82
End: 82
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 17 | 34.7 % | 58.6% |
| 1 | Yes | 12 | 24.5 % | 41.4% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.41 | 0.50 |

## V6A — METHODS - RADIO COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCH

Start: 83
End: 83
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 24 | 49.0 % | 82.8% |
| 1 | Yes | 5 | 10.2 % | 17.2% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.17 | 0.38 |

## V6B — METHODS - PAPER FORM FILLED OUT AT SCENE

Start: 84
End: 84
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 5 | 10.2 % | 17.2% |
| 1 | Yes | 24 | 49.0 % | 82.8% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.83 | 0.38 |

## V6C — METHODS - ENTERED ON COMPUTER AT SCENE

Start: 85
End: 85
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 20 | 40.8 % | 69.0% |
| 1 | Yes | 9 | 18.4 % | 31.0% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

V6C METHODS - ENTERED ON COMPUTER AT SCENE *(cont.)*

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.31 | 0.47 |

V6D METHODS - ON-LINE DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM

Start: 86
End: 86
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 25 | 51.0 % | 86.2% |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 8.2 % | 13.8% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.14 | 0.35 |

V6E METHODS - VIDEO SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT

Start: 87
End: 87
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 25 | 51.0 % | 86.2% |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 8.2 % | 13.8% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.14 | 0.35 |

V7A TO RECORD INITIAL REASON FOR THE STOP

Start: 88
End: 88
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 6 | 12.2 % | 20.7% |
| 1 | Yes | 23 | 46.9 % | 79.3% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.79 | 0.41 |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

## V7B — REQUIRED TO RECORD DATE OF THE STOP

Start: 89
End: 89
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 2 | 4.1 % | 6.9% |
| 1 | Yes | 27 | 55.1 % | 93.1% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.93 | 0.26 |

## V7C — REQUIRED TO RECORD TIME OF THE STOP

Start: 90
End: 90
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 3 | 6.1 % | 10.3% |
| 1 | Yes | 26 | 53.1 % | 89.7% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.90 | 0.31 |

## V7D — REQUIRED TO RECORD LOCATION OF THE STOP

Start: 91
End: 91
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 5 | 10.2 % | 17.2% |
| 1 | Yes | 24 | 49.0 % | 82.8% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.83 | 0.38 |

## V7E — TO RECORD LICENSE NUM OF VEHICLE STOPPED

Start: 92
End: 92
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 8 | 16.3 % | 27.6% |
| 1 | Yes | 21 | 42.9 % | 72.4% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

## V7E TO RECORD LICENSE NUM OF VEHICLE STOPPED *(cont.)*

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.72 | 0.45 |

## V7F TO RECORD DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE

Start: 93
End: 93
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 13 | 26.5 % | 44.8% |
| 1 | Yes | 16 | 32.7 % | 55.2% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.55 | 0.51 |

## V7G TO RECORD ID OF OFFICER INVOLVED

Start: 94
End: 94
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 5 | 10.2 % | 17.2% |
| 1 | Yes | 24 | 49.0 % | 82.8% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.83 | 0.38 |

## V7H TO RECORD GENDER OF MOTORISTS

Start: 95
End: 95
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 3 | 6.1 % | 10.3% |
| 1 | Yes | 26 | 53.1 % | 89.7% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.90 | 0.31 |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

## V7I — TO RECORD RESIDENCY OF MOTORISTS

Start: 96
End: 96
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 12 | 24.5 % | 41.4% |
| 1 | Yes | 17 | 34.7 % | 58.6% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.59 | 0.50 |

## V7J — REQUIRED TO RECORD AGE OF MOTORISTS

Start: 97
End: 97
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 8 | 16.3 % | 27.6% |
| 1 | Yes | 21 | 42.9 % | 72.4% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.72 | 0.45 |

## V7K — REQUIRED TO RECORD ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Start: 98
End: 98
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 2 | 4.1 % | 6.9% |
| 1 | Yes | 27 | 55.1 % | 93.1% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.93 | 0.26 |

## V7L — REQUIRED TO RECORD IF USE OF FORCE INVOL

Start: 99
End: 99
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 17 | 34.7 % | 60.7% |
| 1 | Yes | 11 | 22.4 % | 39.3% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 1 | 2.0 % | - |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

V7L — REQUIRED TO RECORD IF USE OF FORCE INVOL *(cont.)*

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.39 | 0.50 |

V7M — REQUIRED TO RECORD IF SEARCH CONDUCTED

Start: 100
End: 100
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 6 | 12.2 % | 20.7% |
| 1 | Yes | 23 | 46.9 % | 79.3% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.79 | 0.41 |

V8 — RACE/ETHNICITY DATA MAINTAINED ON

Start: 101
End: 101
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Paper | 3 | 6.1 % | 10.3% |
| 2 | Electronic | 10 | 20.4 % | 34.5% |
| 3 | Both | 16 | 32.7 % | 55.2% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 1.00 | 3.00 | 2.45 | 0.69 |

V9 — TRAFFIC STOP DATA LINKED TO DATA SYSTEM

Start: 102
End: 102
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 12 | 24.5 % | 41.4% |
| 1 | Yes | 17 | 34.7 % | 58.6% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.59 | 0.50 |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

## V10A — DATA MADE AVAILABLE TO GENERAL PUBLIC

Start: 103
End: 103
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 7 | 14.3 % | 24.1% |
| 1 | Yes | 22 | 44.9 % | 75.9% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.76 | 0.44 |

## V10B1 — DATA AVAILABLE ON INTERNET

Start: 104
End: 104
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 16 | 32.7 % | 72.7% |
| 1 | Yes | 6 | 12.2 % | 27.3% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 27 | 55.1 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.27 | 0.46 |

## V10B2 — AVAILABLE IN REPORT PUBLISHED USING DATA

Start: 105
End: 105
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 13 | 26.5 % | 59.1% |
| 1 | Yes | 9 | 18.4 % | 40.9% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 27 | 55.1 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.41 | 0.50 |

## V10B3 — DATA AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Start: 106
End: 106
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 9 | 18.4 % | 40.9% |
| 1 | Yes | 13 | 26.5 % | 59.1% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 27 | 55.1 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| Variable | Variable Description |
|---|---|

V10B3 DATA AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST *(cont.)*

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.59 | 0.50 |

V10B4 DATA AVAILABLE IN OTHER FORMATS

Start: 107
End: 107
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 20 | 40.8 % | 90.9% |
| 1 | Yes | 2 | 4.1 % | 9.1% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 27 | 55.1 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.09 | 0.29 |

V12 STANDARDIZED TRAFFIC STOP COLLECT. FORM

Start: 108
End: 108
Width: 1
Type: numeric (ISO)
Interval: discrete
Missing: 8, 9

| *Value* | *Label* | *Frequency* | *%* | *Valid %* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | No | 11 | 22.4 % | 37.9% |
| 1 | Yes | 18 | 36.7 % | 62.1% |
| 8 (M) | Valid skip | 20 | 40.8 % | - |
| 9 (M) | Missing | 0 | 0.0 % | - |

| *Valid* | *Min* | *Max* | *Mean* | *Stdev* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.62 | 0.49 |

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# Traffic Stop Data Collection Policies for State Police, 2004

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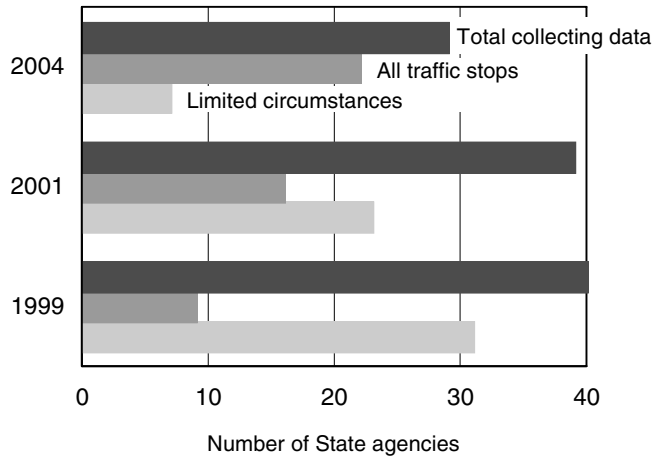
**In 2004, 22 State police agencies required their officers to collect race or ethnicity data for all traffic stops, an increase of 6 agencies since 2001 and 13 agencies since 1999**




As of October 2004, 29 of the Nation's 49 State law enforcement agencies whose primary duties include highway patrol required their traffic patrol officers to record motorists' race or ethnicity during traffic stops. Twenty-two State agencies required officers to record race or ethnicity data for all officer initiated stops, and seven in more limited circumstances.

The 22 State police agencies collecting race or ethnicity data for all traffic stops represent an increase of 6 States since 2001 and 13 States since 1999.* Among the 20 agencies that did not require traffic patrol officers to collect race or ethnicity data in 2004, 14 agencies previously reported collection of race or ethnicity data in 2001.

In addition to traffic patrol units, 12 of the 29 State agencies reported that specialized units (such as investigative units) were also required to collect race or ethnicity data.

## State policies for collecting racial data during traffic stops

As of October 2004, 29 of the 49 State police agencies with patrol duties required officers to collect the race or ethnicity of drivers under the following traffic stop-related scenarios:

*All officer initiated traffic stops* — 22 agencies collected the arrestee's race or ethnicity.

*Traffic citation* — 18 States recorded the race or ethnicity of the driver during stops in which a traffic citation was issued.

*Arrest from a traffic stop* — 17 agencies collected the arrestee's race or ethnicity.

*Search of vehicle or occupant* — 14 State police agencies collected the driver's race or ethnicity if a search was conducted.

*Use-of-force encounter during traffic stop* — 13 State agencies collected the motorist's race or ethnicity when force was used during the stop.

*Reactive traffic stops* — 8 State agencies collected the motorist's race or ethnicity during reactive stops (for

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*See *Traffic Stop Data Collection Policies for State Police, 1999* (NCJ 180776) and *Traffic Stop Data Collection Policies for State Police, 2001* (NCJ 191158).

example, in response to an accident or DUI check point) (table 2).

**Mandate for data collection**

In some cases State law enforcement agencies have been mandated to implement their data collection practices by State law or Federal consent decree, while other data collection policies were enacted because of an internal State police policy.

Of the 22 State police agencies with procedures that require the collection of race or ethnicity data for each stop, 7 agencies responded to a State law or Executive Order, 6 implemented an internal policy, 4 responded to both a State law or Executive Order and an internal policy, and 1 (California) collected data voluntarily in response to a court action.

One agency (Maryland) responded to both a State law or Executive Order and consent decree, 1 (New Jersey) was acting in accordance with both internal police agency policy and a Federal consent decree, and 1 (Rhode Island) collected data in response to both a State law or Executive Order and a court action.

Among the seven State police agencies that required the collection of race or ethnicity data on some, but not all, stops, most (5) did so as part of an internal police policy and/or State law or executive order. The remaining two agencies collected race or ethnicity data on a voluntary basis.

**Collection of additional data items**

For those State police agencies which were required to collect race or ethnicity data at least under some circumstances, other data elements were also frequently collected (table 1).

In addition to race or ethnicity data, half or more of the State police agencies required law enforcement officers to record one or more of the following: the identity of the officer; the gender of the motorist; the type of enforcement action taken; and the date, time, and location of the traffic stop.

**Data collection format**

The most common format to collect race or ethnicity of motorists, used by 24 agencies, was the paper-based form filled out by the officer at the scene. Sixteen agencies used paper forms only, six used paper forms and electronic means (laptop computers, mobile data terminals, or other on-line methods), and two used paper forms and verbal transmission via radio.

A total of 10 State agencies used laptop computers, mobile data terminals (MDT), or other on-line methods to collect race/ethnicity data. Three of the agencies used electronic methods exclusively.

Five agencies reported that they verbally relayed the information to a radio communication dispatch. One agency used radio exclusively.

Two agencies reported the use of mounted video surveillance in conjunction with other methods.

Eighteen agencies in 2004 reported the use of a standardized collection form for data on race or ethnicity of motorists stopped.

**Determination of race or ethnicity**

Most agencies (27) relied on their officers' observation of the driver's race or ethnicity as the method of determining the race or ethnicity of the motorist. Officer observation was the exclusive method in 15 State agencies.

Twelve agencies also used information on motorist race or ethnicity from the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles or equivalent agency. This method was used exclusively by two agencies.

**Table 1. Agencies that required the collection of information in addition to the driver's race or ethnicity, 2004**

| Data item | Number of States collecting data |
|---|---|
| Type of enforcement action taken | 27 |
| Gender of motorist | 26 |
| Date, time, and location of stop | 24 |
| Identity of officers involved in stop | 24 |
| Initial reason for the stop | 23 |
| Search conducted | 23 |
| Age of motorist | 21 |
| License number of vehicle stopped | 21 |
| Residency of motorist | 17 |
| Description of vehicle stopped | 16 |
| Use of force | 11 |

Eleven agencies also used information provided orally by the motorist. None of the State agencies used this method alone.

Nine of the State agencies used all three sources (officer observation, motorist self identification, and Bureau of Motor Vehicle data) to determine the driver's race or ethnicity.

**Accessibility of the data on race or ethnicity**

Among the 29 State police agencies that collected race or ethnicity information on at least some kinds of traffic-related stops, almost all (26) stored these data electronically. Ten stored the data using only electronic means, and 16 used both electronic and paper-based storage. Three agencies used paper storage only.

Seventeen agencies that collected race or ethnicity data linked their traffic stop data to other law enforcement information systems such as dispatch information, citations, officer logs, or bureau of motor vehicle records.

**The Racial Profiling Data Collection Resource Center at Northeastern University**

In June 2001, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), awarded a grant to Northeastern University to create a web-based Racial Profiling Data Collection Resource Center. The website is designed to be a central clearinghouse for police agencies, legislators, researchers, and others to access information about current data collection efforts, legislation and model policies, and methods for collecting and analyzing data. The website can be found at the following URL:

<www.racialprofilinganalysis.neu.edu>

Twenty-two of the 29 State police agencies that collected race or ethnicity data under at least some traffic stop circumstances, made their data available to the public. Nine agencies published reports based on the data.

Six agencies made their data available on the Internet. Nine agencies reported that the data were only made available to the public upon request.

**Table 2. Circumstances during traffic stops in which State police agencies required troopers to collect race or ethnicity data about motorists, by State, 2004**

| | Officer-initiated stops | Reactive traffic stops | Stops resulting in citation | Stops resulting in arrest | Vehicle or occupant searches | Officer use of force | No stops |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Alaska | | | | | | | ■ |
| Arizona | ■ | | | | | | |
| Arkansas | | | | | | | ■ |
| California | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Colorado | | | | | | | ■ |
| Connecticut | ■ | | | | | | |
| Delaware | ■ | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Florida | ■ | | | | | | |
| Georgia | | | | | | | ■ |
| Idaho | | | | | | | ■ |
| Illinois | ■ | | | | | | |
| Indiana | ■ | | ■ | ■ | | ■ | |
| Iowa | | | | | | | ■ |
| Kansas | | | | | | | ■ |
| Kentucky | | | | | | | ■ |
| Louisiana | | | | | | | ■ |
| Maine | | | ■ | ■ | | | |
| Maryland | ■ | | | | | | |
| Massachusetts | | | ■ | ■ | ■ | | |
| Michigan | ■ | | | | | | |
| Minnesota | | | | | | | ■ |
| Mississippi | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Missouri | ■ | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Montana | | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Nebraska | ■ | | | | | | |
| Nevada | | | | | | | ■ |
| New Hampshire | | | | | | | ■ |
| New Jersey | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| New Mexico | | | | | | | ■ |
| New York | | | | | | | ■ |
| North Carolina | ■ | | | | | | |
| North Dakota | | | | | | | ■ |
| Ohio | ■ | | | | | | |
| Oklahoma | | | | | | | ■ |
| Oregon | ■ | | | | | | |
| Pennsylvania | ■ | | ■ | ■ | ■ | | |
| Rhode Island | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| South Carolina | | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| South Dakota | | | | | | | ■ |
| Tennessee | | | ■ | ■ | | | |
| Texas | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | |
| Utah | | | ■ | | | | |
| Vermont | | | | | | | ■ |
| Virginia | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Washington | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| West Virginia | ■ | | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | | | | | | | ■ |
| Wyoming | | | | | | | ■ |
| Total | 22 | 8 | 18 | 17 | 14 | 13 | 20 |

Note: Hawaii and the District of Columbia do not have a formal State police agency.

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## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please **FAX** or **EMAIL** your completed questionnaire to the **Bureau of Justice Statistics** (BJS), **ATTN: Lynn Bauer** at **(202) 616-1351** or email to lynn.bauer@usdoj.gov before **October 30, 2004**.

1a. **As of October 1, 2004, does your State police agency require officers to collect race or ethnicity data of motorists stopped?**

☐ Yes (Please specify when you began collecting these data and skip to question 2.)

_____

☐ No (Please continue to question 1b.)

1b. **Have you previously collected such information?**

☐ Yes (Please specify reasons for stopping.)

☐ No

1c. **Do you plan to collect this information anytime in the next year?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please STOP HERE and return the form as requested. Thank you.

2. **What is the authority for the State police data collection in question** (check all that apply)**?**

☐ State law (or State executive order)
☐ Internal State Police agency policy
☐ Federal consent decree
☐ Court action
☐ Voluntary

3. **Which units of your agency are included in these data collection requirements?**

☐ All traffic patrol units
☐ Investigative units
☐ Special units
☐ Geographic specific units
☐ Other (Please specify below)

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4. **Please indicate which of the following best describes the circumstances under which officers are required to record the race (e.g., White, Black, Asian, or American Indian) or ethnicity (e.g., Hispanic or Non-Hispanic) of motorists, as of October 1, 2004.**

☐ Officer initiated traffic stops
☐ Reactive traffic stops (for example, in response to an accident or DUI check point)
☐ Traffic stops that result in a citation
☐ Traffic stops that result in an arrest
☐ Vehicle/Occupant searches
☐ Use-of-force encounters (related to vehicle stops)

5. **How do officers determine the race or ethnicity of motorists** (check all that apply)**?**

☐ Officer's observation of driver's race or ethnicity
☐ Information provided orally by motorist
☐ Back-up racial or ethnic information collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (including information shown on the driver's license).

6. **Which of the following methods are used to collect information on the race or ethnicity of motorists stopped** (check all that apply)**?**

☐ Information relayed verbally (via radio) to the radio communications dispatch
☐ Paper-based form filled out by officer at the scene
☐ Information entered by officer on laptop, MDT, or other computer device at the scene
☐ On-line data collection system
☐ Mounted video surveillance equipment

If necessary, please provide a more detailed description of the traffic stop collection procedures in place.

Please continue to page 2.

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7. **In addition to the driver's race or ethnicity, are officers required to record any of the following —**

| *Please answer (☒) each item below* | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| a. **Initial reason for the stop** | ☐ | ☐ |
| b. **Date of the stop** | ☐ | ☐ |
| c. **Time of the stop** | ☐ | ☐ |
| d. **Location of the stop** | ☐ | ☐ |
| e. **License number of the vehicle stopped** | ☐ | ☐ |
| f. **Description of the vehicle stopped** | ☐ | ☐ |
| g. **Identity of the officers who initiated or participated in the stop** | ☐ | ☐ |
| h. **Gender of motorists involved in the stop** | ☐ | ☐ |
| i. **Residency of motorists involved in the stop** | ☐ | ☐ |
| j. **Age of motorists involved in the stop** | ☐ | ☐ |
| k. **Type of enforcement action taken as a result of the stop** (this includes non-enforcement) | ☐ | ☐ |
| l. **Whether use of force was involved** | ☐ | ☐ |
| m. **Whether a search was conducted** | ☐ | ☐ |

8. **Are the race/ethnicity data from traffic stops maintained on paper, in an electronic format, or both?**

☐ Paper
☐ Electronic
☐ Both

9. **Is the traffic stop data collection system linked to an existing data system (e.g., dispatch information, citations, officer logs, Bureau of Motor Vehicles records)?**

☐ Yes (Please specify.)

☐ No

10. **Are data on the racial characteristics of motorists in traffic stops made available to the general public?**

☐ Yes, made available

In which of the following formats:

☐ Internet
☐ Report published using data
☐ Data available upon request
☐ Other (Please specify.)

☐ No, not made available

11. **Please describe any problems officers routinely encounter when collecting traffic stop data.**

12. **Does your agency have a standardized traffic stop collection form?**

☐ Yes (Please send a copy of the form to the fax number or e-mail address listed on page 1.)
☐ No

**Please use this space for additional comments.**

Thank you for participating in this data collection.
Please return this survey as directed.