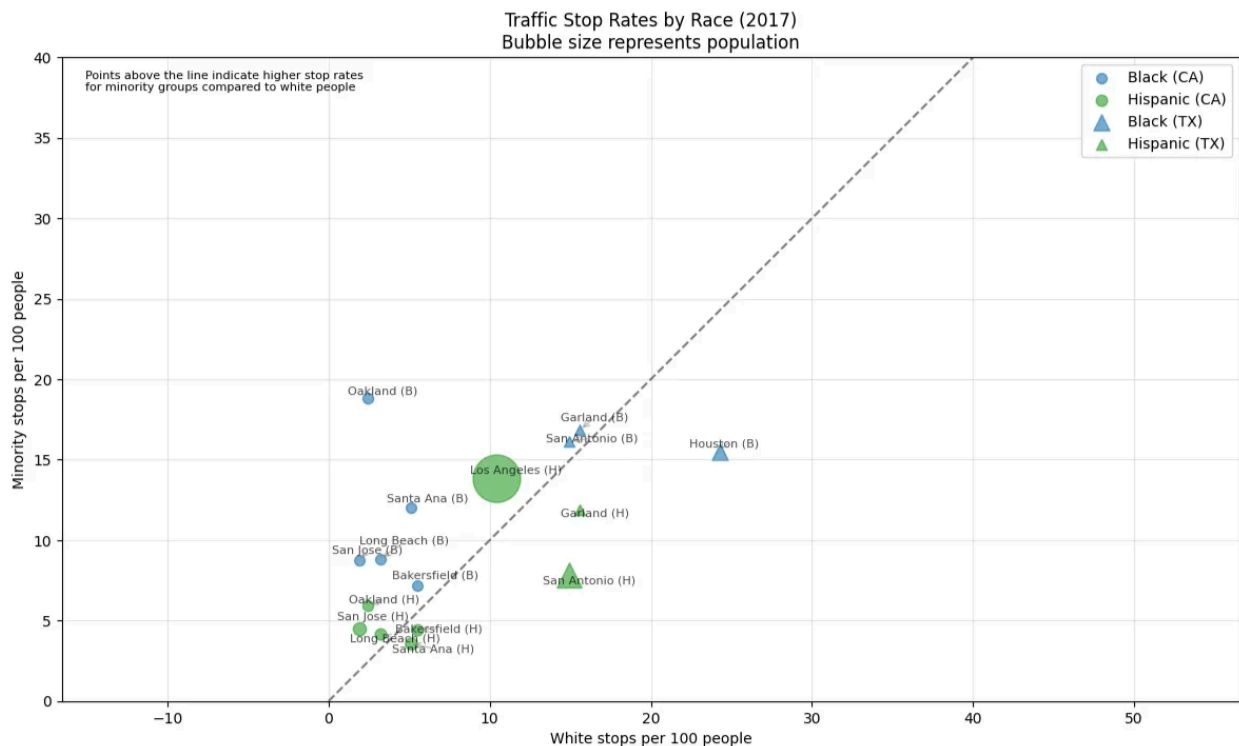


Comparison of Traffic stops between Texas and California

I'm from Texas, but I've spent the last 4 years living in California and I've noticed distinctly different attitudes of the police force in the two locations. In this report I'll explore differences I found when looking at traffic stop data in the two states between 2006 and 2023 collected by stanford's open policing project.

I was only able to obtain city level race data for 2017 so I will constrain my conclusions about racial discrimination to that year. Note that i've excluded cities in both states that did not include that year or did not include race in the majority of the traffic stops.



Observations from my my analysis:

1. Most of the mass here is above the dotted line, indicating the presence of racial discrimination in traffic stops.
2. Every city I had data for in California reported higher stop rates for Black people than White people.
3. Texas cities reported much higher rates of stops across the board than California (this is inline with my expectation as Texans love to talk about "law and order")