

RACIST INCIDENTS, ENGLAND AND WALES, 2010/11

The figures in the table below show the number of reported incidents to police forces in England and Wales. A "racist incident" is any incident, including any crime, which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person.

The figures show that:

The overall number of racist incidents recorded by the police decreased by seven per cent from 54,872 in 2009/10 to 51,187 in 2010/11.

Between 2009/10 and 2010/11 there was a decrease in the number of racist incidents recorded in 26 of the 43 police force areas.

These data have been confirmed with police forces and are correct as at 26 August 2011. These are official statistics not National Statistics (see note 2 for further explanation).

NOTES

1. Racist incident statistics appear annually in the Ministry of Justice publication *Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System* (accessible on-line at: <http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/statistics-and-data/criminal-justice/race.htm>), which brings together statistical information on how members of the Black and Minority Ethnic community are represented in the CJS as suspects, offenders, victims and as employees/practitioners. From 2011, breakdowns by ethnicity have been published for all statistical series ahead of the publication of *Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System*. This is the second year that the racist incident statistics have been published separately in a Home Office statistical findings.

2. These are currently official statistics. Whilst accreditation for National Statistics has not yet been sought from the UK Statistics Authority, the principles and protocols in the Code of Practice for Official Statistics have been followed where possible to ensure best practice.

3. The data were processed and the document prepared by staff in Home Office Statistics.

Racist incidents by police force area, 2008/09 to 2010/11¹

England & Wales

Police force area	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Change 2009/10 - 2010/11	
				Number	Percentage (%)
Avon & Somerset	1,885	2,037	1,894	-143	-7
Bedfordshire	463	474	493	19	4
Cambridgeshire	397	498	411	-87	-17
Cheshire	471	384	425	41	11
Cleveland	453	494	581	87	18
Cumbria	256	213	219	6	3
Derbyshire	714	839	972	133	16
Devon & Cornwall	1,001	1,036	931	-105	-10
Dorset	681	641	587	-54	-8
Durham	346	332	254	-78	-23
Essex	738	858	796	-62	-7
Gloucestershire	476	406	404	-2	0
Greater Manchester	4,649	4,100	3,288	-812	-20
Hampshire	1,457	1,564	1,491	-73	-5
Hertfordshire	1,241	1,214	1,133	-81	-7
Humberside	526	565	582	17	3
Kent	1,522	1,396	1,357	-39	-3
Lancashire	2,230	2,132	1,735	-397	-19
Leicestershire	1,405	1,534	1,342	-192	-13
Lincolnshire	244	274	277	3	1
London, City of	102	58	59	1	2
Merseyside	1,448	1,417	1,313	-104	-7
Metropolitan Police	10,190	10,541	9,405	-1,136	-11
Norfolk	487	469	605	136	29
Northamptonshire	937	926	801	-125	-13
Northumbria	1,066	971	1,027	56	6
North Yorkshire	168	197	215	18	9
Nottinghamshire	1,539	1,457	1,256	-201	-14
South Yorkshire	1,904	2,264	2,019	-245	-11
Staffordshire	1,172	1,290	1,354	64	5
Suffolk	488	373	294	-79	-21
Surrey	1,151	1,130	1,002	-128	-11
Sussex	1,001	802	635	-167	-21
Thames Valley	2,655	2,625	2,469	-156	-6
Warwickshire	484	358	367	9	3
West Mercia	846	715	765	50	7
West Midlands	3,110	2,758	2,646	-112	-4
West Yorkshire	2,926	2,687	2,803	116	4
Wiltshire	308	213	195	-18	-8
Dyfed-Powys	181	172	141	-31	-18
Gwent	280	273	343	70	26
North Wales	319	375	327	-48	-13
South Wales	1,797	1,810	1,974	164	9
England and Wales	55,714	54,872	51,187	-3,685	-7

1. Financial years 1 April to 31 March inclusive.