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Subject: Arrest, Crime, and Demographics review: 2014-2016

The University Police Department (UPD) arrests Black persons at a rate of 1.49 in comparison to White persons, I slight decrease from the 2013-2015 rate of 1.57.

Table 1 - National and UAlbany Arrest Rates of Black and White Persons (2014-16)						
		Percent of those arrested	Percent of population	Per capita Arrest Rate	Rate at which Black persons are arrested compared to White persons	
Nationally	Total Arrests	United States*				
	All Races	8248709				
	White	5753212	70%	72%	97%	
	Black	2197140	27%	13%	205%	2.12
University Police	Student Arrests	Students**				
	All Races	719				
	White	425	59%	47%	126%	
	Black	210	29%	17%	172%	1.37
University Police	Non- Student Arrests	Non-Students***				
	All Races	963				
	White	485	50%	57%	88%	
	Black	424	44%	31%	142%	1.61
					Aggregate UPD Arrest Rate	1.49
					National Arrest Rate	2.12
	* 2015 FBI Arrest Data & 2010 US Census					
	** 2016 Admissions data (UAlbany Method)					
	*** 2010 Census for City of Albany					

Additionally, we looked at arrest rates based on the reason for the contact between the arrestee and our officer. The review broke arrests into those initiated by:

- A Community Call for Service,
- A Vehicle & Traffic Stop (VTL), or;
- An Officer Initiated Contact (Patrol).

Table 2 (below) shows this data and demonstrates that, when officers' have little or no discretion, arrests of Black persons were made at a significantly higher proportion than the population demographics (and much closer to the national arrest rates). **Black persons were arrested at a rate far below the population demographic (a rate of 0.64) when the contact was officer initiated.** (Looking at Patrol/Officer Initiated Contacts; V&T stops require an offense to occur prior to making a stop, and officers have no discretion and must respond to all Community Calls for Service.)

Reason for Contact

Arrests 2014-2016

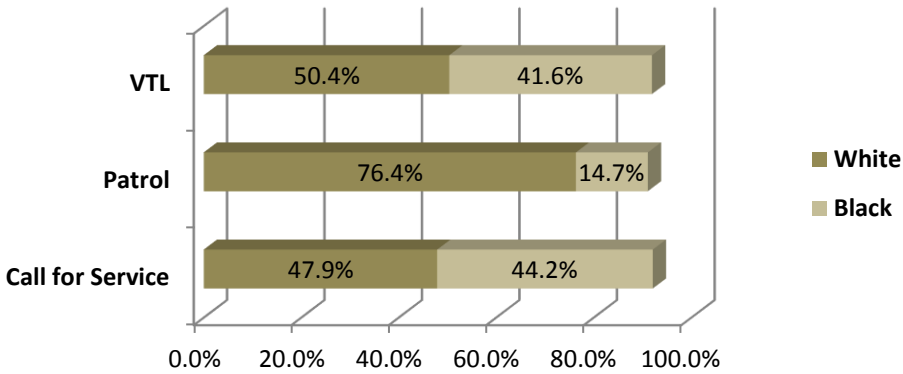
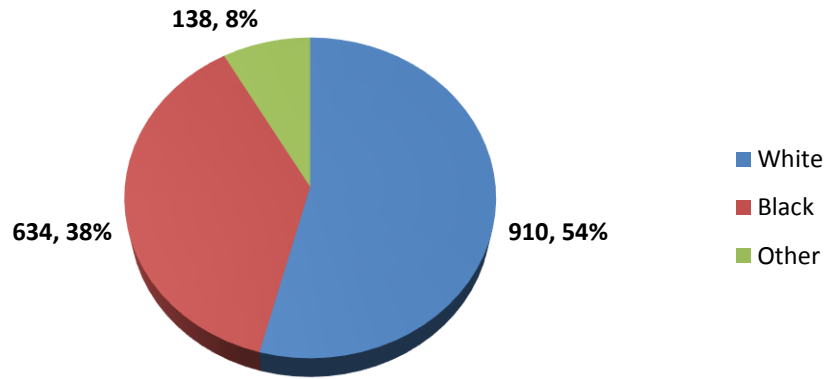


Table 2 - UAlbany Arrest Rates of Black and White Persons based on Reason for Contact: 2014-2016

Reason For Contact	Rate at which Black persons are arrested compared to White persons
Community Calls for Service	2.16
Vehicle & Traffic Stop	1.84
Officer Initiated Contact	0.64
All Contacts	1.49

Total Arrests 2014-2016

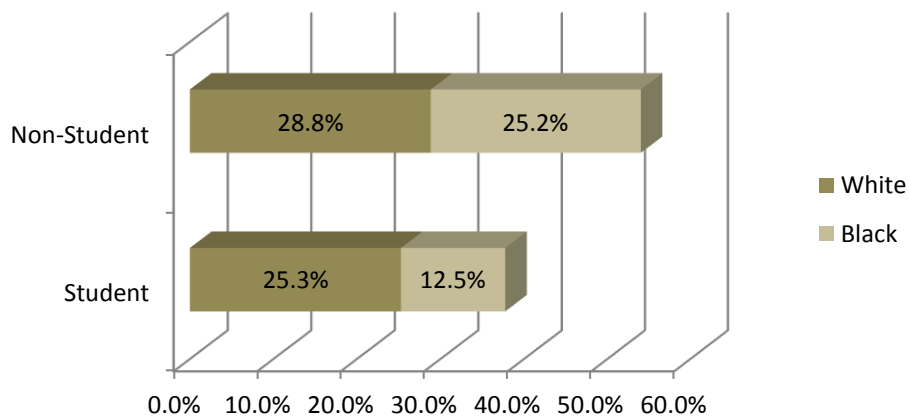
By Race



The majority of arrests (54%) were non-students/non-campus affiliated. Historically (prior to 2015) the opposite has been the case with 60+% of arrests being of students. The increase in vehicle and traffic related arrests has driven this transition.

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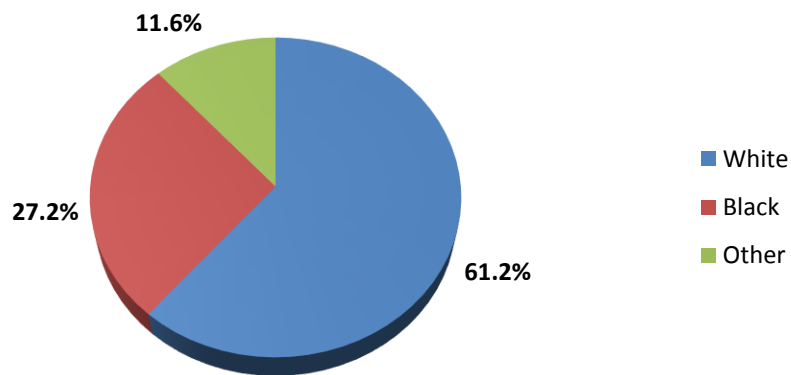
Black and White Arrestees, By Status



Over the last seven years vehicle stop related arrests have risen by 669%. This has been the largest driver of both the general increase in the number of arrests and in the increase of Black persons. These arrest are mandatory/non-discretionary arrests for offenses such as DWI, Unlicensed Operation of a Vehicle, and Unregistered Vehicle. Beginning in 2015 a DMV database that indicates whether an inspection sticker is valid has driven up inspection related arrests. From 2104-2016 **75% of V&T arrests are non-student arrests; 25% are students.** The aggregate student and non-student demographics for those arrested is 52.7% White and 25.0% Black. This compares to the V&T stop demographics below.

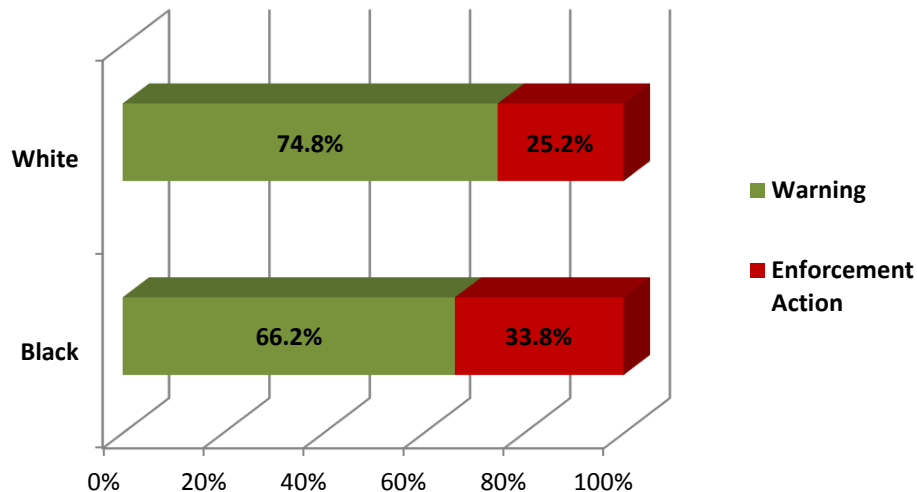
Vehicle Stop Totals by Race

2014-2016



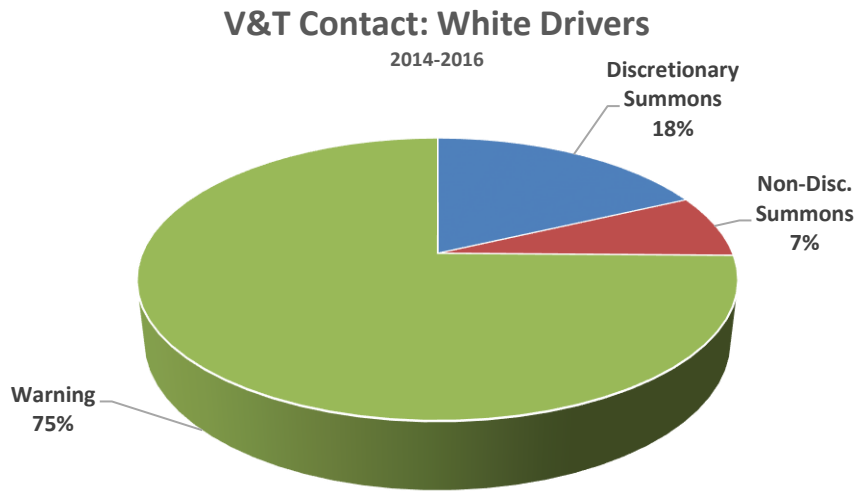
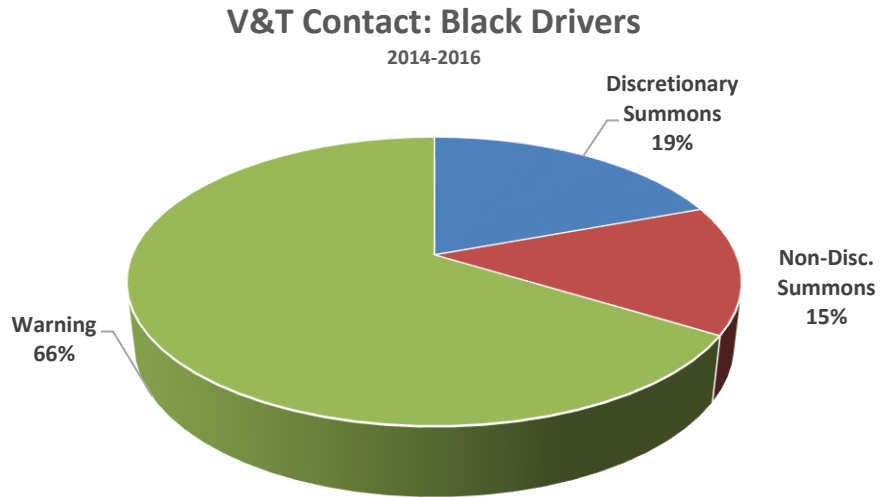
Racial Totals - V&T Stops

2014-2016. Black and White Operators



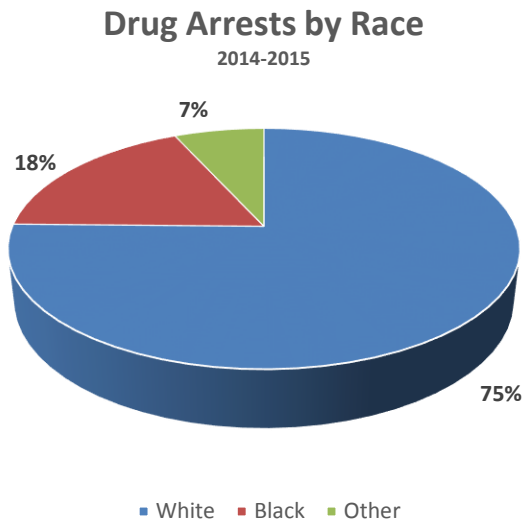
Black operators stopped are twice as likely as White operators to be operating a vehicle in a fashion that requires a mandatory arrest (see charts next page). This characteristic has been

consistent over the previous five years. For this reason they are more often subject to an enforcement action (above). This statistic has remained consistent over the last decade. This statistic, the higher percentage of Black persons in our surrounding community, and the very large increase in vehicle and traffic related encounters has driven both the increase in the arrest rate of Black persons and the transition to the majority of arrested persons being non-campus affiliated.



Total drug arrests are down significantly from last year (2015 was the highest total on record).

Drug arrests are significantly above the population demographic for White arrestees, and below the populations demographic for Black arrestees.



Drug Arrests	2015	2016	% Change
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance	70	29	-58.6%
Criminal Possession of Marihuana	50	41	-18.0%
Unlawful Possession of Marihuana	241	156	-35.3%
Total:	361	226	-37.4%

Quality of Life offenses have sustained the lower rate we saw last year (at about 50% below the historic average)

Quality of Life Crimes	2015	2016	% Change
Harassment	19	29	52.6%
Criminal Mischief	46	41	-10.9%
Criminal Tampering	14	9	-35.7%
Graffiti	13	23	76.9%
Grand Larceny	52	57	9.6%
Petit Larceny	108	74	-31.5%
Burglary	9	22	144.4%
Total:	261	255	-2.3%