

MODEL CHART FOR TIER 1 DATA COLLECTION

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	SELF-INITIATED TRAFFIC CONTACTS					
	Number of traffic stops leading to a citation (not including arrests)	Number of traffic stops leading to an arrest	Number of total searches conducted (consent, probable cause, incident to arrest, inventory)	Number of consent searches conducted	Number of total searches leading to findings of contraband	Number of consent searches leading to findings of contraband
White						
Black						
Hispanic						
Asian						
Native American						
Other						
TOTAL						

The columns in white represent Tier 1 data elements. You'll note two additional columns in gray that give your law enforcement agency the opportunity to provide contraband hit rate data.

The collection and reporting of contraband data in addition to basic search data is recommended as the best way to judge whether search practices are productive and benefiting public safety. For instance, if the data for an agency shows that Black and Latino drivers are searched at a higher rate than white drivers, that finding could look bad. However, if the data also shows that contraband is found in the possession of Black and Latino drivers at a higher rate than for white drivers, the higher number of searches of minority drivers could be explained by legitimate factors (such as suspicious behavior) rather than by race.