

**Police Department**

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Statement Regarding the Release of Race Data

Releasing data like this is an important part of building trust within the community and being transparent in our daily operations. As is the case with all data sets, this data can be interpreted in many ways. We have intentionally released the data without associated analysis or context. These are the unlocked documents containing raw numbers as exported from our records management system. The data posted to this website represents a breakdown of the perceived race and gender of all operators stopped by WPD and operators who were issued a ticket or warning as a result of a traffic crash investigation. It is important to note that the reported race of an operator is based solely on the officer's observations and perception at road side.

Race data collection will continue to inform our conversations, shape our policies and training, and help to guide us in our continued efforts to mitigate bias in policing. The release of this data is an opportunity for us to express to the community that we are committed to fair and impartial policing. Members of the Winooski Police Department are committed to delivering the highest quality police services, and to ensure that the City of Winooski is a safe, peaceful and vibrant community, that is free from bias for those that choose to live, work and visit here.

