

VOTE YES ON HB 1613

Continue Traffic and Pedestrian Data Collection in Illinois.
Remove the Sunset. Study the Data.

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- ✓ Lifts the sunset on data collection: **keeps the current practice in place**
- ✓ Fulfills the requirement to study and identify the best use of technology to collect, compile and analyze stop data
- ✓ Tasks the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority with the collection, compilation, and analysis of the traffic stop statistical study data to be reported on every three years

Data collection remains an important tool in identifying and combating racial disparities.

- Each year, there are about 2 million traffic stops in Illinois. It is important that these stops are fair and transparent.
- In 2017, the majority of police departments in Illinois performed consent searches of Black and Latino drivers at higher rates than white drivers, but white drivers were found with contraband more often than Black or Latino drivers.
 - Searches based on a person's consent can be an indicator of bias because they do not require the officer to suspect the person of any wrongdoing.
- Chicago traffic stops have more than tripled since 2015, and Black drivers account for 60% of drivers stopped.
 - Research shows that people who believe they are unfairly stopped are less likely to trust the police or call the police for help when needed.

Data collection can result in the review of policies and training and can lead to implementation of practices that prevent biased policing.

- Comprehensive collection of this data each year provides a more complete picture of a department's practices, which can help support or rebut claims of racial profiling.

This data collection allows the concerns of Illinois citizens to be better addressed; resources such as specialized training to be provided; the honest efforts of Illinois' law enforcement professionals to be demonstrated; and the civil rights of all Illinois residents to be protected.

Existing law requires collection of the following information during a stop:

Pedestrian and Traffic Stops:

- ✓ Gender & race
- ✓ Alleged violation or reason
- ✓ Date, time & location
- ✓ Whether contraband found or seized
- ✓ Officer name & badge #

Traffic Stop:

- ✓ Name and address
- ✓ Make & year of the vehicle
- ✓ If consent search was requested or conducted
- ✓ If dog sniff performed and results

Pedestrian Stop:

- ✓ If pat down, frisk or search was conducted, reasons that led to it, and whether it was with consent or by other means
- ✓ Disposition of stop
- ✓ Record of violation, offenses, crimes alleged or charged

Data Collection in Other States:

Of the 15 states with data collection laws, 13 are permanent. IL and MD are the only 2 with temporary laws.

Of the states that collect traffic and pedestrian stop data, Illinois is the only state with a temporary law in place.

Support for Continued Traffic and Pedestrian Data Collection by Law Enforcement

Organizational Support

ACLU of Illinois	Faith Coalition for the Common Good
A Just Harvest	Latino Policy Forum
Asian Americans Advancing Justice	MacArthur Justice Center
Better Government Association	Mandel Legal Aid Clinic of the University of Chicago Law School
Black Justice Project	Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)
CAIR-Chicago	ONE Northside
Change Peoria	Peoria NAACP
Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice	Safer Foundation
Chicago Council of Lawyers	Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights	Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP)
Chicago Urban League	United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations (UCCRO)
Community Renewal Society	YMCA of the University of Illinois
Communities United	
Education Justice Project	
Enlace Chicago	
Esperanza Health Centers	

Law Enforcement Support

Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP)

Brian Gaughan, Retired Arlington Heights Police Officer David Franco, Retired Chicago Police Department Police Officer
Inge Fryklund, Former Cook County Assistant State's Attorney

Data and Tech Support

DataMade

Mollie Pettit, Data Scientist, Creator of IllinoisTrafficStops.com

Academic Support

Brian Jefferson, Assistant Professor of Geography and Geographic Information Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

James Kilgore, Research Scholar, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and Author of *Understanding Mass Incarceration: A People's Guide to the Key Civil Rights Struggle of Our Time*

Rebecca Ginsburg, Associate Professor of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership and Director of Education Justice Project, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Stephen Rushin, Assistant Professor of Law, Loyola University Chicago

Wesley G. Skogan, Professor of Political Science and Faculty Fellow of the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University