Overview of NC Traffic Stop Data
Charlotte Contraband Hits

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Contraband finds in Charlotte

- Traffic stops as a means of searching for large amounts of drugs or other contraband is extremely inefficient
- Searches are rare (~3 percent state-wide)
- Contraband is rare (~20-30 percent of searches)
- Almost always, the contraband is “user” amounts
Contraband hits: Very few “king pins”

• Hits can be:
  – Dollars
  – Gallons (alcohol)
  – Pints (alcohol)
  – Pounds (drugs, but of any sort)
  – Ounces (drugs, but of any sort)
  – Dosages (prescription drugs)
  – Weapons (pocket knife through assault weapon)

• Slides that follow show what was found in Charlotte
## Charlotte Contraband hits

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<th>Type of Search</th>
<th>Number of searches</th>
<th>Percent with Contraband</th>
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<td>Consent</td>
<td>34,461</td>
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<td>Warrant</td>
<td>119</td>
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<td>Probable Cause</td>
<td>10,462</td>
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<td>Incident to Arrest</td>
<td>23,969</td>
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<td>Protective Frisk</td>
<td>1,220</td>
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<td>Total traffic stops</td>
<td>1,314,787</td>
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<td>Total searches</td>
<td>70,231</td>
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<td>Total contraband hits</td>
<td>16,327</td>
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2,229 searches led to cash seizures, and $278,940.80 was seized.
Not shown: 45 seizures > $1k; 11 > $5k; 3 > $10k; 1 = $30,000.
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Dosages

Charlotte: 1,314,787 stops, 70,231 searches, 16,327 contraband hits. 3,054 searches lead to dosages, and 21,657 dosages were seized. Outlier cases not shown here: 300, 300, 480, 610, 900, 1,350.
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