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The Honorable Jay Inslee  
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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 Habib, 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 forty-four (144) 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 seven percent of (97%) 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. Eighty six percent (86%) 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.

Eighty three percent (83%) 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 one percent (81%) reporting being “completed” and another thirteen percent (13%) indicating they are “in progress.” Twenty three percent (23%) 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 seven (57%) 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 six percent (26%) 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

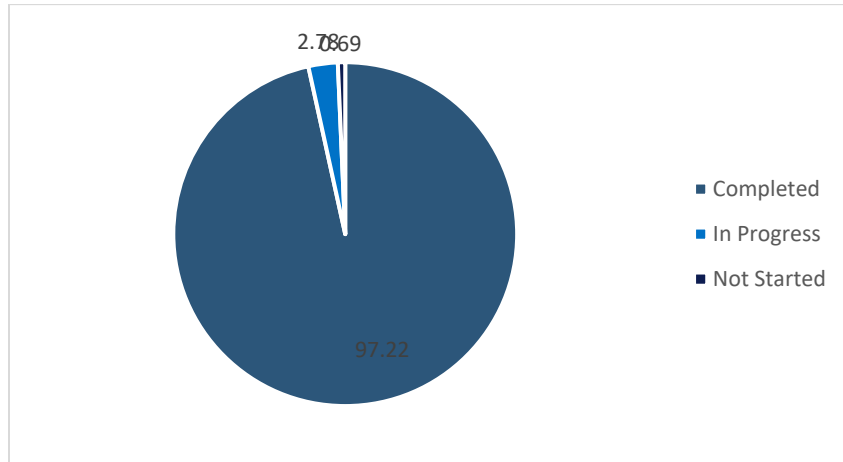
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## WASPC 2020 Racial Profiling Progress Report

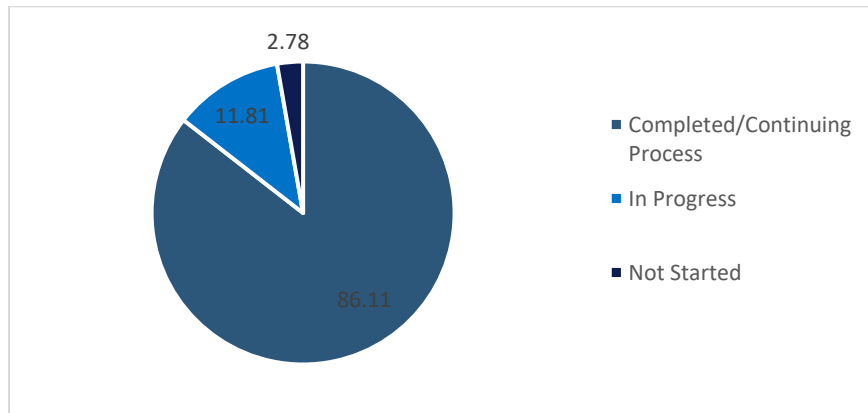
In November 2000, a resolution regarding biased based policing and perceptions of biased based policing (commonly referred to as racial profiling) was adopted by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC). Racial profiling was later addressed by the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature during 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:

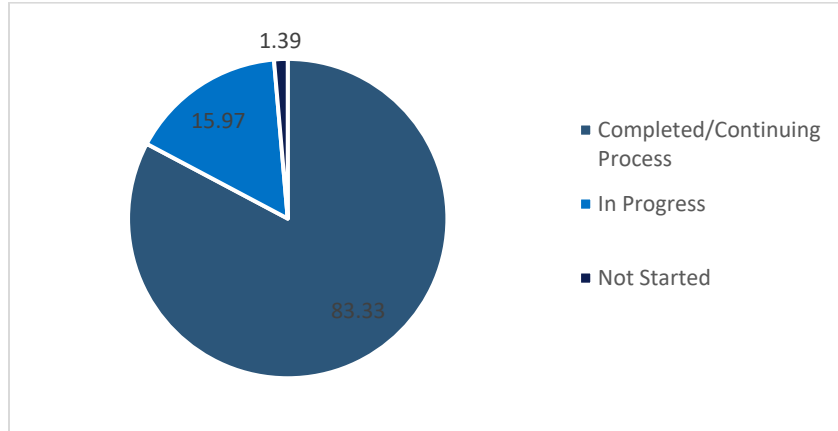
### **Has your agency adopted a written policy designed to condemn and prevent racial profiling?**



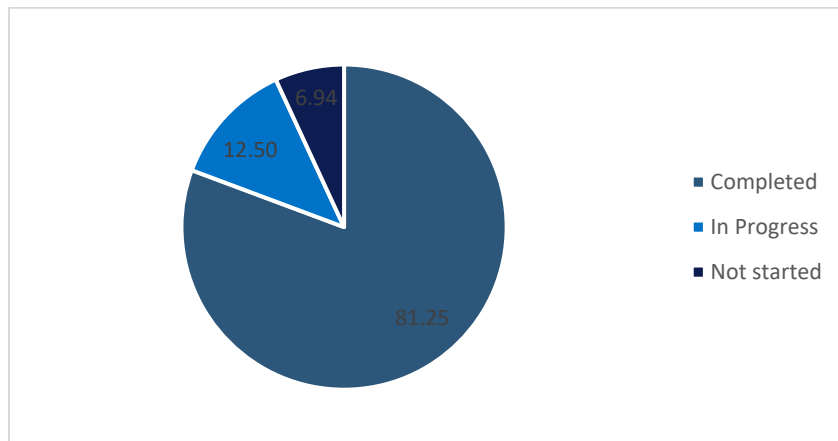
### **Has your agency reviewed and audited existing procedures, practices, and training to ensure that your agency does not enable or foster the practice of racial profiling?**



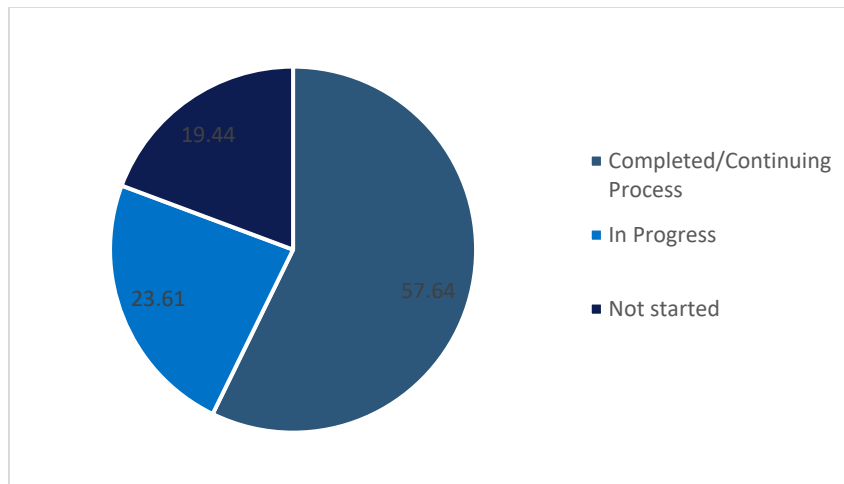
**Has your agency continued training to address the issues related to racial profiling?**



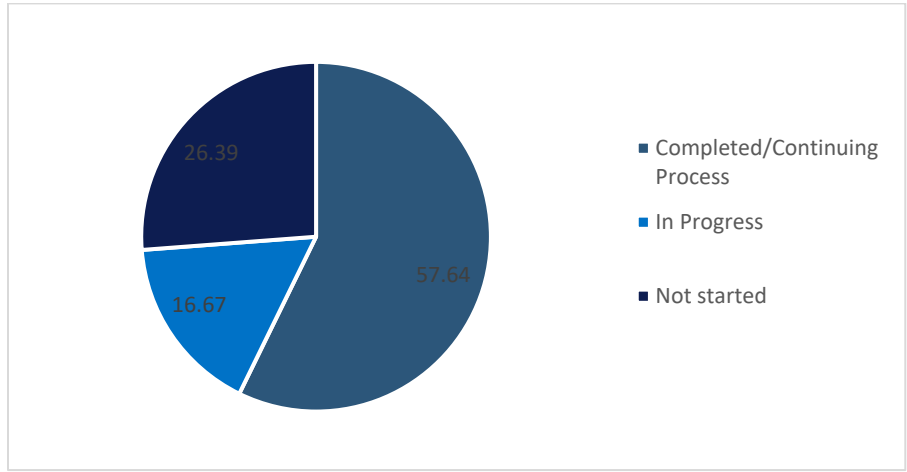
**Has your agency ensured a citizen complaint review process is in place that can adequately address instances of racial profiling?**



**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
- Algona Police
- Anacortes Police Department
- Arlington Police Department
- Asotin Police Department
- Auburn Police Department
- Bainbridge Island Police Department
- Battle Ground Police Department
- Bellevue Police Department
- Bellingham Police Department
- Black Diamond Police
- Blaine Police Department
- Bonney Lake Police Department
- Bothell Police Department
- Bremerton Police Department
- Buckley Police Department
- Burlington Police Department
- Camas Police Department
- Walla Walla Police Department
- Centralia Police Department
- Chehalis Police Department
- Chelan County Sheriff's Office
- Cheney Police Department
- City of Kent Police Department
- City of Kittitas Police Department
- City of Milton Police Department
- Clallam County Sheriff's Office
- Clarkston Police Department
- Cle Elum Police Department
- Clyde Hill Police Department
- College Place Police Department
- Connell Police Department
- Cosmopolis Police Department
- Coulee Dam Police Department
- Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Police
- Des Moines Police Department
- DuPont Police Department
- Eastern Washington University Police Department
- Edgewood Police Department
- Edmonds Police Department
- Ellensburg Police Department
- Enumclaw Police Department
- Ephrata Police Department
- Everett Police Department
- Evergreen State College Police Department
- Everson Police Department
- Federal Way Police Department
- Ferndale Police Department
- Fife Police Department
- Franklin County Sheriff's Office
- Garfield County Sheriff's Office
- Gig Harbor Police Department
- Goldendale Police Department
- Grand Coulee Police Department
- Grandview Police Department
- Grant County Sheriff's Office
- Grays Harbor Sheriff's Office

Hoquiam Police Department  
Issaquah Police Department  
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office  
Kalama Police Department  
Kelso Police Department  
Kennewick Police Department  
King County Sheriff's Office  
Kirkland Police Department  
Kitsap County Sheriff's Office  
Kittitas County Sheriff's Office  
Lacey Police Department  
Lake Forest Park Police Department  
Lake Stevens Police  
Lakewood Police Department  
Lewis County Sheriff's Office  
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office  
Longview Police Department  
Lynden Police Department  
Lynnwood Police Department  
Marysville Police Department  
Mason County Sheriff's Office  
Mattawa Police Department  
Medina Police Department  
Medina Police Department  
Mercer Island Police Department  
Monroe Police Department  
Moses Lake Police Department  
Mount Vernon Police Department  
Mountlake Terrace Police  
Mukilteo Police Department  
Nooksack Tribal Police Department  
Normandy Park Police Department  
Oak Harbor Police Department  
Ocean Shores Police Department  
Okanogan County Sheriff's Office  
Olympia Police Department  
Orting Police Department

Othello Police Department  
Pasco Police Department  
Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office  
Pierce County Sheriff's Department  
Port Angeles Police Department  
Port of Pasco Airport  
Port of Seattle Police Department  
Port Orchard Police Department  
Prosser Police Department  
Pullman Police Department  
Puyallup Police Department  
Quincy Police Department  
Raymond Police Department  
Renton Police Department  
Richland Police Department  
Ridgefield Police Department  
Sequim Police Department  
Shoalwater Bay Tribal Police Department  
Skagit County Sheriff's Office  
Skamania County Sheriff's Office  
Snohomish County Sheriff's Office  
Snoqualmie/North Bend Police Department  
Soap Lake Police Department  
South Bend Police Department  
Spokane Airport Police Department  
Spokane County Sheriff's Office  
Spokane Police Department  
Stillaguamish Police Department  
Sumas Police Department  
Sumner Police Department  
Suquamish Police Department  
Thurston County Sheriff's Office  
Tukwila Police Department  
Tumwater Police Department

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

- BNSF Police
- City of Burien
- City of Carnation
- City of Cashmere
- City of Chelan
- City of Concrete
- City of Covington
- City of Darrington
- City of Davenport
- City of Edgewood
- City of Entiat
- City of Gold Bar
- City of Granite Falls
- City of Kahlotus
- City of Kenmore
- City of LaConner
- City of Leavenworth
- City of Maple Valley

- City of Mesa
- City of New Castle
- City of North Bend
- City of Oakville
- City of Pateros
- City of Pomeroy
- City of SeaTac
- City of Shoreline
- City of Skykomish
- City of Snohomish
- City of Stanwood
- City of Sultan
- City of Vader
- City of Woodinville
- Edgewood Police Department
- Electric City
- Jamestown Tribe
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
- City of Newcastle
- Nooksack Tribal Police Department (BIA)
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Pierce Transit Police
- Sound Transit
- Spokane Valley Police Department
- Town of Beaux Arts
- Town of Eatonville
- Town of Hunts Point
- Town of Tonasket
- Town of Wilbur
- Town of Yarrow Point
- United States Forest Service – LE Co-Op for the Gifford National Forest
- University Place Police Department
- Woodway Police Department

**The following jurisdictions provide contract services for one the aforementioned agencies:**

- Auburn Police Department
- Chelan County Sheriff's Office
- Clallam County Sheriff's Office
- Clyde Hill Police Department
- Edmonds Police Department
- Franklin County Sheriff's Office
- Garfield County Sheriff's Office
- Grand Coulee Police Department
- Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office
- King County Sheriff's Office
- Lewis County Sheriff's Office
- Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
- Medina Police Department
- Okanogan County Sheriff's Office
- Pierce County Sheriff's Office
- Port of Seattle Police Department