

## RACIST INCIDENTS, ENGLAND AND WALES, 2009/10

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 one per cent from 55,862 in 2008/09 to 55,056 in 2009/10.

Between 2008/09 and 2009/10 there was a decrease in the number of racist incidents recorded in 25 of the 43 police force areas.

These data have been confirmed with police forces and are correct as at 3 September 2010. 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: [www.justice.gov.uk/publications/raceandcjs.htm](http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/raceandcjs.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 will be published for all statistical series ahead of the publication of *Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System*. Consequently, racist incident statistics are being published separately for the first time in this 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 and 2009/10<sup>1</sup>

England & Wales

Police force area	2008/09	2009/10	Change 2008/09 - 2009/10	
			Number	Percentage
Avon & Somerset	1,885	2,037	152	8.1%
Bedfordshire	463	474	11	2.4%
Cambridgeshire	397	498	101	25.4%
Cheshire	471	384	-87	-18.5%
Cleveland	453	494	41	9.1%
Cumbria	256	213	-43	-16.8%
Derbyshire	714	839	125	17.5%
Devon & Cornwall	1,001	1,036	35	3.5%
Dorset	681	641	-40	-5.9%
Durham	346	453	107	30.9%
Essex	738	858	120	16.3%
Gloucestershire	537	462	-75	-14.0%
Greater Manchester	4,646	4,100	-546	-11.8%
Hampshire	2,107	1,564	-543	-25.8%
Hertfordshire	1,241	1,214	-27	-2.2%
Humberside	526	565	39	7.4%
Kent	1,522	1,396	-126	-8.3%
Lancashire	2,230	2,132	-98	-4.4%
Leicestershire	1,405	1,534	129	9.2%
Lincolnshire	244	274	30	12.3%
London, City of	102	58	-44	-43.1%
Merseyside	1,448	1,417	-31	-2.1%
Metropolitan Police	10,190	10,541	351	3.4%
Norfolk	487	469	-18	-3.7%
Northamptonshire	937	926	-11	-1.2%
Northumbria	1,066	971	-95	-8.9%
North Yorkshire	168	197	29	17.3%
Nottinghamshire	1,014	1,457	443	43.7%
South Yorkshire	1,904	2,264	360	18.9%
Staffordshire	1,172	1,290	118	10.1%
Suffolk	488	373	-115	-23.6%
Surrey	1,151	1,130	-21	-1.8%
Sussex	1,001	802	-199	-19.9%
Thames Valley	2,668	2,632	-36	-1.3%
Warwickshire	484	358	-126	-26.0%
West Mercia	846	715	-131	-15.5%
West Midlands	3,110	2,758	-352	-11.3%
West Yorkshire	2,878	2,687	-191	-6.6%
Wiltshire	308	213	-95	-30.8%
Dyfed-Powys	181	172	-9	-5.0%
Gwent	280	273	-7	-2.5%
North Wales	319	375	56	17.6%
South Wales	1,797	1,810	13	0.7%
<b>England and Wales</b>	<b>55,862</b>	<b>55,056</b>	<b>-806</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>

1. Financial years 1 April to 31 March inclusive.