Cannabis convictions by race for 2010-2013 timespan:

Black conviction rates for cannabis-related crimes triple their representation by percentage in Minnesota, while white convictions for those crimes are disproportionally less compared to their population, according to Minnesota Supreme Court data spanning 2010 through 2013.

Blacks comprised 17.6 percent of the 17,167 Minnesota cannabis convictions across the timespan, while only representing 5.7 percent of the state population. About 87 percent of those convictions were felonies and the rest misdemeanors.

Native Americans, while comprising 1.3 percent of Minnesota’s population, represented 5.6 percent of cannabis convictions over the time period.

Pacific Islanders and Hispanics were roughly proportional to their populations of about .1 and 5 percent respectively.

Asians and multiracial individuals were underrepresented among cannabis convictions compared to population.

Whites, however, while comprising 81.9 percent of Minnesota’s adult population, were only 56.1 percent of cannabis convictions. About 73 percent of those convictions were felonies and the rest misdemeanors.

* Asian: 374 (2.1%)
* Black: 3027 (17.6%)
* Pacific: 34 (.19%)
* Hispanic: 952 (5.5%)
* Indian: 975 (5.6%)
* Multiracial: 62 (.36%)
* Other: 118 (.68%)
* Refused: 138 (.8%)
* Unavailable: 808 (4.7%)
* Unknown: 1043 (6%)
* White: 9636 (56.1%)
* TOTAL: 17,167 (24.9% conviction rate)

Race in Minnesota: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/27000.html>