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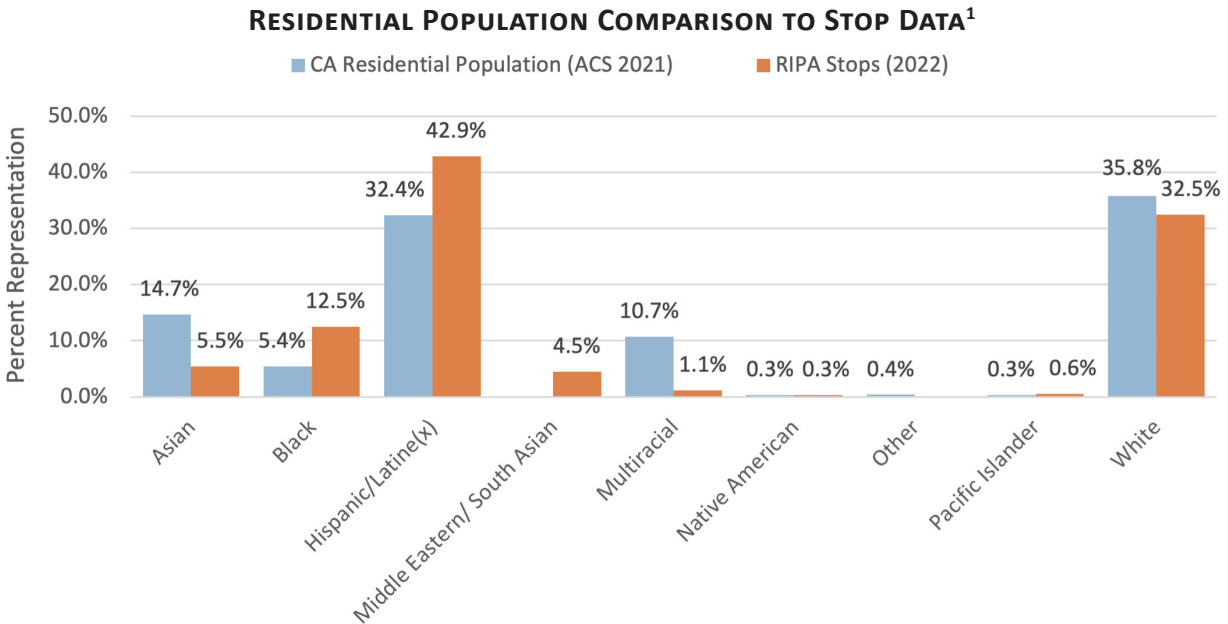
The California Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory Board (Board) is pleased to release its seventh Annual Report (Report). The Report continues to build upon the Board’s prior work by examining additional ways to improve law enforcement and community interactions and reduce racial and identity profiling.

The Report analyzes stop data reported on more than 4.5 million stops by 535 California law enforcement agencies from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Additionally, the Report examines youth interactions with law enforcement, both within and outside of schools. The Report also explores the effect police unions may have on law enforcement accountability and protocols and guidelines for law enforcement training on racial and identity profiling. Furthermore, the Report continues the Board’s examination of pretextual stops, analyzing the results of stops where field interview cards are completed and where the stops result in resisting arrest charges.

To supplement the Report, the Board also includes a summary of Recommendations and Best Practices. The Board encourages all stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, policymakers, the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), researchers, advocates, and community members, to use these recommendations and best practices to propose and implement data-driven reforms. Such reforms can strengthen law enforcement and community relationships and improve public safety for all Californians.

FINDINGS REGARDING STOP DATA

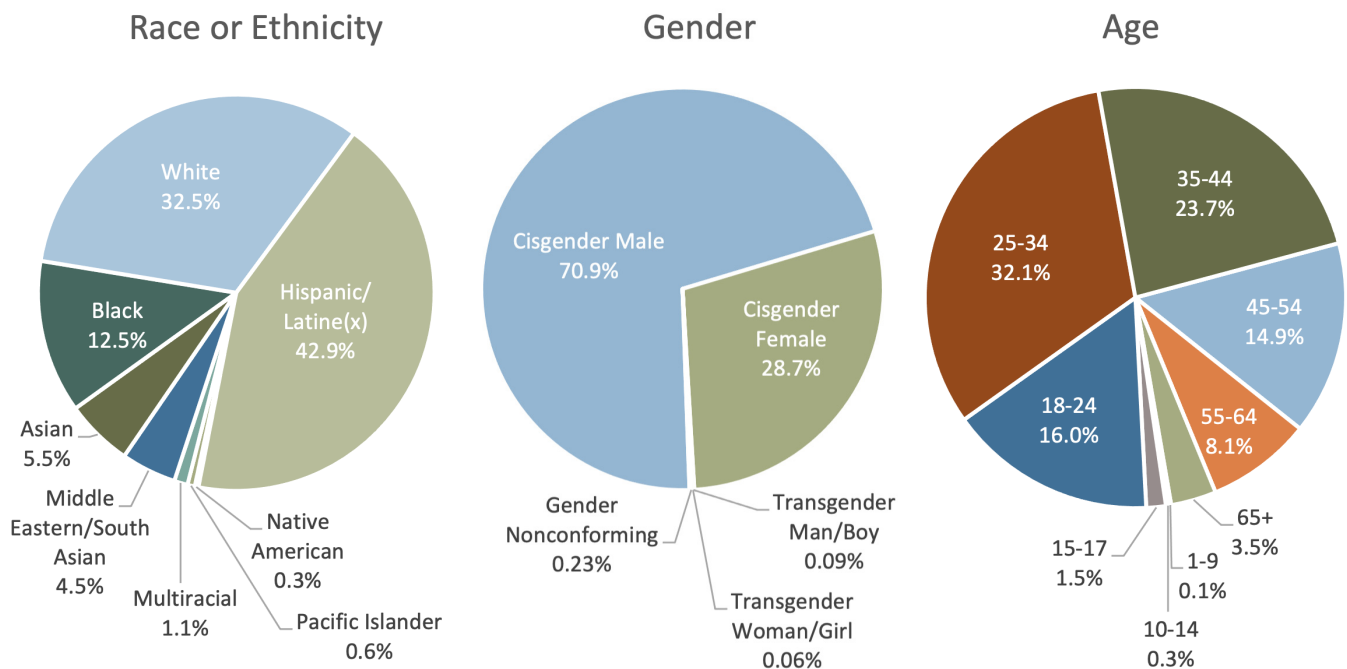
- Five hundred thirty-five agencies conducted a total of 4,575,725 stops from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.
- Black individuals were stopped 131.5 percent more frequently than expected, given their relative proportion of the California population, using a comparison of stop data and residential population data.



¹ Because the ACS table used for these analyses does not contain a race category that is comparable to the Middle Eastern/South Asian group within the RIPA data, there is no residential population bar for this group in this Figure. For more information about the ACS data used in this section, see section B.1 of Appendix B.

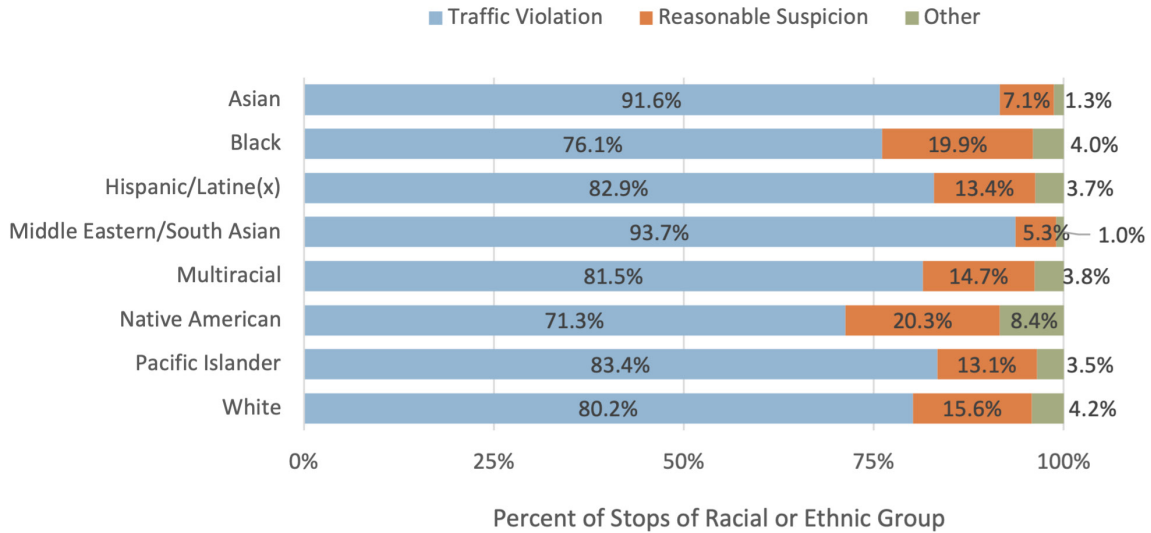
- Individuals perceived to be Hispanic/Latine(x) (42.9%), White (32.5%), or Black (12.5%) comprised the majority of stopped individuals.
- Individuals perceived to be between the ages of 25 and 34 accounted for the largest proportion of individuals stopped within any age group (32.1%).
- The majority of individuals stopped were perceived to be cisgender male (70.9%) or cisgender female (28.7%), with all other groups collectively constituting less than one percent of stops.
- Officers perceived 1.4 percent of individuals stopped to have a disability. Of individuals perceived to have a disability, the most common disability reported by officers was a mental health disability (68.4%).

RACE OR ETHNICITY, GENDER AND AGE DISTRIBUTIONS OF 2022 RIPA STOP DATA



- The most common reason reported for stops across all racial and ethnic groups was a traffic violation (82.1%), followed by reasonable suspicion that the person was engaged in criminal activity (14.2%). Individuals perceived to be Native American had the highest proportion of stops reported for reasonable suspicion (20.3%) and the lowest proportion of stops reported for traffic violations (71.3%).

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP BY RACE OR ETHNICITY

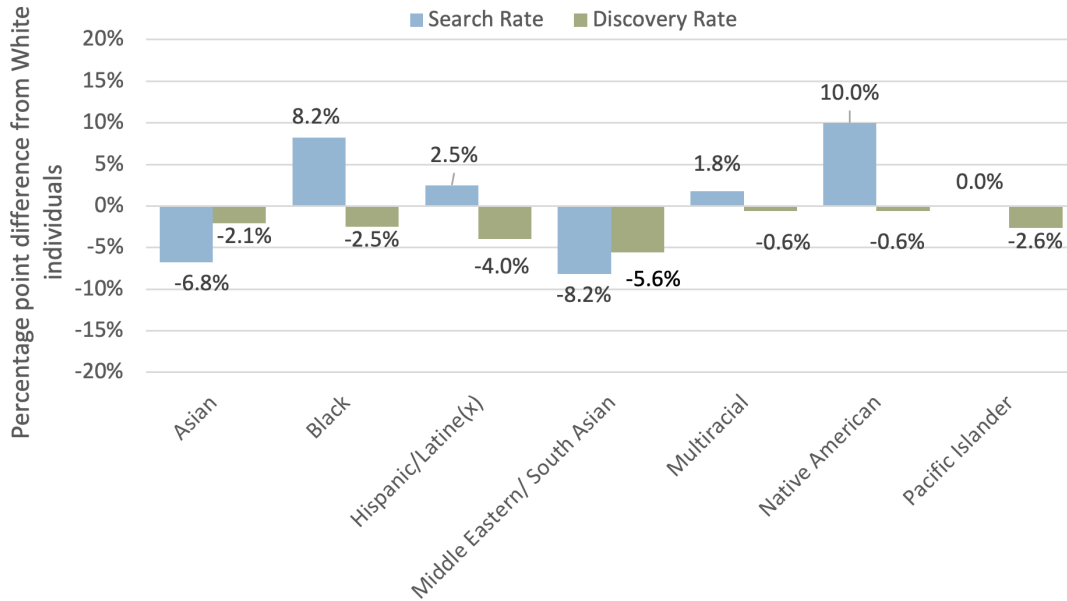


- Officers reported that 9.3 percent of stops were made in response to a call for service.

The Board also analyzed the actions taken by law enforcement officers during stops. Findings indicate that:

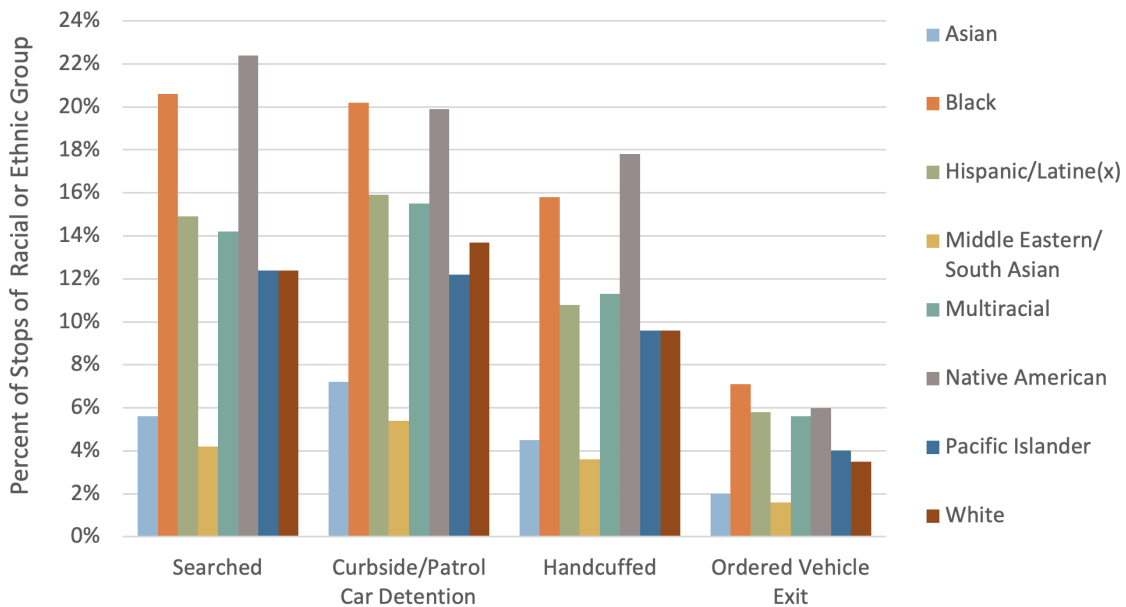
- All racial or ethnic groups of color were searched at higher rates than individuals perceived to be White, except for individuals perceived as Asian, Middle Eastern/South Asian, and Pacific Islander. Individuals perceived to be Native American had the highest rate of being searched (22.4%), while individuals perceived to be Middle Eastern/South Asian were searched at the lowest rate (4.2%). Individuals perceived to be White were searched 12.4 percent of the time, meaning officers searched individuals perceived to be Native American 10 percent more often than individuals they perceived as White (22.4% vs. 12.4%). Officers also searched individuals perceived to be Black (+8.2%), Hispanic/Latine(x) (+2.5%), and Multiracial (+1.8%) more often than stopped individuals perceived to be White.
- Search discovery rates (i.e. the rate at which contraband or evidence of a crime was discovered) did not vary widely across racial or ethnic groups. However, discovery rates were lower during stops with searches of all racial or ethnic groups of color (-2.1% Asian, -2.5% Black, -4.0% Hispanic/Latine(x), -5.6% Middle Eastern/South Asian, -0.6% Multiracial, -0.6% Native American, and -2.6% for Pacific Islander individuals) compared to individuals perceived to be White.

RACIAL OR ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN SEARCH AND DISCOVERY RATES



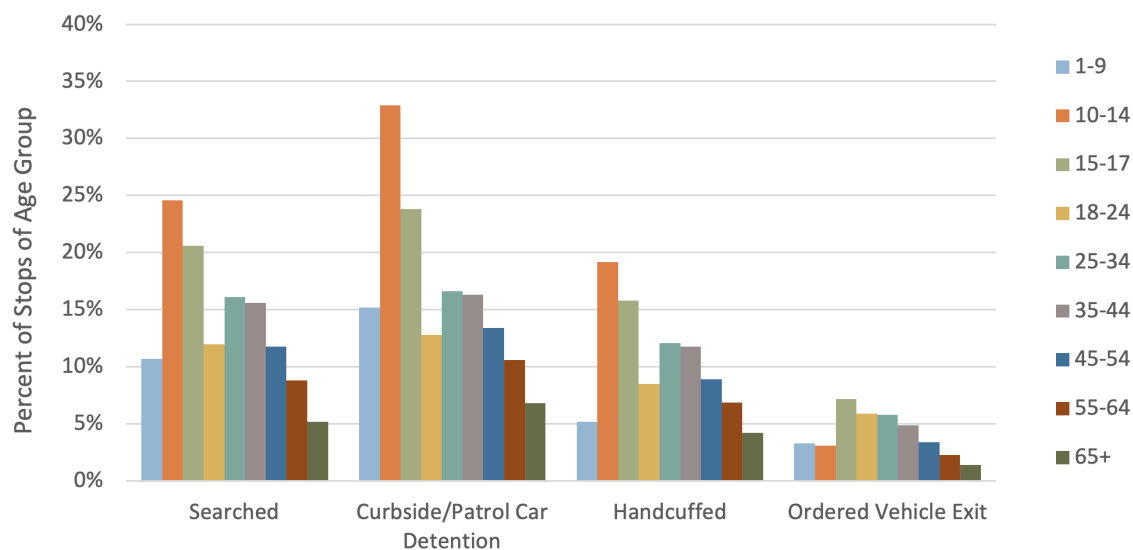
- Relative to other groups, individuals perceived to be Native American had the highest rate of being handcuffed (17.8%) among all racial and ethnic groups. Individuals perceived to be Black had the highest rates of being detained curbside or in a patrol car (20.2%) and ordered to exit a vehicle (7.1%). Individuals perceived to be Middle Eastern/South Asian had the lowest reported rate for each of these actions (ranging from 1.6% to 5.4%).

ACTIONS TAKEN DURING STOP BY RACE OR ETHNICITY



- Relative to other age groups, individuals perceived to be between the ages of 10 to 14 had the highest rate of being searched (24.6%), detained on the curb or in a patrol car (32.9%), and handcuffed (19.2%). Individuals perceived to be between the ages of 15 to 17 had the highest rate of being removed from a vehicle by order (7.2%).

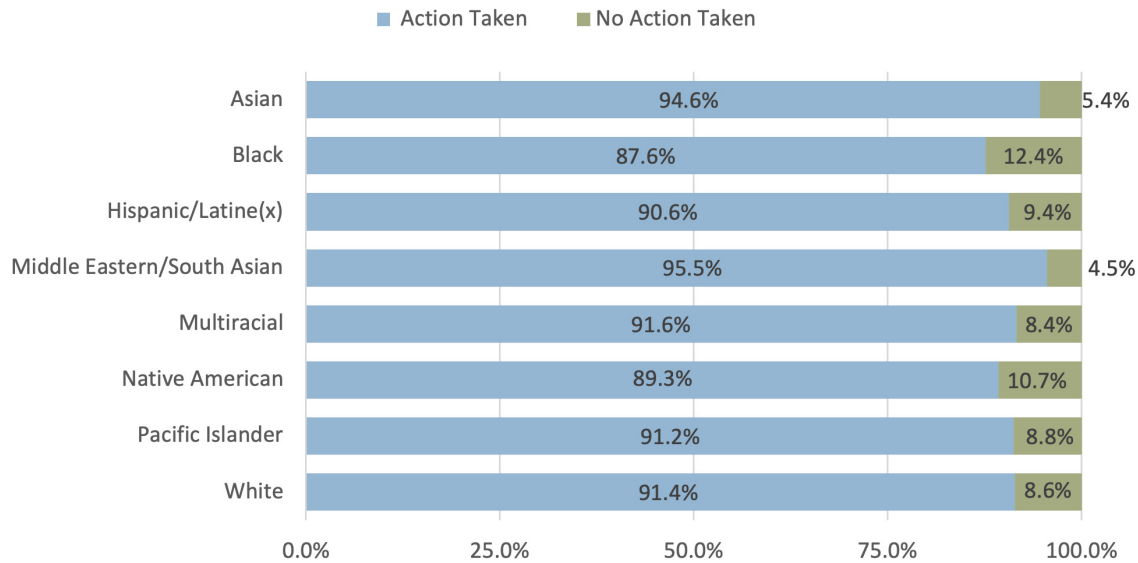
ACTIONS TAKEN DURING STOP BY AGE GROUP



- Individuals perceived to be transgender women/girls had the highest rate of being searched (28.3%), detained curbside or in a patrol car (30.3%), handcuffed (29.9%), and being removed from a vehicle by order (6.4%). Individuals perceived to be cisgender female consistently had the lowest rates for each of these actions (8.6% searched, 11.3% detained curbside or in a patrol car, 7.1% handcuffed, and 3.4% removed from vehicle by order).
- Individuals perceived to have a disability were searched (42.7%), detained curbside or in a patrol car (42.2%), and handcuffed (41.6%) at a much higher rate than individuals perceived to not have a disability (13.4% searched, 14.4% detained curbside or in a patrol car, and 9.9% handcuffed). However, individuals perceived to have a disability were removed from a vehicle by order at a lower rate (3.4%), compared to individuals who were not perceived to have a disability (4.8%).

Officers also report the result of each stop (for example, warning or citation given, arrest, or no action taken). Officers reported taking no action as a result of a stop most frequently for individuals perceived to be Black (12.4%). Officers reported taking no action as a result of a stop least often for stops of individuals perceived to be Middle Eastern/South Asian (4.5%).

RESULT OF STOP – NO ACTION BY RACE OR ETHNICITY

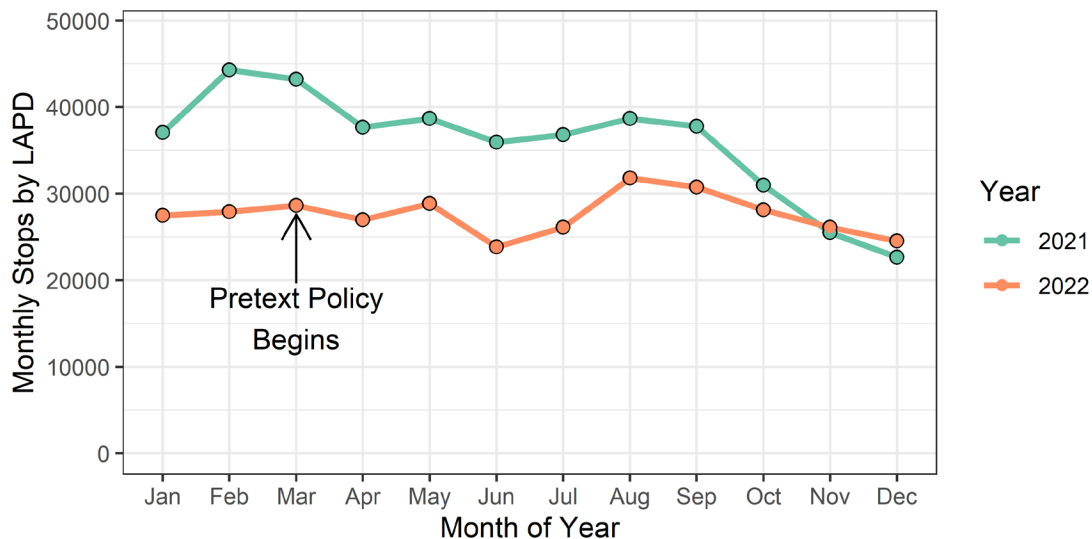


PRETEXTUAL STOPS

This Report continues to build on the Board’s prior discussion, analysis, and recommendations regarding pretext stops and searches. First, the Board examines the effectiveness of two different policy approaches to pretext stops adopted by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the state of Virginia. The new LAPD policy allows officers to make traffic stops only if the violation significantly interferes with public safety or if they have information to suspect the person has committed a serious crime (i.e., a crime with potential for great bodily injury or death). The Virginia policy, by contrast, establishes what is known as a primary and secondary traffic enforcement system, where an officer can only stop someone for a primary public safety violation and not solely for a defined secondary violation, such as an expired registration.

- Preliminarily, it appears the policies contributed to an overall reduction in stops and searches. LAPD data indicate an overall reduction in stops and searches, a slight increase in discovery rates, and a slight decrease in disparities of persons stopped who were perceived to be Black. Data for Virginia indicate a slight reduction in the number of stops and searches overall, although disparities persist. Because these policies are new, an analysis of their impact would benefit from more data.
- The data on LAPD stops indicate that the number of traffic violation stops for common equipment violations dramatically decreased after the LAPD pretext policy was implemented (60.2% reduction in total stops for equipment violations between 2022 and 2021 comparison periods).

MONTHLY STOP TOTALS FOR LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT 2021 AND 2022



- LAPD discovered contraband during a higher percentage of RIPA reported stops with searches after the pretext policy was in place (37.9% discovery rate) compared to the same time period in 2021, before the pretext policy was in place (36.0% discovery rate).

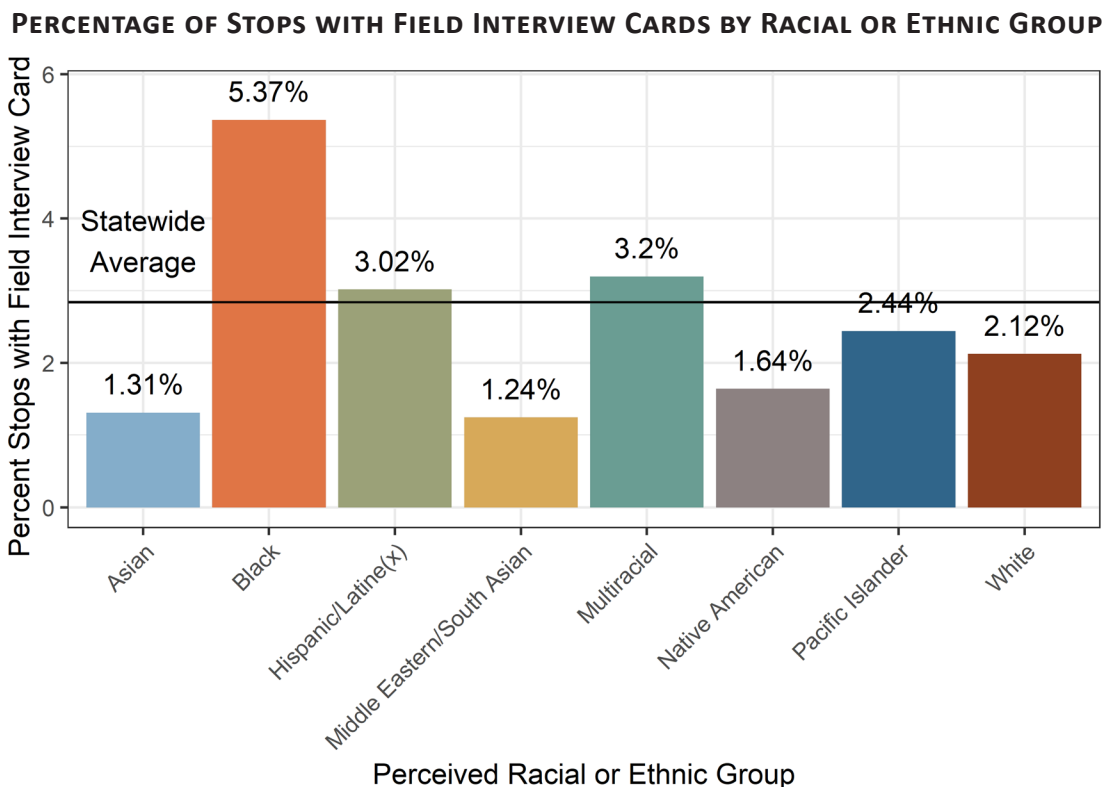
Next, the Board discusses legislative measures to address pretext stops and searches, including Senate Bill No. 50 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) and Assembly Bill No. 93, and expresses its support of these bills and related recommendations. The Board also discusses the provisions regarding pretext stops and searches, including consent searches, in the settlement agreement between the State of Minnesota and the Minneapolis Police Department that resulted from parallel pattern and practice investigations by Minnesota and the United States Department of Justice (U.S. DOJ) following the murder of George Floyd.

The Board also delves deeper into RIPA data related to pretext stops, analyzing the results of stops where field interview cards are completed and stops resulting in a charge of resisting arrest. The results show notable disparities, and the data indicate the results may have little to no connection to the original reasons for the stop, such as traffic infractions.

Field Interview Cards

A field interview card is a document law enforcement officers can choose to fill out during a contact with an individual that can contain information regarding a person’s nickname, who the person is with, what they are wearing, or any social media accounts – even if the person is not involved in criminal activity. Many of these field interview cards are entered into criminal databases, such as CalGang, which are used by law enforcement agencies to share data collected in these interviews. This can have serious repercussions; if an individual is “known to police” because their name is in a database – even if due to a consensual encounter – they may later be treated by law enforcement as having a criminal history even if they do not. As shown below, the RIPA data show disparities regarding when officers complete field interview cards. More specifically, the reasons given for those stops often do not implicate a need to complete a field interview card in the first place. If an officer conducts a pretextual stop – for which the RIPA data show there are disparities, suggesting bias may play a role – any initial bias for the stop could influence the decision to complete a field interview card and the information the officer records on the card and enters into the database. This may result in the compounding of bias affecting the database.

- Of the stops where officers completed a field interview card, individuals perceived to be Hispanic/Latine(x) represented the largest racial or ethnic group of stopped individuals (45.6%), followed by individuals perceived to be White (24.2%) and Black (23.6%). However, field interview cards were filled out for a larger percentage of stops when individuals were perceived to be Black (5.4% of stops), Multiracial (3.2%), or Hispanic/Latine(x) (3.0%). Individuals perceived as Black had the highest per capita occurrence of field interview cards (1,441 field interview cards per 100,000 residents or 4.4 times the statewide average).

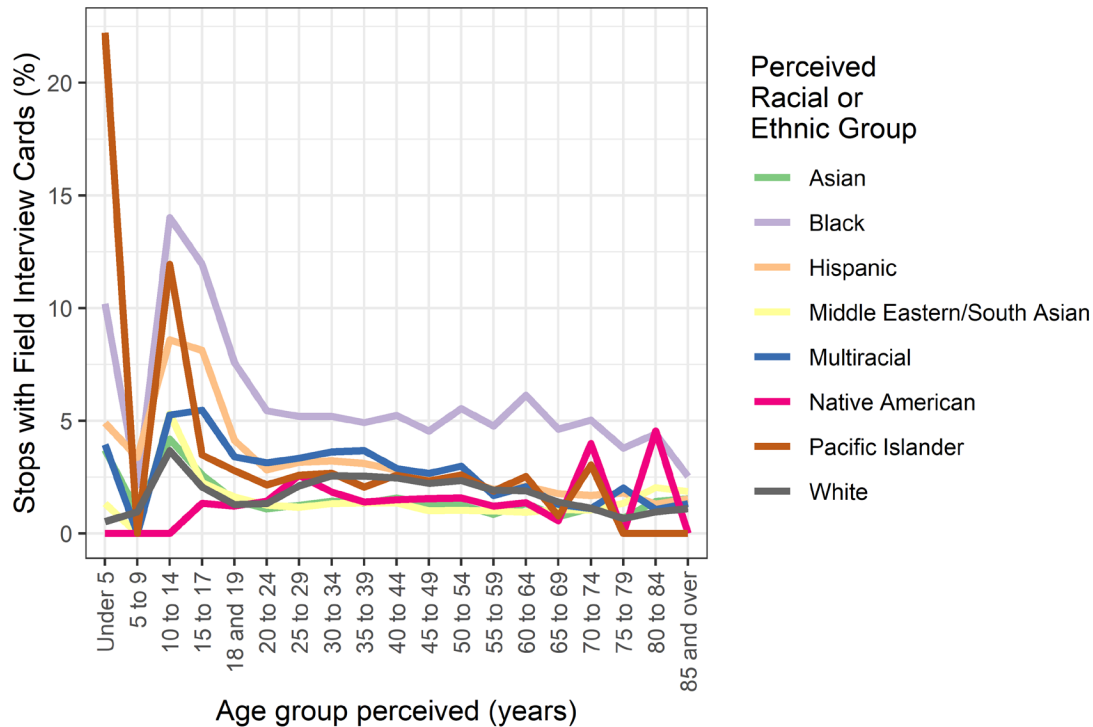


- When an officer stops an individual, the officer reports the specific suspected offense. For stops for reasonable suspicion, the primary offenses with the largest number of field interview cards were local ordinance violations (9,463 field interview cards),² community caretaking (5,079 field interview cards), trespassing (4,844 field interview cards), and burglary (3,451 field interview cards).³
- Youth perceived to be 10 to 14 years old had the highest percentage of stops during which field interview cards were issued (7.8% of stops where a field interview card was issued), followed by 15 to 17 year olds (6%). These rates are more than double the statewide average percentage of stops with field interview cards (2.8%).
- Across all age groups between the ages of 10 and 80, individuals perceived as Black had the highest percentage of stops in which a field interview card was completed, among all racial and ethnic groups.

² Local ordinance violation Offense Codes 65002 and 65000 were combined into 65000 for the purposes of this figure.

³ Local ordinance violations are specified with California DOJ CJIS Offense Codes 65000 and 65002. Community Caretaking is specified with California DOJ CJIS Offense Code 99990.

PERCENTAGE OF STOPS WITH FIELD INTERVIEW CARDS BY RACIAL OR ETHNIC GROUP AND AGE GROUP



Based on these findings, the Board makes the following recommendations to the Legislature, municipalities, and agencies regarding field interview cards:

- Prohibit the collection of field interview cards and entries into CalGang or any agency database in absence of an arrest.
- Prohibit the collection of field interview cards and entries of youth into CalGang or any agency database designed to track criminal information after youth are questioned or a field interview is conducted without the presence of an attorney.
- In the alternative to the two recommendations above, agencies should recognize (and include in their policies) that these encounters may not be fully consensual, and officers should be required to inform the individuals subject to the field interview that they do not have to respond to questions and are free to leave. Additionally, officers should be required to:
 - Inform individuals that providing a physical form of identification is voluntary;
 - Not use a person's failure to stop, answer questions, decision to end the encounter, or attempt or decision to walk away to establish reasonable suspicion for initial stop or detention, search, citation, or arrest of the person if an officer is engaged in, or attempting to engage in, a field interview.
- Consider prohibiting law enforcement agencies from creating criminal databases that are not tied to information about an arrest or conviction.
- Ban the collection of information and entries into any agency databases designed to track criminal information if the entry is collected from a stop for community caretaking or when a person might be experiencing a mental health crisis. Law enforcement supervisors shall review any case where a field interview card is filled out after a community caretaking or crisis intervention contact. This recommendation does not apply to collecting information that might assist law enforcement in its approach to interacting with the individual in crisis or in engaging in their legal requirements under disability civil rights laws.

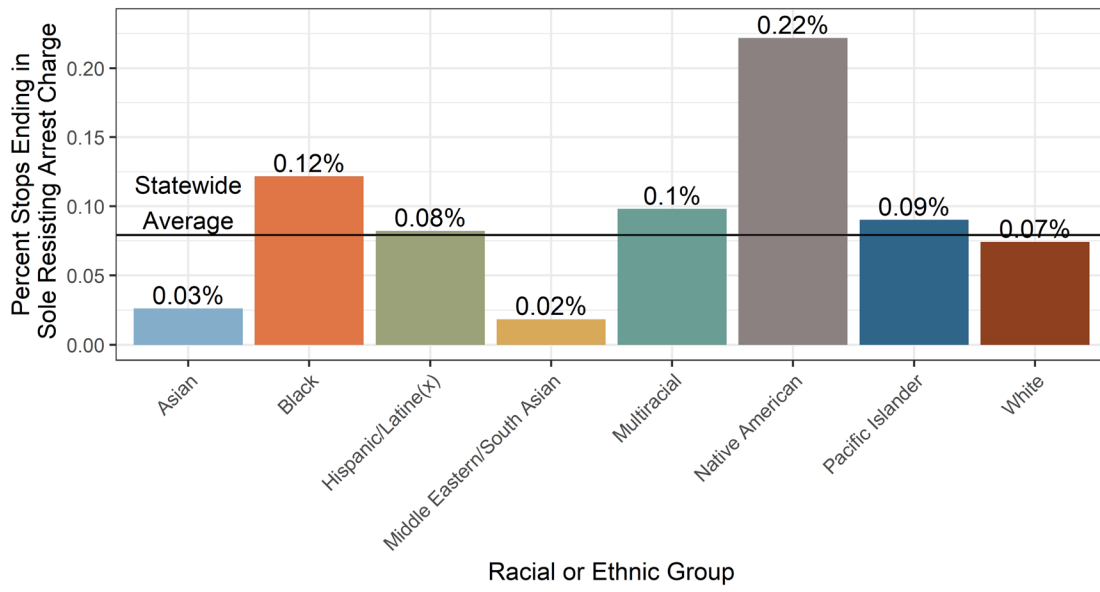
- Make the removal process from CalGang and other agency databases designed to track or store criminal information more transparent. Require agencies to conduct regular audits, including determining if notice is properly provided to a person entered into a database and evaluating the processes for removal from the databases to ensure compliance with the laws.
- Create funding incentives for agencies to adopt policies prohibiting the input of non-criminal information into agency databases for tracking purposes and audit those practices.

Resisting Arrest Stops

In California, resisting arrest (including obstructing or delaying an officer in the performance of their duties) can be charged as a misdemeanor with or without accompanying charges. In this Report, the Board looks specifically at misdemeanor resisting arrest charges where there is no alleged injury charged as a part of the crime and the sole charge is resisting arrest.

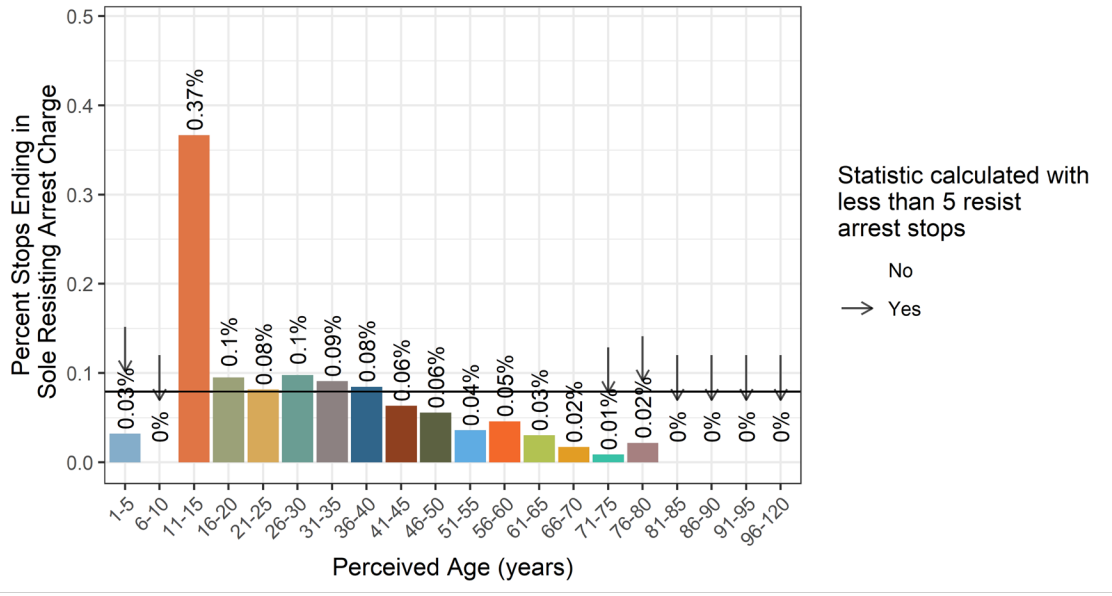
- Individuals perceived as Black had the highest per capita rate of stops that resulted in a sole charge of resisting arrest (32.7 stops per 100,000 residents, 3.3 times the statewide average). Individuals perceived as Black accounted for 19.2 percent of all stops that resulted in a sole charge of resisting arrest, while accounting for only 5.4 percent of the California residential population.
- Individuals perceived as Native American had the highest percentage of stops that resulted in a sole resisting arrest charge among perceived racial or ethnic groups (0.22%, 2.8 times the state average). Other racial or ethnic groups with above average percentages of stops resulting in sole resisting arrest charges include individuals perceived as Black (0.12% of stops), Multiracial (0.1%), Pacific Islander (0.09%) and Hispanic/Latine(x) (0.08%).

PERCENT OF STOPS RESULTING IN SOLE RESISTING ARREST BY RACIAL OR ETHNIC GROUP



- Individuals perceived as being between the ages of 11 and 15 had the highest percentage of stops that resulted in a sole resisting arrest charge among perceived age groups (0.37%, 4.6 times the state average).

PERCENT OF STOPS RESULTING IN SOLE RESISTING ARREST BY AGE GROUP



- Individuals perceived to have a mental health disability had the highest percentage of stops that resulted in a sole resisting arrest charge among perceived or known disability groups (0.46%, 5.7 times the state average).
- Individuals perceived as LGBT and transgender had the highest percentage of stops resulting in sole resisting arrest charges (0.25%, three times the statewide average).

Based on the RIPA data and a review of the impacts of evolving district attorneys’ policies, the Board makes several recommendations to agencies, municipalities, district attorneys, and the Legislature:

- Adopt internal policies that prohibit district attorneys from filing and law enforcement agencies from submitting to the district attorney’s office for review misdemeanor criminal filings on standalone resisting arrest charges if it is the sole charge listed at the time of arrest and is not accompanied by other citable offenses unless extraordinary circumstances exist, such as an identifiable, continuing threat to another individual or another circumstance of similar gravity.
- Explore internal policies that limit district attorneys from filing standalone misdemeanor resisting arrest charges or charges where resisting arrest is charged in conjunction with trespass, disturbing the peace, driving without a valid license or a suspended license, simple drug possession, minor in possession of alcohol, drinking in public, under the influence of a controlled substance, public intoxication, or loitering unless extraordinary circumstances exist, such as an identifiable, continuing threat to another individual or another circumstance of similar gravity.
- Develop policies to require officers to notify supervisors prior to making an arrest for resisting arrest and have supervisors review any case where resisting arrest is alleged in a report.
- Develop policies requiring district attorneys to review body-worn camera footage in any case that involves a resisting arrest allegation prior to filing charges.
- Adopt internal policies that eliminate or severely limit arrests and charges filed for resisting arrest during consensual encounters unless extraordinary circumstances exist, such as an identifiable, continuing threat to another individual or another circumstance of similar gravity.

- Adopt internal policies that prohibit arrest and filing of charges against individuals stopped for community caretaking unless extraordinary circumstances exist, such as an identifiable, continuing threat to another individual or another circumstance of similar gravity.
- Adopt internal policies that prohibit arrest and filing of charges against individuals if the alleged resisting stems from a disability.

Assignment Type: Specialized Teams and Hot Spot Policing

Lastly, the Board analyzes officer assignment type data, including a discussion of the history of specialized teams and concerns about some of their actions. The Report discusses how the assignment type (such as specialized units) and other specific policing strategies may increase the opportunities for pretextual stops. RIPA data for 2022 indicates that:

- For nine of the ten officer assignment types, the highest per-resident stop rate was for individuals perceived as Black, followed by individuals perceived as Pacific Islander and Hispanic/Latine(x).
- Comparing across officer assignment types, officers who worked on a specialized team and had the assignment type of “Gang Enforcement” had the highest percentages of all stop actions during stops, with the exception of use of force. Officers of this assignment type handcuffed an individual during 20.4 percent of all stops for traffic violations, performed a detention (curbside or patrol car) during 28.6 percent of traffic stops, and performed a search during 39.3 percent of traffic stops.

The Board makes the following recommendations with respect to officer assignment types and the use of specialized teams:

- Create policies that provide for measurable oversight of specialized teams and require law enforcement agencies to develop policies that define clear objectives and outcomes for specialized teams. These policies should address enforcement of any violation of the law or deviation from the programmatic mission; and
- Provide funding for programs that focus on community-based drug and violence intervention programs.

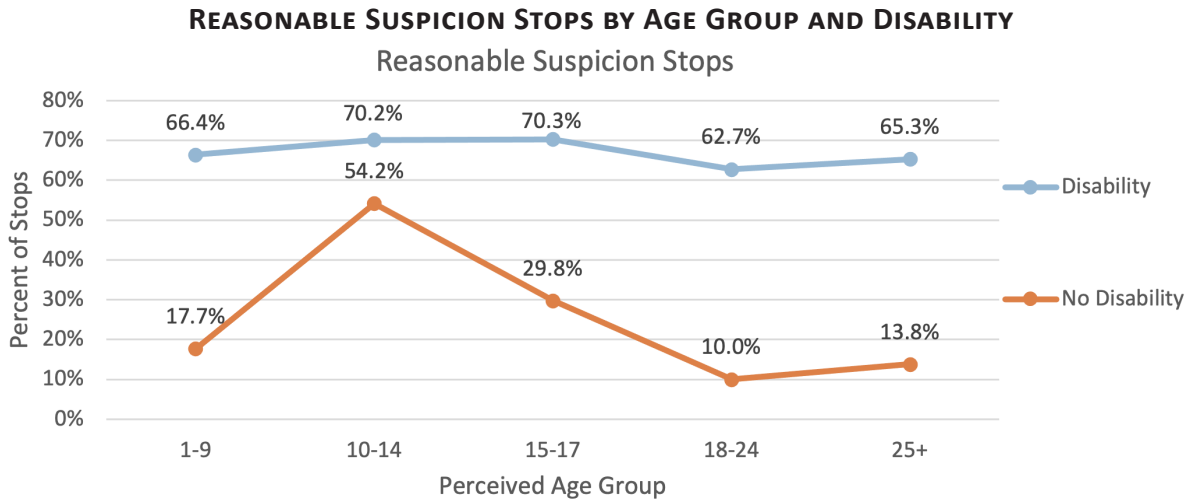
The Board also began to explore the relationship between drug possession charges and pretextual stops, including reviewing RIPA data that show individuals who are Black or Hispanic/Latine/(x) are more likely to be cited or arrested for drug offenses despite research showing that drug use rates are virtually the same across race and ethnicity.

- For stops resulting in drug possession charges, the top ten reasons for a stop were five types of vehicle equipment violations, three offense codes associated with drug possession, and two reasonable suspicion offenses (failure to obey juvenile court order and second-degree burglary). The five equipment violations that resulted in the most drug possession charges were vehicle registration (6,577), improper display of license plates (2,319), bike headlight violation (2,004), failure to maintain vehicle lights (1,336), and window obstruction (1,093).
- Individuals perceived as Black were stopped for drug possession reasons at the highest rate per resident among racial or ethnic groups (105.1 stops with reason for stop reported as drug possession, 2.6 times the statewide average).

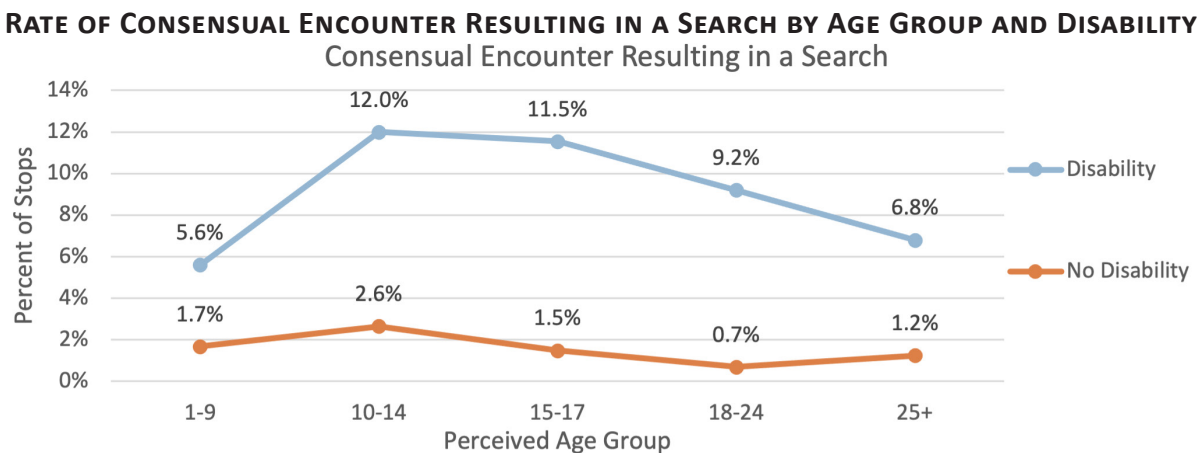
POLICE CONTACT WITH YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES AND YOUTH EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH CRISES

This year, the Board examines data and research suggesting that youth with disabilities, including youth experiencing mental health crises, are particularly vulnerable to police violence and are at higher risk of intrusive police contact, use of force, and death during police encounters. Stop data reported by California law enforcement agencies in 2022 and other studies indicate that:

- Individuals perceived or known to have a disability had the highest percentage of stops reported as reasonable suspicion across all age groups, compared to individuals perceived to not have a disability.



- Officers reported that 1.2 percent of stops made in 2022 were consensual encounters that resulted in a search. Youth between the ages of 10 and 14 with a perceived disability had the highest percentage of stops reported as a consensual encounter resulting in a search (12.0%) compared to youth not perceived to have a disability, followed by youth with a perceived disability between the ages of 15 and 17 (11.5%).



- In California, public schools refer students with disabilities to law enforcement at a higher rate than most other students. Only Black students are referred at a higher rate. If the school has an assigned law enforcement officer, the rate of referral for students with disabilities quadruples.
- Police stops can trigger adverse effects beyond the initial arrest or interaction with the juvenile justice system, including higher rates of arrest, juvenile detention, and long-term mental health

consequences. In the Los Angeles County juvenile justice system alone, 87 percent of youth have a mental disability.

In light of this data, the Board discusses the negative mental health effects and criminalization that can result from youth interactions with police, as well as approaches recommended by researchers and advocates for encounters with youth with disabilities and youth experiencing mental health crises. In general, researchers and advocates recommend that law enforcement agencies and communities prioritize a care-first model, reducing unnecessary criminal justice intervention or law enforcement response in favor of a sustained community response.

ADDRESSING PROFILING OF STUDENTS

The Board continues to build on the foundation of the prior report, analyzing issues related to policing in schools. The Report discusses research and data on law enforcement in schools, as well as the disparate impact of school policing on Black and Hispanic/Latine(x) youth and youth with disabilities across California's schools.

The Board discusses research demonstrating that police priorities vary across different school settings, with school-based law enforcement officers in White suburban school districts more often viewing students as charges to be protected, and school-based law enforcement officers in urban districts with a larger number of Black students more often treating students as criminals to be feared. The role of school-based law enforcement officers also varies across schools, and officers are more involved in the disciplinary process in schools with more students of color.

The Board also analyzes data, including RIPA stop data, regarding law enforcement in California schools. The data indicate that:

- California school districts report a larger number of law enforcement officers than social workers and a greater number of security guards than nurses.
- There are 19 school district-administered police departments in California. These school district police departments are independent of the municipal police agencies or sheriff's departments and are established by the governing board of a school district. The majority of students in these school districts are youth of color.
- In 2022, 743 officers reported making stops while working an assignment type of "K-12 Public School." Both school district-administered police departments and municipal law enforcement agencies may assign officers to work in K-12 public schools. These officers reported making 9,130 stops while working this assignment type.
- Among stops of students on campus, 3,514 stops (54.6%) were made by officers with an assignment type of "K-12 Public School" and 2,735 stops (42.5%) were made by officers with an assignment type of "Patrol, traffic enforcement, field operations."

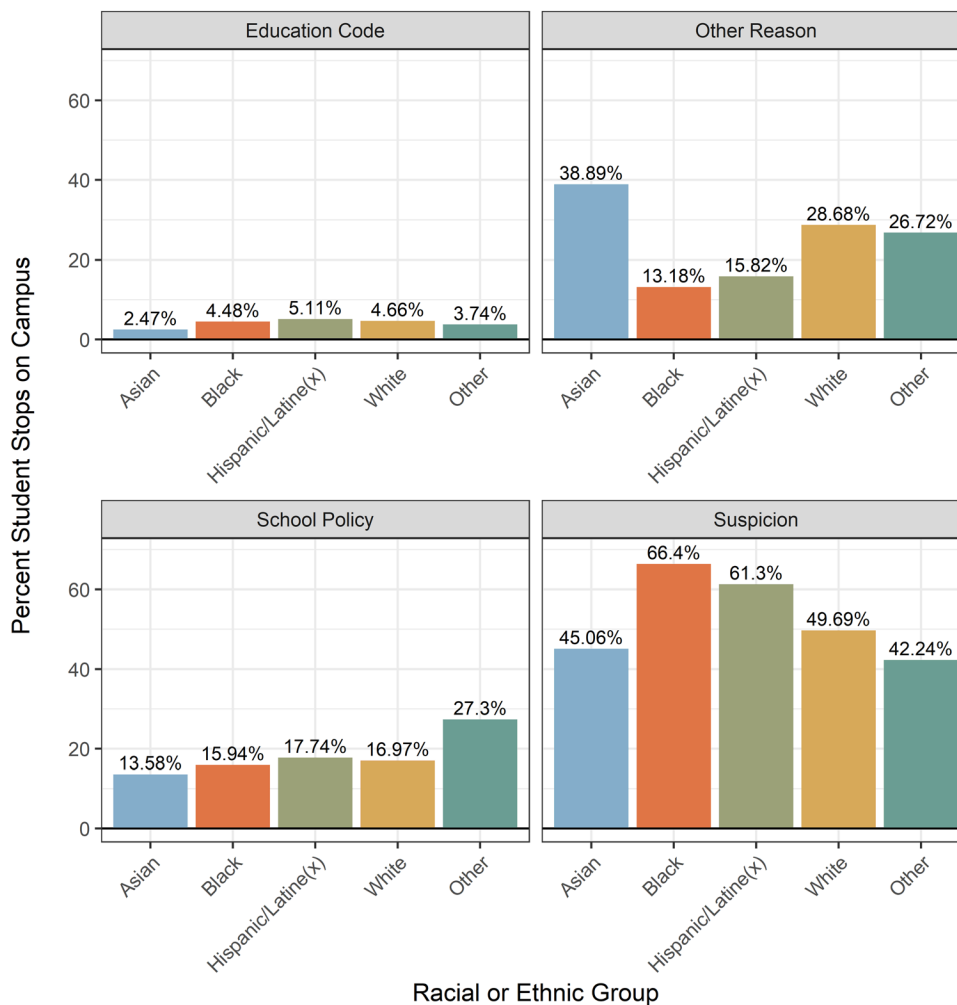
The most common primary reason for stops of students on K-12 campuses was reasonable suspicion that the student was engaged in criminal activity (3,705 stops, 57.5% of stops of students on campus). The next most common primary reasons for stops were "to determine whether student violated school policy" (1,143 stops, 17.8% of stops of students on campus), traffic violation (724 stops, 11.2% of stops of students on campus), "possible conduct under Education Code" (308 stops, 4.8% of stops of students on campus), and truancy (290 stops, 4.5% of stops of students on campus).

COUNTS AND PERCENTAGES OF PRIMARY REASONS FOR STOPS OF STUDENTS ON K-12 CAMPUSES

Reason for Stop	Count	Percentage of Student Stops
Reasonable Suspicion	3,705	57.53%
To Determine Whether Student Violated School Policy	1,143	17.75%
Traffic Violation	724	11.24%
Possible Conduct Warranting Discipline Under Education Code	308	4.78%
To Determine Truancy	290	4.50%
Consensual Encounter that Resulted in a Search	171	2.66%
Outstanding Warrant/Wanted	62	0.96%
Supervision	37	0.57%

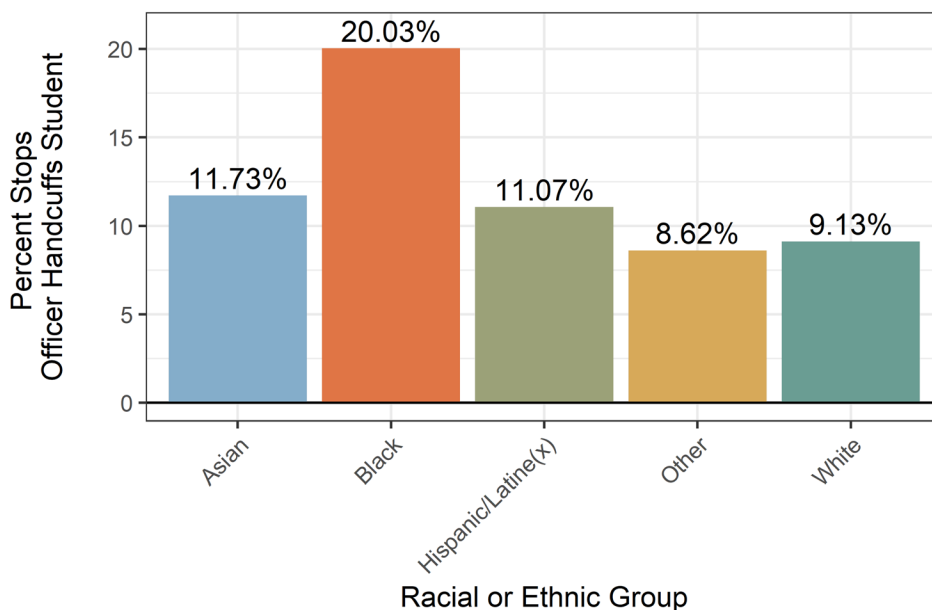
- Students on campus perceived to be Black had a larger percentage of stops for reasonable suspicion (66.4% of stops) compared to other racial or ethnic groups of students (Hispanic/Latine(x) (61.3%), White (49.7%), Asian (45%), Other (42%)).

REASON FOR STOP – PERCENT OF STOPS OF STUDENTS ON CAMPUS BY IDENTITY GROUP



- There were 3,149 stops of students on campus that officers reported as related to calls for service (48.9%). This compares to 9.3 percent of stops statewide that officers reported as related to calls for service.
- Officers handcuffed students on campus perceived as Black in the highest percentage of stops (20%) compared to other racial or ethnic groups (Asian (11.7%), Hispanic/Latine(x) (11.1%), White (9.1%), or Other (8.6%).)

**PERCENTAGE OF STOPS IN WHICH OFFICERS USED HANDCUFFS
STUDENTS ON CAMPUS BY RACIAL OR ETHNIC GROUP**



- The most common “Result of Stop” during stops of students on campus was a referral to a school administrator (1,688 results), followed by contact of a parent/legal guardian or other person responsible for the student (1,553 results), citation for an infraction (1,215 results), in-field cite and release (986 results), warning (885 results), and custodial arrest without warrant (818 results). Officers reported that 403 students were placed on psychiatric holds following stops on K-12 campuses. Officers reported completing field interview cards as a result of 157 stops of students on K-12 campuses.

To mitigate the disproportionate and detrimental impacts of law enforcement interactions with Black and Hispanic/Latine(x) students and students with disabilities, the Board makes the following recommendations:

- Based on the findings in the Board’s 2023 Report and the present Report demonstrating racial bias in policing in schools, the Board recommends that the Legislature repeal the part of Education Code section 38000 authorizing school districts to operate their own police departments.
- The Legislature should explore identifying specific student conduct or statutory violations that require disciplinary action that should be handled by school staff, and for which law enforcement officers should not be involved. This review should include making clear the responsibility of schools to respond to conduct requiring disciplinary action without relying on police and the related responsibility of police not to respond to disciplinary issues in schools.

- School districts should adopt policies that require staff to obtain approval from an administrator prior to reporting a student to law enforcement with respect to non-emergency matters. Districts should set clear policies that staff are only permitted to contact law enforcement without prior approval in circumstances involving an immediate threat to school safety or imminent risk of serious physical harm to students or staff. Districts should clearly define those situations that would qualify as an emergency and require staff to document the reasons law enforcement was contacted.
- The Legislature should more clearly define how suspected offenses related to fighting, assault and battery without injury, threats of assault and battery, and drug possession by students on K-12 campuses should be treated by school staff and whether or not they should be referred to police.
- The Legislature should prohibit law enforcement officers from pursuing or using force in an effort to detain, apprehend, or overcome resistance of students who are fleeing relating solely to low-level disciplinary conduct.
- The Board recommends that school districts adopt policies establishing that under no circumstance should law enforcement use force against students that is not legitimate, necessary, and proportionate.

In addition, the Board recommends:

Stop Data Reporting by Law Enforcement in Schools

- Law enforcement agencies should implement practices to ensure the accurate and complete reporting of RIPA stop data among primary and secondary school-aged children and youth. Agencies should provide training to clarify the requirements for reporting stops of students.
- The Board recommends incorporating data, disaggregated by identity groups, about all law enforcement stops of students and the outcomes of these stops into California’s existing school accountability system as an indicator of school climate.

Student Threat Assessment Processes

- The Legislature should develop due process protections for student threat assessment processes and mandate that incidents involving only self-harm may not be assessed as threats.
- Researchers should study threat assessment outcomes to evaluate whether they are consistent, align with the programs’ guidelines, and are effective at reducing violence and improving student experiences.
- The Legislature should require schools to inform parents and students of threat assessment processes on an annual basis by including information on them in the school’s policies and orientation materials and on its website.

Use of Restraints, Electronic Control Weapons, Chemical Agents

- The Legislature should prohibit law enforcement officers and school security personnel from using mechanical restraints on all students unless the student poses a serious risk of harm to themselves or another person. This is especially the case for students with a perceived or known disability or a student having a mental health crisis.
- The Legislature should prohibit law enforcement officers and school security personnel from using electronic control weapons against students or individuals who reasonably appear to be minors in K-12 schools.

- The Legislature should prohibit the use of all chemical agents, including but not limited to OC spray, against students or individuals who reasonably appear to be minors in K-12 schools.

Training

- The Legislature should mandate that any law enforcement officer who is working an assignment that may require responding to a school receive training provided by POST, which is currently mandated for officers employed by a school district-administered police department. The Legislature should also mandate that POST update this training.

Funding

- The Legislature should limit or prohibit the use of funding to pay for school-based police, school-based probation department staff, and school security officers and reinvest funding into resources that promote safe environments for and improve services to students, such as providing family resource navigators, school climate advocates, and restorative justice teachers.
- Government agencies prioritize grant and other funding that focuses on educational and supportive programs like counseling, as opposed to funding law enforcement presence in schools.

RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING POLICIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Board continues to explore issues related to police accountability, beginning with a discussion of the role police unions may play. The Report analyzes the lack of community input in collective bargaining agreements and police union influence on legislation that affects police accountability, as illustrated by the legislative histories of Assembly Bills No. 931 and No. 392. Further, the Report addresses the limitations caused by California’s Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights (POBR) that affect a law enforcement agency’s ability to hold officers accountable.

The Report also reviews provisions in police contracts that scholars believe may limit accountability, including: (1) delays in interrogation or interview of officers suspected of misconduct; (2) providing officers access to evidence of alleged misconduct prior to interrogation; (3) limiting consideration of disciplinary records by excluding records for future employment or destroying disciplinary records from files after a set period; (4) limiting the length of time during which an investigation must conclude or disciplinary action can occur; (5) limiting anonymous complaints; (6) limiting civilian oversight; and (7) permitting or requiring arbitration of disputes related to disciplinary actions. These protections are above and beyond the protections provided to other public sector employees or individuals suspected of a crime who are facing potential losses of personal freedom.

The Report also discusses the role of municipalities in representing various stakeholders, including the public, during collective bargaining, and the benefits of including rank-and-file members of law enforcement in discussions of police reform.

In light of this discussion, the Board highlights several questions that warrant additional research, including:

- While POBR was intended to protect officers, does it affect community interests by obstructing some aspects of police accountability?
- Do certain provisions or agreements with unions or a POBR change officer behavior or prevent accountability?
- Does the structure of a union affect practices related to uses of force or critical incidents?

The Board calls on researchers to review agency-level data (including data reported through RIPA) and

the structure of police unions, POBR, and questions of collective bargaining to study their impact on police behavior, specifically with regard to bias. The Board encourages examination of these questions and the data in order to provide more evidence regarding the impact of unions on law enforcement accountability.

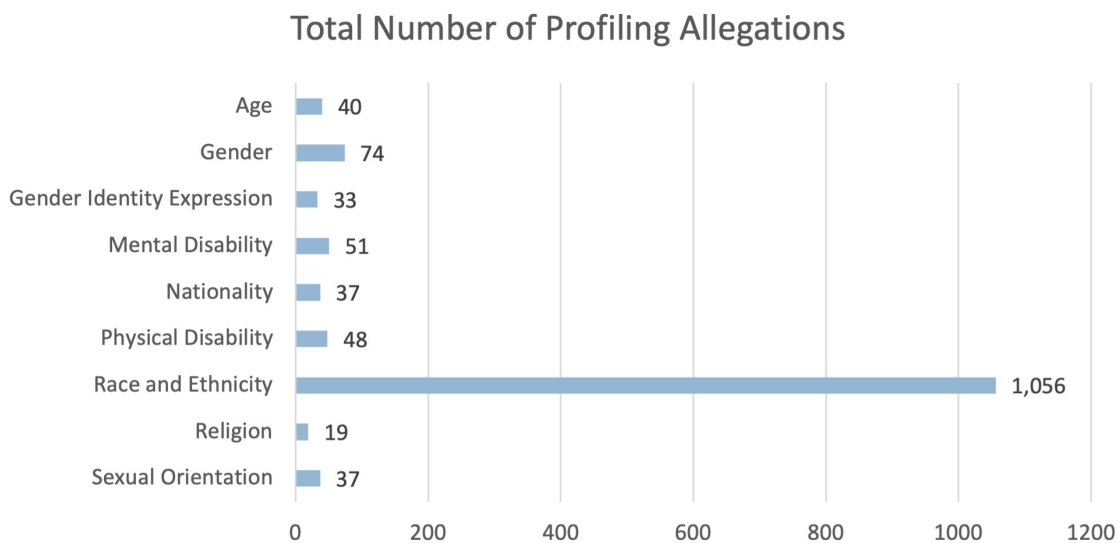
Lastly, the Report analyzes the existing legal standard for qualified immunity (a defense officers may raise in court), how the standard has been interpreted and applied by courts, and how this doctrine can impact the ability to hold officers accountable for misconduct.

CIVILIAN COMPLAINTS

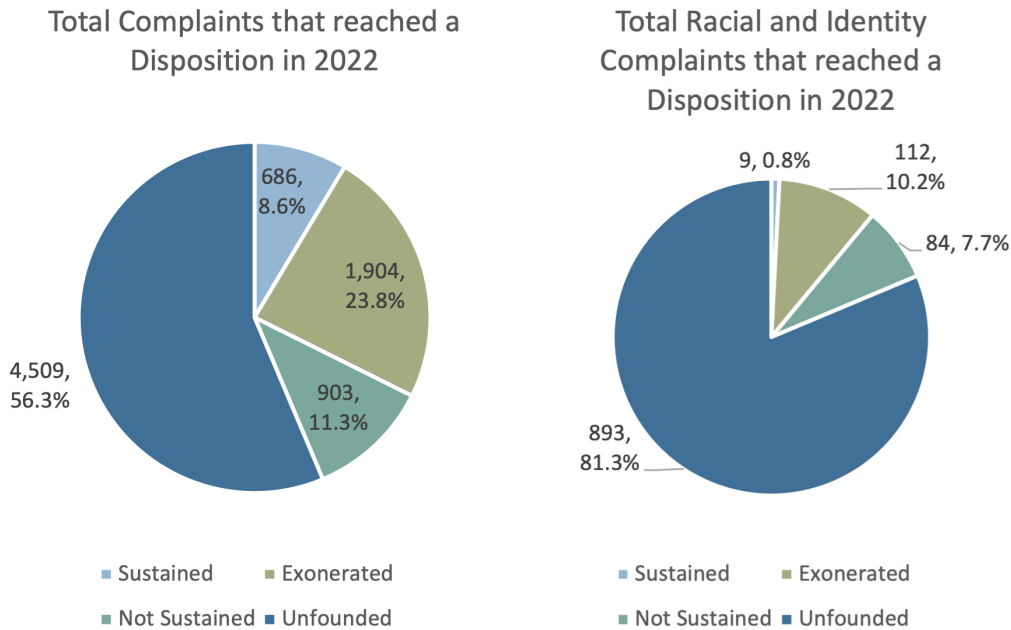
The Report analyzes civilian complaint data reported by 518 law enforcement agencies in 2022. The 2022 data indicate that:

- In total, 10,156 complaints were reported by RIPA agencies in 2022. The majority of complaints alleged non-criminal conduct (94.7%), while 4.1 percent alleged conduct that constitutes a misdemeanor offense, and 1.3 percent alleged conduct that constitutes a felony.
- Roughly three-quarters of RIPA agencies (74.5%) reported receiving one or more civilian complaints, while the remaining quarter of agencies (25.5%) reported receiving zero civilian complaints in 2022.
- Of the agencies that reported receiving civilian complaints in 2022, 42.7 percent reported one or more complaints alleging racial or identity profiling. A total of 1,233 complaints reported in 2022 alleged an element of racial or identity profiling, constituting 12.1 percent of the total 10,156 complaints reported in 2022. Each complaint can have multiple allegations. A total of 1,395 allegations of racial and identity profiling were made in 2022.

TOTAL ALLEGATIONS OF RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING REPORTED IN 2022



DISPOSITION DISTRIBUTION OF 2022 COMPLAINTS



The Report also analyzes issues impacting the effectiveness of the civilian complaint process, including the need to uniformly define “civilian complaint” across all law enforcement agencies, review video footage during complaint investigations, and incorporate root cause analysis into the complaint process. The Board makes the following recommendations:

- The Legislature should amend Penal Code section 832.5 to include a standardized definition of “civilian complaint.”
- Law enforcement agencies should review all available video footage (from sources such as body-worn cameras, dashboard cameras, CCTV cameras, police drones, and cellphones) in complaint investigations, to ensure that investigations are as thorough and impartial as possible.
- Law enforcement agencies should incorporate the principles of root cause analysis into the complaint process. To ensure that complaint investigations are meaningful as agency-wide learning opportunities, agencies should establish a blame-free analysis process that analyzes all underlying factors that contributed to an incident and takes action to prevent undesirable outcomes in the future.

POST TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT

This year, the RIPA POST Subcommittee met with POST Executive Director Manny Alvarez and other POST staff to discuss POST’s responses to Board recommendations. For the first time, and following the Board’s recommendation in past reports, POST provided written responses to the Board’s recommendations directly to the POST Commission in a report presented at their September 21, 2023 meeting. POST supported several recommendations and responded that other recommendations were already sufficiently covered, POST lacked the resources to implement them, or the recommendations were outside the scope of the Commission’s work. In part, POST committed to:

- Adopting the Board’s recommendation to develop and adopt separate guidelines for courses related to racial and identity profiling, apart from publication in the course curriculum.
- Soliciting the Board’s participation throughout the process of developing the separate guidelines. The Report highlights suggested topics for the guidelines.

In addition to discussion of the Board’s interactions with POST, this year’s Report highlights updates and Board feedback based on its review of POST courses related to racial and identity profiling in 2022 and 2023, including the Museum of Tolerance Racial and Identity Profiling Train-the-Trainer Curriculum Update and the outline of the Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course.

Over the past seven years, the RIPA Board has conducted extensive reviews of the training and curriculum materials provided by POST. The RIPA data shows that across all years of the RIPA data collection (2018-2022), disparities persist in how individuals perceived as Black, Hispanic/Latine(x), and transgender are treated. This information should dictate the training necessary to reduce and eliminate racial and identity profiling while also improving officer safety in the state of California. With this background in mind, the Board’s Report makes the following recommendations to POST for protocols and procedures and in other areas for course development and updates:

- Integrate a review timeline by the Board and the community for POST course development and updates.
- Seek community and stakeholder input earlier in the course development process and incorporate their feedback before finalizing the training.
- Build in mechanisms to evaluate the effectiveness of all POST courses on racial and identity profiling.
- Emphasize accountability for discriminatory practices by peace officers and the responsibility of supervisors.

RIPA REGULATIONS

The Report summarizes amendments to the RIPA regulations. The primary amendment adds a new RIPA reporting requirement requiring law enforcement officers to report the reason for stop that was communicated to the stopped person. The regulations were also amended to clarify the different categories of traffic violations that must be reported (moving, non-moving, and equipment violations) and the scope of the California Department of Justice’s obligation to disclose stop data to the public.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION ENACTED IN 2022

The Report includes a section on recently enacted legislation related to RIPA. Assembly Bill No. 443 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) requires POST to define and develop guidance regarding “biased conduct.” Assembly Bill No. 645 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) establishes a speed safety pilot program to measure the impact of automated speed enforcement technology in a select number of cities and counties.