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The Honorable Jay Inslee  
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The Honorable Denny Heck  
Lieutenant Governor  
President of the Senate  
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The Honorable Laurie Jinkins  
Washington State Representative  
Speaker of the House  
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Dear Governor Inslee, Lieutenant Governor Heck, and Speaker Jinkins:

RE: Engrossed Senate Bill 5852

The 57th Legislature during the 2002 Regular Session enacted Engrossed Senate Bill 5852 which became effective on June 13, 2002. The Act requires local law enforcement agencies to comply with the recommendations of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) regarding racial profiling as set forth in Section 2, Subsection (1) (a) through (f). This letter, the *Racial Profiling Progress Report* and the *Roster of Responding Agencies* provides information on the progress of local law enforcement agencies toward meeting the requirements and goals set forth in Section 2 of ESB 5852.

Local law enforcement agencies throughout Washington are at various stages of progress toward complying with the WASPC recommendations. Even though initial activities may have been completed, most agencies recognize that the processes of policy and procedure review, training, and working with the minority groups within their communities are ongoing and not the category of activities that are ever truly completed.

At the time of our report, a total of one hundred eleven (111) agencies responded to the survey. Furthermore, a number of additional agencies were identified as having standing contracts for administrative and/or supplementary police services with law enforcement agencies in their region.

Ninety eight percent of (98%) the responding agencies have either adopted or are in the process of adopting a written policy designed to condemn and prevent racial profiling. Many agencies have long standing policies that prohibit any police action based on race or gender. Ninety eight percent (98%) of responding agencies have reviewed and audited, or are in the process of reviewing and auditing, existing procedures, practices, and training to ensure that they do not enable or foster the practice of racial profiling.

Ninety eight percent (98%) of responding agencies report having completed or being in the process of providing training to their personnel. Many agencies report training as an on-going process with follow-up training quarterly or annually and in some cases more frequently through roll-call procedures.

Most agencies have ensured a citizen complaint review process is in place with eighty five percent (85%) reporting being “completed” and another nine percent (9%) indicating they are “in progress.” Twenty five percent (25%) of agencies report being “in progress” when asked if they have worked with minority groups in their community to appropriately address the issue of racial profiling while another fifty five (55%) report being “completed.” Some agencies report not having a recognizable minority group in their community while others report this is an on-going process and is never completed.

Twenty four percent (24%) are not collecting racial profiling data. This is primarily due to fiscal constraints. The costs of establishing an automated collection method and then having someone properly analyze the data are prohibitive for most agencies. There are still questions about proper and meaningful data collection and analysis. Some of the larger agencies have found the support of major universities with data analysis is critical to proper and credible analysis. Of greatest significance for many agencies is the lack of funding to pay for the collection and analysis of data.

Much of the effort toward condemning and preventing bias-based policing is part of an ongoing process that should not be regarded as “completed” but will continually be considered as “in progress.”

I am happy to discuss any questions you may have regarding our report. I can be reached at [steve@waspc.org](mailto:steve@waspc.org) or (360) 486-2380.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

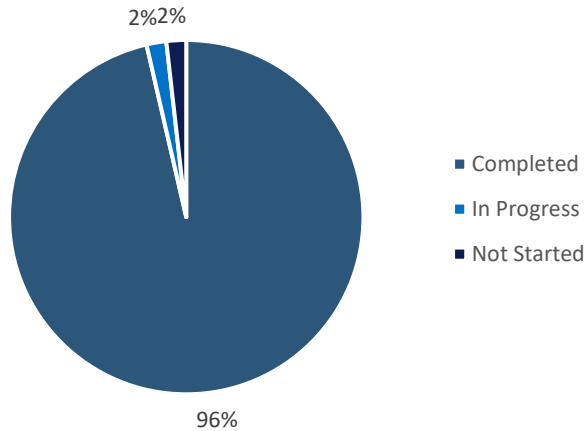
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## WASPC 2021 Racial Profiling Progress Report

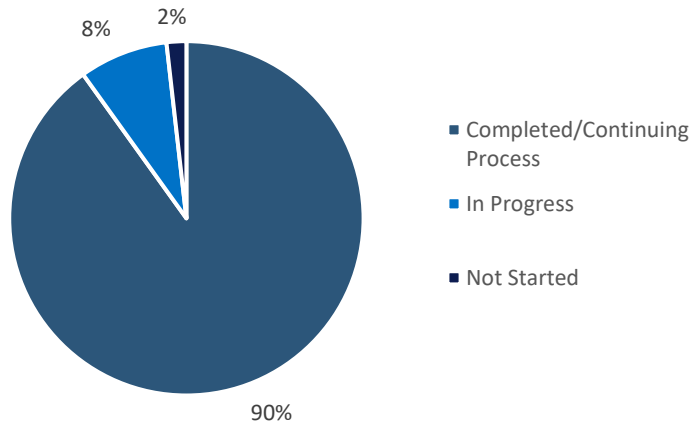
In November 2000, a resolution regarding biased based policing and perceptions of biased based policing (commonly referred to as racial profiling) was adopted by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC). Racial profiling was later addressed by the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature during the 2002 Regular Session by enacting Engrossed Senate Bill 5852 which became effective on June 13, 2002. The Act requires local law enforcement agencies to comply with the recommendations of WASPC regarding racial profiling as set forth in Section 2, Subsection (1) (a) through (f).

Section 3 of ESB 5852 requires WASPC to report to the Legislature prior to December 31 each year on the progress and accomplishments of each local law enforcement agency in the state in meeting the requirements and goals set forth in Section 2 of the Act. WASPC surveyed the police agencies in Washington regarding each element of Section 2 with the following results: Agencies responded as indicated to the questions below, each of which are based upon the requirements of Section 2 of the Act:

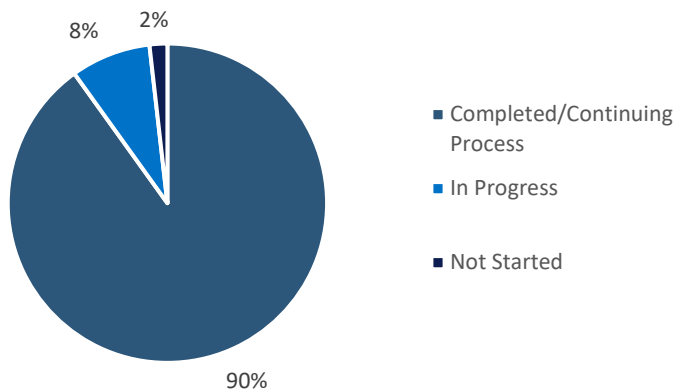
### **Has your agency adopted a written policy designed to condemn and prevent racial profiling?**



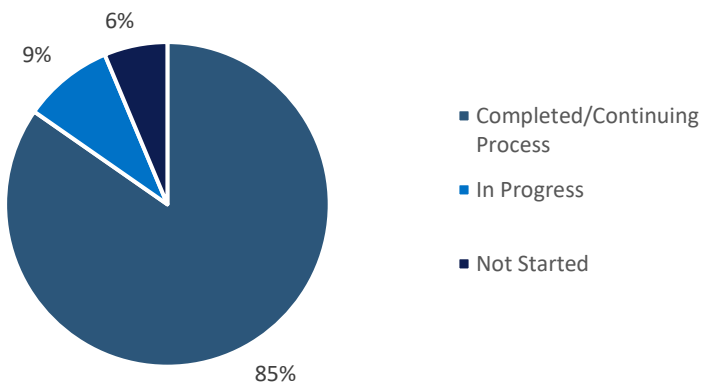
### **Has your agency reviewed and audited existing procedures, practices, and training to ensure that your agency does not enable or foster the practice of racial profiling?**



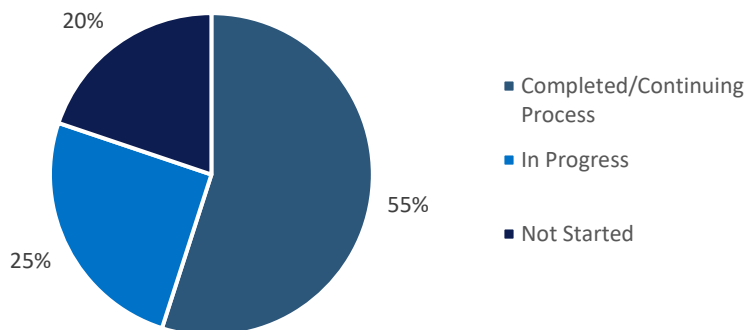
**Has your agency continued training to address the issues related to racial profiling?**



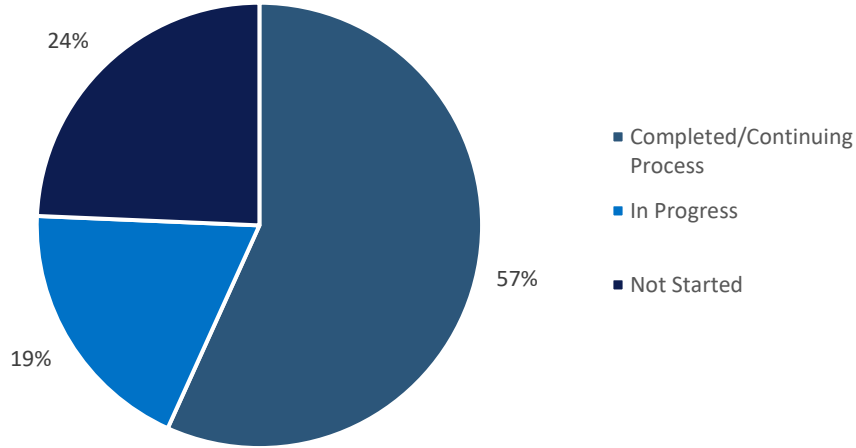
**Has your agency ensured a citizen complaint review process is in place that can adequately address instances of racial profiling?**



**Has your agency worked with minority groups in your community to appropriately address the issue of racial profiling?**



**Has your agency, within fiscal constraints, collected demographic data on traffic stops and analyzed that data to ensure that racial profiling is not occurring?**



**Roster of Responding Agencies**

- Aberdeen Police Department
- Anacortes Police Department
- Algona Police Department
- Arlington Police Department
- Asotin Police Department
- Auburn Police Department
- Bellevue Police Department
- Benton County Sheriff's Office
- Blaine Police Department
- Bonney Lake Police Department
- Bothell Police Department
- Bremerton Police Department
- Buckley Police Department
- Central Washington University Police Department
- Chehalis Police Department
- Chelan County Sheriff's Office
- Cheney Police Department
- Chewelah Police Department
- Colville Police Department
- Clallam County Sheriff's Office
- Clark County Sheriff's Office
- Cle Elum Police Department
- College Place Police Department
- Connell Police Department
- Coulee Dam Police Department
- Des Moines Police Department
- Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- Eatonville Police Department
- Edgewood Police Department
- Edmonds Police Department
- Ellensburg Police Department
- Elma Police Department
- Enumclaw Police Department
- Ephrata Police Department
- Everett Police Department
- Federal Way Police Department
- Ferndale Police Department
- Fife Police Department
- Fircrest Police Department
- Gig Harbor Police Department
- Grand Coulee Police Department
- Grandview Police Department
- Grant County Sheriff's Office
- Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office
- Issaquah Police Department
- Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
- Kalama Police Department
- Kelso Police Department
- Kennewick Police Department
- Kent Police Department

Kirkland Police Department  
Kitsap County Sheriff's Office  
La Center Police Department  
Lacey Police Department  
Lake Forest Park Police Department  
Lake Stevens Police Department  
Lewis County Sheriff's Office  
Marysville Police Department  
Medina Police Department  
Mercer Island Police Department  
Mill Creek Police Department  
Monroe Police Department  
Montesano Police Department  
Moxee Police Department  
Mukilteo Police Department  
Normandy Park Police Department  
Oak Harbor Police Department  
Ocean Shores Police Department  
Office of Insurance Commissioner, Criminal Investigations  
Omak Police Department  
Oroville Police Department  
Othello Police Department  
Pasco Police Department  
Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office  
Port of Pasco Police Department  
Port of Seattle Police Department  
Port Orchard Police Department  
Poulsbo Police Department  
Prosser Police Department  
Pullman Police Department  
Quincy Police Department  
Redmond Police Department  
Renton Police Department

Richland Police Department  
Ritzville Police Department  
Sequim Police Department  
Shoalwater Bay Police Department  
Skagit County Sheriff's Office  
Snohomish County Sheriff's Office  
Spokane County Sheriff's Office  
Spokane Police Department  
Steilacoom Department of Public Safety  
Stevens County Sheriff's Office  
Sumas Police Department  
Thurston County Sheriff's Office  
Toppenish Police Department  
Tumwater Police Department  
University of Washington Police Department  
University Place Police Department  
Upper Skagit Tribal Police Department  
Vancouver Police Department  
WA Department of Fish and Wildlife Police  
WA State Parks  
Walla Walla Police Department  
Washington State Patrol  
Washington State University Police  
Washougal Police Department  
Wenatchee Police Department  
Whatcom County Sheriff's Office  
Yakima County Sheriff's Office  
Zillah Police Department

**The following locations are under contract with one of the aforementioned agencies or as noted:**

- **Benton City**
- **Bucoda**
- **Carbonado**
- **Cashmere**
- **Chelan**
- **Concrete**
- **Coulee City**
- **Cusick**
- **Darrington**
- **Deer Park**
- **Duvall**
- **Electric City**
- **Granite Falls**
- **Harrah**
- **Hunts Point**
- **Ione**
- **Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe**
- **La Conner**

- **Mansfield**
- **Marcus**
- **Medical Lake**
- **Metline**
- **Metline Falls**
- **Millwood**
- **Northport**
- **Muckleshoot Indian Tribe**
- **Rainier**
- **Roslyn**
- **Snohomish**

- **South Cle Elum**
- **Spokane Valley**
- **Springdale**
- **Stanwood**
- **Sultan**
- **Tenino**
- **US Department of Energy**
- **Vader**
- **Waterville**
- **Wilkeson**
- **Woodway**