

Summary of Black-White Differences in Traffic Stops and Searches in Raleigh, NC, 2002-2013

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Table 3. Percent Searched by Race and Purpose of Stop

Purpose	Number	Total	% White	% Black	Ratio
					Black:White
Total Stops	719,715	-	52.10	44.50	-
Total Searches	23,487	3.26	2.56	4.15	1.62
Speed Limit	216,251	0.99	0.66	1.52	2.30
Stop Light/Sign	46,609	1.93	1.28	3.01	2.35
Driving Impaired	10,025	47.58	50.13	40.60	0.81
Safe Movement	39,924	2.97	2.03	4.31	2.12
Vehicle Equipment	74,500	3.43	2.32	4.32	1.86
Vehicle Regulatory	215,598	2.51	1.53	3.50	2.29
Seat Belt	23,529	2.29	0.95	3.83	4.03
Investigation	32,481	10.09	7.18	12.68	1.77
Other Vehicle	60,598	4.49	3.17	5.88	1.85

Table 3 shows that Blacks have a rate of search 62 percent higher than that of Whites. This finding is sustained in a multiple regression analysis controlling for the following variables: Hispanic; Age; Purpose of Stop; being stopped by a “High Disparity” officer; the day of the week; and the hour of the day. The increased likelihood that a Black male driver would be searched in that model, compared to a similarly situated White male driver, is +125 percent. For female drivers, the increased likelihood is +62 percent.

Table 4. Type of Search by Race

Search Type	Number	Total	White	Black	Ratio
					Black:White
Total Stops	719,715	-	52.10	44.50	-
Total Searches	23,487	3.26	2.56	4.15	1.62
Consent	7,441	1.03	0.65	1.51	2.32
Search Warrant	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Probable Cause	4,547	0.63	0.34	1.00	2.94
Incident to Arrest	11,087	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.00
Protective Frisk	406	0.06	0.03	0.09	3.00

Figure 7. Search Rates by Race, Gender, and Age Group

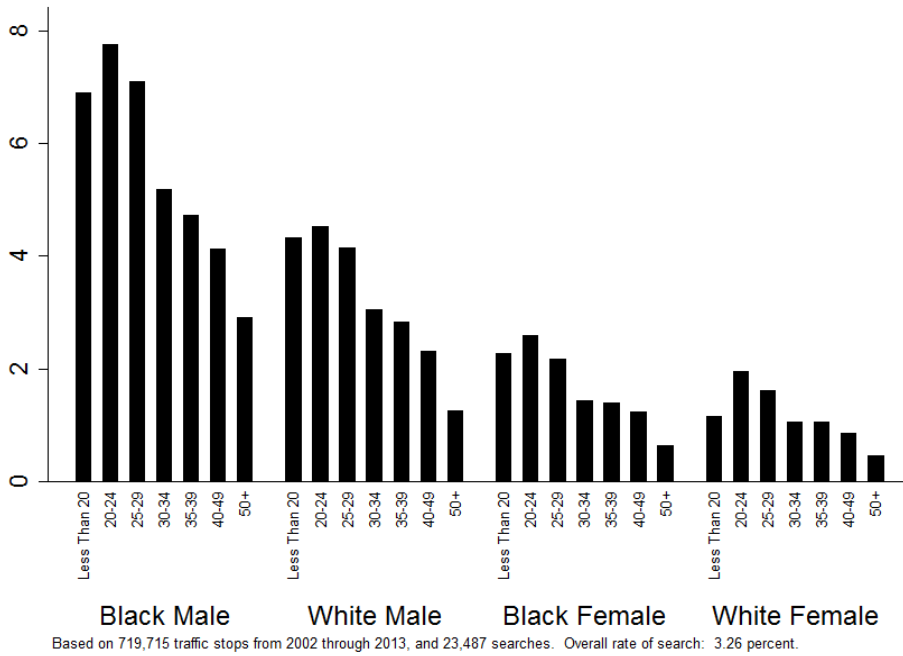
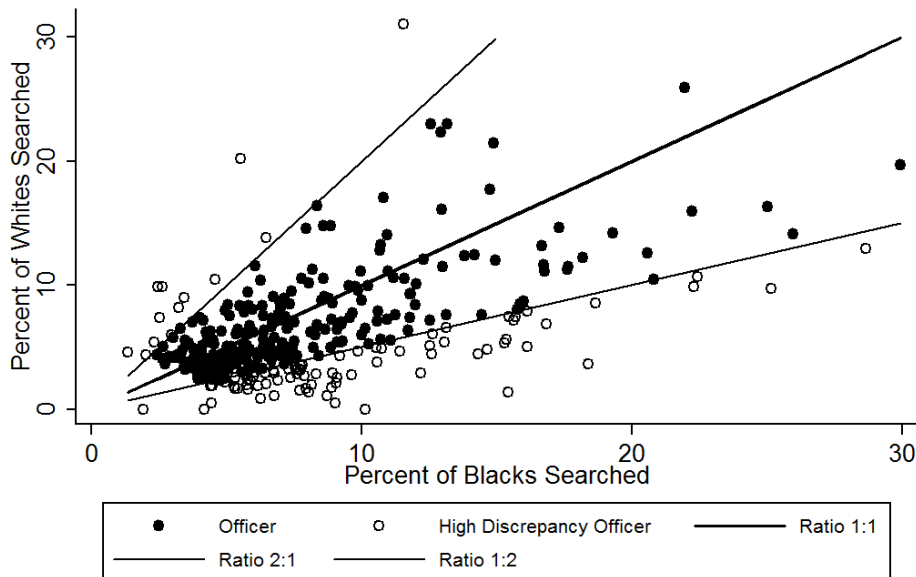


Figure 12. Percent of White and Black Drivers Searched, by Officer



Includes 328 officers with at least 50 stops of Blacks and 50 stops of Whites and a search rate of over 3.26. Of these officers, 80 have rates of searching Blacks more than twice their rate of searching Whites and 13 have rates of searching Whites at twice the rate of Blacks.