



Snyder Police Department

2008 Racial Profiling Report

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The 2008 Racial Profiling Report that follows is a compilation of data that is, in part mandated by law. In 2001 the 77th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1074, which is known as the Racial Profiling Bill. Senate Bill 1074 requires each law enforcement agency to file a report with their governing body containing information for the preceding calendar year relating to traffic stops in which a traffic citation is issued. The following information is included with this report:

1. Census Demographics
2. A breakdown of the citations by race or ethnicity;
3. Number of citations that resulted in a search;
4. Number of searches that were consensual; and
5. Number of citations that resulted in custodial arrest for the cited violation or any other violation.
6. Department Racial Profiling Policy

Racial Profiling is an illegal activity that weakens the effectiveness of law enforcement and affects a community in a negative way. In order to provide effective law enforcement to the community the Snyder Police Department recognizes there must be a partnership between the community and law enforcement to reduce crime and improve the quality of life. To accomplish this, the officers must provide fair and equal law enforcement to everyone within the community. Therefore, the Snyder Police Department will not accept racial profiling as a law enforcement tactic, and will not tolerate such tactics from its officers.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chief of Police

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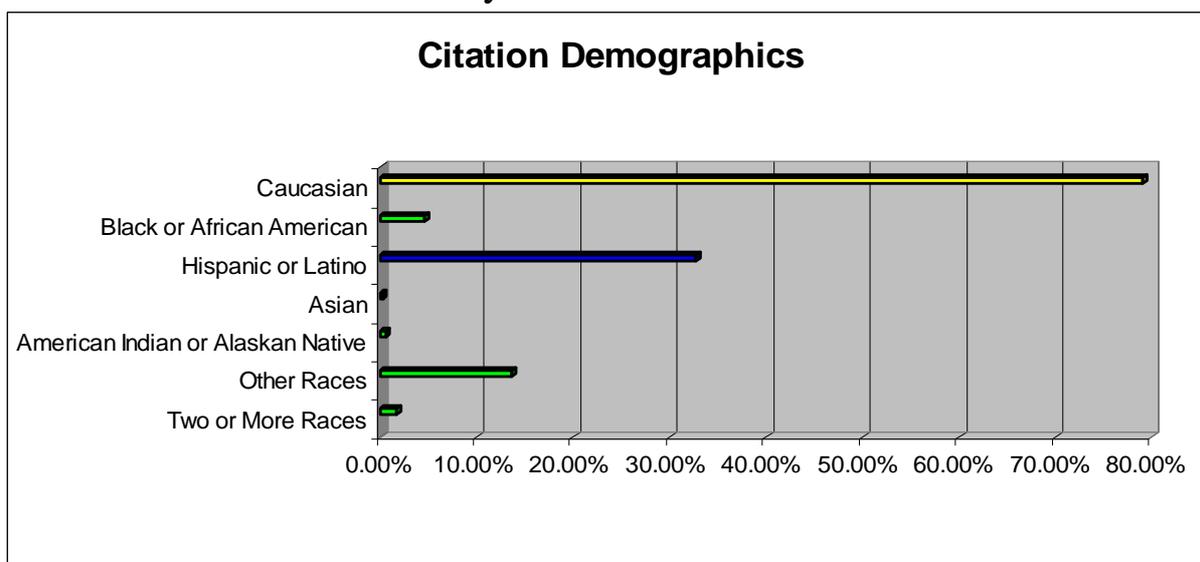
Snyder Police Department 2008 Racial Profiling Report Census Demographics

The most recent US Census for Snyder and Scurry County Texas was conducted in 2000. The following is a racial breakdown of the City of Snyder population based on the latest census that listed the population of the city at 10,783. Also included will be a racial break down of Scurry County Texas with a population listed at 16,361 as of the latest census. The Scurry County census information is included as a reference, due to the large number of citizens that reside in the county that commute in or through the City of Snyder on a regular, if not a daily basis. Factors that are not figured into the census demographics is the number of people that have relocated to Snyder and Scurry County for the many job opportunities, to attend Western Texas College and for various other reasons.

2000 Census	Snyder		Scurry County	
Caucasian	8,519	79.0%	13,296	81.3%
Black or African American	506	4.7%	991	6.1%
Hispanic or Latino	3,427	31.8%	4544	27.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	61	0.6%	87	0.5%
Asian	27	0.3%	37	0.2%
Other	1,475	13.7%	1,720	10.5%
Two or more races	195	1.8%	230	1.4%
Total Population	10,783		16,361	

Note: Hispanic ethnicity is a separate data category from race.

Snyder Census 2000

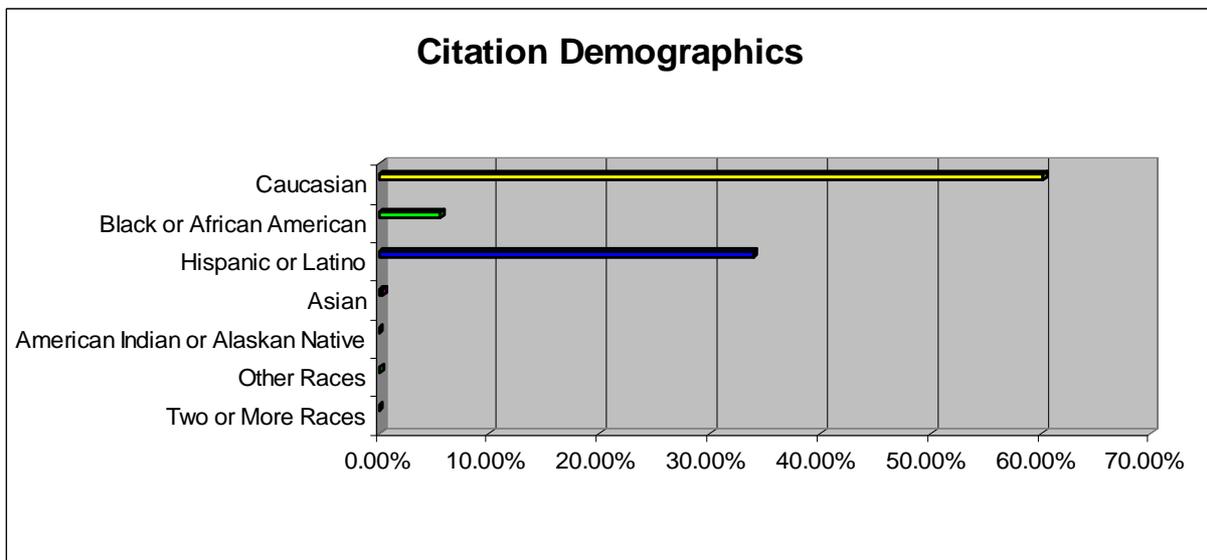


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In 2008 there were a total of 1,388 citations issued through the Snyder Police Department. There were 127 vehicle searches conducted in connection to the citations that were issued. Of the vehicles searched consent was given 54 times by the vehicle operator. During 2008 the Snyder Police Department did not participate in any of the STEP Programs that were offered through the Texas Department of Transportation.

The following is a break down by race or ethnicity of the citation that were issued for various violations in 2008.

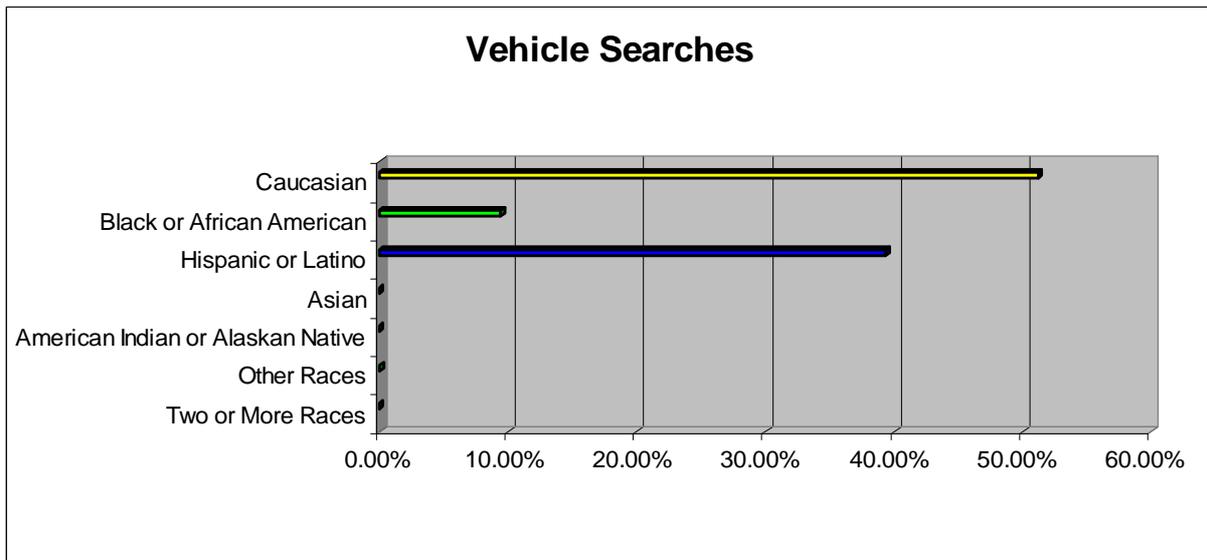
Race	Number of Citations	%
Caucasian	835	60.15%
Black or African American	77	5.55%
Hispanic	471	33.93%
Asian	4	0.29%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	0.00%
Other Race	1	0.07%
Two or More Races	0	0.00%



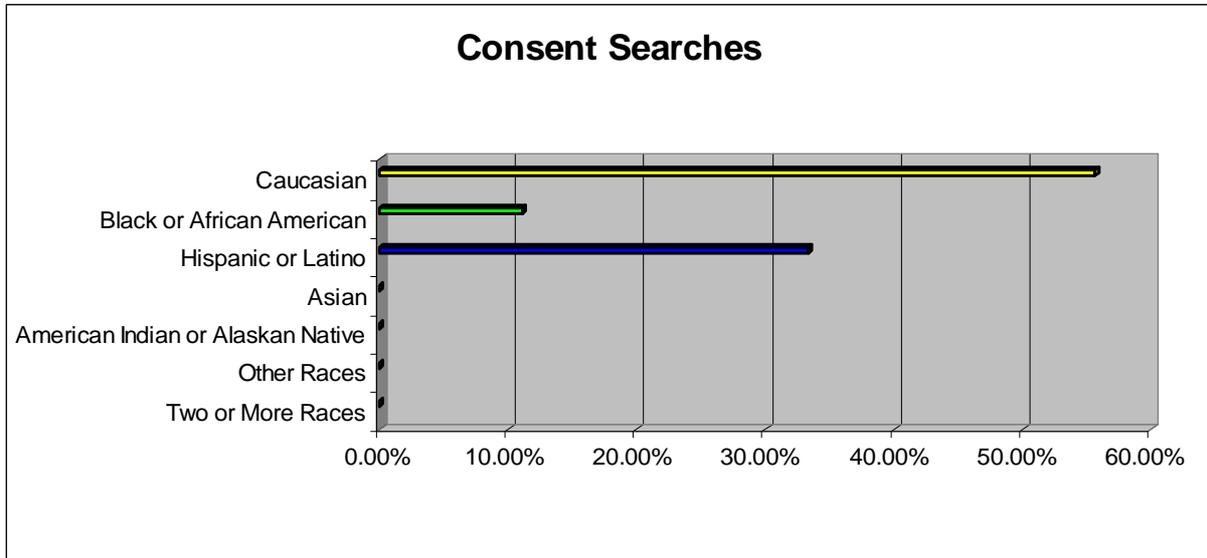
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The following is a racial break down of the 127 vehicle searches that were conducted by the Snyder Police Department in connection to traffic contacts where a citation was issued:

Race	Searches	%	Consent Searches	%
Caucasian	65	51.18%	30	55.56%
Black or African American	12	9.45%	6	11.11%
Hispanic or Latino	50	39.37%	18	33.33%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Asian	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Other Race	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Two or more races	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	127		54	



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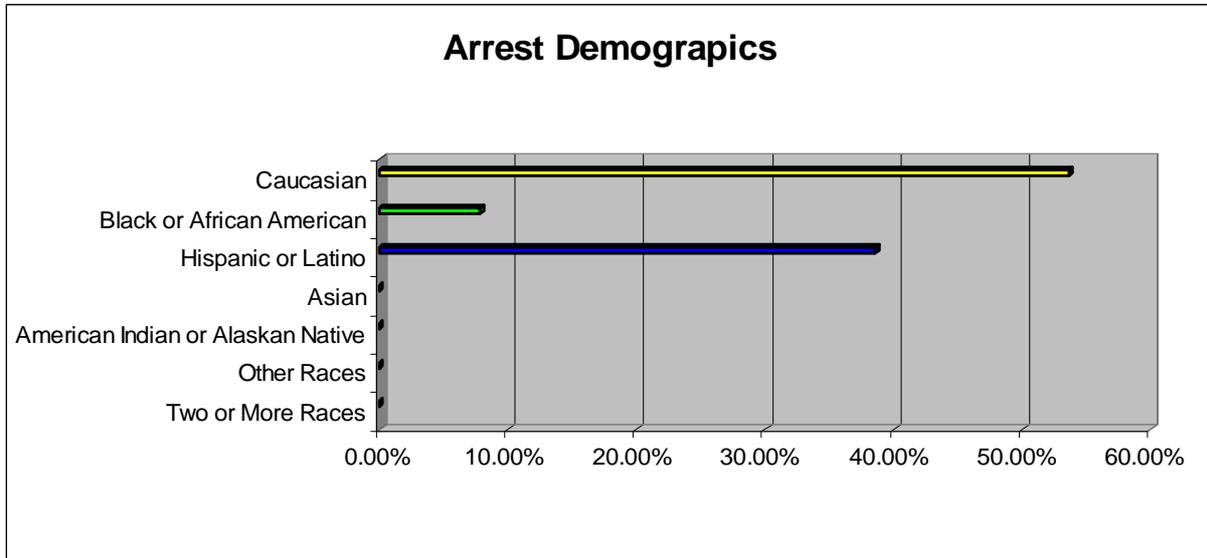


Arrest Demographics

Of the 1,388 citations issued through the Snyder Police Department, 153 of these citations resulted in an arrest. The following is a racial breakdown of these arrests:

Race	Arrests	%
Caucasian	82	53.59%
Black or African American	12	7.84%
Hispanic or Latino	59	38.56%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.00%
Asian	0	0.00%
Other Race	0	0.00%
Two or more races	0	0.00%
Total	153	

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Racial Profiling Complaint Disposition

The Snyder Police Department did not receive any racial profiling complaints in 2008.