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Legal Aid Analysis: NYPD's Racially Biased Stop-and-Frisk Practices Continue to Plague Communities of Color Despite Promises from City Hall, NYPD to Reverse Disparate Enforcement

91 Percent of all Reported Stop-and-Frisk Procedures for 2020 Involved New Yorkers of Color

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society condemned the New York City Police Department (NYPD) over its [racially biased stop-and-frisk practices](#) that still persist despite pledges from City Hall and NYPD leadership to reverse this long standing pattern.

According to recently released [data](#) from NYPD, roughly 91 percent of reported stop-and-frisk procedures in 2020 involved New Yorkers of color. This appears to be a slight increase from 2018 and 2019, per NYPD data.

Black New Yorkers were subjected to the majority of stops at 56.23 percent, despite making up [less than one quarter](#) of New York City's population. New Yorkers whom the NYPD characterize as "White Hispanic" (Latinx) were subjected to 21.48 percent of all reported stops.

White New Yorkers, according to a United States Census [report](#) from 2019, make up roughly 42.7 percent of New York City's population but only comprised 8.97 percent of stop-and-frisk procedures for 2020.

White New Yorkers and New Yorkers of Color Stopped, by Year

Race of Person Stopped	2018	2018%	2019	2019%	2020	2020%	Grand Total	Grand Total %
New Yorkers of Color	9934	90.24%	12244	90.97%	8688	91.03%	30866	90.75%
White New Yorkers	1074	9.76%	1215	9.03%	856	8.97%	3145	9.25%
Grand Total	11008	100.00%	13459	100.00%	9544	100.00%	34011	100.00%

Race of New Yorkers stopped, by Year

Race of Person Stopped	2018	2018%	2019	2019%	2020	2020%	Grand Total	Grand Total%
(null)	67	0.61%	85	0.63%	74	0.78%	226	0.66%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	16	0.15%	8	0.06%	17	0.18%	41	0.12%
Asian / Pacific Islander	221	2.01%	301	2.24%	219	2.29%	741	2.18%
Black	6241	56.70%	7981	59.30%	5367	56.23%	19589	57.60%
Black Hispanic	978	8.88%	1127	8.37%	829	8.69%	2934	8.63%
Middle Eastern/Southwest	-	-	-	-	132	1.38%	132	0.39%
White	1074	9.76%	1215	9.03%	856	8.97%	3145	9.25%
White Hispanic	2411	21.90%	2742	20.37%	2050	21.48%	7203	21.18%
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Moreover, the majority of stops took place in precincts located in heavily policed communities of color, including the 75th Precinct, which serves the eastern Brooklyn neighborhoods of East New York and Cypress Hill; the 23rd Precinct, which serves East Harlem; the 43rd Precinct, which serves the southeast section of the Bronx; the 40th Precinct, which serves the Bronx neighborhoods of Port Morris, Mott Haven, and Melrose; and the 52nd Precinct, which serves Bedford Park, Fordham, Kingsbridge, Norwood, Bronx Park, and University Heights in the Bronx.

2020 Top 10 Stop Location Precincts

Precinct	Stops
46	285
75	282
40	264
52	262
43	247
23	216
19	197
79	189
25	187
42	184
Total	2313

*The top 10 precincts account for 24.24% of all stops in 2020, almost a quarter of stops last year.

“This latest data from the NYPD shows that not enough has changed with the way the NYPD interacts with New Yorkers of color since the Mayor claims to have ended stop-and-frisk,” said **Molly Griffard, Legal Fellow with the Legal Aid Society’s Cop Accountability Project**. “The numbers show clearly that the NYPD continues to use stop-and-frisk, that it is still being carried out in a racially discriminatory manner, and that it remains highly ineffective at furthering public safety. New Yorkers deserve better; it's past time the NYPD actually ended stop-and-frisk.”

The [data](#) also revealed that the overwhelming majority of stops did not result in the finding of a firearm (94.56%), knife / cutter (94.09%) or other weapon (98.13%).

The [number](#) of reported stops dropped from 13,459 in 2019 to 9,544 in 2020, but this decline is likely attributed to the global pandemic and the City’s shelter-in-place policies. Furthermore, the total number of stop-and-frisk procedures reported by the NYPD is likely to be significantly lower than the total number of stops that actually occur, according to reports released by the federal Monitor put in place to oversee the NYPD’s stop-and-frisk reform process. In one such [report](#), the Monitor noted this problem stating that “the NYPD has acknowledged that undocumented Level 3 Terry stops are a serious issue that needs to be addressed.”

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