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Dear Governor Inslee, Chief Clerk Dean, and Secretary Bannister:

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, one hundred forty six (146) 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 nine percent (89%) 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 eight percent (88%) 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 seven percent (87%) reporting being “completed” and another five percent (5%) indicating they are “in progress.” Twenty seven percent (27%) 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 forty nine (49%) 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 five percent (25%) 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,



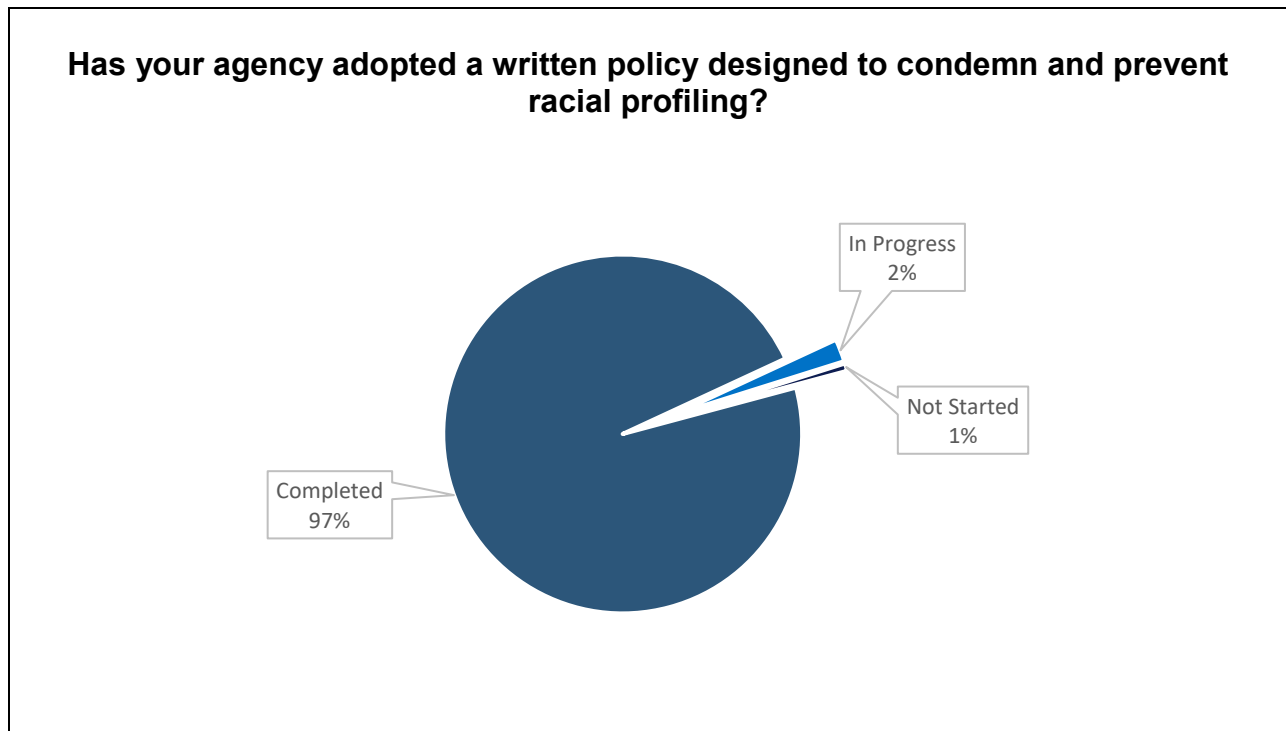
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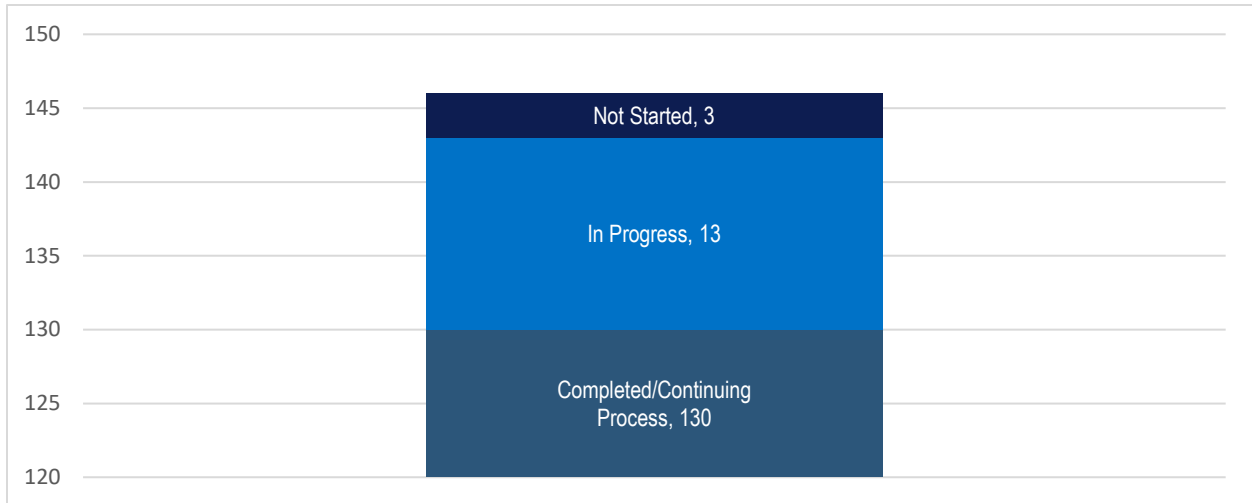
# WASPC 2022 Racial Profiling Progress Report

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:



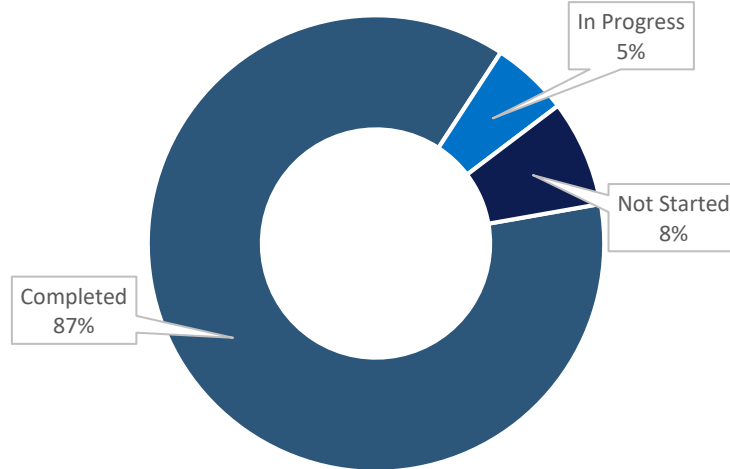
**Has your agency reviewed and audited existing procedures, practices, and training to ensure that your agency does not enable or foster the practice of racial profiling?**



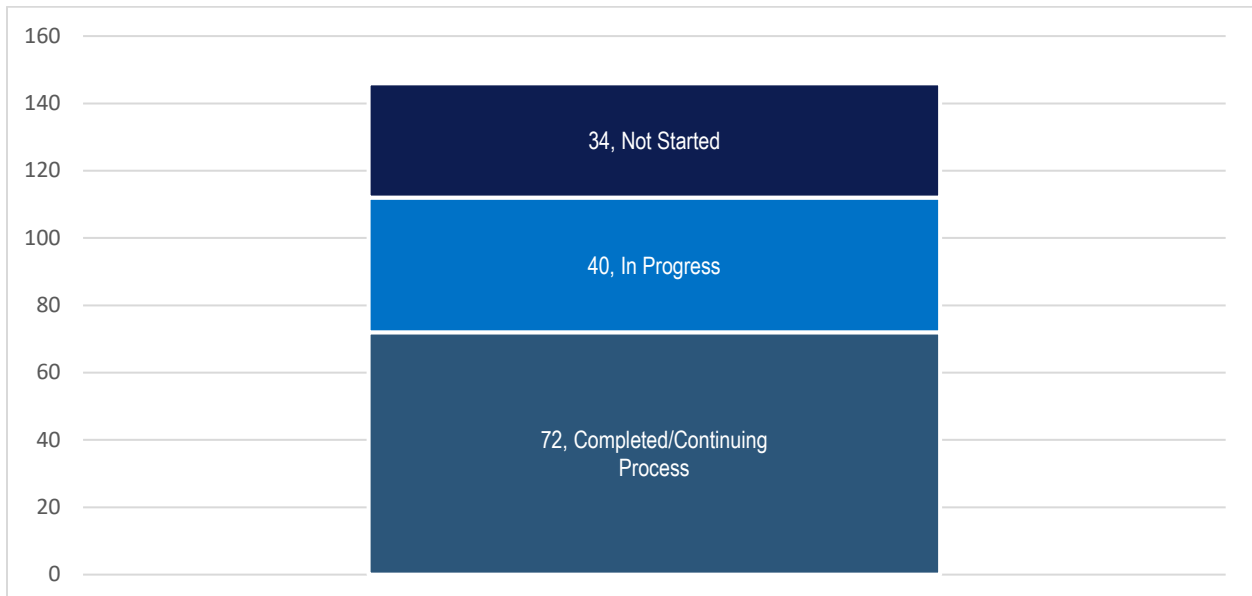
**Has your agency continued training to address the issues related to racial profiling?**



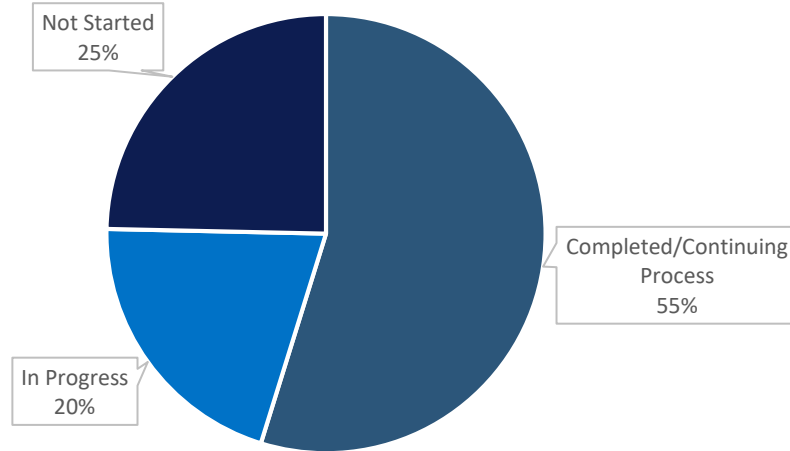
**Has your agency ensured a citizen-complaint review process is in place that can adequately address instances of racial profiling?**



**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**

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Aberdeen Police Department          | Clark County Sheriff's Office       |
| Airway Heights Police Department    | Clarkston Police Department         |
| Algona Police Department            | Clyde Hill Police Department        |
| Anacortes Police Department         | College Place Police Department     |
| Arlington Police Department         | Cosmopolis Police Department        |
| Asotin Police Department            | Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office     |
| Auburn Police Department            | Des Moines Police Department        |
| Bainbridge Island Police Department | Duvall Police Department            |
| Battle Ground Police Department     | East Wenatchee Police Department    |
| Bellevue Police Department          | Eatonville Police Department        |
| Bellingham Police Department        | Edmonds Police Department           |
| Benton County Sheriff's Office      | Ellensburg Police Department        |
| Black Diamond Police Department     | Enumclaw Police Department          |
| Bonney Lake Police Department       | Ephrata Police Department           |
| Bothell Police Department           | Everett Police Department           |
| Bremerton Police Department         | Evergreen State College Police Dept |
| Buckley Police Department           | Federal Way Police Department       |
| Burlington Police Department        | Ferndale Police Department          |
| Camas Police Department             | Fife Police Department              |
| Central WA University Police Dept   | Franklin County Sheriff's Office    |
| Centralia Police Department         | Garfield County Sheriff's Office    |
| Clallam County Sheriff's Office     | Gig Harbor Police Department        |

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| Goldendale Police Department         | Poulsbo Police Department              |
| Grand Coulee Police Department       | Prosser Police Department              |
| Grandview Police Department          | Puyallup Police Department             |
| Grant County Sheriff's Office        | Raymond Police Department              |
| Grays Harbor Sheriff's Office        | Redmond Police Department              |
| Hoquiam Police Department            | Renton Police Department               |
| Island County Sheriff's Office       | Richland Police Department             |
| Jefferson County Sheriff's Office    | Ridgefield Police Department           |
| Kalama Police Department             | Ritzville Police Department            |
| Kelso Police Department              | Ruston Police Department               |
| Kennewick Police Department          | San Juan County Sheriff's Office       |
| Kent Police Department               | Sedro-Woolley Police Department        |
| Kirkland Police Department           | Selah Police Department                |
| Kitsap County Sheriff's Office       | Sequim Police Department               |
| Kittitas County Sheriff's Office     | Shelton Police Department              |
| La Center Police Department          | Shoalwater Bay Police Department       |
| Lacey Police Department              | Skagit County Sheriff's Office         |
| Lake Forest Park Police Department   | Snohomish County Sheriff's Office      |
| Lake Stevens Police Department       | South Bend Police Department           |
| Langley Police Department            | Spokane Police Department              |
| Lewis County Sheriff's Office        | Steilacoom Department of Public Safety |
| Longview Police Department           | Stevens County Sheriff's Office        |
| Lynden Police Department             | Sumas Police Department                |
| Lynnwood Police Department           | Sumner Police Department               |
| Marysville Police Department         | Tacoma Police Department               |
| Mason County Sheriff's Office        | Thurston County Sheriff's Office       |
| Medina Police Department             | Toppenish Police Department            |
| Mercer Island Police Department      | Tumwater Police Department             |
| Mill Creek Police Department         | Union Gap Police Department            |
| Monroe Police Department             | University of WA Police Department     |
| Montesano Police Department          | University Place Police Department     |
| Moses Lake Police Department         | Vancouver Police Department            |
| Mount Vernon Police Department       | WA State Fish and Wildlife             |
| Mountlake Terrace Police Department  | WA State Gambling Commission           |
| Moxee Police Department              | WA State Liquor and Cannabis Board     |
| Mukilteo Police Department           | WA State Office of Ins. Commissioner   |
| Normandy Park Police Department      | WA State Parks                         |
| Oak Harbor Police Department         | WA State Patrol                        |
| Ocean Shores Police Department       | WA State University Police Department  |
| Okanogan County Sheriff's Office     | Warden Police Department               |
| Olympia Police Department            | Washougal Police Department            |
| Omak Police Department               | Wenatchee Police Department            |
| Orting Police Department             | West Richland Police Department        |
| Othello Police Department            | Western WA University Police Dept      |
| Pacific Police Department            | Whatcom County Sheriff's Office        |
| Pasco Police Department              | Whitman County Sheriff's Office        |
| Pend Orielle County Sheriff's Office | Woodland Police Department             |
| Pierce County Sheriff's Department   | Yakima County Sheriff's Office         |
| Port of Pasco Police Department      | Yakima Police Department               |
| Port of Seattle Police Department    | Yelm Police Department                 |
| Port Orchard Police Department       | Zillah Police Department               |

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

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| Bucoda                              | Pateros          |
| Carbonado                           | Pierce Transit   |
| Coupeville                          | Pomeroy          |
| Darrington                          | Port Townsend    |
| Edgewood                            | Rainier          |
| Electric City/Bureau of Reclamation | Snohomish        |
| Gold Bar                            | Springdale       |
| Granite Falls                       | Stanwood         |
| Hunts Point                         | Sultan           |
| Index                               | Tonasket         |
| Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe           | University Place |
| Marcus                              | Vader            |
| Northport                           | Wilkeson         |
| Oakville                            | Woodway          |
| Okanogan                            |                  |