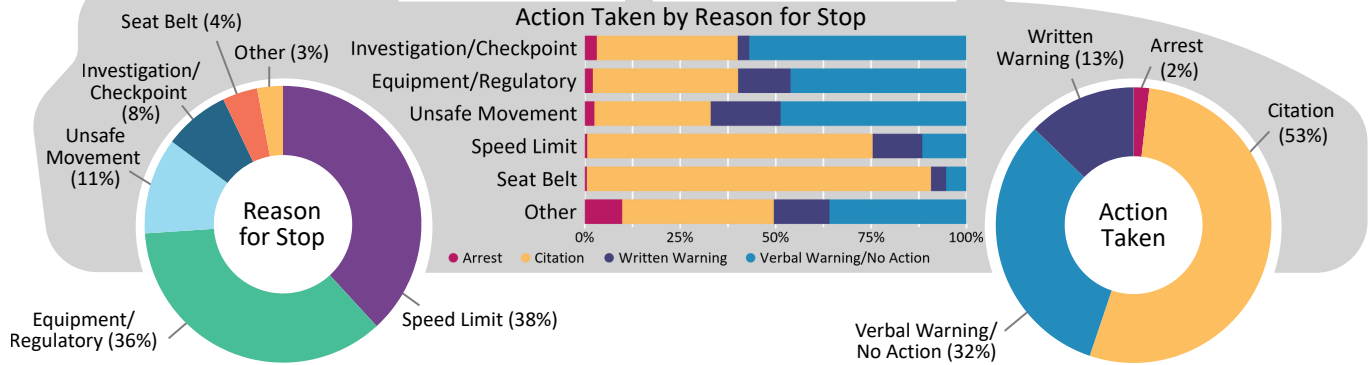
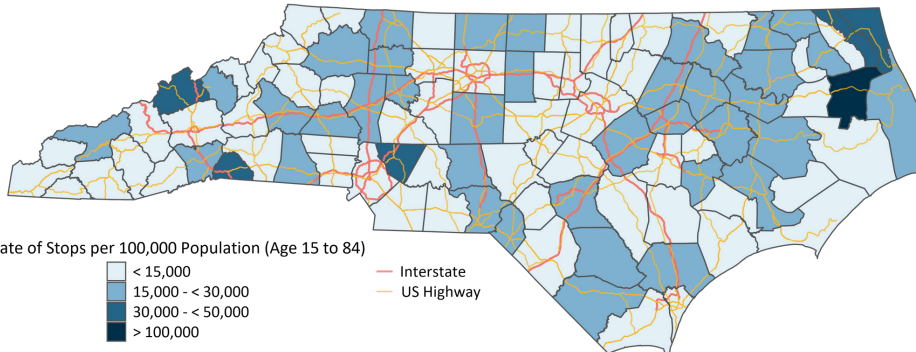


North Carolina Traffic Stops in 2024

191 police departments, 92 sheriff's offices, and 8 statewide agencies reported **1,271,056 traffic stops** in 2024.

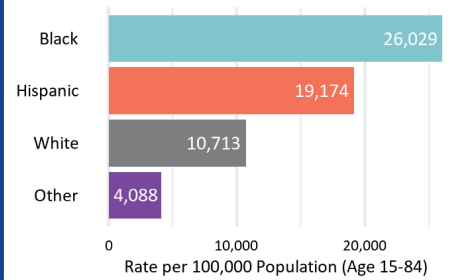


When accounting for driving population, the **highest stop rates** in 2024 were in rural counties.



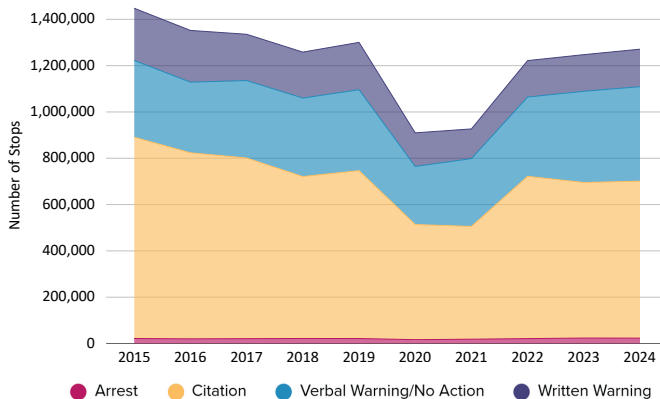
The map displays US Interstates and the 25 most travelled US highways in North Carolina. For Edgecombe and Nash counties, traffic stop and population data were combined so each county shares the same stop rate because of jurisdictions split across both counties.

Black drivers were stopped at **over 2.4 times** the rate of white drivers.



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After dipping in the first years of COVID-19, traffic stops have **returned to pre-2020 levels**.



Equipment/regulatory (E/R) violations made up a large percentage of stops that led to arrest. **Black drivers were over 3x as likely to be stopped for E/R violations.** Once stopped, Black drivers were **nearly 2x as likely to be searched and/or arrested.** Contraband found in searches only marginally differed by race.



The analysis compared the rate of E/R stops per 100,000 population (age 15 to 84) and the proportions of E/R stops where arrest, search, or contraband findings occurred across Black and white drivers. All differences were statistically significant in z-tests, but the differences in contraband findings were substantively small (0.39 vs 0.35).

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