

Racial Profiling Report 2007

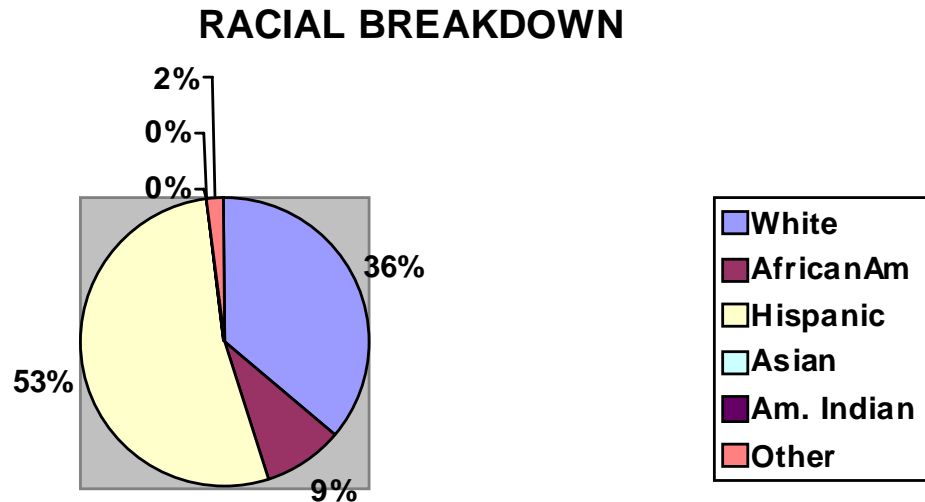
Official Report for the City of Seguin

Overview

In order to be in compliance with the State of Texas, the City of Seguin Police Department is submitting the following report of statistical data that documents police activity. The principle focus is on the following information: gender, race, traffic and ordinances violated, searches conducted, contraband discovered, and warnings issued. The existence of probable cause is extremely important and very relevant regarding any traffic stops or law enforcement activity. The Seguin Police Department Patrol Division uses video/audio camera in all vehicles that are regularly used for traffic enforcement. Article 2.135. in the Code of Criminal Procedure gives a reporting exemption to agencies that use video/audio recorders in the vehicles regularly used for traffic and pedestrian stops. The police department is still required to report data to the City Council.

Statistical Data and Analysis

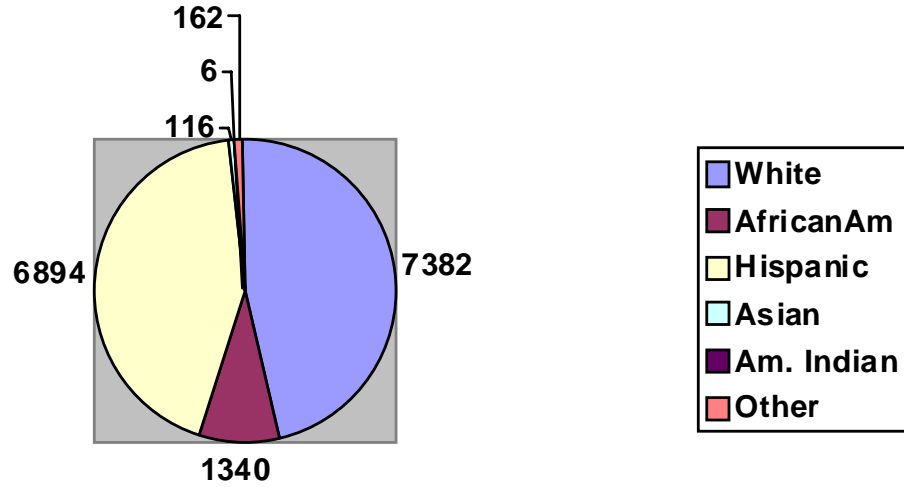
The City of Seguin provides a full service law enforcement agency that offers service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The police department serves a multi- racially diverse community. The City of Seguin is comprised of a population of over 22,000 according to the 2000 U. S. Census. The demographic breakdown of the population is 11,669 Hispanic, 7,967 White, 1,946 African-American and 429 other.



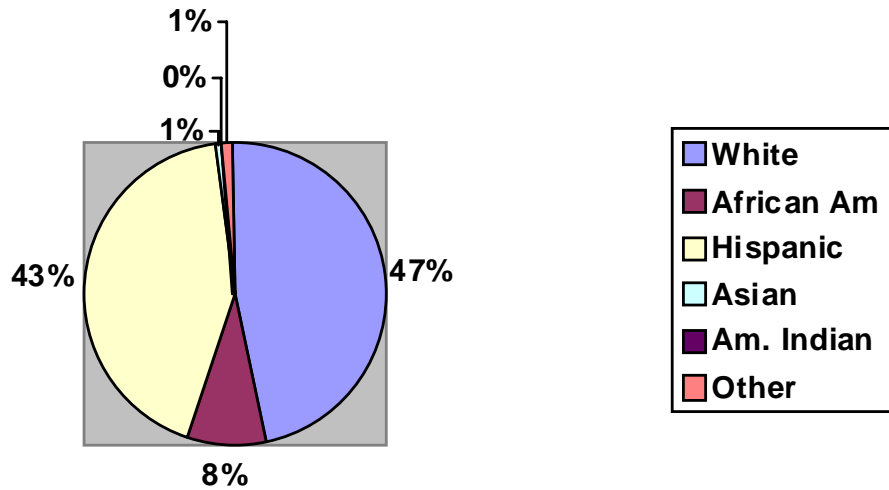
TRAFFIC STOPS

A total of 15,900 traffic stops were conducted during the 2007 calendar year in which citations and warnings were issued. A racial breakdown indicated the following:

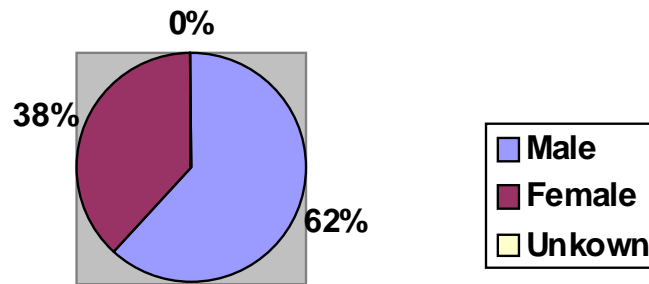
Number of Traffic Stops



Percentage of Traffic Stops



Traffic Stops Gender

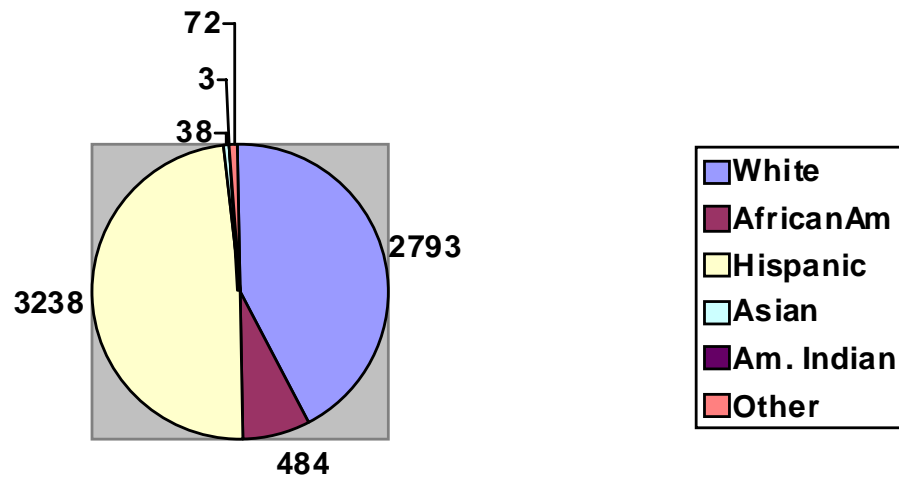


Based on statistical review, a larger percentage of the white population were stopped as compared to the Hispanic population. In regard to gender, the females were being stopped at 38% compared to males at 62%.

CITATIONS

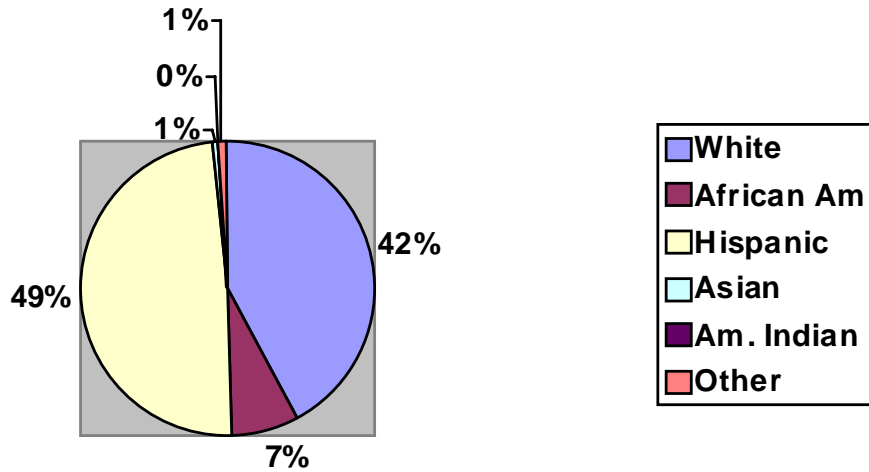
Of the 15,900 traffic stops, there were 6,628 tickets issued during 2007.

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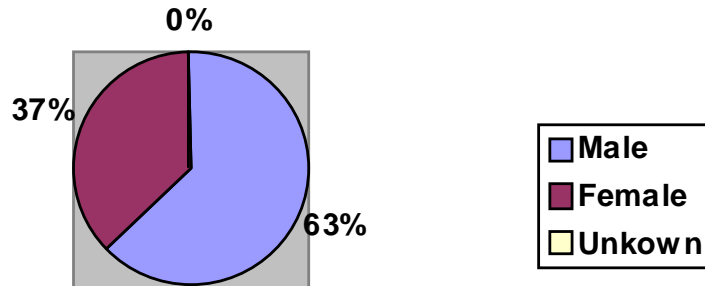


NOTE: Of the 6,628 citations issued 2,559 were also given a warning: 858 – White; 204 – African American; 1,467 – Hispanic; 12 – Asian; 2 – American Indian; 16 – Unknown.

Percentage of Citations



Citations Gender

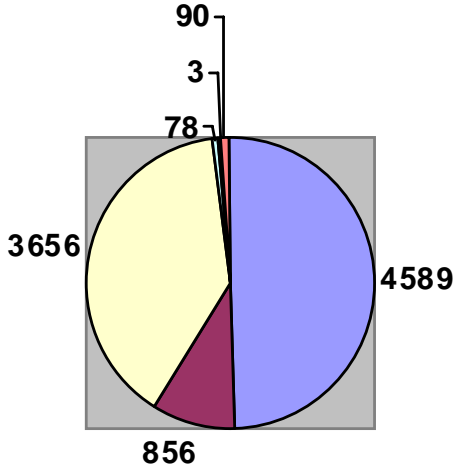


Based on statistical review, the population that received citations nearly mirrored the demographical population of the City of Seguin. In regard to gender, 37% of the females were issued citations compared to 63% males.

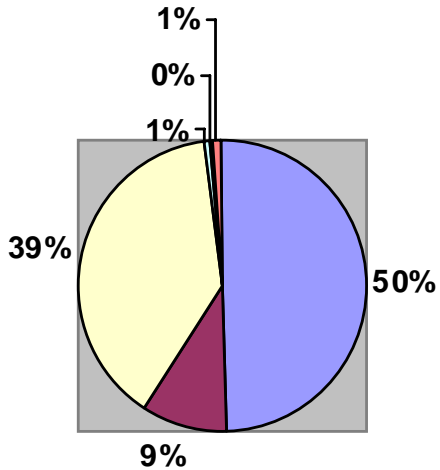
WARNINGS

There were 9272 traffic stops made where only warnings were issued during 2007.

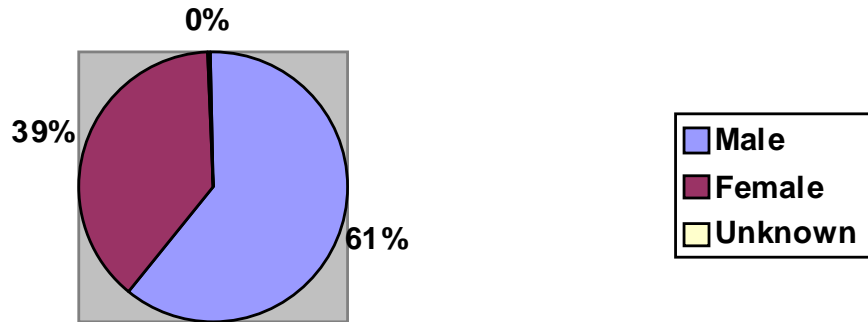
Number of Warnings



Percentage of Warnings



Warnings Gender

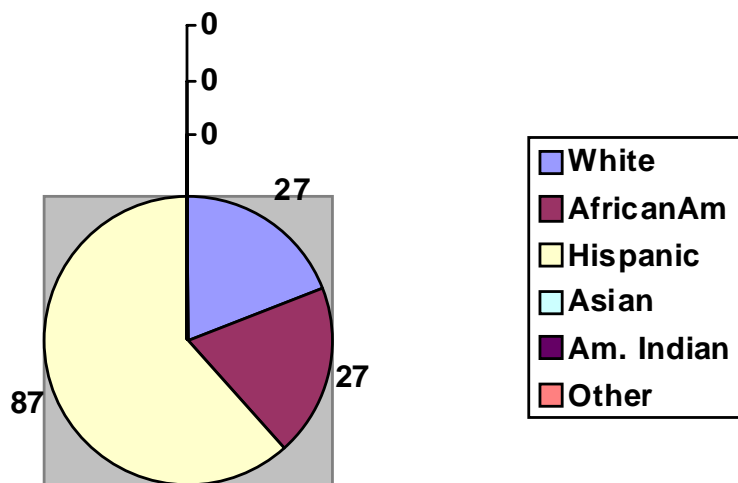


Based on statistical review, a larger percentage of the white population was issued warnings as compared to the Hispanic population. In regard to gender, the females were being stopped at 39% compared to males at 61%.

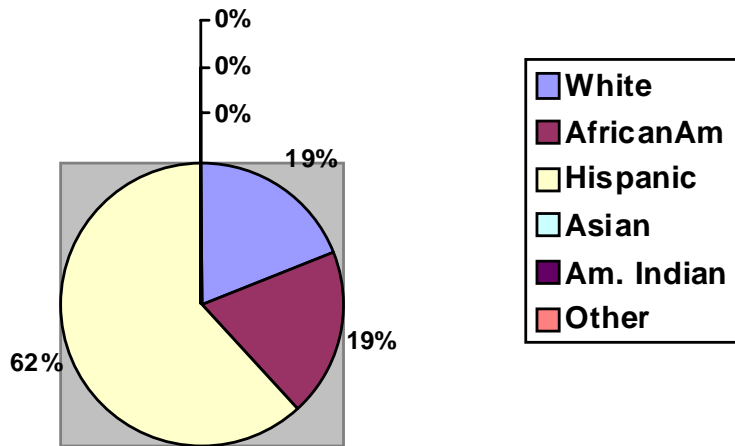
PEDESTRIAN STOPS

During 2007 a total of 141 Pedestrian Stops were conducted. The racial breakdown is as follows:

Number of Pedestrian Stops



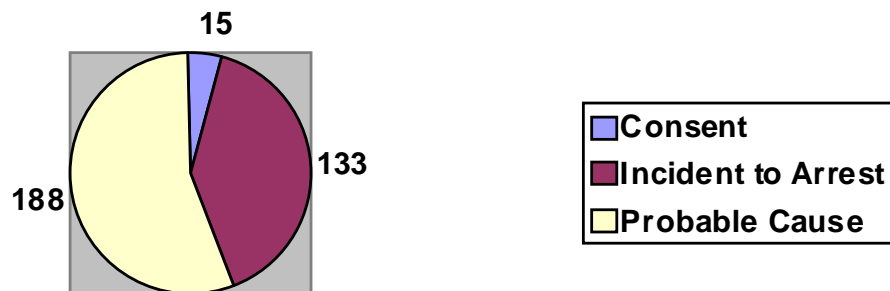
Percentage of Pedestrian Stops



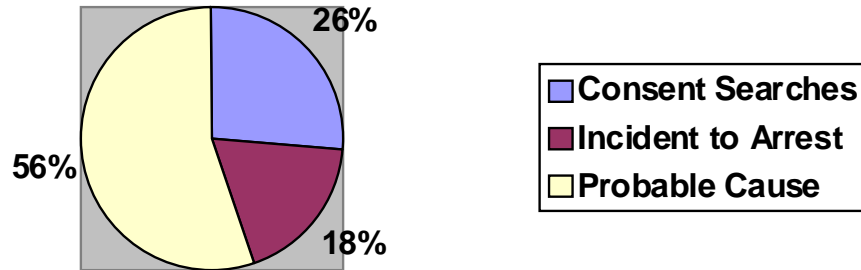
SEARCHES

As a result of traffic stops 336 total searches were conducted.

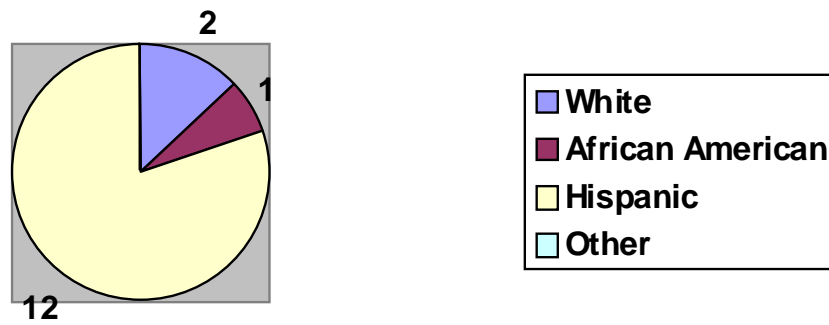
Number of Searches



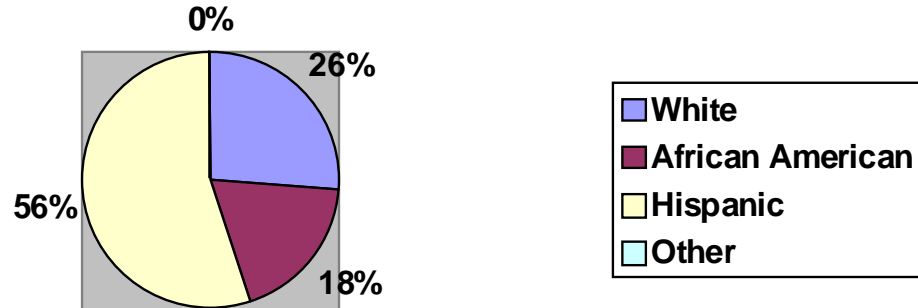
Percentage of Searches



Consent Searches



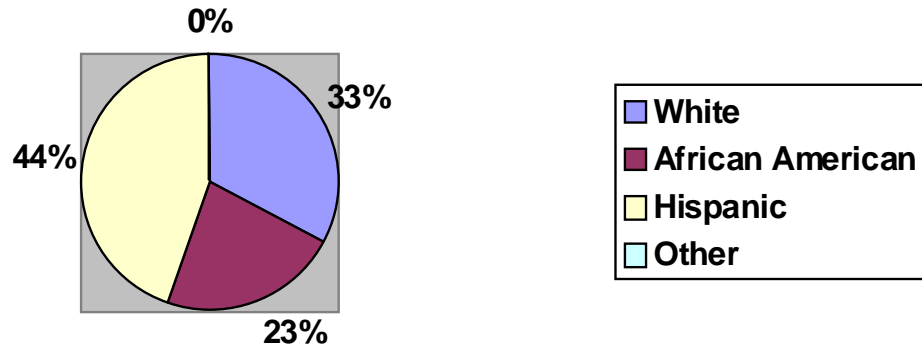
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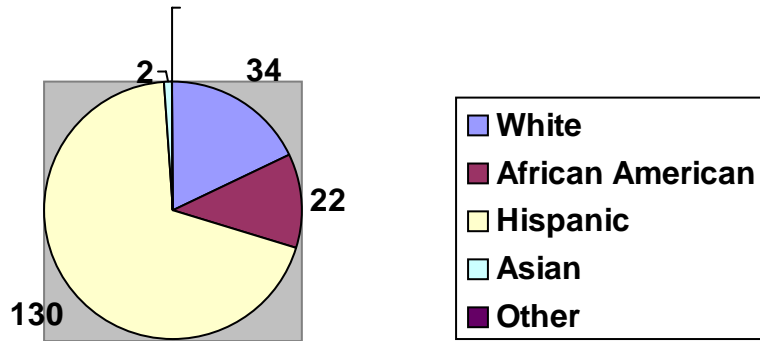
Incident to Arrest Search



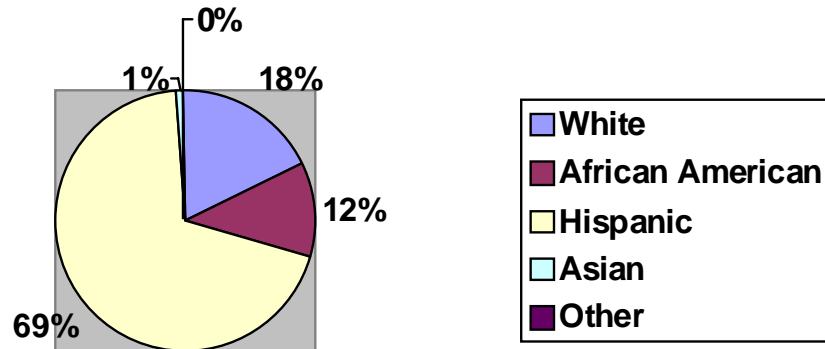
Incident to Arrest Search



Probable Cause



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Prevalence of Racial Profiling

Based on the statistical data used for this report, there is no prevalence that racial profiling is being conducted by the Seguin Police Department.

Traffic offenses being violated

The 3 primary violations that resulted in citations were: 2,839 – No Vehicle Liability Insurance, 2,538 – Speeding, and 1,058 – No Driver’s License.

Disposition of traffic and pedestrian stops

There were a total of 17,881 new cases filed in Municipal Court during 2007. These include cases filed by other departments, Failure to Appear, and multiple citations on an individual. There were 14,997 cases disposed of; 2,750 cases were disposed by paying the fine; 3,118 cases that were found guilty with a trial by judge; 9,129 cases dismissed after Driver Safety Course, Deferred Disposition, Proof of Financial Responsibility, and Compliance Dismissal.

Racial Profiling Complaints

During the year 2007, there were no complaints for racial profiling reported or filed with the Seguin Police Department. This does not mean that efforts to eliminate racial profiling will cease. Diligence must be continued within the agency to identify and remedy any issues that are realized.

Summary

The statistical data generated during 2007 indicated that racial profiling was not being conducted by the Seguin Police Department. All of the Department's marked vehicles that are regularly used for traffic enforcement are equipped with video/audio recorders.

Year-to-Year Comparison

After comparing the statistics compiled in 2007 to those in 2006, the following conclusions can be drawn.

- In the area of overall traffic stops, there was only slight statistical change showing an 8% decrease in Hispanic persons stopped and an 8% increase in White persons stopped during the year although traffic stops increased from 10,605 in 2006 to 15,900 in 2007 which is a 50% increase over the previous year.
- The total number of citations issued increased by 2,850 which is a 75% increase.
- The total number of warnings issued increased by 2,445, which was a 36% increase.
- There were 92 more Pedestrian Stops.
- There is also only slight statistical change in the racial breakdown of searches conducted incident to arrest where as White persons were up 5% and African Americans were up 5% while Hispanic persons were down 12%.