

A Study of Stop, Question and Frisk in NYC



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Background and Context



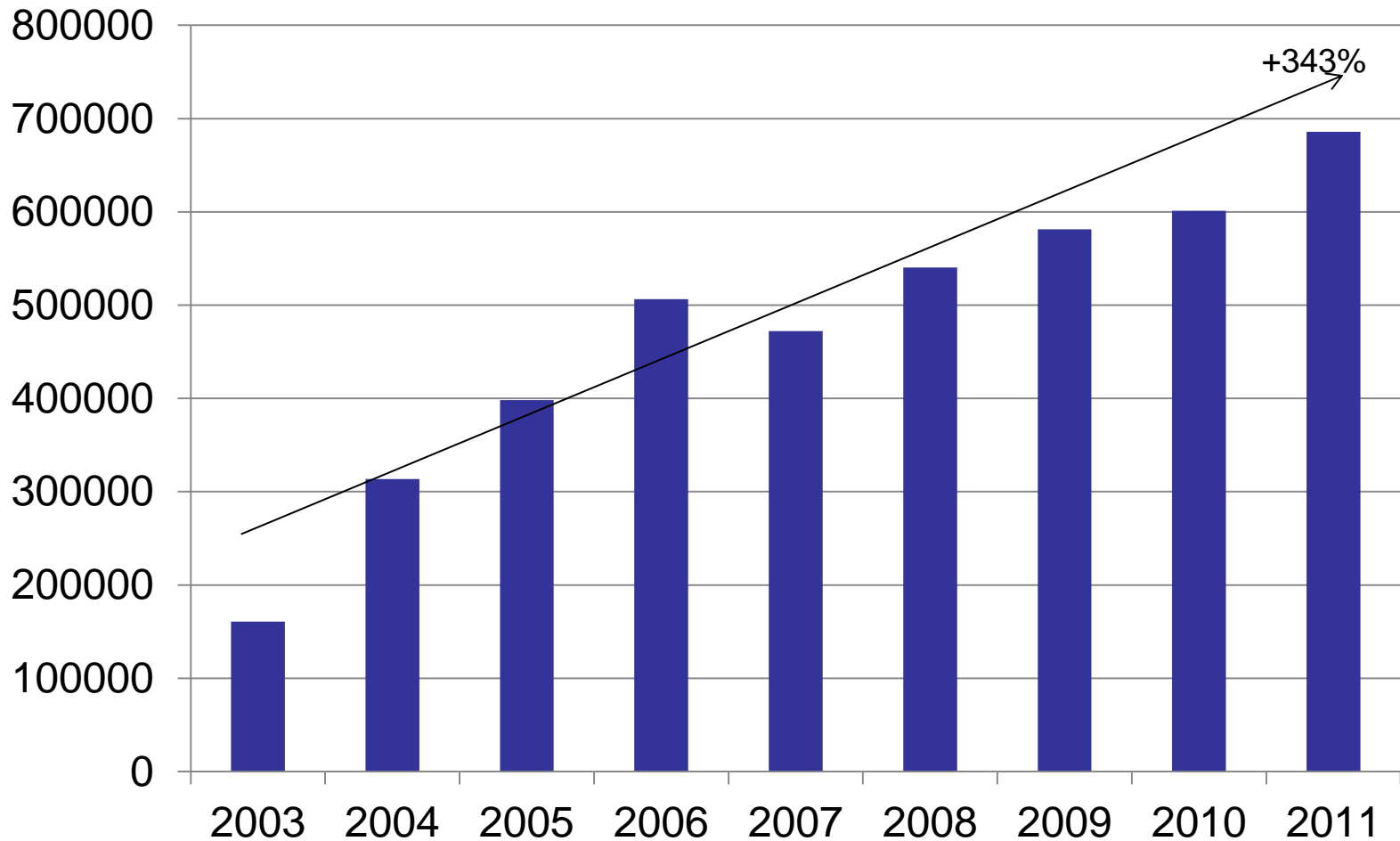
Background and Context

What is a “stop and frisk”?

- When a police officer reasonably suspects that a person has committed, is committing or is about to commit a felony or a Penal Law misdemeanor, the officer is authorized by NYS Criminal Procedure law 140.50 to **stop, question and possibly frisk that individual.**

Source: NYPD website, FAQ's

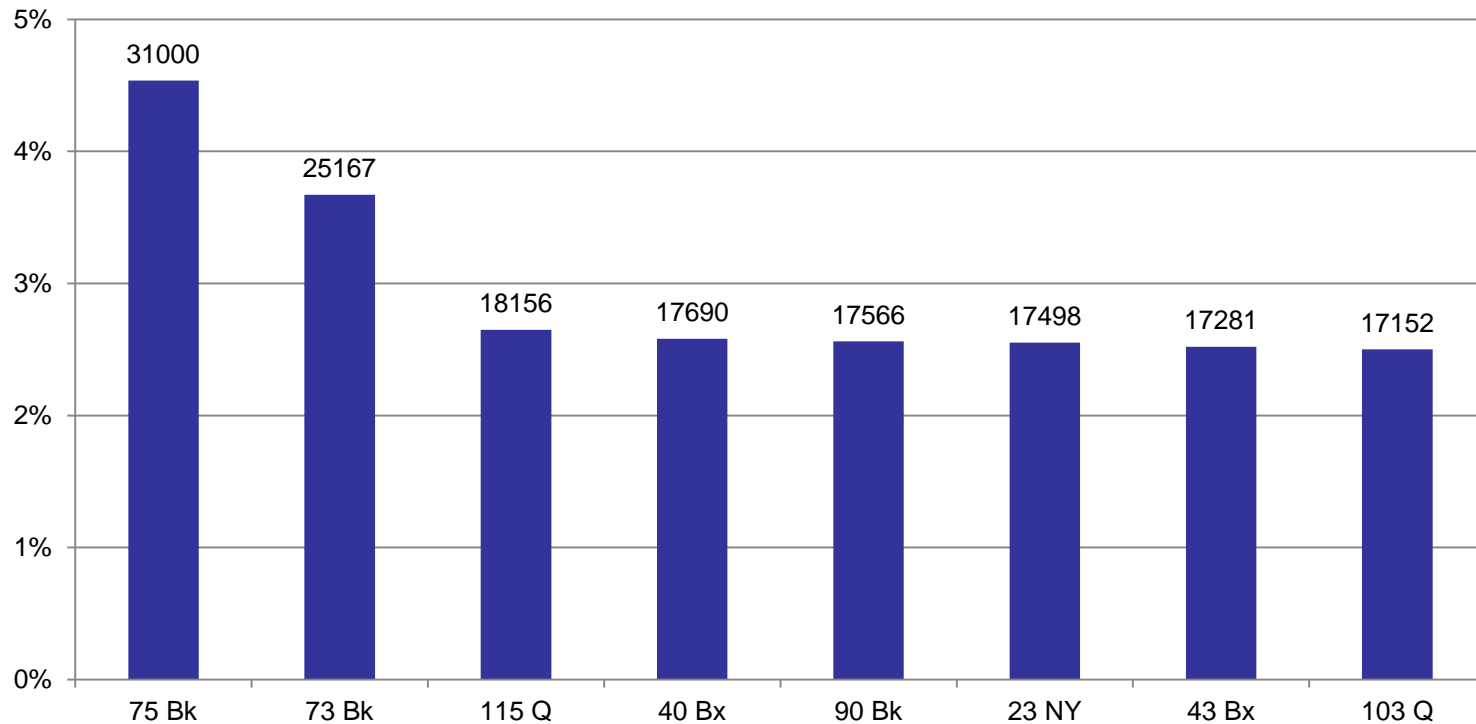
Reported Stops, 2003-2011



Source: NYPD stop and frisk databases

Location of Stops

Almost 25% of stops were in 8 of 76 NYPD precincts, in neighborhoods with predominately black and/or Latino residents



Source: 2011 NYPD stop and frisk database

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Goals

- Add to the research and knowledge base
- Better understand the experiences of young people in highly patrolled neighborhoods
- Develop a set of recommendations for ways that community members, police, and community-based organizations can work together

Research Questions

1. What is the frequency and nature of police interactions experienced by young people in highly patrolled neighborhoods?
2. How does this relate to their sense of safety?
3. How does this relate to their attitudes towards the police?
4. How does this relate to perceptions of self?

Study Design and Sample

- Analysis of NYPD data
- Interviews and surveys of young people in the six most heavily policed neighborhoods in NYC in 2010. All young people were stopped at least once.
 - Interviews- with 74 primary youth and their family members recruited through community-based organizations
 - Surveys- 530 young adults intercepted on the street in and around “hot spots” and surveyed at a nearby community-based organization
- Focus Groups- 5 focus groups with adults who work in the community

Next Steps

- Data analysis
- Sharing findings with NYC stakeholders
- Final report in June 2013

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