

2017 Des Moines Police Department Statistics

2017 Des Moines Race Data

White – 70%

Hispanic – 12.3%

Black – 10.3%

Asian – 4.7%

Mixed – 2.6%

Other - .5%

We have received data for the 2017 calendar year from the DOT, State of Iowa Data Warehouse (TRAxS records) and the Booking records from the Polk County Sheriff.

The records are only for the Des Moines Police Department.

- The DOT reports that Des Moines police issued 16,632 citations in 2017. 19.7% of those were issued to African Americans.
- The DOT reports that Des Moines police issued 905 citations for Possession of a Controlled Substance under §124.401(5) of the Iowa Code. 26% of those were issued to African Americans.
- The Polk County Sheriff records indicate that Des Moines Police were responsible for 15,251 bookings in 2017. Many of these will represent multiple bookings for a single person.
- The Polk County Sheriff records indicate that Des Moines Police were responsible for 470 bookings for Interference with Official Acts. 42% of those were African American.
- The Polk County Sheriff records indicate that Des Moines Police were responsible for 98 bookings for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. 100% of those were African American.