

“STOP”- Statistical Transparency of Policing

F R E Q U E N T L Y A S K E D Q U E S T I O N S



What is the STOP Program?

In 2017, HB 2355 was enacted into law. HB 2355 requires all law enforcement agencies in the State of Oregon to collect data regarding officer-initiated traffic and pedestrian stops by 2020. The STOP Program was required by law to maintain a partnership between the Criminal Justice Commission, the Oregon State Police, and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, to implement HB 2355. In so doing, the STOP Program has developed data collection standards and software for Oregon law enforcement agencies, and will oversee the analysis of STOP Program Data as well as provide training and technical assistance as required by the bill.

The STOP Solution represents the standards and software developed for the STOP Program. Law enforcement agencies can elect to submit data to the STOP Program in several ways, as the STOP Solution can (a) receive data directly from preexisting law enforcement records regarding traffic and pedestrian stops, (b) provide a web-based form for inputting stops data, and/or (c) provide mobile phone applications (both iOS and Android) for inputting stops data.

Can my agency have access to view the STOP Solutions?

Agencies are provided a generic login role to view the STOP web form, mobile applications, and administration hub in the train environment following an initial implementation call. The phone call allows the STOP team to explain how to use the solution, what to expect, and next steps, as well as answer any questions that the law enforcement agency may have. The train environment provides an area to submit “play” data into the system and assess the usability of each of the solution options for their agency.

What are the racial/ethnic categories included in the STOP Program?

The STOP Program utilizes the following racial/ethnic categories: Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern, Native American or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, and White.

How were the racial/ethnic categories selected for the STOP Solution?

The STOP Program convened a group of stakeholders, which included representatives from law enforcement, state government, and community and advocacy groups to decide which categories would be included in the STOP Program Solution. This stakeholder group, in turn, consulted with a representative from the Oregon Population Research Center at Portland State University. The categories included in the STOP Program Solution include those found in the Census, as well as “Middle Eastern,” to ensure that data collected pursuant to this program will be able to provide stop rate data to all interested communities within Oregon.

Are other forms of transportation included as “traffic stops”?

Stops involving individuals on bicycles should be recorded as traffic stops.

CJIS and LEDS

Although some of the data elements for the STOP solution might be part of a Criminal Justice Information (CJI) record elsewhere they are not CJI within the STOP solution as the data is de-identified. All methods of submission to the STOP solution were vetted and determined not to be subject to CJIS compliance.