



Semi-Annual Contact Card Report

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University of Cincinnati Police Division



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I. Introduction

This report is the first in a series of semi-annual reports that describe Contact Card data collected by the University of Cincinnati Police Division (UCPD). In accordance with the UCPD's *Bias Free Policing Policy* (SOP 4.1.300) the UCPD is committed to bias-free and equitable treatment of all persons while enforcing the law and providing police services. This policy requires officers to fill out a "Contact Cards" form during all nonconsensual stops, including any traffic stop, suspicious persons contact, field interview or arrest. A copy of the Form 10 Contact Card is included in the appendix of this report. Note that this form has undergone revision since January of 2017, and the next report will utilize an updated version of the form which captures additional information. The purpose of this report is to provide a comprehensive review of UCPD contact data and ensure compliance with the UCPD's philosophy of bias-free policing, to analyze crime data, and to aid in officer development, deployment of staff, and development of best practices.

In September 2015, UCPD created Contact Cards as a way to better capture details regarding nonconsensual stops. In addition to Contact Cards, UCPD Officers also record all stops with additional information in an official report that is kept in their Automated Records Management System (ARMS) database. Contact Cards provide supplemental information to these reports, in that they capture additional information which may not be included in an official report.

Upon the initial submission of contact cards by UCPD officers, the approving supervisor reviews them for accuracy, completeness, and thoroughness. The contact card data is then entered into a database by the Records Manager. The database is one of many sources of data that supervisory personnel regularly monitor to assess individual officer activity and performance to ensure their actions are bias-free and consistent with many of the core principles of the UCPD including transparency, legitimacy, fairness, and accountability. Supervisors document discovered disproportionalities or abnormalities on a report that is forwarded through the chain of command for review and ultimately addressed by the Police Chief.

Additionally, Contact Cards provide information on activity on and around campus, which allows the UCPD to be more responsive to issues and concerns. It is used as a problem solving tool, as it contains information to help analyze repeat problems. Further, it is a tool which enhances transparency of the UCPD. This report helps to clearly identify the type of policing activities conducted by the UCPD, and shows the focus of the Department. The ultimate goal of this report is to demonstrate that the agency's activities are fair and equitable, and make this information available to the public.

II. 2017 UCPD Contact Cards, January – June

Between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017, there were a total of 330 Contact Cards recorded by UCPD Officers on which the analyses in this report are based. Figure 1

displays UCPD Contact Cards by the notification type. Officers may be dispatched (sent by UCPD Communication Center) to a specific destination or they may initiate a stop based upon their own observations. Figure 1 shows that the majority (67%) of stops made by UCPD Officers were due to dispatch. Only 30.9% of stops were initiated by the officer based on their observations. A small percent (2.1%) of the Contact Cards were missing this information.

Figure 1. UCPD Contact Cards by Notification Type, N=330

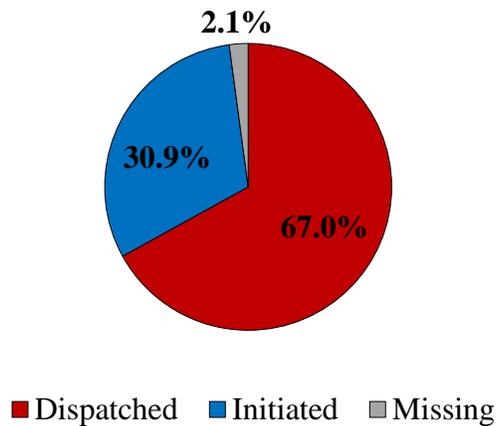
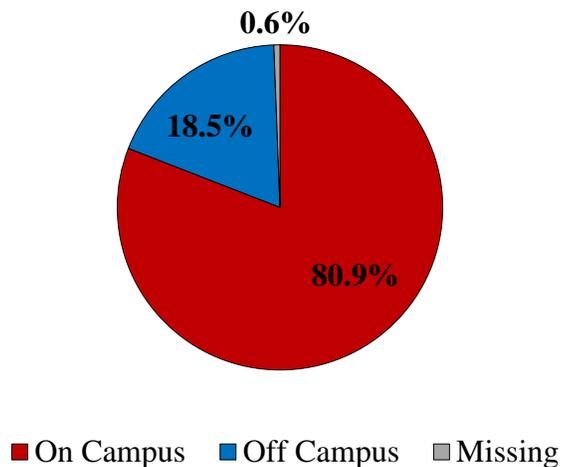


Figure 2 displays the location of the stop based on whether or not it occurred on UC owned and operated property (“On Campus”) or if it occurred elsewhere (“Off Campus”). As shown, the vast majority of stops by UCPD Officers occurred on campus (80.9% of stops), while approximately 19% of stops occurred off-campus.

Figure 2. UCPD Contact Cards by Location, N=330



III. UCPD Contact Cards by Demographic Characteristics

One of the primary purposes of the Contact Cards is to be able to determine the demographic characteristics of the individuals with whom the UCPD come into contact during nonconsensual stops. Figure 3 displays the gender of the individuals stopped by the UCPD. The majority of contacts were of males (79.7% of all Contact Cards), while only 19.4% of UCPD contacts were of females. Additionally, 0.9% of Contact Cards were missing information on this field.

Figure 3. UCPD Contact Cards by Gender, N=330

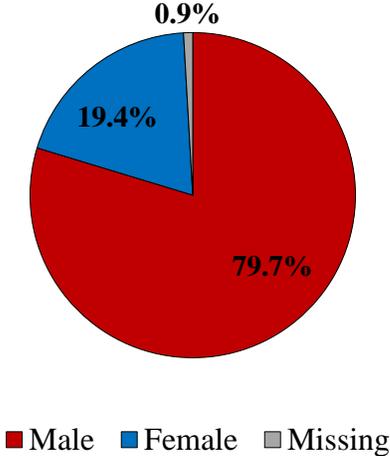


Figure 4 displays the approximate age range of the individuals stopped by the UCPD. Approximately 66% of all stops were of individuals aged 18 to 25 years. This is to be expected, given the general age range of UC students. Each of the remaining age groups made up 10% or less of all UCPD contacts.

Figure 4. UCPD Contact Cards by Age, N=330

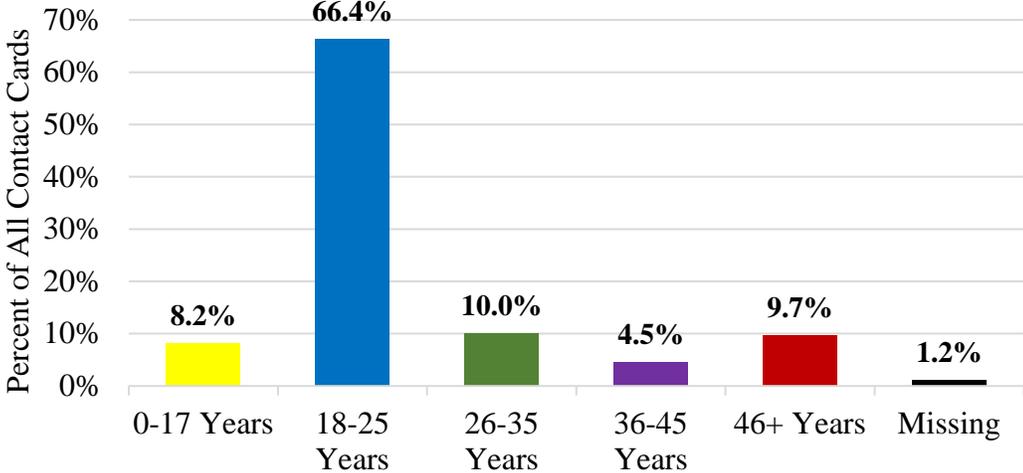


Figure 5 below shows the location of contact card stops according to the age of the person who was stopped. This map focuses on the Uptown West campus since the vast majority of stops occur here (73.3% of all addresses). Those aged 0-17 years are shown in yellow, those aged 18-25 years are shown in blue, those aged 26-35 are shown in green, those aged 36-45 are shown in purple, and those aged 46 years or older are shown in red. Please note those contacts with missing information are not shown on this map (n=3). Figure 5 demonstrates that the stops, especially for those aged 18 to 25 years, concentrate on or near UC Residence Halls such as Daniels Hall, Calhoun Hall and the University Park Apartments. This is expected given that students spend much of their time in their residence halls.

Figure 5. UCPD Contact Cards by Age of Person Stopped

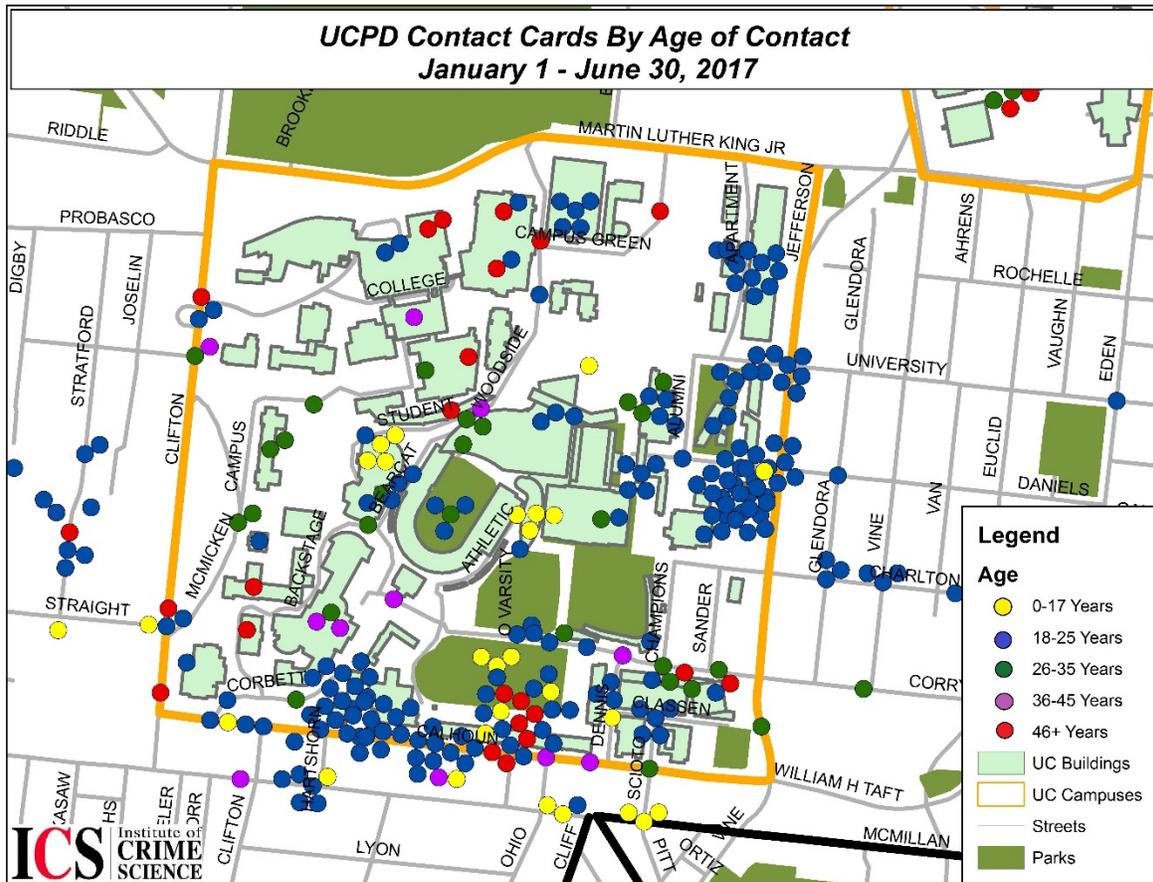


Figure 6 displays UCPD Contact Cards by the race/ethnicity of the subject stopped. The majority of individuals stopped by the UCPD were White (approximately 62%). The next largest racial group stopped was of Black individuals, with 31.2% of all stops. Approximately 3% of all stops were of “Other” races/ethnicities. Figure 6 also shows that 2.7% of all stops were of Asian subjects. Less than 1% of all stops were of

Hispanics and less than 1% of all stops were missing data for the race/ethnicity field on the Contact Card.

Figure 6. UCPD Contact Cards by Race/Ethnicity, N=330

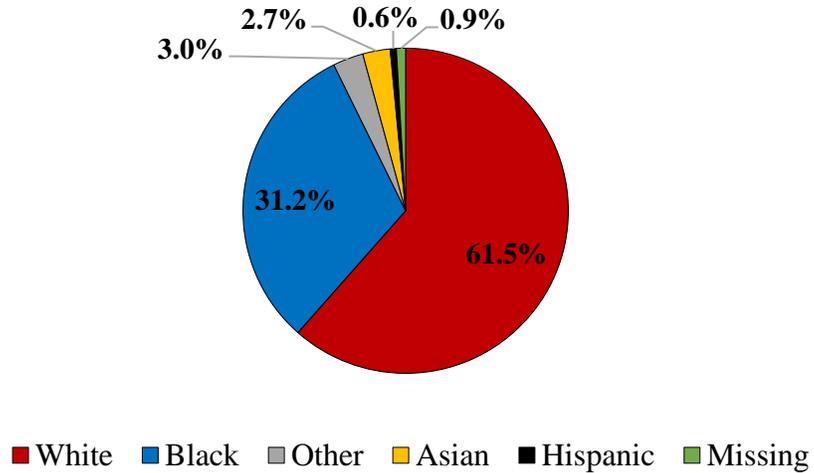
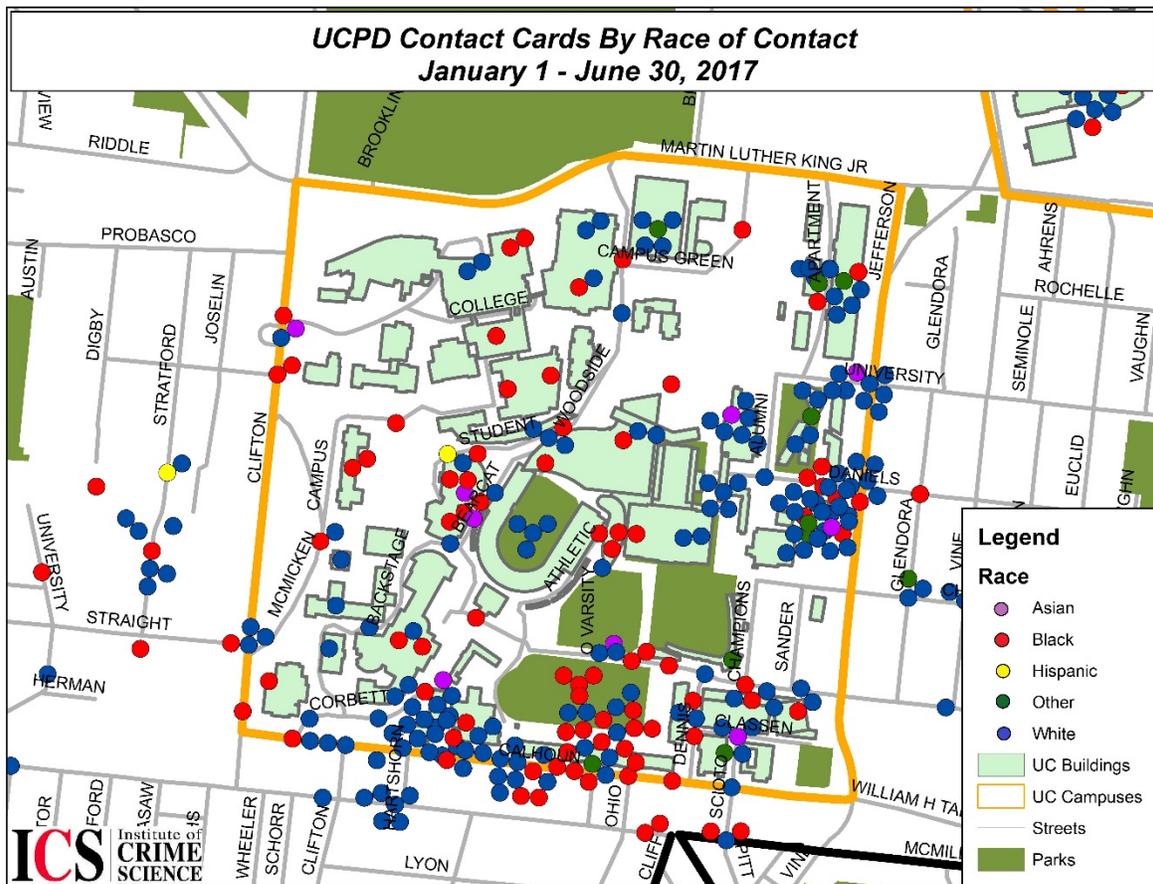


Figure 7 below shows the location of contact card stops according to the race/ethnicity of the person who was stopped. Again, this map focuses on the Uptown West campus since the vast majority of stops occur here. Hispanic contacts are shown in yellow, White contacts are shown in blue, Other contacts are shown in green, Asian contacts are shown in purple, and Black contacts are shown in red. Please note those contacts with missing information are not shown on this map (n=2). Figure 7 demonstrates that the stops concentrate along the student residence halls such as Daniels Hall, Calhoun Hall and the University Park Apartments. This is expected given that students spend much of their time in their residence halls.

Figure 7 UCPD Contact Cards by Race of Person Stopped



IV. UCPD Contacts by Additional Categories

In addition to demographic information and stop location, Contact Cards also contain data fields for the reasons for the stop as well as the resulting action taken by the officer. When filling out their Contact Cards, UCPD Officers are required to select one of the following possible reasons as the primary reason for each nonconsensual stop conducted¹:

1. Drug/Alcohol Involvement
2. Medical
3. Mental Health
4. Noise Complaint
5. Offense
6. Panhandler
7. Party
8. Suspect
9. Suspicious Person/Vehicle

¹ Items listed represent the information available in the database. These items may change as revisions to the Contact Card are made.

- 10. Traffic Stop
- 11. Trespass
- 12. Victim
- 13. Other

Figure 8 below displays the percentages of the different reasons recorded by a UCPD Officer for stopping an individual. They are displayed left to right from the highest percentage to the lowest percentage, respectively. Figure 8 demonstrates that the largest percentage of stops was made for drug and/or alcohol involvement. This accounted for 32.1% of all contacts between January 1 and June 30, 2017. Stops due to Offenses, Suspicious Person/Vehicle and Trespassing were the following highest categories, each accounting for approximately 12% of stops. The less frequent reasons for stop can also be seen in Figure 8, each accounting for 10% or less of all stops by UCPD officers.

Figure 8. Percentage of UCPD Contact Cards by Reason for Stop, N=330

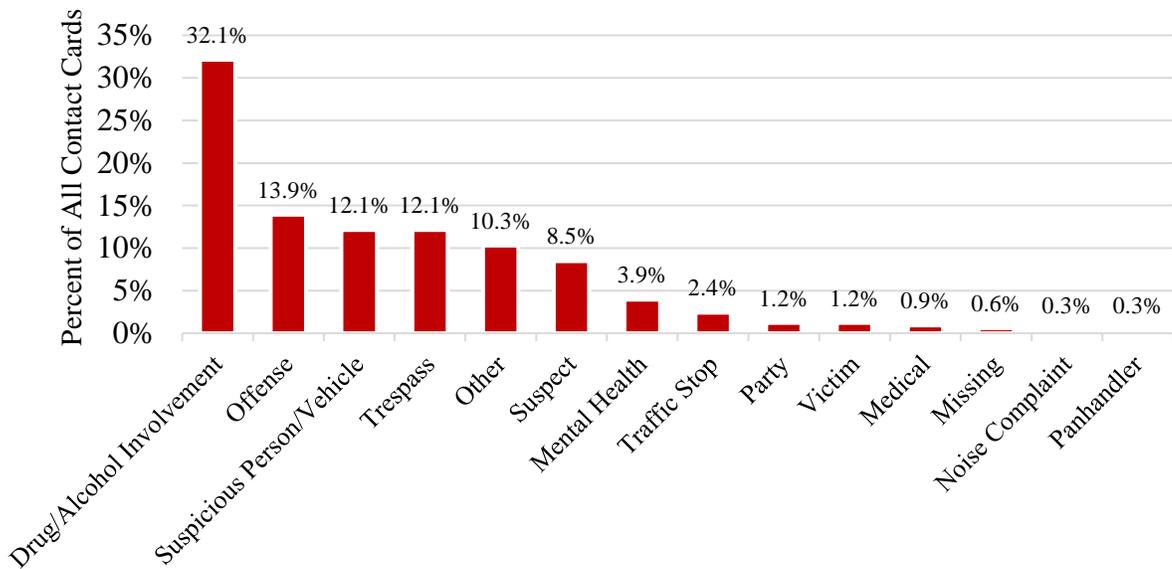
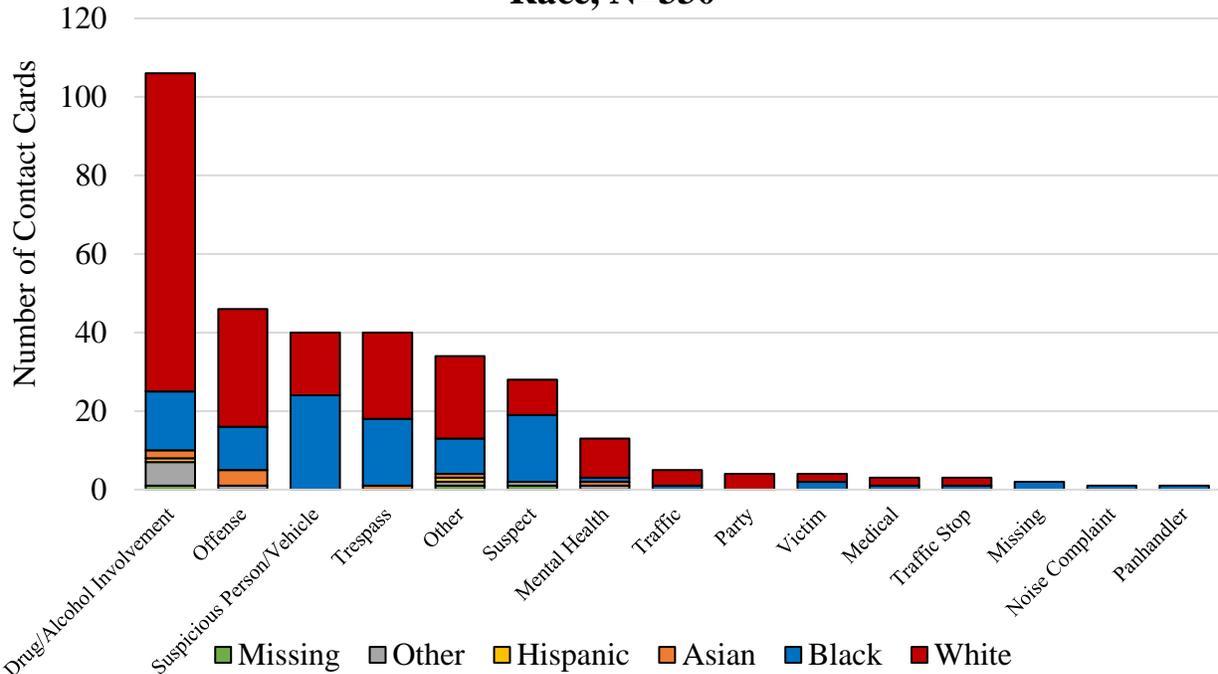


Figure 9 below shows the same information as Figure 8, but also shows the race/ethnicity breakdown of all reasons for a stop. Subjects who are White are displayed in red, subjects who are Black are displayed in blue, subjects who are Asian are displayed in orange, and subjects who are of another race/ethnicity are displayed in grey. Additionally, Hispanic subjects are yellow and cards that were missing information on race/ethnicity are in green; these two categories make up 1% of contact cards. Figure 9 demonstrates that White subjects were the most commonly stopped for the vast majority of reasons for a nonconsensual stop. For example, White subjects made up 81 (76.4%) of the Contact

Cards for Drug/Alcohol Involvement. Some categories in Figure 9 demonstrate racial disparities; these disparities are being examined by the UCPD.

Figure 9. UCPD Contact Cards by Reason for Stop and Race, N=330



Once a stop has occurred, a UCPD Officer has a series of possible actions he or she may take as a result of the reason for the stop and what the officer observes during the stop. Figures 10 and 11 demonstrate the “Action Taken” by the UCPD Officer during the stop. The possible actions listed on the Contact Card and their definitions are provided below:

- **Advised:** subject provided with information of a University policy or statute
- **Arrest:** physical seizure of an individual
- **Citation:** subject was issued a court summons
- **Student Conduct Referral:** the student is being referred to Student Affairs, for a potential student code of conduct violation
- **Criminal Trespass Warning (CTW):** subject was given a written criminal trespass warning
- **Handled By Other (HBO):** handled by other police agency
- **Psychiatric Referral:** taken into custody reference the UCPD’s Mental Health Response policy
- **Recite:** subject reissued a court summons from previous infraction
- **SOW:** sent on way, subject was directed to leave the area
- **Transport:** provided transportation to another location

- **Warning:** in lieu of a citation or arrest the individual was given a verbal warning
- **Missing:** the “action taken” field was not filled out on the Contact Card

Figure 10 below displays the percentages of the different actions taken by a UCPD Officer after stopping an individual. They are displayed left to right from the highest percentage to the lowest percentage, respectively. Figure 10 demonstrates that the largest percentage of stops resulted in an “advised” disposition, where the Officer provided the subject information of a UC policy or law violation; this accounted for 23.3% of the actions taken during all stops. The second most frequent officer action taken was “sent on way,” where the officer directed the subject to leave the area; this accounted for 23.0% of the actions taken during all stops. Approximately 21% of stops resulted in a student conduct referral and 15% resulted in a warning. Nearly 8% of stops resulted in the subject’s arrest. The remaining actions taken (criminal trespass warning, psychiatric referral, citation, recite, and transport) each account for 3% or less of actions taken during all stops.

Figure 10. UCPD Contact Cards by Officer Action Taken, N=330

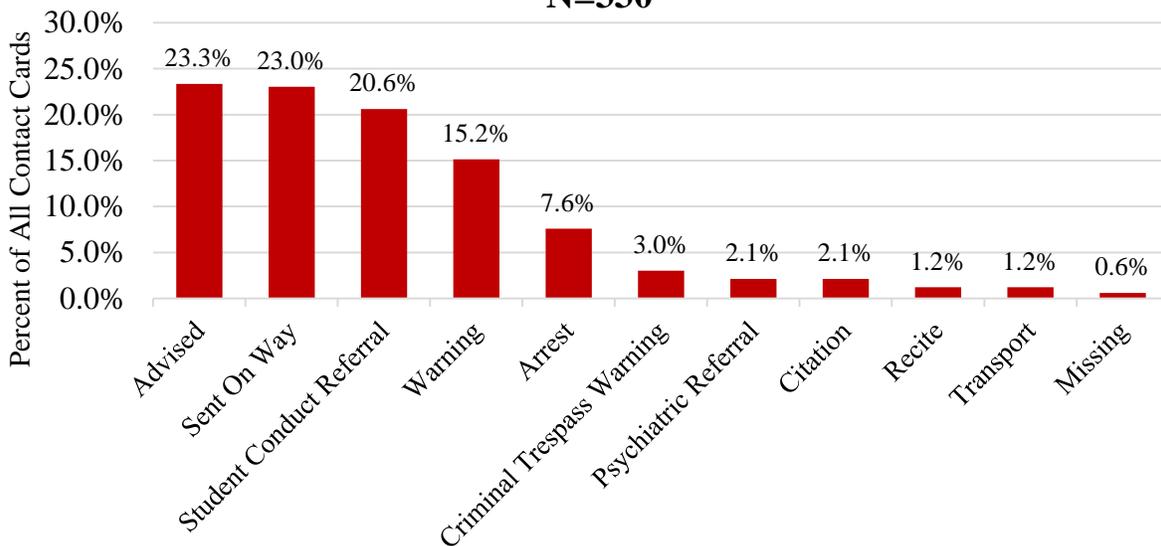


Figure 11 below displays the same information as Figure 10, but also provides a racial breakdown for each category of Action Taken. Subjects who are White are displayed in red, subjects who are Black are displayed in blue, subjects who are Asian are displayed in orange, and subjects who are of another race/ethnicity are displayed in grey. Additionally, Hispanic subjects are yellow and cards that were missing data are in green; these two categories make up 1% of contact cards. Figure 11 demonstrates that White subjects were the most commonly stopped for the vast majority of contact card stops. It also demonstrates the breakdown in “action taken” category. For example, White subjects

made up 64% of arrests whereas Blacks made up 32.0% of arrests during a contact card stop. For the most common action taken (“Advised”), White subjects made up 64% of those advised while Blacks made up 28.6% receiving this disposition. The racial/ethnic breakdown of all other dispositions are demonstrated below in Figure 11.

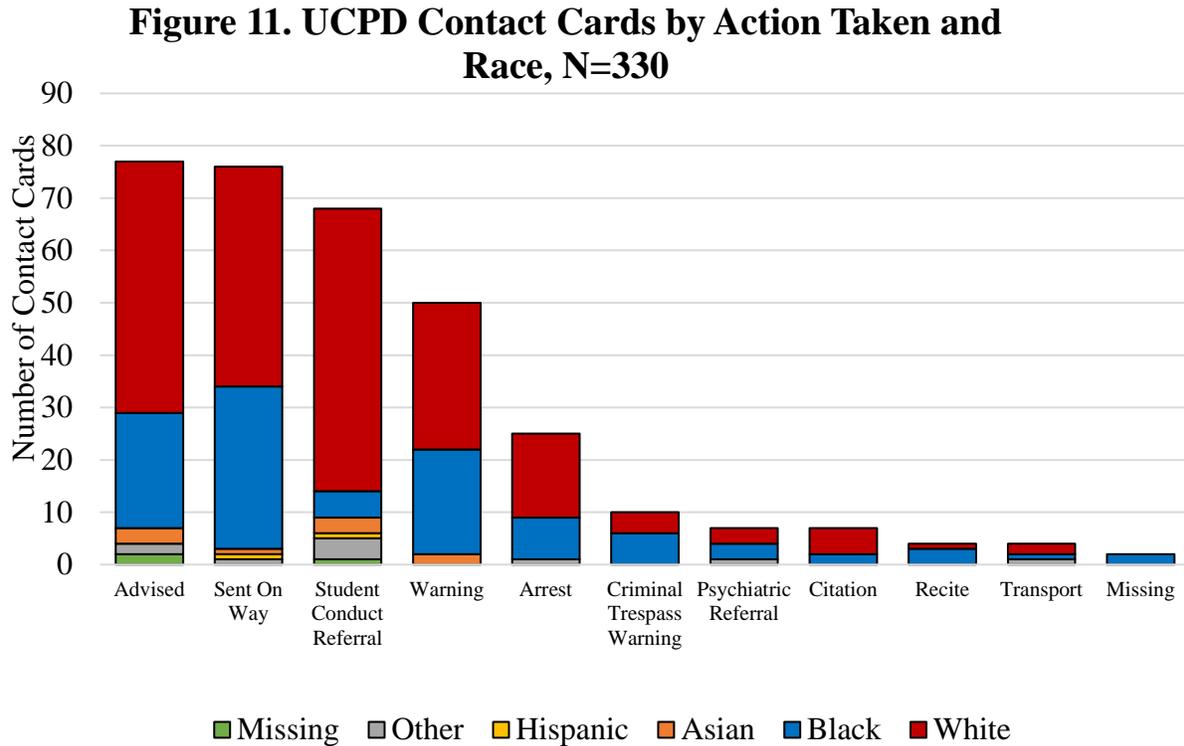
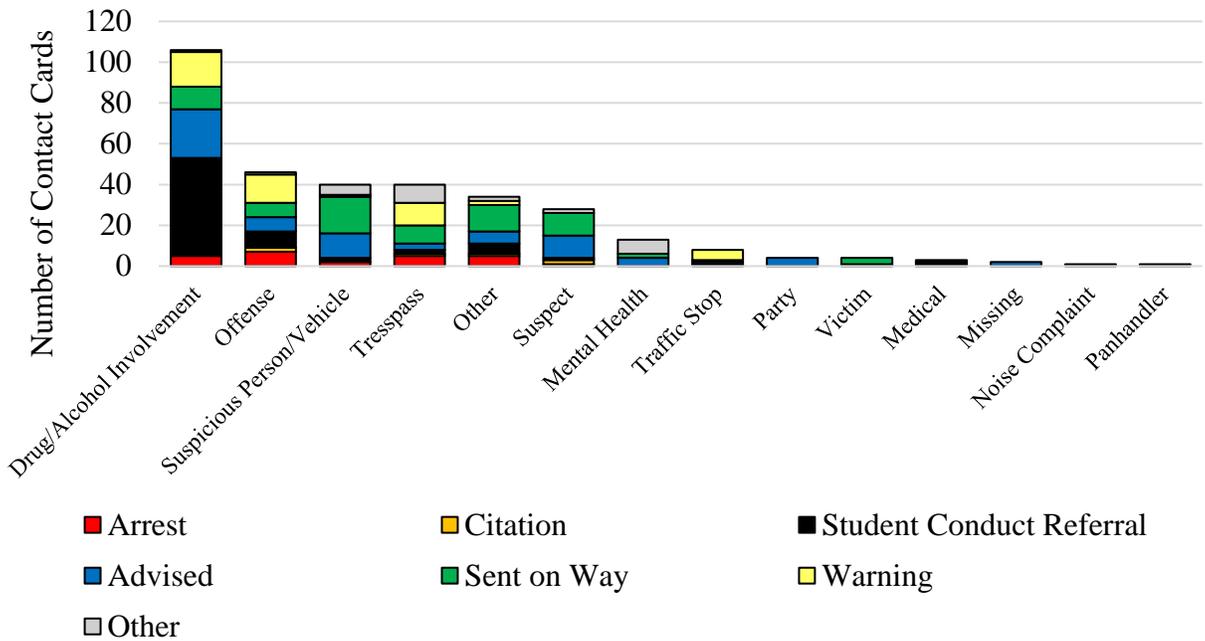


Figure 12 below shows the same information as Figure 8 (shown on page 6), but also shows the action taken during the stop. Figure 12 displays the number of Contact Cards which resulted in an Arrest, Citation, Student Conduct Referral, Advised, Sent on Way, Warning and Other. Other contains all other Action Types, as shown on page 9. Figure 12 demonstrates that very few stops resulted in arrest (shown in red) or in citation (shown in orange). Rather, the majority of stops resulted in a Student Code Referral (shown in black, applicable only to subjects stopped that are UC students) or were resolved in another way (e.g., advised, sent on way, warning).

Figure 12. Percentage of UCPD Contact Cards by Reason for Stop and Action Taken, N=330



V. Summary

This report details all 330 UCPD Contact Cards submitted between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017. Contact Cards are filled out by UCPD Officers for each individual they come into contact with during a nonconsensual stop (i.e., any traffic stop, suspicious persons contact, field interview or arrest). These data are collected in accordance with the UCPD’s *Bias Free Policing Policy*. The purpose of the Contact Card is to ensure the UCPD officers are engaging in fair and non-biased policing, by providing information to the public on the demographics and activities occurring during all nonconsensual stops.

Of the stops that resulted in the 330 contact cards, the vast majority occurred on campus (80.9%), involved Male subjects (79.7%), White subjects (61.5%), and subjects between the ages of 18 to 25 years (66.4%). The most common reason that a nonconsensual stop was made was for drug and/or alcohol involvement (32.1% of all contact card stops). Additionally, the most common way stops were resolved was by the action of “advised” (23.3%), where the officers provided the subject with information of a university policy or statute. These reports will be conducted on a semi-annual basis, and made publicly available on the UCPD’s website (uc.edu/publicsafety).

