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Summary of main points

In 2003/4:

- During 2003/4, racist incidents recorded by the police rose by 7% to 52,694, following a 10% fall the previous year. There were 35,022 racially or religiously aggravated offences recorded by the police in 2003/4 (31,034 in 2002/3). Over half of these were offences of harassment. One third of racially or religiously aggravated offences were cleared up. Of the 5,629 defendants who were prosecuted for racially aggravated offences in 2003, 2,440 were convicted at magistrates' courts and 457 at the Crown Court. The number of persons cautioned by the police for such offences was 681.
- The police recorded 2,605 homicides in the three-year period ending 2003/4. Ten per cent of these were of Black people, 6% Asian and 4% 'Other' minority ethnic groups. (These figures included the 172 originally recorded as homicide victims in the Shipman case.) Black victims (31%) were more likely to be shot compared with Asian (12%) and White (6%). During this period, 22 homicides were recorded as being racially motivated.
- Around 738,000 'stop and searches' were recorded by the police under a range of legislation (including the Police and Criminal Evidence Act). Of these, 15% were of Black people, 7% of Asian people and 1% of 'Other' ethnic origin. The overall total was a reduction of 15% on the previous year. Police forces varied widely in their rates for recorded 'stop and searches'. Research published by the Home Office has indicated that resident population figures are not indicative of the population present in public places when and where police carry out searches; therefore, they do not provide a good basis for assessing ethnic biases in 'stop and search' practices. Despite this, these statistics remain important in providing an overall picture of 'stop and search' incidents. Relative to the general (i.e. resident) population, in 2003/4 Black people were 6.4 times more likely to be stopped and searched than White people, slightly higher than the proportion in the previous year. Asian people were twice as likely to be stopped and searched than White people were; again, a slightly higher rate than in the previous year.
- In 2003/4 in England & Wales as a whole, there was a fall in the number of 'stop and searches' of about 18% for White people, 9% for Black people and 8% for Asian people compared to the previous year. In the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), the number of 'stop and searches' fell by 14% for White people, 9% for Black people and 15% for Asian people. In the MPS the reasons for 'stop and searches' were very similar in both years. In England and Wales the main reason across all ethnic groups was for drugs. The proportion of people undergoing 'stops and searches' for stolen property declined in most ethnic groups. In practice, there were wide variations in the levels of 'stop and searches' between police forces.
- In 2003/4 an estimated 1.33 million arrests for notifiable offences took place. Of these, 9% were recorded as being of Black people, 5% Asian and 1% 'Other' ethnic origin. Compared with 2002/3, arrests of Black people fell by 0.3% and Asian people by 1.3%, but arrests of White

people rose by 1.7% and those of people in the 'Other' category by 10.7%. Relative to the general population, Black people were over 3 times more likely to be arrested than White people were, similar to the previous year. There were variations across forces in the proportions of individuals from different ethnic groups being arrested for specific types of offence.

- The police cautioned nearly 220,000 persons for notifiable offences in 2003/4. Of these, 7% were recorded as Black people, 5% Asian and 1% of 'Other' ethnic origin. Following arrest, 17% of White, 16% of Asian people, and 12% of Black people were cautioned. An offender's eligibility for a caution depends upon a number of factors (e.g. admission of guilt).
- Combining information collected from 8 police force areas on magistrates' court decisions in 2003 shows that, excluding those defendants committed to the Crown Court for trial, 55% of White defendants, 45% of Black and 44% of Asian defendants were convicted.
- Combining data from five police force areas, a greater proportion of White defendants (78%) were found guilty in the Crown Court in 2003 than Black (73%) or Asian (72%) defendants.
- Practice varied throughout England and Wales for those dealt with by the Youth Justice Board. Of all remand decisions, 57% of White and 55% of Asian youths were given unconditional bail, compared with 47% for those of mixed origin and 46% of Black youths. Also, 8% of Black and those of Mixed origin were remanded in custody, compared to 5% of both Asian and White youths.
- For those 37 police force areas where information was available,

combined data for the period January to March 2004, shows that Asian and Black offenders each accounted for about 3% of those under court orders and supervised by the National Probation Service.

- In February 2003, Black and Minority Ethnic groups accounted for about 24% of the male prison population (16% Black, 3% Asian and 5% 'Other') and about 31% of the female prison population (25% Black, 1% Asian and 5% 'Other'). These figures included foreign nationals who made up just under 12% of the male and 21% of the female prison population. There was variation in the types of offences between each ethnic group.
- Eight per cent of complaints made against the police in 2003/4 were from Black people, 5% from Asian people and 2% from 'Other' minority ethnic groups.
- In most criminal justice agencies there have been increases in the employment of Black and Minority Ethnic groups over recent years. However, Black and Minority Ethnic groups are still under-represented in all police officer, prison officer and prison governor grades, as well as in various posts in criminal justice agencies.
- Table A presents information on the ethnic composition of those passing through different stages of the Criminal Justice System. At a general level, all non-White ethnic groups have a higher representation as clients of the Criminal Justice System than they do in terms of the general population. This is especially true of Black and Asian suspects and offenders. The proportions of people in these two ethnic groups are fairly stable across most stages of the criminal justice process, but there are some notable exceptions. Both Black and Asian

people experience a greater likelihood of being stopped and searched in comparison to later stages in the process. Black defendants are more prominent in the Crown Court caseload, partly because they tend to elect for jury trial more often than other ethnic groups including White. (However, it

should be noted that these particular results are based on data for only 65% of those tried.) Their significantly higher presence within the prison population may be caused, in part, by the longer average sentences imposed on them.

Table A: Proportion (%) of ethnic groups at different stages of the criminal justice process, England and Wales, 2003/4

	Ethnicity					Total
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown/ not recorded	
General population (aged 10 & over) @ 2001 Census	91.3	2.8	4.7	1.2	0.0	100
Stops and searches ⁽¹⁾	74.3	14.7	7.3	1.5	2.3	100
Arrests ⁽²⁾	84.3	8.8	4.8	1.4	0.7	100
Cautions ⁽²⁾	84.2	6.7	4.7	1.2	3.2	100
Youth offences	83.5	6.3	3.1	2.9	4.3	100
Crown Court ⁽³⁾	76.8	12.2	7.4	3.6	*	100
Prison receptions ^{(4) (5)}	80.5	9.7	4.8	2.9	2.1	100
Prison population ⁽⁵⁾	77.1	15.5	3.1	4.1	0.1	100

Note: Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding.

(1) Stops and searches recorded by the police under section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and other legislation.

(2) Notifiable offences.

(3) Information on ethnicity is missing in 35% of cases; therefore, percentages are based on known ethnicity.

(4) 'Other' includes those prisoners who classified their ethnicity as 'Mixed'.

(5) Sentenced

Chapter 1

Introduction

Section 95 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 requires the Secretary of State to publish such information as he considers expedient in order to enable those involved in the Criminal Justice System (CJS) to become aware of the financial implications of their decisions, or to avoid discrimination on grounds of race, sex or any other improper grounds. The Home Office has published a series of documents since 1992 on the issue of race within the Criminal Justice System under these requirements. This report continues the series. These documents brought together both points relating to the Government's policy on race as well as statistical information on the representation of Black and Minority Ethnic groups as suspects, offenders and victims within the criminal justice system and on employees within the criminal justice agencies.

The basic statistical information in this document should be considered in conjunction with research reports that are now available on related issues. Some information is presented where relevant.

Information in this publication is presented in several ways:

- a) Tables covering all police force areas or equivalents for courts and prisons
- b) Detailed tables for the ten police force areas with the highest percentage of Black and Minority Ethnic population (Bedfordshire, Greater Manchester, Hertfordshire, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Metropolitan, Nottinghamshire, Thames Valley, West Midlands and West Yorkshire). Around four-fifths (81%) of the Black and Minority Ethnic population of England & Wales live in these police force areas.

- c) Where data collection is still being developed, the tables cover those areas able to supply information (e.g. courts).
- d) Some summary tables for England & Wales as a whole (e.g. courts and personnel).

Wherever possible, information is presented on the way in which the data are generated and collected. Where there are concerns about data provision and/or quality, these issues are briefly described.

This document has a companion document, *Race and the Criminal Justice System: an overview to the complete statistics 2003-4*, which presents an overview of the information presented here, as well as how it relates to other social indicators. Both the overview report and the current document are available on the following website:

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/section951.html

The population figures used in this report were derived from the 2001 Census which showed that nationally 2.8% of the general population were Black, 4.7% Asian and 1.2% of 'Other' minority ethnic group. The Census also provided statistics on the ethnic populations for each police force area. These population estimates replaced those used in earlier reports, which were based upon the 1991 Census and the annual Labour Force Survey. Absolute populations for each ethnic group were calculated using these proportions and the annual mid-year estimates for each police force area produced by the Office for National Statistics.

The figures on suspects and offenders include those aged 10 and above,

except those for 'stop and search' and homicide which include all ages.

Data are presented in terms of both calendar and financial years and others, e.g. prison receptions. This reflects the reporting cycles of the agencies contributing information for this publication.

The following conventions have been used throughout this publication.

0	= nil or less than 0.5%
..	= not available
*	= not applicable.

Chapter 2

Developments in ethnic monitoring

Introduction

This Chapter outlines developments in ethnic monitoring within the Criminal Justice System. Some further detail is contained in subsequent chapters.

For 30 years, those concerned with improving race relations have stressed the need to collect accurate information about the ethnicity of people in contact with the criminal justice system as well as the need to supplement such data by more detailed research. Although the principle of ethnic monitoring is now accepted by all parts of the criminal justice system in England & Wales, recent progress has been slow. This has been mainly due to the constraints caused by the lack of national IT systems in some agencies. Furthermore, some agencies have been slow in disseminating information regarding changes in requirements for ethnic monitoring to the relevant people in their organisations.

Prisons

The first comprehensive criminal justice monitoring system introduced was for the Prison population. This resulted from a major review of what were the information needs of the Prison Service. After some initial problems the first data was published in 1986 which analysed in detail these findings. Although it indicated that the proportion of Black and Minority Ethnic population in prison was lower than commentators suggested, it still showed a level of representation well above the general population levels. The data collected was determined by a combination of self-assessment by the prisoner and observation by a prison officer. The categories used were similar to those in

official surveys such as the EC Labour Force Survey.

From 1992 to February 2003 the 9-point 1991 Census classification system was used to collect information on the ethnicity of prisoners. Information based on this ethnic breakdown of the prison population has been published annually since 1993. More recently the nationality of the prisoner has also been collected. Since March 2003 all prisoners received into a penal establishment for the first time, and existing prisoners transferred to another establishment, have been asked to self-classify their ethnicity using the 2001 Census 16 + 1 categories (the 16 ethnic categories plus the 'Not stated' category). The Prison Service plans to record the ethnicity of all prisoners using this classification system.

The recent Agenda for Change document released jointly by HM Prison Service and the Commission for Racial Equality, includes an aim to "ensure functional capability is built into new IT systems for prisoner management and personnel management, to enable effective data collation and analysis to support monitoring of impact of policies on Black and Minority Ethnic prisoners and staff" (HMPS and CRE, 2003). The Service has identified current legacy systems that are in place, to establish what information is being collected and in which format. Where necessary monitoring arrangements are being extended to meet the requirements of the joint CRE/Prison Service Action Plan and the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000.

Probation

The Probation Service was the second criminal justice agency to introduce systematic monitoring in October 1992. Probation committee members, probation service staff and persons subject to the supervision of the service were all included. Offenders were required to tick a box (Black, White, 'Other' (please specify) or Refused) and answer the question, "Where would you say your ethnic group comes from?" selecting from the list of countries provided. The results were mapped to the 1991 Census groupings or the 4-point Home Office system. However, after an initial good start, the proportion of ethnic data missing rose substantially from the mid-1990s. Figures were consequently omitted from the 1999 and subsequent statistical publications on race and the criminal justice system. The transition to the use of the 2001 Census categories led to more technical problems, with many probation areas unable to supply ethnic data because of changes required to IT systems. These problems have been resolved, but the proportion of ethnic data missing in a number of areas is still too high for national figures to be included in national statistical publications. Probation Circular 60/2004, issued on 30 December 2004, asks all Probation Boards to examine their ethnicity monitoring data and have an action plan in place to improve their performance in this respect. Information has been published for those areas with sufficiently complete data.

National Offenders Management Service (NOMS)

On 1 June 2004, the Prison and Probation Services and most of the work carried out by the central units in correctional services were brought together under the new National Offenders Management Service (NOMS).

Police

Section 95 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 led to new measures to establish consistent ethnic monitoring within the police service.

Following discussions with the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary (HMIC) the Home Office wrote to all Chief Constables in England & Wales in March 1995 confirming April 1996 as the start date for mandatory ethnic monitoring in all police force areas. In fact, thirty-nine forces were able fully or partially to begin the data collection during 1995-96. The areas of police activity monitored initially were: 'stop and searches', arrests, cautions and homicides. The classification was based upon the police officer's visual perception of the ethnic appearance of the suspect/victim, using four categories (White, Black, Asian and 'Other'). This was compatible with the fuller classification used in the 1991 Census and elsewhere. Asian in this context covers those of Indian, Pakistani or Bangladeshi origin. The Home Office's consultations revealed it would not be practical at that time to use a wider classification system or for the police officers to ask suspects or victims to classify themselves. It was also agreed that police forces should undertake ethnic monitoring of all deaths in police custody from 1 April 1996 (Cotton and Povey, 1997).

From 1 April 1999 all police forces were asked to provide information on notifiable arrests by ethnic appearance, gender, age and offence group. From 1 April 2003, in addition to the visual assessment using the 4-point classification, it has been mandatory for all police forces to record ethnicity by self-assessment by the suspect using the 16-point classification used in the 2001 Census.

Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)

The CPS has agreed to introduce ethnicity monitoring of all their casework decisions. This is dependent upon successful implementation of new IT systems, which began in 2004. Since CPS staff do not normally have direct contact with defendants, they would rely on ethnicity data collected by the police.

Courts

It is not practical for court staff to collect ethnic data whilst a case is in progress. If a case is discontinued or withdrawn, court staff may not have visual contact with the suspect. An alternative approach was adopted based upon the transfer of data on the ethnic classification of suspects from the police to the magistrates' court and in turn for this information to be passed by magistrates' court staff to the Crown Court.

For magistrates' courts, data on all court appearances is sent to the Home Office either through direct data transfer from the court's computer or through returns completed by police forces. Because of the variety of IT systems used in courts the Home Office initially only received data with an ethnic marker from courts using the ICL system (and Equis in Northamptonshire). Data were first published for 1999 for 4 police force areas; 8 areas are included for 2003. Ethnicity was recorded in 19% of the magistrate's court data for England and Wales supplied to the Home Office for 2003. Further expansion will depend upon the introduction of the LIBRA system; a single magistrates' court IT system which will include the ability to record both the visual and self-assessment ethnicity of the defendant.

At the Crown Court the presence of a national IT system (CREST) has made monitoring easier. All Crown Courts were asked to include information on ethnic origin on all new cases received from October 2001 based upon

information supplied by the police included in case papers. The CREST system has been amended to accept both 4 and 16-point classifications. Currently data is received on the ethnicity of 65% of all persons tried at the Crown Court in 2003, and information from 5 Crown Courts is sufficiently complete to allow publication for the first time.

Youth Justice Board

This agency uses the 16-point census categories to monitor the ethnicity of defendants/offenders dealt with. These have been amalgamated into 5 categories for presentation in this report.

Racist incidents/crimes

Information on racist incidents is collected annually by HMIC from all police forces on the basis of a common definition. This is now accepted to be: *"A racist incident is any incident which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person"* (as recommended by The Stephen Lawrence Inquiry in 1999).

However, this provides no information on the victim's ethnicity. A new RDS return, which is currently voluntary, provides data on the ethnicity of victims of racist crimes, as well as the type of offence committed. Because of the necessary IT changes, currently only data from a limited number of forces is being collected (see Chapter 3).

On 30 September 1998, the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 introduced new racially aggravated offences covering assault/wounding, criminal damage and harassment. These offences are monitored as part of the standard criminal statistics returns.

CPS staff gather information on cases that the police have identified as racist incidents as defined by the above criteria and also on those cases that their staff consider meet the criteria but have not been so identified by the police. From 1 April 1999, the CPS has

also monitored racially aggravated offences and since December 2001 has included religiously aggravated offences.

Since 1988 the British Crime Survey (BCS) has included a question on the ethnicity of respondents. Ethnic boosts have been used to increase the accuracy of findings for Black and Minority Ethnic groups. The BCS is the main measure of racist crimes. The 16-point classification was first used for the 2001/2 sweep of the Survey.

Human resources

Monitoring of staff resources has gradually been introduced by all criminal justice agencies. The data presented in this report are a mixture of both visual and self-assessment, but increasingly the latter. There are some issues regarding the correct interpretation of the 16-point classification and its implementation, particularly as regards IT systems. Some agencies still have a considerable way to go in terms of reducing the amount of information recorded as unknown.

Census 2001 classification

The Stephen Lawrence Inquiry, the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 and the 2001 Census have all been a stimulus for wider and improved monitoring of Black and Minority Ethnic groups. Ministers agreed that this should be based throughout the criminal justice system upon self-assessment and the 16-point census categories. The date for implementation was set as 1 April 2003. The aim of this was to provide a single common system for collecting ethnic data in all agencies, consistent with the demographic information available from the Census.

Progress towards implementing the collection of ethnicity statistics using the 16+1 classification has occurred at different rates and with differing degrees of accuracy across CJS agencies: work continues to improve this. In respect of this report we report mainly using the 4+1 classification system, as this is more robust for the time period covered. Where quality allows we have used a condensed presentation of 16+1 data, such as for prison receptions.

Chapter 3

Victims and homicide

Introduction

This chapter looks at victims of crime including racist incidents and homicide.

Victimisation

The most recent results from the British Crime Survey (BCS) for 2003/4 show that over the last 12 months Asian people (31%) face significantly higher risks of crime than other ethnic groups and those of mixed race (39%) the highest risks. White and Black people had a similar level of risk (26%). People from 'Chinese or other' ethnic (21%) backgrounds had the lowest level of risk. The levels of risk for White people and people from 'Chinese or other' ethnic backgrounds fell significantly between 2002/3 and 2003/4.

Findings from the 2002/3 BCS showed that people from Black and Minority Ethnic groups had a significantly higher risk of personal crime compared to White people. Those of Mixed ethnic background had overall a higher risk of victimisation than all other groups (Salisbury and Upson, 2004).

The 2002/3 BCS also showed that after allowing for age the difference between Asian and White people disappeared. However, people of mixed race continued to have higher risks of victimisation than all the other ethnic groups after controlling for age and the type of area they lived in. The higher risk of the Mixed group, therefore, is not explained by these factors (Salisbury and Upson, 2004).

Racist incidents and crimes

All police forces have collected information on racist incidents since 1986 on the basis of a common definition that covered:

'Any incident in which it appears to the reporting or investigating officer that the complaint involves an element of racial motivation; or any incident which includes an allegation of racial motivation made by any person (ACPO 1985)'

This definition compares with that proposed in the report of the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry which was adopted by the police in 1999:

'A racist incident is any incident which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person' (MacPherson 1999).

It should be noted that incidents included here are wider than the normal definition of a crime in the published crime statistics and include general threatening behaviour.

Sections 28 to 32 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 introduced into law the concept of specific racially aggravated offences. The provisions came into effect on 30 September 1998. They were further extended to include religiously aggravated offences by section 39 of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001, with effect from 14 December 2001.

An offence may be defined as racially or religiously aggravated if

- (a) at the time of committing the offence, or immediately before or after doing so, the offender demonstrates towards the victim of the offence hostility based on the

- victim's membership (or presumed membership) of a racial or religious group; or
- (b) the offence is motivated (wholly or partly) by hostility towards members of a racial or religious group based on their membership of that group. "Membership", in relation to a racial or religious group, includes association with members of that group. "Presumed" means presumed by the offender.

Main findings

Racist incidents

Tables 3.1 – 3.4

The overall number of racist incidents recorded by the police rose by 7% from 49,078 in 2002/3 to 52,694 in 2003/4 (Table 3.1). A majority of forces showed an increase in the number of incidents, but the Metropolitan Police showed a slight decline.

Research from across the UK indicates that the majority of racist incidents recorded are either damage to property or verbal harassment (Maynard and Read, 1997; Clark and Moody, 2002; Jarman, 2002).

The British Crime Survey (BCS) records people's experience and perception of crime including whether a victim of crime perceived it to be racially motivated. The 2000 sweep of the BCS indicated that 56% of racially motivated incidents against Black people and 53% against Asian people occurred in the home. The figure for White people was much lower (36%). In addition, Black victims identified 74% of offenders as White, 22% as Black, and 2% each as Asian or Mixed. For Asian victims the figures were 67% White, 14% Mixed, 13% Black and 4% Asian; and for White people the equivalent figures were 37% Black, 34% Asian, 18% White and 6% Mixed (Clancy *et al*, 2001).

The number of racially motivated incidents in 2003/4 estimated from BCS data was around 206,000, similar to 2002/3. The 2002/3 BCS showed that nearly two-thirds (135,000) of incidents involved personal crime and the rest (71,000) were crimes against households. There are differences between these types of crime in the exposure of the various ethnic groups to them.

Results from the 2002/3 BCS show that less than 1% of White people had experienced a crime that they thought was racially motivated. This compares to 2% for Black, 2% for those in the Chinese and 'other' minority ethnic group, 3% for Asian respondents and 4% for Mixed. With regard to reporting crimes, those of Mixed ethnicity were less likely to report crimes to the police (31%) than Black/Black British people (37%), the Chinese or 'Other' minority ethnic groups (41%) or the Asian group (42%).

The 2003/4 BCS shows that people in all BME groups were significantly more likely than White people to be worried about burglary, car crime and violent crime. There were some differences in levels of worry between people in the individual BME groups. Black people (32%) had significantly higher levels of worry about car crime compared to those in other BME groups (Asian 27%, Chinese or other 22%, and Mixed 20%). Black (33%) and Asian (36%) people had higher levels of worry about violent crime compared to people from a Mixed (24%) or 'Chinese or other' (28%) background. There were falls in worry about all three types of crime between 2002/3 and 2003/4 for all ethnic groups.

Racially aggravated offences

The police recorded 35,022 racially or religiously aggravated offences in 2003/4, a 13% increase from the previous year (31,034 in 2002/3) (see Dodd *et al* 2004). Of this total, 59% were harassment, 16% criminal damage, 14% other wounding and 11%

common assault; this is a similar pattern to that in the previous year (Table 3.2).

Police forces varied widely in the number and type of offences recorded. Whilst the overall number of aggravated offences of harassment, other wounding and criminal damage rose, there was a fall for those of common assault. When compared with the total number of similar non-racially aggravated offences, 11.9% of harassment offences were recorded as racially aggravated, 1.7% of common assaults, 1.1% of other wounding and 0.5% of criminal damage offences, an almost identical pattern to that in the previous year.

Overall, about one-third of both racially and non-racially aggravated offences were cleared-up. The rate varied widely between offence types. 50% of non-racially aggravated offences of 'other wounding' were cleared up compared to only 41% of racially aggravated offences of the same type, and 58% of non-racially aggravated harassment cases were cleared up compared to only 37% of racially aggravated offences of the same type.

A total of 6,310 persons were cautioned or prosecuted at courts for racially aggravated offences in 2003, a rise of 17% over the previous year. Of these, 23% were aged under 18 years (Table 3.4). Of the 5,629 persons prosecuted at magistrates' courts in 2003, 2,440 (43%) were convicted and 41% were either acquitted or their case was terminated

early. A total of 893 (16%) persons were committed to Crown Court for trial. Figures for 2002 for this table have been included again this year (see Table 3.3), as the table given in the previous Section 95 publication related to offences, rather than individuals.

Crown Court centres in England & Wales dealt with 784 offenders charged with racially aggravated offences in 2003. Of these, 457 were convicted (58%); 42% were either not tried or were acquitted.

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) monitors prosecution decisions and outcomes in all cases identified by the police or CPS as arising from a racial incident. The CPS scheme which adopts the MacPherson definition of a racist incident, includes information about the specific racially aggravated offences charged under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as well as offences that could fall within Section 153 of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000.

In 2003/4, there were 4,728 defendant cases identified as being racist incidents (CPS 2004b); this is an overall rise of 12.8% on 2002/3 (CPS 2004a and 2004b). Of these cases in 2003/4 the police had already identified 90% as being racist incidents, the CPS identified the remaining 10% (the respective proportions for the previous year were 86% and 14%).

Table 3.1 Racist incidents for all police force areas 1996/7 to 2003/4

Police force area	1996/7	1997/8	1998/9	1999/00	2000/1	2001/2	2002/3	2003/4	Change % 2002/3 to 2003/4
Avon & Somerset	310	409	626	887	956	940	1,125	1,472	31
Bedfordshire	77	75	134	300	301	289	293	279	-5
Cambridgeshire	141	147	205	519	691	736	878	773	-12
Cheshire	92	78	158	421	399	405	184	289	57
Cleveland	68	76	147	204	307	399	444	507	14
Cumbria	37	46	45	85	97	155	162	197	22
Derbyshire	208	174	208	383	504	678	678	481	-29
Devon & Cornwall	82	90	116	538	776	874	781	942	21
Dorset	67	86	145	185	212	69	260	52	-80
Durham	24	37	75	178	247	275	224	234	4
Essex	116	160	229	431	679	813	452	626	38
Gloucestershire	34	32	83	258	389	432	380	314	-17
Greater Manchester	595	624	1,197	2,324	2,663	3,955	2,642	2,824	7
Hampshire	178	219	271	654	845	888	864	1,409	63
Hertfordshire	295	288	325	703	984	1,237	1,312	1,463	12
Humberside	55	72	111	215	422	100	350	391	12
Kent	256	276	273	914	1,278	888	986	862	-13
Lancashire	337	311	450	917	1,274	2,178	1,521	1,923	26
Leicestershire	299	237	367	878	908	1,132	1,181	1,284	9
Lincolnshire	7	6	14	19	42	150	149	230	54
London, City of	10	6	28	55	91	72	103	32	-69
Merseyside	162	241	324	822	761	690	763	951	25
Metropolitan Police	5,621	5,862	11,050	23,346	20,628	16,711	15,453	15,319	-1
Norfolk	56	89	94	253	259	287	363	356	-2
Northamptonshire	195	318	282	597	591	663	619	768	24
Northumbria	488	444	623	1,159	1,626	1,747	1,552	1,655	7
North Yorkshire	43	41	64	96	128	228	58	22	-62
Nottinghamshire	330	391	475	714	914	1,097	1,090	1,184	9
South Yorkshire ⁽¹⁾	169	213	293	557	698	698	754	787	4
Staffordshire	225	214	220	202	500	1,138	466	595	28
Suffolk	74	54	150	234	291	375	345	409	19
Surrey	55	45	126	338	573	607	648	853	32
Sussex	260	298	399	934	1,526	1,120	1,106	1,214	10
Thames Valley	233	279	486	999	1,088	1,470	1,445	1,772	23
Warwickshire	66	107	111	150	175	314	310	310	0
West Mercia	64	57	83	464	871	978	864	948	10
West Midlands	725	632	988	1,548	3,321	4,058	3,009	3,256	8
West Yorkshire	623	644	1,068	2,118	2,534	2,919	2,602	2,879	11
Wiltshire	35	59	101	221	356	121	332	419	26
Dyfed-Powys	18	17	37	99	142	167	135	172	27
Gwent	60	45	98	213	269	191	232	248	7
North Wales	4	12	36	80	248	301	369	337	-9
South Wales	357	367	734	1,602	1,528	1,825	1,594	1,656	4
England & Wales	13,151	13,878	23,049	47,814	53,092	54,370	49,078	52,694	7

: (1) Revised figure for 2002/3.

Table 3.2 Racially or religiously aggravated offences recorded by police forces by offence type, 2002/3⁽¹⁾ and 2003/4, with clear-up rates for England and Wales

Police force area	Harassment		Other wounding		Criminal Damage		Common assault		Total	
	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4
Avon & Somerset	580	868	100	128	117	178	103	82	900	1,256
Bedfordshire	83	127	50	42	17	18	19	20	169	207
Cambridgeshire	263	248	63	90	31	17	53	29	410	384
Cheshire	255	273	20	22	71	71	30	34	376	400
Cleveland	46	129	11	23	67	58	21	41	145	251
Cumbria	48	93	9	11	8	7	5	5	69	116
Derbyshire	320	354	109	99	109	126	22	21	560	600
Devon & Cornwall	280	350	104	117	49	44	63	77	496	588
Dorset	78	58	23	51	28	28	48	29	177	166
Durham	69	107	3	14	100	5	199	12	371	138
Essex	273	393	113	134	129	161	43	72	558	760
Gloucestershire	154	122	15	19	22	10	19	16	210	167
Greater Manchester	1,176	1,608	423	467	587	618	167	171	2,353	2,864
Hampshire	167	265	45	43	58	67	47	40	317	415
Hertfordshire	115	424	64	77	109	140	55	89	343	730
Humberside	193	293	54	67	33	49	22	29	302	438
Kent	208	206	98	105	122	93	119	76	547	480
Lancashire	405	714	144	138	253	142	58	91	860	1,085
Leicestershire	408	465	98	101	188	133	115	110	809	809
Lincolnshire	79	84	19	41	24	37	14	17	136	179
London, City of	46	40	9	8	2	2	14	10	71	60
Merseyside	310	478	93	101	253	303	78	61	734	943
Metropolitan Police	5,374	5,469	918	782	1,400	1,291	2,161	1,926	9,853	9,468
Norfolk	111	170	31	40	35	32	26	26	203	268
Northamptonshire	169	210	50	82	58	91	26	30	303	413
Northumbria	633	690	54	107	122	106	125	71	934	974
North Yorkshire	55	36	6	6	4	5	15	7	80	54
Nottinghamshire	475	463	61	53	64	62	35	41	635	619
South Yorkshire	122	124	23	43	59	69	38	23	242	259
Staffordshire	191	239	86	146	124	141	65	74	466	600
Suffolk	165	198	32	46	25	24	24	29	246	297
Surrey	239	284	72	71	61	72	35	55	407	482
Sussex	222	266	71	127	44	86	106	73	443	552
Thames Valley	521	647	126	121	189	212	112	124	948	1,104
Warwickshire	85	94	19	26	22	41	33	26	159	187
West Mercia	357	456	50	85	75	83	45	50	527	674
West Midlands	1,146	1,177	697	719	427	449	152	134	2,422	2,479
West Yorkshire	268	1,218	213	298	131	257	95	101	707	1,874
Wiltshire	140	147	22	35	53	36	17	26	232	244
Dyfed-Powys	69	91	12	17	13	11	2	7	96	126
Gwent	139	186	26	25	17	18	11	11	193	240
North Wales	159	144	27	35	86	85	16	14	288	278
South Wales	499	576	90	78	110	103	38	37	737	794
England & Wales	16,695	20,584	4,352	4,840	5,496	5,581	4,491	4,017	31,034	35,022
% racially aggravated	12.1	11.9	1.2	1.1	0.5	0.5	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.8
% cleared-up										
<i>Racially-aggravated</i>	39	37	40	41	19	19	30	29	34	34
<i>Non-racially aggravated</i>	64	58	52	50	13	13	41	38	28	28

(1) Some figures for 2002/3 have been revised in the light of updated returns from police forces.

Table 3.3 Number of persons cautioned and prosecuted at magistrates' courts and the Crown Court for racially aggravated offences, by age group and result, 2002

Police force area and age group	Magistrates' courts							Crown Court			
	Prosecuted or cautioned	Cautioned	Prosecuted	Terminated early	Acquitted	Committed for trial	Convicted	Committed for sentence	Number for trial	Acquitted/ not tried	Convicted
Avon & Somerset											
10-17	17	1	16	8	3	1	4	0	1	1	0
18+	101	7	94	32	3	28	31	1	19	10	9
All Ages	118	8	110	40	6	29	35	1	20	11	9
Bedfordshire											
10-17	10	6	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18+	49	8	41	17	3	12	9	0	4	1	3
All Ages	59	14	45	21	3	12	9	0	4	1	3
Cambridgeshire											
10-17	16	9	7	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	1
18+	54	9	45	12	8	0	25	1	1	0	1
All Ages	70	18	52	14	8	0	30	1	2	0	2
Cheshire											
10-17	22	1	21	13	0	3	5	0	0	0	0
18+	53	1	52	21	2	8	21	0	5	2	3
All Ages	75	2	73	34	2	11	26	0	5	2	3
Cleveland											
10-17	8	0	8	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
18+	16	0	16	7	1	2	6	2	4	3	1
All Ages	24	0	24	12	1	3	8	2	4	3	1
Cumbria											
10-17	3	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	2
18+	19	0	19	4	1	5	9	0	3	2	1
All Ages	22	0	22	5	1	6	10	0	5	2	3
Derbyshire											
10-17	19	6	13	3	1	0	9	0	0	0	0
18+	56	3	53	14	2	10	27	1	3	0	3
All Ages	75	9	66	17	3	10	36	1	3	0	3
Devon & Cornwall											
10-17	11	4	7	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
18+	58	2	56	18	0	16	22	0	6	3	3
All Ages	69	6	63	23	0	16	24	0	6	3	3
Dorset											
10-17	5	2	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
18+	26	2	24	4	3	10	7	1	6	3	3
All Ages	31	4	27	4	4	10	9	1	6	3	3
Durham											
10-17	11	2	9	5	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
18+	39	4	35	12	0	4	19	1	1	1	0
All Ages	50	6	44	17	0	5	22	1	1	1	0
Essex											
10-17	21	5	16	13	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
18+	59	2	57	35	0	14	8	0	12	3	9
All Ages	80	7	73	48	0	15	10	0	12	3	9
Gloucestershire											
10-17	11	5	6	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
18+	39	7	32	12	3	0	17	3	2	0	2
All Ages	50	12	38	15	3	0	20	3	2	0	2

Table 3.3 cont Number of persons cautioned and prosecuted at magistrates' courts and the Crown Court for racially aggravated offences, by age group and result, 2002

Police force area and age group	Magistrates' courts							Crown Court			
	Prosecuted or cautioned	Cautioned	Prosecuted	Terminated early	Acquitted	Committed for trial	Convicted	Committed for sentence	Number for trial	Acquitted/ not tried	Convicted
Greater Manchester											
10-17	120	5	115	45	18	6	46	0	3	1	2
18+	271	4	267	81	31	53	102	4	59	36	23
All Ages	391	9	382	126	49	59	148	4	62	37	25
Hampshire											
10-17	46	4	42	20	3	0	19	0	0	0	0
18+	117	4	113	30	5	23	55	3	20	9	11
All Ages	163	8	155	50	8	23	74	3	20	9	11
Hertfordshire											
10-17	21	7	14	7	2	0	5	0	0	0	0
18+	52	3	49	17	2	9	21	1	10	4	6
All Ages	73	10	63	24	4	9	26	1	10	4	6
Humberside											
10-17	20	2	18	9	2	0	7	0	0	0	0
18+	48	1	47	18	2	9	18	2	6	4	2
All Ages	68	3	65	27	4	9	25	2	6	4	2
Kent											
10-17	10	6	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
18+	27	3	24	12	1	5	6	0	9	8	1
All Ages	37	9	28	14	1	5	8	0	9	8	1
Lancashire											
10-17	62	13	49	24	3	0	22	0	0	0	0
18+	174	13	161	66	8	18	69	0	17	5	12
All Ages	236	26	210	90	11	18	91	0	17	5	12
Leicestershire											
10-17	33	0	33	15	0	0	18	0	1	1	0
18+	124	0	124	35	6	31	52	2	11	5	6
All Ages	157	0	157	50	6	31	70	2	12	6	6
Lincolnshire											
10-17	5	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18+	17	0	17	4	0	1	12	1	1	1	0
All Ages	22	1	21	8	0	1	12	1	1	1	0
London, City of											
10-17	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18+	15	6	9	3	0	3	3	0	2	2	0
All Ages	18	9	9	3	0	3	3	0	2	2	0
Merseyside											
10-17	24	3	21	7	4	0	10	0	1	1	0
18+	71	3	68	23	9	13	23	0	21	7	14
All Ages	95	6	89	30	13	13	33	0	22	8	14
Metropolitan Police											
10-17	219	49	170	87	10	4	69	0	10	3	7
18+	885	70	815	296	25	218	276	6	212	137	75
All Ages	1,104	119	985	383	35	222	345	6	222	140	82
Norfolk											
10-17	8	3	5	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
18+	48	5	43	18	1	12	12	1	6	1	5
All Ages	56	8	48	21	1	12	14	1	6	1	5

Table 3.3 cont. Number of persons cautioned and prosecuted at magistrates' courts and the Crown Court for racially aggravated offences, by age group and result, 2002

Police force area and age group	Magistrates' courts							Crown Court			
	Prosecuted or cautioned	Cautioned	Prosecuted	Terminated early	Acquitted	Committed for trial	Convicted	Committed for sentence	Number for trial	Acquitted/ not tried	Convicted
Northamptonshire											
10-17	6	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
18+	23	10	13	2	1	8	2	1	2	2	0
All Ages	29	15	14	2	1	9	2	1	2	2	0
Northumbria											
10-17	74	24	50	31	2	1	16	0	0	0	0
18+	139	15	124	50	3	16	55	2	12	0	12
All Ages	213	39	174	81	5	17	71	2	12	0	12
North Yorkshire											
10-17	5	1	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
18+	29	3	26	6	0	10	10	1	1	0	1
All Ages	34	4	30	7	1	10	12	1	1	0	1
Nottinghamshire											
10-17	39	6	33	14	0	3	16	0	1	1	0
18+	125	2	123	50	7	16	50	2	5	1	4
All Ages	164	8	156	64	7	19	66	2	6	2	4
South Yorkshire											
10-17	24	4	20	6	1	2	11	0	2	1	1
18+	74	3	71	22	3	17	29	0	11	2	9
All Ages	98	7	91	28	4	19	40	0	13	3	10
Staffordshire											
10-17	20	0	20	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
18+	72	0	72	20	0	15	37	0	13	3	10
All Ages	92	0	92	30	0	15	47	0	13	3	10
Suffolk											
10-17	9	3	6	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0
18+	38	8	30	9	8	2	11	0	9	3	6
All Ages	47	11	36	10	10	2	14	0	9	3	6
Surrey											
10-17	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18+	13	8	5	0	1	3	1	0	7	3	4
All Ages	17	12	5	0	1	3	1	0	7	3	4
Sussex											
10-17	21	7	14	8	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
18+	72	6	66	20	1	24	21	0	13	6	7
All Ages	93	13	80	28	2	24	26	0	13	6	7
Thames Valley											
10-17	21	5	16	6	1	0	9	0	0	0	0
18+	79	2	77	20	16	7	34	1	9	7	2
All Ages	100	7	93	26	17	7	43	1	9	7	2
Warwickshire											
10-17	11	5	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
18+	36	5	31	10	0	3	18	1	4	1	3
All Ages	47	10	37	10	0	3	24	1	4	1	3
West Mercia											
10-17	23	13	10	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
18+	93	16	77	27	1	7	42	2	6	1	5
All Ages	116	29	87	33	1	7	46	2	6	1	5

Table 3.3 cont Number of persons cautioned and prosecuted at magistrates' courts and the Crown Court for racially aggravated offences, by age group and result, 2002

Police force area and age group	Magistrates' courts							Crown Court			
	Prosecuted or cautioned	Cautioned	Prosecuted	Terminated early	Acquitted	Committed for trial	Convicted	Committed for sentence	Number for trial	Acquitted/ not tried	Convicted
West Midlands											
10-17	202	55	147	89	16	3	39	0	0	0	0
18+	494	53	441	212	15	53	161	4	47	18	29
All Ages	696	108	588	301	31	56	200	4	47	18	29
West Yorkshire											
10-17	65	10	55	22	18	2	13	0	1	0	1
18+	153	4	149	62	15	18	54	2	30	9	21
All Ages	218	14	204	84	33	20	67	2	31	9	22
Wiltshire											
10-17	10	5	5	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
18+	25	2	23	7	0	2	14	1	0	0	0
All Ages	35	7	28	8	0	2	18	1	0	0	0
Dyfed-Powys											
10-17	5	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
18+	32	0	32	4	4	2	22	0	2	0	2
All Ages	37	3	34	4	4	2	24	0	2	0	2
Gwent											
10-17	8	2	6	4	0	0	2	0	1	0	1
18+	44	1	43	12	4	5	22	0	11	5	6
All Ages	52	3	49	16	4	5	24	0	12	5	7
North Wales											
10-17	15	3	12	8	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
18+	19	2	17	6	3	0	8	0	0	0	0
All Ages	34	5	29	14	5	0	10	0	0	0	0
South Wales											
10-17	27	2	25	14	1	0	10	0	0	0	0
18+	108	3	105	53	3	10	39	2	14	5	9
All Ages	135	5	130	67	4	10	49	2	14	5	9
England & Wales											
10-17	1,314	294	1,020	506	92	30	392	0	24	9	15
18+	4,086	300	3,786	1,383	201	722	1,480	49	636	313	323
All Ages	5,400	594	4,806	1,889	293	752	1,872	49	660	322	338

Table 3.4 Number of persons cautioned and prosecuted at magistrates' courts and the Crown Court for racially aggravated offences, by age group and result, 2003

Police force area and age group	Magistrates' courts							Crown Court			
	Prosecuted or cautioned	Cautioned	Prosecuted	Terminated early	Acquitted	Committed for trial	Convicted	Committed for sentence	Number for trial	Acquitted/ not tried	Convicted
Avon & Somerset											
10-17	29	12	17	5	1	0	11	0	3	0	3
18+	103	3	100	31	3	20	46	1	14	5	9
All Ages	132	15	117	36	4	20	57	1	17	5	12
Bedfordshire											
10-17	12	3	9	6	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
18+	46	6	40	18	0	5	17	0	7	3	4
All Ages	58	9	49	24	0	5	20	0	7	3	4
Cambridgeshire											
10-17	5	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
18+	43	2	41	6	4	11	20	1	2	0	2
All Ages	48	5	43	6	4	11	22	1	2	0	2
Cheshire											
10-17	12	2	10	2	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
18+	55	2	53	16	3	10	24	0	16	6	10
All Ages	67	4	63	18	3	10	32	0	16	6	10
Cleveland											
10-17	10	0	10	2	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
18+	30	2	28	11	1	3	13	2	3	0	3
All Ages	40	2	38	13	1	3	21	2	3	0	3
Cumbria											
10-17	5	1	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
18+	29	1	28	8	1	3	16	1	3	2	1
All Ages	34	2	32	8	1	5	18	1	3	2	1
Derbyshire											
10-17	12	3	9	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	0
18+	70	0	70	18	6	8	38	1	7	4	3
All Ages	82	3	79	18	8	8	45	1	7	4	3
Devon & Cornwall											
10-17	15	4	11	2	2	2	5	0	0	0	0
18+	102	6	96	22	5	23	46	1	19	5	14
All Ages	117	10	107	24	7	25	51	1	19	5	14
Dorset											
10-17	12	0	12	3	4	1	4	0	1	0	1
18+	16	1	15	3	2	5	5	1	4	0	4
All Ages	28	1	27	6	6	6	9	1	5	0	5
Durham											
10-17	16	2	14	5	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
18+	36	1	35	7	0	7	21	1	1	1	0
All Ages	52	3	49	12	0	7	30	1	1	1	0
Essex											
10-17	23	3	20	12	2	1	5	0	1	1	0
18+	70	5	65	24	1	28	12	0	13	7	6
All Ages	93	8	85	36	3	29	17	0	14	8	6
Gloucestershire											
10-17	13	6	7	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
18+	34	8	26	10	2	0	14	1	3	0	3
All Ages	47	14	33	12	3	0	18	1	3	0	3

Table 3.4 cont Number of persons cautioned and prosecuted at magistrates' courts and the Crown Court for racially aggravated offences, by age group and result, 2003

Police force area and age group	Magistrates' courts							Crown Court			
	Prosecuted or cautioned	Cautioned	Prosecuted	Terminated early	Acquitted	Committed for trial	Convicted	Committed for sentence	Number for trial	Acquitted/ not tried	Convicted
Greater Manchester											
10-17	109	4	105	44	6	3	52	0	4	3	1
18+	369	7	362	112	17	59	174	1	55	21	34
All Ages	478	11	467	156	23	62	226	1	59	24	35
Hampshire											
10-17	47	0	47	16	3	3	25	0	1	0	1
18+	139	7	132	34	8	36	54	1	24	8	16
All Ages	186	7	179	50	11	39	79	1	25	8	17
Hertfordshire											
10-17	20	6	14	6	1	0	7	0	4	0	4
18+	66	4	62	25	2	12	23	0	6	3	3
All Ages	86	10	76	31	3	12	30	0	10	3	7
Humberside											
10-17	27	1	26	9	1	0	16	0	0	0	0
18+	74	3	71	23	0	13	35	0	9	2	7
All Ages	101	4	97	32	1	13	51	0	9	2	7
Kent											
10-17	11	4	7	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
18+	28	6	22	6	0	7	9	3	8	4	4
All Ages	39	10	29	10	0	7	12	3	8	4	4
Lancashire											
10-17	90	15	75	40	4	0	31	0	0	0	0
18+	213	9	204	75	10	20	99	1	24	11	13
All Ages	303	24	279	115	14	20	130	1	24	11	13
Leicestershire											
10-17	59	7	52	25	1	2	24	0	3	1	2
18+	156	1	155	59	10	25	61	1	28	9	19
All Ages	215	8	207	84	11	27	85	1	31	10	21
Lincolnshire											
10-17	9	4	5	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	0
18+	29	2	27	6	2	7	12	2	8	3	5
All Ages	38	6	32	8	3	7	14	3	8	3	5
London, City of											
10-17	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18+	47	27	20	5	0	7	8	0	4	2	2
All Ages	49	29	20	5	0	7	8	0	4	2	2
Merseyside											
10-17	48	3	45	19	7	1	18	0	2	1	1
18+	109	3	106	29	9	28	40	0	25	12	13
All Ages	157	6	151	48	16	29	58	0	27	13	14
Metropolitan Police											
10-17	127	23	104	40	15	8	41	0	4	3	1
18+	1,011	91	920	263	39	270	348	18	250	137	113
All Ages	1,138	114	1,024	303	54	278	389	18	254	140	114
Norfolk											
10-17	10	3	7	1	2	0	4	0	0	0	0
18+	47	2	45	17	0	12	16	0	14	2	12
All Ages	57	5	52	18	2	12	20	0	14	2	12

Table 3.4 cont. Number of persons cautioned and prosecuted at magistrates' courts and the Crown Court for racially aggravated offences, by age group and result, 2003

Police force area and age group	Magistrates' courts							Crown Court			
	Prosecuted or cautioned	Cautioned	Prosecuted	Terminated early	Acquitted	Committed for trial	Convicted	Committed for sentence	Number for trial	Acquitted/ not tried	Convicted
Northamptonshire											
10-17	5	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18+	21	10	11	2	0	7	2	3	3	0	3
All Ages	26	13	13	4	0	7	2	3	3	0	3
Northumbria											
10-17	91	29	62	35	3	0	24	0	0	0	0
18+	179	15	164	68	7	18	71	1	12	1	11
All Ages	270	44	226	103	10	18	95	1	12	1	11
North Yorkshire											
10-17	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18+	29	6	23	6	1	2	14	1	7	5	2
All Ages	34	10	24	7	1	2	14	1	7	5	2
Nottinghamshire											
10-17	43	9	34	15	6	1	12	0	1	0	1
18+	148	5	143	50	9	25	59	1	17	7	10
All Ages	191	14	177	65	15	26	71	1	18	7	11
South Yorkshire											
10-17	28	4	24	15	1	0	8	0	1	1	0
18+	75	1	74	21	2	13	38	0	9	1	8
All Ages	103	5	98	36	3	13	46	0	10	2	8
Staffordshire											
10-17	35	0	35	11	1	1	22	0	0	0	0
18+	80	0	80	37	1	13	29	0	13	2	11
All Ages	115	0	115	48	2	14	51	0	13	2	11
Suffolk											
10-17	34	20	14	4	4	0	6	0	0	0	0
18+	52	9	43	7	13	5	18	1	3	3	0
All Ages	86	29	57	11	17	5	24	1	3	3	0
Surrey											
10-17	20	16	4	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
18+	38	12	26	13	1	5	7	0	9	4	5
All Ages	58	28	30	16	1	5	8	0	10	4	6
Sussex											
10-17	26	3	23	7	0	1	15	0	2	2	0
18+	81	4	77	18	2	27	30	1	20	8	12
All Ages	107	7	100	25	2	28	45	1	22	10	12
Thames Valley											
10-17	19	5	14	4	2	0	8	0	0	0	0
18+	119	2	117	31	14	14	58	3	6	3	3
All Ages	138	7	131	35	16	14	66	3	6	3	3
Warwickshire											
10-17	6	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18+	23	2	21	4	0	1	16	1	0	0	0
All Ages	29	6	23	6	0	1	16	1	0	0	0
West Mercia											
10-17	46	18	28	16	0	1	11	0	0	0	0
18+	112	9	103	31	4	12	56	3	11	3	8
All Ages	158	27	131	47	4	13	67	3	11	3	8

Table 3.4 cont Number of persons cautioned and prosecuted at magistrates' courts and the Crown Court for racially aggravated offences, by age group and result, 2003

Police force area and age group	Magistrates' courts							Crown Court			
	Prosecuted or cautioned	Cautioned	Prosecuted	Terminated early	Acquitted	Committed for trial	Convicted	Committed for sentence	Number for trial	Acquitted/ not tried	Convicted
West Midlands											
10-17	208	61	147	85	18	2	42	0	2	1	1
18+	531	48	483	216	24	47	196	5	31	13	18
All Ages	739	109	630	301	42	49	238	5	33	14	19
West Yorkshire											
10-17	80	25	55	26	6	1	22	0	4	3	1
18+	176	16	160	63	12	22	63	3	29	6	23
All Ages	256	41	215	89	18	23	85	3	33	9	24
Wiltshire											
10-17	20	8	12	5	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
18+	35	3	32	5	0	7	20	1	2	1	1
All Ages	55	11	44	10	0	7	27	1	2	1	1
Dyfed-Powys											
10-17	5	1	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
18+	39	2	37	5	4	4	24	2	2	0	2
All Ages	44	3	41	6	4	4	27	2	2	0	2
Gwent											
10-17	12	2	10	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
18+	31	1	30	2	5	3	20	0	6	2	4
All Ages	43	3	40	7	8	4	21	0	6	2	4
North Wales											
10-17	16	4	12	2	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
18+	30	2	28	2	2	2	22	0	2	0	2
All Ages	46	6	40	4	2	2	32	0	2	0	2
South Wales											
10-17	22	6	16	7	1	1	7	0	1	0	1
18+	145	2	143	61	11	15	56	3	20	5	15
All Ages	167	8	159	68	12	16	63	3	21	5	16
England & Wales											
10-17	1,444	333	1,111	491	98	32	490	1	35	16	19
18+	4,866	348	4,518	1,470	237	861	1,950	66	749	311	438
All Ages	6,310	681	5,629	1,961	335	893	2,440	67	784	327	457

Homicide

Introduction

The information presented in this section on homicide in England & Wales comes from two principal sources: the Home Office Homicide Index (which contains records of the details of all offences reported as homicides) and summary information provided by the police in aggregate form as part of the routine quarterly returns on all offences recorded by the police.

Main findings

Tables 3.5 - 3.8

Due to the small number of homicides recorded each year, the tables included in this report combine data for 2001/2, 2002/3 and 2003/4. Figures shown cover those cases currently recorded as homicide (i.e. murder, manslaughter and infanticide) and exclude those cases where the offence has been reclassified following subsequent investigation or a court decision.

In total, 2,605 homicides were recorded by the police in the three years 2001/2, 2002/3 and 2003/4. Three-quarters (75%) of victims were White, 10% were Black, 6% were Asian and 4% 'Other' (Table 3.5). The largest number of victims was recorded in the Metropolitan Police District with 565, followed by Greater Manchester with 350 (including 172 originally recorded as homicide victims in the Shipman case), West Midlands with 161 and West Yorkshire with 118. In West Yorkshire the number of Asian

victims was six times that of Black people.

Table 3.6 shows, for England & Wales, the ethnic appearance of victims and principal suspect (where it was known). Ninety-two per cent of White victims were killed by suspects from the same ethnic group. The corresponding proportions, i.e. victims and suspects being from the same ethnic group, were lower for Asian people (66%) and Black people (56%). However, it should be borne in mind that in 27% of cases involving Black victims and 15% involving Asian victims there is no current suspect compared to 13% for White victims (see Table 3.7).

In 2001/2, 2002/3 and 2003/4 the police identified the principal suspects in 83% (2,163 cases) of the 2,605 cases of homicides. In 46% of cases, the victims had been acquainted with the suspects (Table 3.7). Family members were the principal suspects in 30% of the cases for Asian victims, 27% for White and 20% for Black victims.

Table 3.8 shows that Black victims (31%) were much more likely to have been shot than White (6%) or Asian victims (12%). For Black (38%) and Asian (36%) homicide victims the most common method used was a sharp instrument.

Over this three-year period, the police reported to the Home Office 22 homicides where there was a known racial motivation. Twelve victims were White, 4 Asian, 3 Black and 3 of 'Other' ethnic origin. There were no current suspects identified for 5 of these victims, 3 of who were White, 1 Black and 1 'Other'.

Table 3.5 Homicides currently recorded⁽¹⁾ by ethnic appearance of victim, combined data for 2001/2, 2002/3 and 2003/4

Police force area	Ethnic appearance of victim					Total
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Avon & Somerset	45	3	1	1	0	50
Bedfordshire	18	3	3	3	0	27
Cambridgeshire	25	0	0	1	3	29
Cheshire	19	0	0	1	9	29
Cleveland	20	0	3	1	0	24
Cumbria	16	1	1	0	2	20
Derbyshire	28	1	2	1	0	32
Devon & Cornwall	50	0	0	0	1	51
Dorset	19	1	0	1	0	21
Durham	17	0	0	0	0	17
Essex	47	3	0	2	1	53
Gloucestershire	20	2	0	0	2	24
Greater Manchester ⁽²⁾	306	14	11	3	16	350
Hampshire	66	4	1	4	7	82
Hertfordshire	23	2	1	1	1	28
Humberside	51	1	0	0	0	52
Kent	62	1	1	1	1	66
Lancashire	72	1	3	24	1	101
Leicestershire	29	3	3	1	0	36
Lincolnshire	14	0	0	0	2	16
London City of	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merseyside	89	1	0	4	2	96
Metropolitan Police	257	156	74	40	38	565
Norfolk	22	2	0	0	2	26
Northamptonshire	18	3	0	0	2	23
Northumbria	51	1	1	3	0	56
North Yorkshire	11	0	0	1	0	12
Nottinghamshire	33	7	0	2	0	42
South Yorkshire	44	5	3	2	0	54
Staffordshire	25	1	1	0	2	29
Suffolk	17	1	2	0	1	21
Surrey	23	0	1	0	0	24
Sussex	52	3	1	1	2	59
Thames Valley	45	3	3	2	7	60
Warwickshire	11	0	0	1	0	12
West Mercia	33	1	0	0	1	35
West Midlands	92	34	30	2	3	161
West Yorkshire	79	4	22	0	13	118
Wiltshire	11	0	0	0	0	11
Dyfed-Powys	8	1	0	0	0	9
Gwent	15	1	0	0	1	17
North Wales	19	0	0	0	1	20
South Wales	39	1	0	1	4	45
British Transport Police	2	0	0	0	0	2
England & Wales	1,943	265	168	104	125	2,605

(1) Those recorded as homicide as at 22 October 2004.

(2) Includes 172 individuals killed by Harold Shipman

Table 3.6 Ethnic appearance of currently recorded homicide victims by ethnicity of principal suspect, ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ combined data for 2001/2, 2002/3 and 2003/4

	Ethnic appearance of principal suspect					Total with current principal suspect	Total with no suspect ⁽³⁾	Total
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not known			
White	1,491 ⁽⁴⁾	87	37	29	40	1,684	259	1,943
Black	38	140	7	4	4	193	72	265
Asian	28	12	101	1	0	142	26	168
Other	22	11	6	53	0	92	12	104
Not known	34	2	4	1	11	52	73	125
Total	1,613	252	155	88	55	2,163	442	2,605

(1) Those recorded as homicide as at 22 October 2004

(2) A principal suspect is included for each victim; therefore a suspect may appear more than once.

(3) Includes cases where a former principal suspect has been acquitted.

(4) Includes 172 individual presumed to have been killed by Harold Shipman.

Table 3.7 Relationship of currently recorded ⁽¹⁾ homicide victims to principal suspect, by ethnic appearance of victim, combined data for 2001/2, 2002/3 and 2003/4

Relationship of victim to principal suspect	Ethnic appearance of victim					Total
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Family	521	54	50	23	19	667
<i>Of which spouse/lover</i>	325	27	23	13	13	401
Other known	423	65	16	24	7	535
Stranger	740 ⁽²⁾	74	76	45	26	961
No suspect	259	72	26	12	73	442
Total	1,943	265	168	104	125	2,605

(1) Those recorded as homicide as at 22 October 2004

(2) Includes 172 individuals presumed to have been killed by Harold Shipman whilst he was their GP. Such 'professional' relationships are treated as 'Stranger'.

Table 3.8 Apparent method of killing of currently recorded ⁽¹⁾ homicide victims, by ethnic appearance of victim, combined data for 2001/2, 2002/3 and 2003/4

Apparent method of killing	Ethnic appearance of victim					Total
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Sharp instrument	556	102	60	31	17	766
Blunt instrument	140	14	14	4	1	173
Hitting, kicking etc	377	17	22	7	10	433
Strangulation	161	14	18	12	4	209
Shooting	120	82	20	8	17	247
Other	589 ⁽²⁾	36	34	42	76	777
Total	1,943	265	168	104	125	2,605

(1) Those recorded as homicide as at 22 October 2004

(2) Includes 172 individuals presumed to have been poisoned by Harold Shipman.

Chapter 4

Police and Criminal Evidence Act 'stop and searches'

Introduction

Police officers have the power to stop and search individuals under a range of legislation, including section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE), as well as section 44 of the Terrorism Act 2000, and section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994.

Section 1 of PACE allows an officer to stop and search a person or vehicle to look for stolen or prohibited items. Section 44 of the Terrorism Act allows an officer to stop and search persons and vehicles – at a time and place where an appropriate authorisation exists – to look for articles that could be used in connection with terrorism. Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act allows a senior officer to authorise the stop and search of persons and vehicles where “he believes that to do so would help to prevent incidents involving serious violence”.

Following the report of the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry the Home Office conducted a programme of research on 'stop and search' (Bland, Miller and Quinton, 2000). This research examined the population actually 'available' to be stopped and searched in a number of sites, namely those people who are in public places where and when stops and searches take place. The research indicated that this population was very different from the general population based upon 1991 Census returns, in that it showed a higher proportion of Black and Minority Ethnic population than the Census returns. The researchers concluded that while comparisons between the numbers of recorded 'stops and searches' and the numbers in the general population remain important in

describing the overall experience of different ethnic groups, they do not provide a good basis for assessing ethnic biases in officers' street-level decisions to carry out stops and searches.

The data collected and analysed in this section refer to persons who were searched by the police following an initial stop and therefore exclude persons stopped by the police without a search. These data exclude, for example, occasions where persons are stopped with a view to a search but where the officer has their suspicions allayed after a conversation, or stops of a vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988. The Home Office issued for public consultation a revised draft of Code A - the guidance for police officers on stop and search. The revised draft Code A was approved by both Houses of Parliament in December 2002, and came into force on 1 April 2003. See website for further details. www.homeoffice.gov.uk/docs/pacecodea.pdf

Main findings

Tables 4.1 - 4.4

Recorded 'stop and searches'

In 2003/4 there were 738,016 'stop and searches' of persons recorded by the police, under section 1 of PACE and other legislation. Of these, 108,265 (15%) were of Black people, 54,083 (7%) of Asian and 10,963 (1%) of 'Other' origin (Table 4.1). Over England and Wales as a whole, the number of stops and searches fell by 15% from 2002/3 (there were 869,164 'stops and searches' in 2002/3). Numerically most of this fall was accounted for by a decrease of 117,156 (17.6%) for White

people. There were also decreases for Black people (8.7%), Asian people (8.1%), and the 'Other' minority ethnic group (4.4%). There was an overall decrease of 13.5% in 'stop and searches' recorded by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).

For the majority of police forces, it was apparent that the number of recorded 'stop and searches' relative to the general population was consistently higher for Black people than for White people in 2003/4 (Table 4.2). Overall, Black people were recorded as being 6.4 times more likely to be searched than White people are; this is slightly higher than in the previous year (5.8 times). The ratio of Black to White recorded 'stop and searches', however, ranged substantially between police force areas, often reflecting the small numbers involved from ethnic groups. If the figures for London are excluded this ratio falls from 6.4 to 4.8. In some police force areas, the rate of recorded 'stop and searches' for Black people was below that for White people. Asian people were 1.9 times as likely as White people to be stopped and searched, compared to 1.7 times in the previous year.

For England and Wales in 2003/4, the most common reason for conducting a 'stop and search' across all ethnic groups was for drugs (Table 4.3). In the previous year, the most common reason for Black, Asian and those of 'Other' ethnic appearance was drugs, while for White people it was stolen property. In 2003/4 for people of Asian and Black ethnic appearance over half (59% and 53% respectively) of all occasions of 'stop and search' were made for drugs. The proportion for people of White ethnic appearance was lower at two-fifths (41%).

In 2003/4 29% of PACE stops and searches were for stolen goods. The proportion in 2002/3 was 36%. This decrease may, in part, be accounted for by improvements in the IT systems of some police forces. It may be that

where previously paper systems did not allow PACE stop and searches to be distinguished from encounters, new systems now allow this.

In 2003/4, 13% of stops and searches resulted in an arrest, the same as in 2002/3 (Table 4.4). This proportion varied between police force areas, from 9% in Devon & Cornwall and Greater Manchester to 32% in the City of London. There was a small fall in the proportion of 'stop and searches' resulting in arrests from 2002/3 for both Black and Asian people. The proportion for White people remained unchanged at 13%. Arrest rates for ethnic groups reflect, in part, differences in the type of offences for which suspects were arrested.

'Stop and searches' (Section 60)

Table 4.5

The Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 introduced new powers to stop and search vehicles and persons. Section 60 enables a senior police officer to authorise, for a period not exceeding 24 hours, stop and searches in anticipation of violence.

In 2003/4, the police recorded 40,193 such 'stop and searches' of individuals in England and Wales as a whole (Table 4.5), a decrease of 9% on 2002/3 (3,976 fewer cases). The decrease in the Metropolitan police force area was 4,141.

The fall in the total number of these 'stop and searches' includes falls in the numbers for all ethnic groups. The largest numerical decrease was for Black people (a decrease of 1,819, or 16%), whilst the numbers for the White, Asian and 'Other' categories decreased by 1%, 19% and 37% respectively.

Section 60 has been used extensively within the West Midlands under Operation Safer Streets. Thirty-three

forces used these 'stop and searches' in anticipation of violence in 2003/4, compared to 27 in 2002/3.

The proportion of 'stop and searches' resulting in an arrest under Section 60 powers was somewhat variable across forces; overall, 4% led to an arrest in 2003/4 (6% in 2002/3).

'Stop and searches' under the Terrorism Act 2000

Tables 4.6 - 4.8

Information is presented on the ethnicity of people stopped and searched under the provisions of sections 44(1) and 44(2) of the Terrorism Act 2000.

A total of 29,407 searches were made under section 44(1 and 2) in 2003/4 compared with 21,577 in 2002/3, an overall increase of 36% (Table 4.6). In 2001/2, 8,550 such searches took place. Searches of White people increased from 14,429 to 20,637 (up 43%), for Black people from 1,745 to 2,704 (up 55%) and for Asian people from 2,989 to 3,668 (up 23%). Just over half (53%) of searches took place in the Metropolitan Police area and 25% in the City of London.

In 2003/4, 21,287 searches of vehicle occupants were made under section 44(1) compared with 16,761 in 2002/3 (Table 4.7). Seventy per cent of those searched in 2003/4 were White, 12% Asian and 10% Black. There were slight increases in the proportions of White and Black people searched and a slight fall in the proportion of Asian people searched under this provision. Fourteen arrests of vehicle occupants in connection with terrorism resulted from section 44(1) searches, compared to 11 in the previous year. Arrests under non-terrorism legislation following the use of this provision rose from 280 in 2002/3 to 358 in 2003/4. Most arrests following a section 44(1) search were in London.

The number of 'stop and searches' of pedestrians under section 44(2) increased by 70% from 4,774 in 2002/3 to 8,120 in 2003/4, with a much of the increase (44%) being accounted for by police in London (about 1,480 additional searches). In 2003/4, 72% of people stopped under section 44(2) were White compared to 63% in 2002/3 and 72% in 2001/2. The proportions for Black and Asian people fell to 7% and 14% respectively in 2003/4. In 2003/4 five arrests in connection with terrorism resulted from section 44(2) searches compared to seven in the previous year. Arrests under non-terrorist legislation rose from 79 in 2002/3 to 112 in 2003/4.

Table 4.1 'Stop and searches' of persons under s1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, and other legislation, by ethnic appearance, 2003/4

Police force area	Ethnic appearance of person searched					Total
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Avon & Somerset	14,263	1,144	203	140	877	16,627
Bedfordshire	3,047	462	491	85	13	4,098
Cambridgeshire	3,379	176	225	22	255	4,057
Cheshire	7,577	144	113	20	295	8,149
Cleveland	10,548	79	160	25	80	10,892
Cumbria	3,428	2	9	5	2	3,446
Derbyshire	8,672	315	372	40	87	9,486
Devon & Cornwall	18,515	208	115	663	808	20,309
Dorset	6,672	302	63	46	140	7,223
Durham	6,483	12	23	16	1	6,535
Essex	4,835	336	139	132	181	5,623
Gloucestershire	3,895	164	45	24	206	4,334
Greater Manchester	39,101	3,826	2,846	140	1,146	47,059
Hampshire	18,094	792	367	187	198	19,638
Hertfordshire	5,554	424	541	269	159	6,947
Humberside	4,608	48	46	10	8	4,720
Kent	11,180	457	434	218	578	12,867
Lancashire	16,787	135	1,382	23	290	18,617
Leicestershire	8,711	841	1,925	188	44	11,709
Lincolnshire	5,145	38	38	90	72	5,383
London, City of	2,513	932	607	253	910	5,215
Merseyside	16,859	702	100	137	601	18,399
Metropolitan Police	112,722	81,681	26,888	5,287	804	227,382
Norfolk	5,408	157	42	31	54	5,692
Northamptonshire	4,381	386	82	6	200	5,055
Northumbria	20,071	50	203	144	11	20,479
North Yorkshire	2,969	18	25	37	769	3,818
Nottinghamshire	2,336	265	120	193	1,517	4,431
South Yorkshire	20,039	1,613	1,196	197	100	23,145
Staffordshire	16,675	545	535	213	568	18,536
Suffolk	3,487	211	27	29	13	3,767
Surrey	8,244	401	381	53	25	9,104
Sussex	12,595	603	426	344	4	13,972
Thames Valley	12,895	2,073	1,938	90	262	17,258
Warwickshire	5,175	284	203	43	2	5,707
West Mercia	5,770	157	170	21	260	6,378
West Midlands	16,365	4,964	5,479	466	0	27,274
West Yorkshire	39,480	2,599	5,630	935	3,284	51,928
Wiltshire	3,221	199	46	8	12	3,486
Dyfed-Powys	9,625	48	40	20	83	9,816
Gwent	3,767	97	111	4	1,516	5,495
North Wales	8,398	28	28	46	179	8,679
South Wales	14,587	347	269	63	15	15,281
England & Wales	548,076	108,265	54,083	10,963	16,629	738,016
<i>% change 2002/3 to 2003/4</i>						
England and Wales	-17.6	-8.7	-8.1	-4.4	10.2	-15.1
Metropolitan Police (MPS)	-13.7	-9.2	-15.2	-1.1	-84.8	-13.5
England & Wales (excluding MPS)	-18.6	-7.2	0.3	-7.3	61.4	-15.8

Table 4.2 'Stop and searches' of persons under s1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and other legislation per 1,000 population, by police force area and ethnic appearance, 2002/3 and 2003/4

Police force area	Ethnic appearance of person searched								Total ⁽¹⁾	
	White		Black		Asian		Other		2002/3	2003/4
	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4		
Avon & Somerset	12	11	83	66	15	12	23	13	14	12
Bedfordshire	7	7	25	24	15	11	6	17	8	8
Cambridgeshire	5	6	18	23	7	12	6	3	5	6
Cheshire	11	9	37	40	21	18	16	4	11	9
Cleveland	64	22	102	44	29	15	35	13	63	22
Cumbria	9	8	14	3	9	8	6	4	9	8
Derbyshire	9	10	48	35	18	17	29	10	10	11
Devon & Cornwall	16	13	45	44	28	20	27	105	16	14
Dorset	12	11	77	102	13	15	12	10	12	11
Durham	17	12	12	9	7	8	6	8	17	12
Essex	4	3	24	25	7	7	8	12	4	4
Gloucestershire	9	8	39	31	17	7	12	8	9	9
Greater Manchester	23	19	89	90	22	21	6	6	25	21
Hampshire	12	12	50	71	14	15	16	14	12	12
Hertfordshire	6	7	27	27	20	17	17	25	7	8
Humberside	7	6	12	16	6	6	10	3	7	6
Kent	13	8	34	44	10	16	42	21	14	9
Lancashire	15	14	19	21	13	20	4	4	15	15
Leicestershire	11	12	47	58	14	20	23	26	12	14
Lincolnshire	7	9	11	16	16	12	21	36	8	9
Merseyside	32	14	168	57	18	10	11	11	35	15
Metropolitan Police ⁽²⁾	29	25	114	103	39	33	25	24	42	36
Norfolk	8	8	43	50	13	11	18	8	9	8
Northamptonshire	10	8	51	37	11	6	5	1	11	9
Northumbria	28	17	17	11	9	10	20	18	29	17
North Yorkshire	10	4	21	9	18	6	1	11	10	6
Nottinghamshire	4	3	30	13	7	5	1	25	5	5
South Yorkshire	30	19	147	107	36	37	101	27	33	21
Staffordshire	16	18	62	81	23	30	89	57	16	20
Suffolk	7	6	26	30	5	5	2	6	7	6
Surrey	10	9	48	49	18	15	9	4	11	10
Sussex	11	10	56	58	24	19	29	27	11	10
Thames Valley	8	8	57	52	24	21	4	4	10	9
Warwickshire	13	12	68	79	12	14	23	16	13	12
West Mercia	8	6	35	26	22	14	10	4	9	6
West Midlands	8	9	37	44	16	18	15	18	11	12
West Yorkshire	23	24	98	87	35	34	57	74	26	28
Wiltshire	7	6	56	48	11	8	3	2	7	6
Dyfed-Powys	25	22	37	49	21	21	11	13	26	22
Gwent	13	8	52	41	22	22	14	2	15	11
North Wales	23	14	33	20	18	11	23	21	23	15
South Wales	13	14	45	38	14	15	32	7	14	14
England & Wales	16	13	92	83	27	25	21	20	19	16
England & Wales (excluding MPS)	14	11	56	53	19	20	19	18	15	13

1) Includes cases where the ethnicity is unknown

2) Includes City of London

Table 4.3 Percentage of 'stop and searches' under s1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and other legislation by reason for search and ethnic appearance, for selected police force areas, 2002/3 and 2003/4

Police force area and reason for search	Ethnic appearance of person searched											
	White		Black		Asian		Other		Not known		Total	
	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4
Bedfordshire												
Stolen property	31	34	18	31	13	15	21	16	36	0	26	31
Drugs	46	42	40	35	63	53	50	59	43	62	48	43
Firearms	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Offensive weapons	5	5	8	12	6	14	0	6	0	0	5	7
Going equipped	2	3	16	2	1	2	0	1	0	8	4	3
Other	16	15	17	18	16	15	29	16	21	31	16	16
Total (=100%)	2,829	3,047	490	462	648	491	28	85	14	13	4,009	4,098
Greater Manchester												
Stolen property	55	48	52	46	35	30	39	39	49	38	53	46
Drugs	17	18	22	24	38	43	24	21	20	26	19	21
Firearms	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	4	2	2	1	1
Offensive weapons	5	6	8	6	9	5	5	7	8	5	6	6
Going equipped	11	10	9	7	7	4	12	5	8	5	10	10
Other	11	17	5	14	9	16	15	24	12	24	11	17
Total (=100%)	45,409	39,101	3,775	3,826	2,917	2,846	137	140	1,841	1,146	54,079	47,059
Hertfordshire												
Stolen property	21	20	22	26	12	13	22	20	25	23	20	20
Drugs	46	41	43	42	57	53	38	44	33	35	47	42
Firearms	3	3	4	2	1	4	5	4	0	0	3	3
Offensive weapons	9	13	14	13	13	13	15	16	0	25	10	14
Going equipped	17	16	15	11	13	9	13	14	17	11	16	15
Other	4	7	3	4	4	8	7	2	25	7	4	6
Total (=100%)	5,163	5,554	427	424	614	541	177	269	12	159	6,393	6,947
Lancashire												
Stolen property	46	40	33	28	19	16	46	52	36	33	44	38
Drugs	31	33	45	44	58	65	38	39	40	41	32	36
Firearms	1	2	6	7	4	2	0	4	2	1	2	2
Offensive weapons	6	7	9	10	12	9	0	0	11	8	6	7
Going equipped	14	16	8	9	5	6	17	4	10	9	14	15
Other	2	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	8	2	2
Total (=100%)	17,387	16,787	120	135	900	1,382	24	23	378	290	18,809	18,617
Leicestershire												
Stolen property	41	38	38	30	22	21	49	39	32	25	39	34
Drugs	30	32	38	41	55	55	26	36	32	41	34	37
Firearms	2	2	2	3	4	2	3	2	4	2	3	2
Offensive weapons	6	7	8	13	7	8	5	7	7	7	6	8
Going equipped	20	18	14	12	10	12	15	14	21	23	18	17
Other	1	3	1	2	2	1	2	3	6	2	1	3
Total (=100%)	7,992	8,711	692	841	1,418	1,925	171	188	107	44	10,380	11,709

Table 4.3 cont. Percentage of 'stop and searches' under s1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and other legislation by reason for search and ethnic appearance, for selected police force areas, 2002/3 and 2003/4

Police force area and reason for search	Ethnic appearance of person searched										Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Other		Not known			
	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4
Metropolitan Police												
Stolen property	24	22	23	23	15	15	27	28	21	21	22	22
Drugs	55	56	55	55	65	65	50	50	54	54	56	57
Firearms	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2
Offensive weapons	8	9	11	11	11	11	12	11	11	12	10	10
Going equipped	11	12	8	7	7	7	9	9	10	10	9	9
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1
Total (=100%)	130,635	112,722	89,916	81,681	31,721	26,888	5,348	5,287	5,283	804	262,903	227,382
Nottinghamshire												
Stolen property	18	22	12	14	9	10	0	17	23	20	17	21
Drugs	48	44	61	58	58	58	0	51	50	49	50	47
Firearms	2	3	4	8	8	5	0	5	2	3	2	3
Offensive weapons	9	6	12	4	11	13	60	6	11	8	10	7
Going equipped	23	19	11	11	15	9	40	16	14	11	20	15
Other	0	6	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	9	0	7
Total (=100%)	3,085	2,336	627	265	183	120	5	193	407	1,517	4,307	4,431
Thames Valley												
Stolen property	30	31	26	28	19	22	29	33	0	34	28	30
Drugs	45	47	56	51	63	59	28	41	0	45	49	49
Firearms	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	6	0	0	1	1
Offensive weapons	8	8	9	9	9	9	16	10	0	9	8	8
Going equipped	13	11	7	10	7	8	12	7	0	8	11	11
Other	3	2	2	1	2	1	14	3	0	4	3	2
Total (=100%)	13,880	12,895	2,264	2,073	2,158	1,938	86	90	0	262	18,388	17,258
West Midlands												
Stolen property	35	36	34	35	25	26	34	32	0	0	33	34
Drugs	45	41	47	45	64	59	48	42	0	0	50	45
Firearms	0	1	0	3	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	1
Offensive weapons	6	7	10	9	6	8	7	12	0	0	7	8
Going equipped	13	14	8	9	4	6	9	12	0	0	10	12
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total (=100%)	14,247	16,365	4,148	4,964	5,041	5,479	381	466	0	0	23,817	27,274
West Yorkshire												
Stolen property	47	34	38	26	32	18	49	28	0	30	44	31
Drugs	30	31	37	45	43	54	24	36	0	40	32	35
Firearms	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Offensive weapons	8	7	12	9	15	11	11	12	0	8	9	8
Going equipped	10	21	7	15	4	8	8	13	0	16	9	19
Other	4	6	4	4	5	7	7	10	0	5	4	6
Total (=100%)	37,255	39,480	2,901	2,599	5,830	5,630	721	935	0	3,284	46,707	51,928

Table 4.3 cont. Percentage of 'stop and searches' under s1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and other legislation by reason for search and ethnic appearance, for selected police force areas, 2002/3 and 2003/4

Police force area and reason for search	Ethnic appearance of person searched										Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Other		Not known			
	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4
All other forces												
Stolen property	42	31	30	26	34	24	38	30	44	33	41	31
Drugs	34	40	44	49	42	45	31	33	22	35	34	40
Firearms	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1
Offensive weapons	5	7	9	9	10	12	12	9	3	7	5	7
Going equipped	11	13	10	8	7	8	9	9	4	8	11	13
Other	7	8	4	6	6	10	9	17	25	15	7	9
Total (=100%)	387,350	291,078	13,188	10,995	7,401	6,843	4,390	3,287	7,043	9,110	419,372	321,313
England & Wales												
Stolen property	39	31	25	25	21	19	33	29	36	31	36	29
Drugs	37	41	52	53	58	59	40	42	34	38	41	44
Firearms	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1
Offensive weapons	6	7	11	11	11	10	12	10	7	8	7	8
Going equipped	11	13	9	8	6	7	9	10	7	10	11	12
Other	5	7	2	2	3	4	5	7	14	12	5	6
Total (=100%)	665,232	548,076	118,548	108,265	58,831	54,083	11,468	10,963	15,085	16,629	869,164	738,016

Table 4.4 Percentage of 'stop and searches' under s1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and other legislation resulting in an arrest, by police force area and ethnicity, 2002/3 and 2003/4

Police force area	Ethnic appearance of person searched								Total ⁽¹⁾	
	White		Black		Asian		Other			
	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4
Avon & Somerset	14	12	24	22	21	10	18	17	15	13
Bedfordshire	17	17	16	18	16	16	25	6	17	17
Cambridgeshire	17	12	21	18	15	11	16	0	18	13
Cheshire	14	15	18	17	16	12	11	20	14	15
Cleveland	8	14	11	23	9	15	18	28	8	15
Cumbria	15	18	36	0	9	56	29	20	15	19
Derbyshire	15	13	22	20	15	19	18	25	15	13
Devon & Cornwall	9	8	15	13	14	15	16	6	9	9
Dorset	14	13	16	19	24	11	15	20	15	14
Durham	14	13	7	17	10	22	8	0	13	13
Essex	14	13	22	14	11	17	20	12	15	13
Gloucestershire	18	18	20	21	23	16	17	38	18	18
Greater Manchester	9	8	8	7	11	11	15	10	9	9
Hampshire	12	13	19	17	12	11	16	18	12	13
Hertfordshire	12	11	14	17	11	10	11	12	12	12
Humberside	15	14	17	31	12	35	17	20	15	14
Kent	13	13	19	16	23	7	18	7	14	12
Lancashire	16	15	26	17	19	17	25	17	16	15
Leicestershire	12	12	16	13	14	11	20	12	13	12
Lincolnshire	17	17	31	21	28	11	33	34	17	17
London, City of	37	30	48	34	27	31	38	31	38	32
Merseyside	11	15	11	15	16	17	10	16	11	15
Metropolitan Police	14	12	15	13	12	9	17	16	14	12
Norfolk	16	14	22	17	31	17	31	16	16	14
Northamptonshire	12	16	13	20	11	10	25	33	12	16
Northumbria	10	11	20	24	22	19	15	16	10	11
North Yorkshire	15	16	25	50	11	12	67	92	15	15
Nottinghamshire	20	17	23	18	24	24	40	21	20	19
South Yorkshire	8	9	10	12	13	12	5	11	8	10
Staffordshire	11	15	14	16	11	18	12	15	11	15
Suffolk	13	14	15	15	25	4	9	10	14	14
Surrey	15	14	16	15	14	17	12	19	15	14
Sussex	12	11	18	16	9	8	14	14	13	11
Thames Valley	13	12	15	13	12	10	17	12	13	12
Warwickshire	15	15	18	18	17	19	15	12	15	15
West Mercia	17	18	21	24	21	15	18	33	17	18
West Midlands	16	12	21	14	15	11	16	11	17	12
West Yorkshire	13	13	14	14	14	15	14	15	13	13
Wiltshire	16	17	24	16	19	22	27	38	16	17
Dyfed-Powys	18	19	27	25	0	18	13	35	17	19
Gwent	12	13	21	9	9	15	7	0	12	12
North Wales	15	22	22	39	9	21	57	30	16	22
South Wales	12	13	16	26	15	18	11	25	12	13
England & Wales	13	13	16	13	13	11	16	16	13	13

(1) Includes cases where ethnicity is unknown.

Table 4.5 'Stop and searches' of persons under s 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, by police force and ethnic appearance, 2003/4

Police force area	Ethnic appearance of person searched					Total
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Avon & Somerset	389	15	3	13	153	573
Bedfordshire	7	0	2	0	0	9
Cambridgeshire	11	0	0	0	0	11
Cheshire	262	0	2	1	16	281
Cleveland	41	0	1	0	0	42
Cumbria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	260	6	2	0	0	268
Devon & Cornwall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dorset	0	0	0	0	0	0
Durham	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	293	12	1	3	2	311
Gloucestershire	31	1	0	1	1	34
Greater Manchester	6,182	1,300	478	21	182	8,163
Hampshire	511	8	2	16	8	545
Hertfordshire	1	0	0	0	0	1
Humberside	16	0	34	3	0	53
Kent	322	2	4	2	40	370
Lancashire	580	6	43	0	2	631
Leicestershire	938	27	27	5	7	1,004
Lincolnshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
London, City of	1	0	6	0	0	7
Merseyside	1,230	86	4	13	56	1,389
Metropolitan Police	1,941	1,588	713	87	19	4,348
Norfolk	0	0	44	0	0	44
Northamptonshire	35	3	0	0	0	38
Northumbria	78	0	0	0	0	78
North Yorkshire	4	0	0	0	2	6
Nottinghamshire	62	7	1	3	0	73
South Yorkshire	174	30	2	3	8	217
Staffordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suffolk	8	1	0	0	0	9
Surrey	27	15	0	0	0	42
Sussex	170	3	3	4	0	180
Thames Valley	221	87	35	1	6	350
Warwickshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Mercia	17	4	3	0	0	24
West Midlands	9,405	6,129	4,012	467	0	20,013
West Yorkshire	630	55	205	42	121	1,053
Wiltshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dyfed-Powys	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gwent	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Wales	17	0	0	3	2	22
South Wales	4	0	0	0	0	4
England & Wales	23,868	9,385	5,627	688	625	40,193
Total 2002/3	24,179	11,204	6,979	1,095	712	44,169
<i>% change 2002/3 to 2003/4</i>	-1	-16	-19	-37	-12	-9

Table 4.6 Total 'stop and searches' under s 44 (1 & 2) of the Terrorism Act 2000 by police force area and ethnicity, 2002/3 and 2003/4

Police force area	Ethnic appearance of person searched											
	White		Black		Asian		Other		Not Recorded		Total	
	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4
Avon & Somerset	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bedfordshire	18	2	3	0	8	0	1	4	1	0	31	6
Cambridgeshire	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	11
Cheshire	242	4	1	1	2	0	6	0	11	1	262	6
Cleveland	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cumbria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Devon & Cornwall	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Dorset	0	201	0	4	0	7	0	14	0	5	0	231
Durham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	2	706	1	58	1	45	3	58	0	108	7	975
Gloucestershire	511	1,013	0	5	2	1	1	8	380	328	894	1,355
Greater Manchester	285	526	26	55	54	166	6	24	49	50	420	821
Hampshire	245	629	4	5	24	39	15	18	4	5	292	696
Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humberside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	57	8	6	0	14	5	45	0	11	0	133	13
Lancashire	152	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	155	0
Leicestershire	70	0	2	0	10	0	2	0	0	0	84	0
Lincolnshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
City of London	3,377	5,110	477	824	422	809	326	177	0	332	4,602	7,252
Merseyside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Metropolitan Police	8,359	10,311	1,175	1,683	2,241	2,387	770	952	698	202	13,243	15,535
Norfolk	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8
Northamptonshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northumbria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. Yorkshire	71	55	4	6	35	14	0	14	0	3	110	92
Nottinghamshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staffordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suffolk	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Surrey	47	105	4	4	6	15	2	3	0	1	59	128
Sussex	256	471	22	31	25	46	15	19	1	16	319	583
Thames Valley	687	176	19	7	130	12	64	7	0	2	900	204
Warwickshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Mercia	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
West Midlands	25	48	1	8	10	90	0	9	0	0	36	155
W. Yorkshire	13	165	0	6	2	17	3	9	0	19	18	216
Wiltshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dyfed Powys	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gwent	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
North Wales	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
South Wales	0	1,032	0	6	0	15	0	6	0	2	0	1,061
England & Wales	14,429	20,637	1,745	2,704	2,989	3,668	1,259	1,322	1,155	1,076	21,577	29,407

Table 4.7 'Stop and searches' of vehicle occupants under s 44(1) of the Terrorism Act 2000 and resultant arrests by ethnicity, selected areas, 2003/4

Police force area	Searches		Arrests in connection with terrorism		Arrests for other reasons	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
City of London						
White	4,708	71.3	0	NA	67	46.9
Black	778	11.8	0	NA	33	23.1
Asian	738	11.2	0	NA	15	10.5
Other	146	2.2	0	NA	7	4.9
Not Recorded	236	3.6	0	NA	21	14.7
Total	6,606	100.0	0	NA	143	100.0
Metropolitan Police						
White	6,529	63.4	0	0.0	87	48.3
Black	1,275	12.4	3	60.0	46	25.6
Asian	1,658	16.1	1	20.0	30	16.7
Other	646	6.3	1	20.0	17	9.4
Not Recorded	182	1.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	10,290	100.0	5	100.0	180	100.0
Other areas						
White	3,562	81.2	7	77.8	22	62.9
Black	93	2.1	0	0.0	1	2.9
Asian	175	4.0	0	0.0	6	17.1
Other	112	2.6	2	22.2	4	11.4
Not Recorded	449	10.2	0	0.0	2	5.7
Total	4,391	100.0	9	100.0	35	100.0
England & Wales						
White	14,799	69.5	7	50.0	176	49.2
Black	2,146	10.1	3	21.4	80	22.3
Asian	2,571	12.1	1	7.1	51	14.2
Other	904	4.2	3	21.4	28	7.8
Not Recorded	867	4.1	0	0.0	23	6.4
Total	21,287	100.0	14	100.0	358	100.0

Table 4.8 'Stop and searches' of pedestrians under s 44(2) of the Terrorism Act 2000 and resultant arrests by ethnicity, selected areas, 2003/4

Police force area	Searches		Arrests in connection with terrorism		Arrests for other reasons	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
City of London						
White	402	62.2	1	100.0	14	70.0
Black	46	7.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Asian	71	11.0	0	0.0	3	15.0
Other	31	4.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Not Recorded	96	14.9	0	0.0	3	15.0
Total	646	100.0	1	100.0	20	100.0
Metropolitan Police						
White	3,782	72.1	2	100.0	31	54.4
Black	408	7.8	0	0.0	9	15.8
Asian	729	13.9	0	0.0	8	14.0
Other	306	5.8	0	0.0	8	14.0
Not Recorded	20	0.4	0	0.0	1	1.8
Total	5,245	100.0	2	100.0	57	100.0
Other areas						
White	1,654	74.2	2	100.0	21	60.0
Black	104	4.7	0	0.0	3	8.6
Asian	297	13.3	0	0.0	7	20.0
Other	81	3.6	0	0.0	4	11.4
Not Recorded	93	4.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	2,229	100.0	2	100.0	35	100.0
England & Wales						
White	5,838	71.9	5	100.0	66	58.9
Black	558	6.9	0	0.0	12	10.7
Asian	1,097	13.5	0	0.0	18	16.1
Other	418	5.1	0	0.0	12	10.7
Not Recorded	209	2.6	0	0.0	4	3.6
Total	8,120	100.0	5	100.0	112	100.0

Chapter 5

Arrests and cautions

Introduction

In recent years about 1.3 million persons suspected of committing a notifiable offence have been arrested each year. An arrested suspect may be subsequently charged, cautioned, dealt with by other means (e.g. informal action) or released without further action.

The figures on arrests for notifiable (recorded) offences in this publication are not strictly comparable with published Home Office Caution and Court Proceedings data. This is mainly because the aggregated offence categories for notifiable offences do not correspond directly with indictable (including triable either way) offence groups. In addition, Court Proceedings figures relate to the year of the final court decision rather than the year of the arrest, which may be different.

For cautioning, it is important to note that:

- a) in cases where cautioning is an option, the offender's eligibility to be cautioned depends on a number of factors, including whether they admit committing the offence;
- b) the use of the caution varies also by offence group, so variations between ethnic groups may partly reflect ethnic differences in patterns of offending;
- c) for comparative purposes, cautions data has been restricted in this publication to cover only notifiable offences and excludes those cautioned for the majority of summary offences. This is, therefore, on a different basis to data published for indictable offences in other Home Office publications that exclude all summary offences.

- d) the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 introduced the use of Reprimands and Final warnings by police in England & Wales for children and young offenders aged 10 to 17 years in place of cautions. The use of these sanctions started on 30 September 1998 in a number of pilot areas, and rolled out to the rest of England & Wales on 1 June 2000. The figures presented here for cautions also include these two sanctions.

Main findings

Arrests Tables 5.1 - 5.5

There were 1,330,441 arrests for notifiable offences in 2003/4, an increase of 1.3% on the previous year (1,313,110 in 2002/3). Of these, 116,427 (9%) were recorded as being of Black people, 63,458 (5%) of Asian people and 19,092 (1%) of 'Other' groups (Table 5.1). Compared with 2002/3, the number of arrests for Black people decreased by 0.3% and by 1.3% for Asian people compared to an increase of 1.7% for White people, and 10.7 % for those in the 'Other' category. These changes may have been influenced by the reduction in the number where the ethnicity was unknown.

Relative to the general population, Black people were over 3 times more likely to be arrested than White people were, similar to 2002/3 (Table 5.2). Asian people's rates were similar to those for White people.

Seven per cent of arrests for notifiable offences resulted from a 'stop and search' under PACE (Table 5.3), with higher proportions for Black people (12.5%) and Asian people (9.6%) than

White people (6.2%). All these figures are reductions on the previous year. The proportion arrested varied widely between police forces. The overall proportion of arrests resulting from a 'stop and search' ranged from 2.4% in North Yorkshire to 39.3% in the City of London.

Breakdowns of arrests for notifiable offences in the ten police force areas with the largest Black and Minority Ethnic populations are given for age group (Table 5.4) and offence group (Table 5.5). The main differences between ethnic groups were in the offence groups, with a greater tendency for White people to be arrested for burglary and criminal damage, Black people for robbery and fraud & forgery, and Asian people for fraud and forgery (Table 5.5). There were variations across forces in the proportions of individuals from different ethnic groups being arrested for specific types of offence.

Cautions (Tables 5.6 - 5.9)

The use of police cautioning is normally described in terms of the relationship between the number of persons cautioned by the police and the number of persons convicted at courts. Since there is still no comprehensive analysis currently available for court results, a comparison has been made here (Table 5.7) between the total number of persons arrested by the police and the number of persons cautioned.

In 2003/4, 219,750 persons were cautioned for notifiable offences, an increase of 7.2% on the previous year. Of these, 14,720 (7%) were recorded as Black people, 10,256 (5%) Asian and 2,703 (1%) in the 'Other' group (Table 5.6), all similar proportions to the previous year. Compared with 2002/3 there was a 6.8% increase in the number of White people cautioned for notifiable offences, with lower increases in the number of Black people (5.9%) and Asian people (3.4%) cautioned. However, there was an

increase of 16.9% in the number cautioned in the 'Other' ethnic group. As with arrests, patterns in the use of cautions will reflect the ethnic composition of the population in different areas and offending patterns, rather than differences in police practice.

A comparison by ethnic group has been made between the total number of persons arrested by the police for notifiable offences and the number of persons cautioned for these offences (Table 5.7). There is considerable variation in the use of cautioning amongst police forces, although following a Home Office Circular (18/1994) cautioning is normally only available for first-time offenders. In three-quarters of forces, there was a lower use of cautioning for suspected Black offenders than for both White and Asian offenders. Variations in the use of cautions may reflect differences in the following factors: whether it was a first offence, the seriousness and type of the offence, the admission of guilt, whether the police officer perceives the offender as showing remorse as well as the local cautioning policy and practice.

For England and Wales as a whole, the proportion of those cautioned who were White slightly decreased with age; the proportion of those cautioned who came from the Black, Asian and 'Other' ethnic groups tended to increase with age (Table 5.8).

There was a varying pattern between ethnic groups in respect of the offence groups for which people were cautioned (Table 5.9). For England and Wales as a whole, 31.5% of those cautioned for robbery offences were Black people, compared with 3.6% for burglary and 6.9% for theft and handling offence groups. The equivalent percentages for arrests were 27.5%, 6.4% and 7.9% (Table 5.5). There has been little change nationally in the distribution of offences for those cautioned compared to the previous year.

Table 5.1 Total arrests for notifiable offences, by police force and ethnic appearance, 2003/4

Police force area	Ethnic appearance of person arrested					Total
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown	
Avon & Somerset	22,011	1,326	332	177	418	24,264
Bedfordshire	10,234	2,268	1,750	81	46	14,379
Cambridgeshire	10,826	624	467	232	176	12,325
Cheshire	17,498	261	123	48	29	17,959
Cleveland	20,370	232	638	144	84	21,468
Cumbria	12,632	38	79	75	8	12,832
Derbyshire	20,419	892	848	92	126	22,377
Devon & Cornwall	27,867	339	177	156	212	28,751
Dorset	11,840	358	102	141	31	12,472
Durham	17,214	97	71	96	164	17,642
Essex	26,326	1,693	515	1,088	291	29,913
Gloucestershire	10,557	543	119	77	213	11,509
Greater Manchester	69,517	4,831	5,046	569	2,633	82,596
Hampshire	40,001	1,499	960	1,296	0	43,756
Hertfordshire	15,358	1,706	988	236	95	18,383
Humberside	24,449	474	362	271	214	25,770
Kent	33,010	1,371	1,307	140	1,026	36,854
Lancashire	42,265	772	1,959	63	2	45,061
Leicestershire	14,961	1,536	2,089	447	1	19,034
Lincolnshire	16,050	201	216	238	82	16,787
London, City of	2,471	1,133	511	151	0	4,266
Merseyside	47,213	1,652	231	268	541	49,905
Metropolitan Police	102,447	58,985	17,010	6,562	250	185,254
Norfolk	14,540	486	134	77	28	15,265
Northamptonshire	11,278	998	316	50	1	12,643
Northumbria	42,389	509	752	251	41	43,942
North Yorkshire	24,067	232	143	52	0	24,494
Nottinghamshire	28,589	2,125	947	1,245	683	33,589
South Yorkshire	32,709	1,892	1,356	420	1	36,378
Staffordshire	23,794	766	845	235	0	25,640
Suffolk	11,631	816	152	106	50	12,755
Surrey	14,998	727	691	176	83	16,675
Sussex	30,785	1,810	750	457	144	33,946
Thames Valley	40,601	4,943	3,466	468	182	49,660
Warwickshire	7,680	329	265	41	72	8,387
West Mercia	20,640	612	518	149	114	22,033
West Midlands	52,514	10,401	8,456	1,483	108	72,962
West Yorkshire	61,164	5,029	7,469	578	215	74,455
Wiltshire	8,231	369	139	61	373	9,173
Dyfed-Powys	13,227	69	50	31	30	13,407
Gwent	14,611	205	370	133	172	15,491
North Wales	19,373	100	80	49	236	19,838
South Wales	33,778	1,178	659	382	154	36,151
England & Wales	1,122,135	116,427	63,458	19,092	9,329	1,330,441
2002/3 England & Wales ⁽¹⁾	1,102,900	116,722	64,276	17,250	11,962	1,313,110
% change 2002/3 to 2003/4	1.7	-0.3	-1.3	10.7	-22.0	1.3

(1) Estimated

Table 5.2 Total arrests for notifiable offences per 1,000 population aged 10 and over, by police force and ethnicity, 2002/3 and 2003/4

Police force area	Ethnicity of person arrested									
	White		Black		Asian		Other ⁽¹⁾		Total	
	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4	2002/3	2003/4
Avon & Somerset	18	17	90	77	20	19	18	17	19	18
Bedfordshire	18	24	77	117	31	40	9	16	21	29
Cambridgeshire	17	18	65	83	25	25	19	27	18	19
Cheshire	21	20	65	73	20	20	28	10	21	21
Cleveland	44	43	161	129	39	61	58	72	44	44
Cumbria	31	29	48	48	44	67	35	61	31	29
Derbyshire	24	25	97	100	40	38	59	24	25	26
Devon & Cornwall	21	20	72	72	32	31	20	25	21	20
Dorset	18	19	94	121	24	25	23	31	19	20
Durham	..	33	..	74	..	24	..	47	..	33
Essex	17	19	77	127	18	25	46	95	18	21
Gloucestershire	23	22	98	104	23	20	40	26	24	23
Greater Manchester	28	34	81	113	28	38	12	25	32	37
Hampshire	24	26	104	135	25	39	47	94	25	27
Hertfordshire	17	18	80	109	26	32	17	22	18	20
Humberside	34	32	76	156	55	49	137	77	35	33
Kent	23	24	89	132	16	47	60	13	24	26
Lancashire	32	36	92	123	28	28	10	10	32	36
Leicestershire	22	21	93	107	20	21	48	63	23	23
Lincolnshire	32	27	93	87	38	69	130	95	32	28
Merseyside	38	40	139	134	20	24	43	22	39	41
Metropolitan Police ⁽²⁾	23	23	75	75	22	21	24	29	30	29
Norfolk	20	20	74	156	65	34	48	20	21	21
Northamptonshire	20	21	93	97	24	25	8	12	22	22
Northumbria	37	35	89	114	32	36	27	32	37	35
North Yorkshire	31	36	66	110	52	36	24	16	31	36
Nottinghamshire	31	33	114	100	40	38	80	164	34	37
South Yorkshire	31	31	129	126	40	43	56	57	33	32
Staffordshire	..	26	..	114	..	48	..	63	..	28
Suffolk	18	20	95	116	27	31	18	23	19	21
Surrey	16	17	78	89	28	27	11	13	17	18
Sussex	23	24	129	173	25	33	15	36	24	25
Thames Valley	22	24	124	124	37	38	14	19	25	27
Warwickshire	16	17	81	92	17	19	24	16	16	18
West Mercia	20	20	86	100	32	42	29	28	20	21
West Midlands	37	29	117	92	35	27	90	58	42	32
West Yorkshire	37	38	148	168	42	45	24	46	39	41
Wiltshire	16	15	72	89	21	23	24	16	18	17
Dyfed-Powys	29	30	64	71	28	27	6	21	30	30
Gwent	29	31	66	86	105	74	76	70	30	32
North Wales	29	33	48	73	25	33	25	23	29	33
South Wales	34	33	162	129	32	37	35	45	35	34
England & Wales⁽³⁾	26	26	90	89	29	29	32	35	28	29

(1) Includes cases where ethnicity is unknown. (2) Includes City of London. (3) 2002/3 figures are based on estimates for Durham and Staffordshire.

Table 5.3 Arrests resulting from a 'stop and search' under s1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, as a percentage of total arrests for notifiable offences, by police force area and ethnic appearance, 2003/4

Police force area	Ethnic appearance of person searched				Total ⁽¹⁾
	White	Black	Asian	Other	
Avon & Somerset	7.9	18.6	6.3	13.6	8.7
Bedfordshire	5.1	3.7	4.6	6.2	4.9
Cambridgeshire	3.8	5.0	5.1	0.0	4.4
Cheshire	6.5	9.2	11.4	8.3	6.9
Cleveland	7.5	7.8	3.8	4.9	7.4
Cumbria	5.0	0.0	6.3	1.3	5.0
Derbyshire	5.3	7.1	8.1	10.9	5.5
Devon & Cornwall	5.6	8.3	9.6	25.6	6.2
Dorset	7.6	16.2	6.9	6.4	7.9
Durham	4.8	2.1	7.0	0.0	4.7
Essex	2.4	2.7	4.5	1.5	2.5
Gloucestershire	6.5	6.3	5.9	11.7	6.6
Greater Manchester	4.8	5.7	6.1	2.5	4.9
Hampshire	5.8	8.9	4.3	2.5	5.8
Hertfordshire	4.1	4.3	5.7	14.0	4.5
Humberside	2.6	3.2	4.4	0.7	2.6
Kent	4.3	5.2	2.3	11.4	4.3
Lancashire	6.0	3.0	12.1	6.3	6.4
Leicestershire	6.9	7.3	10.5	5.1	7.3
Lincolnshire	5.3	4.0	1.9	13.0	5.4
London, City of	30.8	28.2	37.2	51.7	39.3
Merseyside	5.3	6.2	7.4	8.2	5.4
Metropolitan Police	13.3	17.9	14.5	13.1	14.9
Norfolk	5.3	5.6	5.2	6.5	5.3
Northamptonshire	6.2	7.6	2.5	4.0	6.3
Northumbria	5.3	2.4	5.2	9.2	5.3
North Yorkshire	2.0	3.9	2.1	65.4	2.4
Nottinghamshire	1.4	2.3	3.1	3.3	2.5
South Yorkshire	5.6	10.5	10.2	5.2	6.1
Staffordshire	10.3	11.1	11.4	14.0	10.7
Suffolk	4.2	3.8	0.7	2.8	4.3
Surrey	7.5	8.1	9.3	5.7	7.5
Sussex	4.4	5.2	4.7	10.7	4.6
Thames Valley	3.7	5.3	5.8	2.4	4.1
Warwickshire	9.9	15.5	14.3	12.2	10.2
West Mercia	5.1	6.0	5.0	4.7	5.3
West Midlands	3.7	6.6	7.2	3.5	4.5
West Yorkshire	8.5	7.2	11.1	23.9	9.3
Wiltshire	6.7	8.4	7.2	4.9	6.5
Dyfed-Powys	13.7	17.4	14.0	22.6	13.8
Gwent	3.2	4.4	4.6	0.0	4.3
North Wales	9.7	11.0	7.5	28.6	9.8
South Wales	5.5	7.6	7.4	4.2	5.6
England & Wales	6.2	12.5	9.6	9.0	7.1
2002/3 England & Wales ⁽³⁾	7.7	15.7	12.1	10.9	8.7

(1) 'Unknown' ethnicity not presented separately due to small numbers, but included in the overall total.

Table 5.4 Percentage breakdown by ethnic appearance for age groups of those arrested for notifiable offences, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003/4

Police force area and age group	Ethnic appearance of person arrested					Total (100%)
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Bedfordshire						
10 to 17	75.1	15.8	8.6	0.3	0.2	3,150
18 to 20	72.9	12.8	13.8	0.3	0.2	2,208
21 and over	69.4	16.5	13.0	0.7	0.4	9,021
Total	71.2	15.8	12.2	0.6	0.3	14,379
Greater Manchester						
10 to 17	86.7	5.4	4.3	0.2	3.4	19,725
18 to 20	82.5	5.5	8.0	0.8	3.2	12,562
21 and over	83.6	6.1	6.4	0.9	3.1	50,300
Total	84.2	5.8	6.1	0.7	3.2	82,596
Hertfordshire						
10 to 17	87.2	7.7	3.7	0.4	1.0	4,933
18 to 20	80.8	10.3	7.3	1.2	0.4	2,787
21 and over	82.6	9.8	5.6	1.7	0.3	10,659
Total	83.5	9.3	5.4	1.3	0.5	18,383
Lancashire						
10 to 17	95.0	1.6	3.4	0.0	0.0	11,588
18 to 20	92.3	1.7	5.9	0.1	0.0	6,056
21 and over	93.6	1.8	4.4	0.2	0.0	27,122
Total	93.8	1.7	4.3	0.1	0.0	45,061
Leicestershire						
10 to 17	82.4	8.1	7.3	2.2	0.0	4,715
18 to 20	78.0	6.6	13.2	2.3	0.0	3,190
21 and over	77.2	8.5	11.9	2.4	0.0	11,128
Total	78.6	8.1	11.0	2.3	0.0	19,034
Metropolitan Police						
10 to 17	53.8	36.2	7.2	2.6	0.2	39,297
18 to 20	52.5	32.6	11.6	3.1	0.1	26,228
21 and over	56.4	30.2	9.3	3.9	0.1	119,729
Total	55.3	31.8	9.2	3.5	0.1	185,254
Nottinghamshire						
10 to 17	82.8	7.4	2.2	5.7	1.8	8,459
18 to 20	83.7	6.3	3.5	4.4	2.0	5,125
21 and over	86.4	5.9	2.9	2.7	2.1	19,998
Total	85.1	6.3	2.8	3.7	2.0	33,589

Table 5.4 cont. Percentage breakdown by ethnic appearance for age groups of those arrested for notifiable offences, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003/4

Police force area and age group	Ethnic appearance of person arrested					Total (100%)
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Thames Valley						
10 to 17	85.4	8.5	5.1	0.5	0.5	12,052
18 to 20	81.8	9.7	7.6	0.6	0.4	8,024
21 and over	80.3	10.6	7.6	1.2	0.3	29,564
Total	81.8	10.0	7.0	0.9	0.4	49,660
West Midlands						
10 to 17	74.9	14.6	8.3	2.1	0.2	15,215
18 to 20	70.4	15.3	12.1	2.0	0.2	11,691
21 and over	71.4	13.9	12.5	2.0	0.1	46,048
Total	72.0	14.3	11.6	2.0	0.1	72,962
West Yorkshire						
10 to 17	83.1	8.0	8.4	0.2	0.3	18,504
18 to 20	80.0	6.8	12.2	0.9	0.2	11,154
21 and over	82.3	6.2	10.2	1.0	0.3	44,779
Total	82.1	6.8	10.0	0.8	0.3	74,455
Other forces ⁽¹⁾						
10 to 17	94.5	2.8	1.3	0.6	0.7	171,628
18 to 20	93.2	3.0	2.1	0.9	0.6	110,573
21 and over	92.5	3.5	2.1	1.2	0.7	452,544
Total	93.1	3.2	1.9	1.0	0.7	735,068
England & Wales ⁽¹⁾						
10 to 17	86.0	8.7	3.5	1.0	0.7	309,266
18 to 20	83.8	8.6	5.6	1.3	0.7	199,598
21 and over	83.8	8.8	5.0	1.6	0.7	820,892
Total	84.3	8.8	4.8	1.4	0.7	1,330,441

(1) Age group '21 and over' includes 'Not Known' ages. 'Total' includes those aged under 10 years. There is no age breakdown for Lincolnshire.

Table 5.5 Percentage breakdown by ethnic appearance of those arrested for notifiable offences by offence group, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003/4

Police force area and offence group	Ethnic appearance of persons arrested					Total (100%)
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not Known	
Bedfordshire						
Violence against the person	69.8	16.4	13.0	0.5	0.3	4,440
Sexual offences	69.9	17.4	11.6	0.4	0.7	276
Robbery	53.8	31.6	13.9	0.3	0.3	316
Burglary	77.4	14.0	8.0	0.2	0.4	942
Theft and handling	72.7	15.0	11.4	0.6	0.3	4,735
Fraud and forgery	49.7	26.2	22.1	1.4	0.6	642
Criminal damage	80.8	10.3	8.4	0.3	0.2	1,519
Drugs	72.3	15.4	11.5	0.4	0.5	811
Other	67.3	14.9	16.6	1.0	0.1	698
Total	71.2	15.8	12.2	0.6	0.3	14,379
Greater Manchester						
Violence against the person	84.8	5.5	6.0	0.5	3.2	14,593
Sexual offences	78.1	6.3	10.2	1.4	4.0	1,607
Robbery	77.7	11.5	7.1	0.1	3.4	2,763
Burglary	89.9	3.8	2.8	0.2	3.2	6,491
Theft and handling	85.1	5.5	5.3	0.6	3.5	21,329
Fraud and forgery	60.0	14.2	19.0	2.2	4.7	1,241
Criminal damage	90.6	3.2	3.2	0.3	2.7	7,444
Drugs	76.2	8.3	10.7	0.4	4.5	5,126
Other	83.4	6.1	6.7	1.2	2.5	22,002
Total	84.2	5.8	6.1	0.7	3.2	82,596
Hertfordshire						
Violence against the person	84.6	8.1	5.4	1.4	0.5	4,583
Sexual offences	78.4	10.9	8.7	1.5	0.5	402
Robbery	65.0	23.3	10.4	0.4	0.9	463
Burglary	87.3	9.1	2.4	0.7	0.5	1,529
Theft and handling	85.1	8.5	5.0	0.9	0.5	5,985
Fraud and forgery	66.7	19.7	10.8	2.7	0.1	751
Criminal damage	90.5	5.1	3.3	0.7	0.4	2,650
Drugs	81.0	11.3	6.4	0.9	0.4	1,301
Other	67.2	14.9	9.6	7.2	1.1	719
Total	83.5	9.3	5.4	1.3	0.5	18,383
Lancashire						
Violence against the person	93.9	1.7	4.2	0.2	0.0	14,284
Sexual offences	89.6	1.9	8.4	0.0	0.0	628
Robbery	82.1	5.2	12.7	0.0	0.0	592
Burglary	97.0	1.6	1.3	0.0	0.0	4,049
Theft and handling	95.7	1.2	3.1	0.1	0.0	11,762
Fraud and forgery	86.9	2.9	9.5	0.7	0.0	2,193
Criminal damage	96.9	1.2	1.9	0.0	0.0	6,036
Drugs	88.7	2.8	8.4	0.1	0.0	3,648
Other	87.7	2.0	10.0	0.3	0.0	1,869
Total	93.8	1.7	4.3	0.1	0.0	45,061

Table 5.5 cont. Percentage breakdown by ethnic appearance of those arrested for notifiable offences by offence group, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003/4

Police force area and offence group	Ethnic appearance of persons arrested					Total (100%)
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not Known	
Leicestershire						
Violence against the person	79.7	7.2	11.4	1.7	0.0	3,210
Sexual offences	78.1	6.4	13.4	2.1	0.0	561
Robbery	57.4	27.5	11.2	3.9	0.0	491
Burglary	87.2	5.4	5.6	1.8	0.0	1,932
Theft and handling	82.2	6.8	8.8	2.1	0.0	5,729
Fraud and forgery	53.4	15.9	30.1	0.6	0.0	309
Criminal damage	86.1	6.0	6.2	1.6	0.0	2,213
Drugs	66.4	12.8	18.1	2.6	0.1	1,326
Other	71.6	8.8	15.5	4.1	0.0	3,263
Total	78.6	8.1	11.0	2.3	0.0	19,034
Metropolitan Police						
Violence against the person	55.7	30.7	10.2	3.4	0.1	36,850
Sexual offences	48.6	32.9	13.5	4.9	0.2	4,659
Robbery	33.0	56.3	7.9	2.5	0.4	10,719
Burglary	65.8	26.7	5.5	2.0	0.1	12,311
Theft and handling	57.4	29.4	8.8	4.2	0.1	54,153
Fraud and forgery	36.6	41.4	14.4	7.5	0.1	9,068
Criminal damage	68.9	22.1	6.2	2.7	0.1	14,698
Drugs	50.3	36.6	10.1	2.9	0.1	23,856
Other	60.7	27.3	9.0	2.9	0.2	18,940
Total	55.3	31.8	9.2	3.5	0.1	185,254
Nottinghamshire						
Violence against the person	85.1	6.1	2.8	3.3	2.7	8,850
Sexual offences	83.6	7.3	5.1	2.6	1.4	703
Robbery	68.5	16.1	5.9	7.9	1.6	733
Burglary	87.3	5.2	1.7	4.2	1.6	2,836
Theft and handling	86.9	5.8	2.3	3.4	1.5	12,452
Fraud and forgery	82.2	7.0	5.1	4.5	1.2	574
Criminal damage	88.6	3.6	2.1	3.4	2.2	3,426
Drugs	77.5	13.0	3.6	4.5	1.3	2,173
Other	79.8	5.5	5.6	4.8	4.3	1,842
Total	85.1	6.3	2.8	3.7	2.0	33,589
Thames Valley						
Violence against the person	83.0	8.7	7.5	0.6	0.3	9,995
Sexual offences	82.1	9.4	7.5	0.6	0.4	1,352
Robbery	69.5	18.8	11.3	0.2	0.2	1,561
Burglary	85.0	9.5	4.9	0.4	0.2	4,595
Theft and handling	83.5	8.9	6.4	0.9	0.4	15,617
Fraud and forgery	64.0	16.3	17.4	2.1	0.2	855
Criminal damage	88.5	5.9	4.9	0.5	0.3	5,842
Drugs	76.8	15.5	6.7	0.4	0.5	3,845
Other	75.0	12.5	8.8	3.0	0.6	5,998
Total	81.8	10.0	7.0	0.9	0.4	49,660

Table 5.5 cont. Percentage breakdown by ethnic appearance of those arrested for notifiable offences by offence group, selected areas, 2003/4

Police force area and offence group	Ethnic appearance of persons arrested					Total (100%)
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not Known	
West Midlands						
Violence against the person	70.6	14.5	12.5	2.2	0.1	24,848
Sexual offences	63.3	14.1	18.6	3.9	0.1	1,070
Robbery	45.7	36.6	14.9	2.7	0.2	1,974
Burglary	82.6	11.1	5.1	1.0	0.1	4,355
Theft and handling	76.4	12.0	9.6	2.0	0.2	19,119
Fraud and forgery	59.8	18.1	18.4	3.5	0.1	2,037
Criminal damage	80.7	10.0	7.5	1.6	0.1	6,867
Drugs	60.1	20.3	17.7	1.7	0.1	6,379
Other	72.8	12.6	12.4	2.0	0.3	6,313
Total	72.0	14.3	11.6	2.0	0.1	72,962
West Yorkshire						
Violence against the person	80.5	6.6	11.5	1.1	0.3	17,408
Sexual offences	76.9	7.4	12.9	2.6	0.2	1,778
Robbery	68.9	17.3	13.3	0.2	0.3	2,579
Burglary	89.0	5.2	5.5	0.1	0.2	7,638
Theft and handling	85.6	5.4	8.2	0.6	0.2	21,753
Fraud and forgery	57.5	10.8	29.4	1.9	0.4	473
Criminal damage	88.3	5.0	5.8	0.5	0.5	7,949
Drugs	68.8	11.3	19.3	0.3	0.2	4,710
Other	79.2	7.4	11.7	1.4	0.3	10,167
Total	82.1	6.8	10.0	0.8	0.3	74,455
Other forces ⁽¹⁾						
Violence against the person	93.7	2.9	1.8	0.9	0.7	188,829
Sexual offences	89.0	3.9	3.8	2.3	1.0	16,583
Robbery	86.2	9.2	2.9	1.0	0.7	12,083
Burglary	95.7	2.4	1.0	0.4	0.6	60,799
Theft and handling	94.1	2.9	1.7	0.8	0.6	214,720
Fraud and forgery	85.1	7.5	4.6	2.0	0.8	19,788
Criminal damage	95.8	2.0	1.0	0.6	0.7	85,694
Drugs	91.6	5.0	2.2	0.6	0.6	58,457
Other	87.6	4.1	4.1	3.0	1.2	61,333
Total	93.1	3.2	1.9	1.0	0.7	735,068
England & Wales ⁽¹⁾						
Violence against the person	85.4	7.7	4.9	1.3	0.7	327,890
Sexual offences	79.4	9.7	7.4	2.6	0.9	29,619
Robbery	63.0	27.5	7.2	1.6	0.7	34,274
Burglary	89.9	6.4	2.4	0.7	0.6	107,477
Theft and handling	85.9	7.9	4.1	1.4	0.6	387,349
Fraud and forgery	69.3	17.0	9.7	3.4	0.6	37,931
Criminal damage	90.9	5.0	2.6	0.9	0.7	144,338
Drugs	77.9	13.8	6.6	1.2	0.6	111,632
Other	80.5	9.0	6.9	2.5	1.1	133,144
Total	84.3	8.8	4.8	1.4	0.7	1,330,441

(1) As Lincolnshire were unable to provide a breakdown by offence group, their arrests figures are not included in the offence group totals or the calculation of the percentages for the offence groups.

Table 5.6 Number of persons cautioned for notifiable offences, by police force area and ethnic appearance, 2003

Police force area	Ethnic appearance of persons cautioned					Total
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Avon & Somerset	2,954	94	65	21	1,202	4,336
Bedfordshire	2,083	262	260	67	75	2,747
Cambridgeshire	1,455	56	44	20	463	2,038
Cheshire	2,659	3	10	10	2	2,684
Cleveland	2,401	24	36	62	66	2,589
Cumbria	1,953	7	5	4	130	2,099
Derbyshire	2,358	92	80	10	94	2,634
Devon & Cornwall	6,959	61	32	18	76	7,146
Dorset	1,597	11	14	11	0	1,633
Durham	2,349	4	2	3	2	2,360
Essex	3,902	124	53	73	43	4,195
Gloucestershire	2,460	65	24	17	21	2,587
Greater Manchester	8,991	557	795	110	71	10,524
Hampshire	6,735	142	55	156	23	7,111
Hertfordshire	2,776	190	143	45	17	3,171
Humberside	2,707	17	29	17	0	2,770
Kent	6,439	104	109	61	946	7,659
Lancashire	5,595	95	319	22	3	6,034
Leicestershire	2,021	115	267	11	78	2,492
Lincolnshire	1,843	12	13	10	35	1,913
London, City of	600	184	99	23	13	919
Merseyside	3,990	140	27	48	44	4,249
Metropolitan Police	17,393	8,012	3,032	1,118	316	29,871
Norfolk	2,225	28	27	30	4	2,314
Northamptonshire	2,301	167	73	10	164	2,715
Northumbria	12,288	104	260	104	41	12,797
North Yorkshire	2,246	18	18	14	103	2,399
Nottinghamshire	3,741	209	234	116	371	4,671
South Yorkshire	3,246	93	111	52	210	3,712
Staffordshire	4,938	119	40	0	239	5,336
Suffolk	3,118	122	47	23	2	3,312
Surrey	4,054	156	200	0	0	4,410
Sussex	7,059	165	142	1	0	7,367
Thames Valley	4,594	367	326	41	743	6,071
Warwickshire	2,113	38	62	45	1	2,259
West Mercia	5,458	97	93	14	163	5,825
West Midlands	10,278	1,755	1,820	138	880	14,871
West Yorkshire	8,360	669	1,099	105	39	10,272
Wiltshire	1,861	65	35	15	156	2,132
Dyfed-Powys	4,217	10	21	4	57	4,309
Gwent	3,247	27	33	3	64	3,374
North Wales	2,989	20	13	10	0	3,032
South Wales	4,529	120	89	41	32	4,811
England & Wales	185,082	14,720	10,256	2,703	6,989	219,750
2002 England & Wales	173,273	13,901	9,918	2,313	5,495	204,900
% change 2002 to 2003	6.8	5.9	3.4	16.9	27.2	7.2

Table 5.7 Percentage of arrests which resulted in a caution for notifiable offences, by police force area and ethnic appearance, 2003/4

Police force area	Ethnic appearance of person			Total ⁽¹⁾
	White	Black	Asian	
Avon & Somerset	13.4	7.1	19.6	17.9
Bedfordshire	20.4	11.6	14.9	19.1
Cambridgeshire	13.4	9.0	9.4	16.5
Cheshire	15.2	1.1	8.1	14.9
Cleveland	11.8	10.3	5.6	12.1
Cumbria	15.5	18.4	6.3	16.4
Derbyshire	11.5	10.3	9.4	11.8
Devon & Cornwall	25.0	18.0	18.1	24.9
Dorset	13.5	3.1	13.7	13.1
Durham	13.6	4.1	2.8	13.4
Essex	14.8	7.3	10.3	14.0
Gloucestershire	23.3	12.0	20.2	22.5
Greater Manchester	12.9	11.5	15.8	12.7
Hampshire	16.8	9.5	5.7	16.3
Hertfordshire	18.1	11.1	14.5	17.2
Humberside	11.1	3.6	8.0	10.7
Kent	19.5	7.6	8.3	20.8
Lancashire	13.2	12.3	16.3	13.4
Leicestershire	13.5	7.5	12.8	13.1
Lincolnshire	11.5	6.0	6.0	11.4
London, City of	24.3	16.2	19.4	21.5
Merseyside	8.5	8.5	11.7	8.5
Metropolitan Police	17.0	13.6	17.8	16.1
Norfolk	15.3	5.8	20.1	15.2
Northamptonshire	20.4	16.7	23.1	21.5
Northumbria	29.0	20.4	34.6	29.1
North Yorkshire	9.3	7.8	12.6	9.8
Nottinghamshire	13.1	9.8	24.7	13.9
South Yorkshire	9.9	4.9	8.2	10.2
Staffordshire	20.8	15.5	4.7	20.8
Suffolk	26.8	15.0	30.9	26.0
Surrey	27.0	21.5	28.9	26.4
Sussex	22.9	9.1	18.9	21.7
Thames Valley	11.3	7.4	9.4	12.2
Warwickshire	27.5	11.6	23.4	26.9
West Mercia	26.4	15.8	18.0	26.4
West Midlands	19.6	16.9	21.5	20.4
West Yorkshire	13.7	13.3	14.7	13.8
Wiltshire	22.6	17.6	25.2	23.2
Dyfed-Powys	31.9	14.5	42.0	32.1
Gwent	22.2	13.2	8.9	21.8
North Wales	15.4	20.0	16.3	15.3
South Wales	13.4	10.2	13.5	13.3
England & Wales	16.5	12.6	16.2	16.5
2002/3 England & Wales	15.7	11.9	15.4	15.6

(1) Calculations based upon the 'Other' and 'Unknown' groups have been excluded due to the small numbers involved. These categories are included in the overall totals.

Table 5.8 Percentage breakdown by ethnic appearance for age groups of persons cautioned for notifiable offences, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Police force area and age group	Ethnic appearance of person cautioned					Total (=100%)
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not Known	
Bedfordshire						
10-13	80.0	9.1	9.1	1.1	0.8	265
14-17	78.2	10.5	8.0	1.5	1.8	715
18-20	74.6	9.3	10.3	3.4	2.4	378
21+	74.2	9.2	10.1	2.9	3.7	1,389
All Ages	75.8	9.5	9.5	2.4	2.7	2,747
Greater Manchester						
10-13	89.6	4.8	4.6	0.3	0.7	1,343
14-17	88.7	4.7	5.6	0.5	0.6	3,293
18-20	81.4	5.5	10.9	1.2	1.1	1,612
21+	83.2	5.8	8.8	1.7	0.6	4,276
All Ages	85.4	5.3	7.6	1.0	0.7	10,524
Hertfordshire						
10-13	92.6	4.1	2.0	0.0	1.3	391
14-17	89.2	6.8	2.5	1.0	0.4	1,150
18-20	84.0	5.9	7.9	1.8	0.4	507
21+	85.7	5.9	5.9	2.1	0.4	1,123
All Ages	87.5	6.0	4.5	1.4	0.5	3,171
Lancashire						
10-13	95.0	1.4	3.5	0.2	0.0	518
14-17	94.9	1.0	3.9	0.2	0.0	1,813
18-20	89.7	2.1	8.0	0.2	0.0	1,040
21+	92.0	1.8	5.5	0.6	0.1	2,663
All Ages	92.7	1.6	5.3	0.4	0.0	6,034
Leicestershire						
10-13	87.3	5.0	5.3	0.0	2.4	377
14-17	83.7	4.0	8.8	0.0	3.5	1,043
18-20	75.4	3.5	17.1	1.2	2.9	345
21+	76.9	5.8	13.2	1.0	3.2	727
All Ages	81.1	4.6	10.7	0.4	3.1	2,492
Metropolitan Police⁽¹⁾						
10-13	62.9	28.9	5.1	2.0	1.0	1,761
14-17	58.7	28.1	9.4	2.6	1.2	7,598
18-20	56.2	26.2	13.4	3.4	0.8	5,097
21+	58.5	25.8	10.1	4.5	1.1	16,334
All Ages	58.4	26.6	10.2	3.7	1.1	30,790
Nottinghamshire						
10-13	81.7	3.7	5.1	2.0	7.5	789
14-17	80.8	4.3	4.3	1.9	8.7	1,575
18-20	78.6	5.0	5.5	4.1	6.8	659
21+	79.2	4.9	5.5	2.6	7.9	1,648
All Ages	80.1	4.5	5.0	2.5	7.9	4,671
Thames Valley						
10-13	80.2	6.1	3.0	0.3	10.5	660
14-17	80.0	5.5	3.5	0.6	10.3	2,057
18-20	76.2	5.4	6.5	0.7	11.2	1,002
21+	70.4	6.8	7.1	0.8	14.9	2,352
All Ages	75.7	6.0	5.4	0.7	12.2	6,071

(1) Includes City of London

Table 5.8 cont. Percentage breakdown by ethnic appearance for age groups of persons cautioned for notifiable offences, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Police force area and age group	Ethnic appearance of person cautioned					Total (=100%)
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not Known	
West Midlands						
10-13	75.5	10.1	5.9	0.6	8.0	1,619
14-17	72.2	10.9	10.0	0.7	6.3	3,968
18-20	64.6	13.3	15.9	1.2	4.9	2,243
21+	67.4	12.2	13.8	1.0	5.6	7,041
All Ages	69.1	11.8	12.2	0.9	5.9	14,871
West Yorkshire						
10-13	84.2	7.2	7.8	0.4	0.5	1,351
14-17	83.6	6.1	9.5	0.4	0.4	3,232
18-20	78.7	6.1	14.0	1.2	0.0	1,492
21+	79.7	6.8	11.4	1.6	0.5	4,197
All Ages	81.4	6.5	10.7	1.0	0.4	10,272
Other forces						
10-13	93.9	1.5	0.8	0.4	3.4	14,244
14-17	93.6	1.5	1.2	0.5	3.2	38,834
18-20	92.7	1.8	1.6	0.8	3.1	20,063
21+	91.6	2.1	1.7	0.9	3.6	54,966
All Ages	92.6	1.8	1.5	0.7	3.4	128,107
England & Wales						
10-13	88.4	5.1	2.6	0.6	3.4	23,318
14-17	86.4	6.0	3.7	0.8	3.1	65,278
18-20	83.0	6.8	6.0	1.3	2.8	34,438
21+	82.2	7.5	5.3	1.6	3.3	96,716
All Ages	84.2	6.7	4.7	1.2	3.2	219,750

Table 5.9 Percentage breakdown by ethnic appearance of persons cautioned for notifiable offences, by offence group, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Police force area and offence group	Ethnic appearance of person cautioned					Total (=100%)
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not Known	
Bedfordshire						
Violence against the person	75.9	9.9	10.0	2.2	2.0	717
Sexual offences	73.7	10.5	10.5	0.0	5.3	19
Burglary	87.5	6.3	4.7	1.6	0.0	64
Robbery	85.7	7.1	7.1	0.0	0.0	14
Theft and handling	72.0	11.6	10.7	3.2	2.3	894
Fraud and forgery	59.8	15.9	20.7	1.2	2.4	82
Criminal damage	84.0	8.0	4.0	0.0	4.0	25
Drug offences	73.5	8.8	8.8	7.4	1.5	68
Other notifiable offences	80.2	6.8	7.2	1.7	4.1	864
All offences	75.8	9.5	9.5	2.4	2.7	2,747
Greater Manchester						
Violence against the person	87.3	5.4	5.9	0.9	0.6	1,399
Sexual offences	95.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	40
Burglary	90.9	2.2	5.8	0.4	0.7	275
Robbery	62.5	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	8
Theft and handling	82.8	5.5	9.3	1.7	0.7	2,994
Fraud and forgery	69.8	12.7	14.7	2.9	0.0	245
Criminal damage	96.8	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.0	158
Drug offences	78.8	7.4	12.3	0.8	0.8	1,972
Other notifiable offences	90.9	3.8	4.0	0.6	0.7	3,433
All offences	85.4	5.3	7.6	1.0	0.7	10,524
Hertfordshire						
Violence against the person	87.8	6.8	4.5	0.6	0.3	352
Sexual offences	91.7	0.0	0.0	8.3	0.0	12
Burglary	97.2	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.9	108
Robbery	83.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	6
Theft and handling	85.3	8.0	4.5	1.4	0.8	1,001
Fraud and forgery	64.0	14.7	17.3	4.0	0.0	75
Criminal damage	90.5	4.8	0.0	4.8	0.0	21
Drug offences	86.3	5.7	6.4	1.3	0.3	627
Other notifiable offences	91.2	3.8	2.9	1.7	0.4	969
All offences	87.5	6.0	4.5	1.4	0.5	3,171
Lancashire						
Violence against the person	93.0	2.2	4.4	0.3	0.0	587
Sexual offences	94.9	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0	39
Burglary	97.9	0.4	1.8	0.0	0.0	284
Robbery	60.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	5
Theft and handling	93.0	1.0	5.7	0.3	0.0	1,678
Fraud and forgery	87.4	3.6	8.4	0.6	0.0	167
Criminal damage	98.1	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	54
Drug offences	90.2	1.5	7.8	0.4	0.1	1,264
Other notifiable offences	93.7	1.9	3.9	0.4	0.1	1,956
All offences	92.7	1.6	5.3	0.4	0.0	6,034

Table 5.9 cont. Percentage breakdown by ethnic appearance of persons cautioned for notifiable offences, by offence group, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Police force area and offence group	Ethnic appearance of person cautioned					Total (=100%)
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not Known	
Leicestershire						
Violence against the person	85.0	5.6	6.1	0.0	3.3	180
Sexual offences	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7
Burglary	88.2	2.2	7.5	0.0	2.2	93
Robbery	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Theft and handling	76.0	5.5	13.9	1.2	3.5	782
Fraud and forgery	69.0	4.8	23.8	2.4	0.0	42
Criminal damage	87.5	0.0	8.3	0.0	4.2	24
Drug offences	76.5	5.6	16.0	0.0	1.9	412
Other notifiable offences	86.1	3.7	6.5	0.1	3.6	951
All offences	81.1	4.6	10.7	0.4	3.1	2,492
Metropolitan Police⁽¹⁾						
Violence against the person	58.0	28.0	9.5	3.4	1.2	2,973
Sexual offences	57.1	25.0	14.7	1.9	1.3	156
Burglary	71.1	19.2	6.8	2.4	0.5	547
Robbery	35.5	56.9	2.5	2.0	3.0	197
Theft and handling	57.3	25.6	10.4	5.7	1.1	7,723
Fraud and forgery	37.2	40.3	15.3	6.4	0.7	1,349
Criminal damage	76.2	11.5	6.6	3.3	2.5	122
Drug offences	57.2	28.1	11.1	2.6	0.9	11,410
Other notifiable offences	66.2	21.6	7.9	3.0	1.3	6,313
All offences	58.4	26.6	10.2	3.7	1.1	30,790
Nottinghamshire						
Violence against the person	81.8	4.4	5.6	2.2	6.1	413
Sexual offences	78.6	0.0	0.0	3.6	17.9	28
Burglary	91.5	3.1	0.0	1.5	3.8	130
Robbery	95.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	20
Theft and handling	75.9	4.7	5.8	3.6	10.0	1,334
Fraud and forgery	82.7	2.5	3.7	3.7	7.4	81
Criminal damage	70.6	5.9	0.0	0.0	23.5	17
Drug offences	74.2	8.1	7.7	2.6	7.4	767
Other notifiable offences	84.2	3.1	3.8	1.7	7.2	1,881
All offences	80.1	4.5	5.0	2.5	7.9	4,671
Thames Valley						
Violence against the person	71.6	9.2	5.1	0.2	13.8	412
Sexual offences	71.4	11.9	7.1	0.0	9.5	42
Burglary	84.4	3.1	1.6	2.3	8.6	128
Robbery	69.2	0.0	7.7	0.0	23.1	13
Theft and handling	74.6	7.2	6.4	1.2	10.6	1,923
Fraud and forgery	57.1	12.6	16.0	0.6	13.7	175
Criminal damage	83.1	3.2	1.6	0.0	12.1	124
Drug offences	77.6	5.6	3.9	0.3	12.7	987
Other notifiable offences	77.2	4.4	4.8	0.4	13.3	2,267
All offences	75.7	6.0	5.4	0.7	12.2	6,071

(1) Includes City of London

Table 5.9 cont. Percentage breakdown by ethnic appearance of persons cautioned for notifiable offences, by offence group, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Police force area and offence group	Ethnic appearance of person cautioned					Total (=100%)
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not Known	
West Midlands						
Violence against the person	71.7	10.3	10.6	0.9	6.4	4,699
Sexual offences	65.0	10.0	14.0	1.0	10.0	100
Burglary	81.7	9.0	4.5	0.8	3.9	355
Robbery	70.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	10
Theft and handling	67.1	12.0	12.6	1.7	6.6	3,161
Fraud and forgery	62.7	14.1	18.0	1.3	3.9	311
Criminal damage	79.1	6.6	6.6	0.0	7.7	91
Drug offences	57.8	17.7	19.5	0.5	4.5	2,863
Other notifiable offences	76.3	8.9	8.3	0.6	5.9	3,281
All Offences	69.1	11.8	12.2	0.9	5.9	14,871
West Yorkshire						
Violence against the person	84.5	6.0	8.2	0.9	0.5	2,493
Sexual offences	71.0	6.5	19.4	3.2	0.0	31
Burglary	92.8	3.2	3.8	0.0	0.3	346
Robbery	69.0	27.6	3.4	0.0	0.0	29
Theft and handling	76.9	8.9	12.0	1.8	0.5	2,538
Fraud and forgery	72.5	6.9	18.0	2.1	0.5	189
Criminal damage	92.8	2.4	4.8	0.0	0.0	83
Drug offences	73.3	5.8	20.0	0.8	0.1	1,294
Other notifiable offences	84.9	5.6	8.4	0.7	0.4	3,269
All offences	81.4	6.5	10.7	1.0	0.4	10,272
Other forces						
Violence against the person	91.6	2.3	1.7	0.8	3.6	14,535
Sexual offences	92.4	1.7	2.4	0.9	2.6	885
Burglary	94.2	1.0	0.6	0.2	4.0	3,238
Robbery	84.9	6.7	2.5	0.8	5.0	119
Theft and handling	91.7	1.9	1.9	1.1	3.3	30,437
Fraud and forgery	85.8	5.1	3.1	1.7	4.3	2,768
Criminal damage	96.0	0.8	0.6	0.5	2.2	3,007
Drug offences	92.8	2.0	1.5	0.6	3.0	24,042
Other notifiable offences	93.5	1.4	1.1	0.5	3.6	49,076
All offences	92.6	1.8	1.5	0.7	3.4	128,107
England & Wales						
Violence against the person	83.2	7.1	5.2	1.1	3.4	28,760
Sexual offences	84.8	5.4	5.3	1.1	3.3	1,359
Burglary	90.7	3.6	2.1	0.5	3.1	5,568
Robbery	59.7	31.5	3.1	1.4	4.3	422
Theft and handling	82.6	6.9	5.3	1.9	3.2	54,465
Fraud and forgery	69.6	15.1	9.2	2.9	3.2	5,484
Criminal damage	94.2	1.5	1.2	0.6	2.6	3,726
Drug offences	79.6	10.1	6.6	1.1	2.6	45,706
Other notifiable offences	88.9	4.0	2.8	0.8	3.5	74,260
All offences	84.2	6.7	4.7	1.2	3.2	219,750

Chapter 6

Prosecution and sentencing

Introduction

A major gap in the current information available on the way that Black and Minority Ethnic groups are dealt with by the criminal justice system is the lack of data concerning the prosecution and sentencing process. This chapter examines data from magistrates' courts and the Crown Court for those police force areas with the most complete recording of ethnicity.

It is important to remember that decisions made by the CPS and the courts also reflect decisions made at earlier stages of the criminal justice process including charging, cautioning and also the circumstances of the offence. It is not possible, without further research, to say whether differences found in this analysis were the outcome of these earlier decisions and/or reflect the result of structural discrimination in the Criminal Justice System.

Magistrates' courts

Ethnicity was recorded in only 19% of the magistrate's court data for England and Wales supplied to the Home Office for 2003 (see Chapter 2 for an explanation). Tables 6.1 and 6.2 show figures for the 8 police force areas with the most complete ethnicity data (where overall the proportions unknown ranged from 3% to 19%). In all other areas the ethnicity of the defendant was unknown in more than 20% of cases and for half the police force areas there was no record of ethnicity; this makes it impossible to identify any ethnic differences in court decisions at a national level. It should be borne in mind that the figures in the two tables do not include data from some police force areas with high Black and Minority Ethnic populations, and thus will not be

representative of England & Wales as a whole.

Information is available on both the outcomes of prosecutions and on sentencing, but the analysis possible is limited because of the small number of cases dealt with for each ethnic group. Due to this it is not possible to present data by gender or age group, both of which are known to vary between ethnic groups, or by offence group.

Prosecutions after listing at the magistrates' court may be terminated early for a number of reasons. These include the case being discontinued by the Crown Prosecution Service, withdrawn at or during the court hearing, or written off.

Combining information for the 8 police force areas (Table 6.1), the figures for the proportion of charges terminated early (discontinued or withdrawn) were similar for Black (30%), White (28%) and Asian defendants (28%). More than half (55%) of White defendants were convicted at the magistrates' courts, compared with 45% of Black and 44% of Asian defendants.

Twenty percent of Black and 24% of Asian defendants were committed to the Crown Court for trial, compared to 13% of White defendants. Such findings are generally consistent with the findings by Mhlanga (1999) and may reflect, in part, differences in the types of offences, the decision by Black and Minority Ethnic groups to have cases tried in the Crown Court (i.e. trial before a jury), or of magistrates declining jurisdiction (Bowling and Phillips 2002).

Sentencing patterns are known to vary substantially between courts. Combining data for the 8 police force areas (Table

6.2) the use of custody was similar for the three main groups, Black 13%, White 12% and Asian 11%. In general, a smaller proportion of Asian offenders (31%) was given community sentences than White offenders (36%) and Black offenders (38%). Black offenders (18%) and Asian offenders (22%) were less

likely to be given a discharge than White offenders (25%) were. The use of the fine was more common for Asian offenders (32%) than for Black (26%) or White (23%) offenders.

Table 6.1 Prosecutions for indictable offences⁽¹⁾ at magistrates' courts by outcome and ethnic appearance of defendant, selected areas, 2003

Ethnic appearance of defendant	Proceeded against		Discontinued or withdrawn		Discharged at committal proceedings		Charge Dismissed		Committed for trial		Found guilty	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Dorset												
White	2,465	100	422	17	24	1	133	5	244	10	1,642	67
Black	72	100	10	14	0	0	3	4	8	11	51	71
Asian	14	100	1	7	1	7	1	7	1	7	10	71
Other	52	100	10	19	3	6	2	4	1	2	36	69
Unknown	239	100	44	18	2	1	16	7	40	17	137	57
Total	2,842	100	487	17	30	1	155	5	294	10	1,876	66
Lancashire												
White	15,088	100	4,384	29	302	2	200	1	2,309	15	7,893	52
Black	261	100	92	35	6	2	4	2	67	26	92	35
Asian	731	100	203	28	20	3	4	1	208	28	296	40
Other	23	100	9	39	1	4	1	4	5	22	7	30
Unknown	474	100	166	35	8	2	6	1	47	10	247	52
Total	16,577	100	4,854	29	337	2	215	1	2,636	16	8,535	51
Leicestershire												
White	5,765	100	1,785	31	26	0	64	1	812	14	3,078	53
Black	676	100	198	29	5	1	8	1	156	23	309	46
Asian	758	100	219	29	7	1	11	1	167	22	354	47
Other	25	100	9	36	0	0	0	0	3	12	13	52
Unknown	682	100	125	18	4	1	1	0	200	29	352	52
Total	7,906	100	2,336	30	42	1	84	1	1,338	17	4,106	52
Northamptonshire												
White	3,334	100	987	30	99	3	91	3	278	8	1,879	56
Black	90	100	17	19	13	14	7	8	21	23	32	36
Asian	82	100	31	38	4	5	5	6	11	13	31	38
Other	193	100	61	32	14	7	8	4	10	5	100	52
Unknown	176	100	50	28	5	3	7	4	18	10	96	55
Total	3,875	100	1,146	30	135	3	118	3	338	9	2,138	55
Northumbria												
White	14,693	100	4,114	28	285	2	125	1	1,910	13	8,259	56
Black	68	100	11	16	1	1	1	1	14	21	41	60
Asian	186	100	59	32	5	3	4	2	44	24	74	40
Other	72	100	19	26	1	1	2	3	11	15	39	54
Unknown	745	100	147	20	14	2	8	1	152	20	424	57
Total	15,764	100	4,350	28	306	2	140	1	2,131	14	8,837	56

(1) Excluding persons summonsed.

Table 6.1 cont. Prosecutions for indictable offences⁽¹⁾ at magistrates' courts by outcome and ethnic appearance of defendant, selected areas, 2003

Ethnic appearance of defendant	Proceeded against		Discontinued or withdrawn ⁽²⁾		Discharged at committal proceedings		Charge Dismissed		Committed for trial		Found guilty	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nottinghamshire												
White	8,587	100	2,685	31	206	2	142	2	973	11	4,581	53
Black	800	100	265	33	18	2	10	1	142	18	365	46
Asian	93	100	28	30	4	4	3	3	19	20	39	42
Other	79	100	18	23	2	3	1	1	12	15	46	58
Unknown	1,819	100	436	24	50	3	18	1	425	23	890	49
Total	11,378	100	3,432	30	280	2	174	2	1,571	14	5,921	52
Suffolk												
White	2,067	100	544	26	23	1	146	7	216	10	1,138	55
Black	77	100	26	34	0	0	9	12	12	16	30	39
Asian	18	100	3	17	0	0	2	11	5	28	8	44
Other	10	100	4	40	0	0	0	0	2	20	4	40
Unknown	516	100	132	26	5	1	21	4	73	14	285	55
Total	2,688	100	709	26	28	1	178	7	308	11	1,465	55
Warwickshire												
White	2,141	100	476	22	18	1	0	0	222	10	1,425	67
Black	38	100	11	29	1	3	0	0	3	8	23	61
Asian	96	100	14	15	3	3	0	0	18	19	61	64
Other	62	100	28	45	0	0	0	0	12	19	22	35
Unknown	87	100	18	21	0	0	0	0	8	9	61	70
Total	2,424	100	547	23	22	1	0	0	263	11	1,592	66
Total of selected areas												
White	54,140	100	15,397	28	983	2	901	2	6,964	13	29,895	55
Black	2,082	100	630	30	44	2	42	2	423	20	943	45
Asian	1,978	100	558	28	44	2	30	2	473	24	873	44
Other	516	100	158	31	21	4	14	3	56	11	267	52
Unknown	4,738	100	1,118	24	88	2	77	2	963	20	2,492	53
Total	63,454	100	17,861	28	1,180	2	1,064	2	8,879	14	34,470	54

(1) Excluding persons summonsed. (2) Includes write-offs.

Table 6.2 Persons sentenced for indictable offences⁽¹⁾ at magistrates' courts by outcome and ethnic appearance of defendant, selected areas, 2003

Ethnic appearance of defendant	Number Sentenced		Discharge		Fine		Community Sentence		Immediate custody		Other	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Dorset												
White	1,583	100	530	33	370	23	436	28	187	12	60	4
Black	47	100	15	32	12	26	12	26	5	11	3	6
Asian	10	100	4	40	2	20	3	30	0	0	1	10
Other	31	100	9	29	4	13	15	48	3	10	0	0
Unknown	118	100	28	24	33	28	20	17	34	29	3	3
Total	1,789	100	586	33	421	24	486	27	229	13	67	4
Lancashire												
White	7,446	100	1,852	25	1,958	26	2,561	34	912	12	163	2
Black	88	100	17	19	26	30	35	40	9	10	1	1
Asian	276	100	80	29	88	32	71	26	26	9	11	4
Other	6	100	3	50	1	17	2	33	0	0	0	0
Unknown	230	100	37	16	64	28	73	32	29	13	27	12
Total	8,046	100	1,989	25	2,137	27	2,742	34	976	12	202	3
Leicestershire												
White	2,850	100	463	16	538	19	1,232	43	436	15	181	6
Black	282	100	31	11	64	23	112	40	55	20	20	7
Asian	339	100	51	15	104	31	125	37	37	11	22	6
Other	11	100	1	9	3	27	4	36	2	18	1	9
Unknown	334	100	53	16	45	13	149	45	64	19	23	7
Total	3,816	100	599	16	754	20	1,622	43	594	16	247	6
Northamptonshire												
White	1,770	100	489	28	280	16	584	33	346	20	71	4
Black	31	100	8	26	2	6	11	35	9	29	1	3
Asian	30	100	11	37	8	27	5	17	6	20	0	0
Other	96	100	30	31	20	21	29	30	13	14	4	4
Unknown	86	100	26	30	23	27	15	17	19	22	3	3
Total	2,013	100	564	28	333	17	644	32	393	20	79	4
Northumbria												
White	7,966	100	2,429	30	1,988	25	2,521	32	797	10	231	3
Black	40	100	19	48	15	38	4	10	2	5	0	0
Asian	72	100	17	24	37	51	13	18	3	4	2	3
Other	38	100	16	42	11	29	5	13	5	13	1	3
Unknown	403	100	108	27	87	22	135	33	67	17	6	1
Total	8,519	100	2,589	30	2,138	25	2,678	31	874	10	240	3

(1) Excluding persons summonsed.

Table 6.2 cont. Persons sentenced for indictable offences⁽¹⁾ at magistrates' courts by outcome and ethnic appearance of defendant, selected areas, 2003

Ethnic appearance of defendant	Number sentenced		Discharge		Fine		Community Sentence		Immediate custody		Other	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Nottinghamshire												
White	4,187	100	677	16	873	21	1,762	42	607	14	268	6
Black	346	100	59	17	97	28	143	41	30	9	17	5
Asian	35	100	2	6	11	31	16	46	3	9	3	9
Other	41	100	7	17	8	20	22	54	2	5	2	5
Unknown	787	100	123	16	173	22	278	35	128	16	85	11
Total	5,396	100	868	16	1,162	22	2,221	41	770	14	375	7
Suffolk												
White	1,073	100	253	24	296	28	363	34	85	8	76	7
Black	29	100	6	21	10	34	6	21	6	21	1	3
Asian	8	100	1	13	2	25	1	13	1	13	3	38
Other	3	100	0	0	1	33	1	33	0	0	1	33
Unknown	267	100	60	22	89	33	74	28	28	10	16	6
Total	1,380	100	320	23	398	29	445	32	120	9	97	7
Warwickshire												
White	1,336	100	253	19	276	21	635	48	130	10	42	3
Black	22	100	4	18	6	27	11	50	0	0	1	5
Asian	58	100	14	24	13	22	19	33	12	21	0	0
Other	21	100	4	19	5	24	9	43	2	10	1	5
Unknown	55	100	9	16	12	22	20	36	12	22	2	4
Total	1,492	100	284	19	312	21	694	47	156	10	46	3
Total of selected areas												
White	28,211	100	6,946	25	6,579	23	10,094	36	3,500	12	1,092	4
Black	885	100	159	18	232	26	334	38	116	13	44	5
Asian	828	100	180	22	265	32	253	31	88	11	42	5
Other	247	100	70	28	53	21	87	35	27	11	10	4
Unknown	2,280	100	444	19	526	23	764	34	381	17	165	7
Total	32,451	100	7,799	24	7,655	24	11,532	36	4,112	13	1,353	4

(1) Excluding persons summonsed.

Table 6.3 presents information for some selected offence groups for the 8 areas amalgamated. Numbers are too small to disaggregate into offence groups for individual areas or to break down into individual offence groups. For violence against the person and sexual offences the numbers in the individual Black and Ethnic Minority categories are too small for meaningful comparisons. Combining the Black and Ethnic Minority groups for these offence types gives a more robust comparison and shows 19% BME

offenders receiving a custodial sentence in 2003 compared with 13% for white offenders. However, the proportion of BME offenders receiving a community sentence in these 8 areas was similar to that for White offenders. The sentencing of offenders for theft & handling and fraud & forgery offences was fairly similar between different ethnic groups in terms of the type of disposal handed down by magistrates' courts, although the fine was less likely to be used for White offenders.

Table 6.3 Persons sentenced at magistrates' courts⁽¹⁾ by type of sentence and ethnic group, for selected offence groups and areas, 2003

Ethnic appearance of offender	Fine		Community Sentence		Immediate Custody		Other (including discharges)		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Violence against the person and sexual offences										
White	325	12	1370	52	340	13	599	23	2,634	100
Black	8	8	55	56	16	16	19	19	98	100
Asian	7	8	46	52	17	19	19	21	89	100
Other	2	9	10	43	7	30	4	17	23	100
Unknown	25	12	99	46	49	23	42	20	215	100
Total	367	12	1580	52	429	14	683	22	3,059	100
Theft & handling and fraud & forgery										
White	2,684	18	5,403	36	2,242	15	4,601	31	14,930	100
Black	80	20	146	37	64	16	106	27	396	100
Asian	85	24	126	35	49	14	95	27	355	100
Other	26	21	40	32	12	10	46	37	124	100
Unknown	216	19	384	34	199	18	337	30	1,136	100
Total	3,091	18	6,099	36	2,566	15	5,185	31	16,941	100

(1) Figures are for Dorset, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Northumbria, Nottinghamshire, Suffolk and Warwickshire.

Crown Court

Ethnicity was reported in 65% of all persons tried at the Crown Court in 2003. Tables 6.4 and 6.5 show figures for the 5 police force areas with the most complete data (with the proportion unknown ranging from 11% to 15%). Table 6.4 also shows figures for England and Wales, including the 35% where the ethnicity was not reported, whilst Table 6.6 gives figures for England and Wales broken down by offence type. In both cases the figures should be treated with caution as the high level in the 'unknown' category may mean that the figures do not provide an accurate representation of the national picture.

Combining information from the 5 police force areas (Table 6.4), a greater proportion of White defendants (78%) were found guilty in the Crown Court in 2003 than Black (73%) or Asian defendants (72%). The figures for England and Wales show a similar relationship, with a 76% conviction rate for White defendants compared with 68% and 67% for the other ethnic groups.

Of those sentenced in these 5 areas at the Crown Court (Table 6.5) custodial sentences were given to a greater proportion of Black offenders (68%) than White (61%) or Asian offenders (58%). The figures for England and Wales in Table 6.6 show a similar pattern. Conversely, community sentences were given, for most offence types, more frequently to White offenders than to any other ethnic group (31% in the 5 areas, 33% in England and Wales).

Table 6.6 shows national level data on sentencing in the Crown Court for each offence group. For drug offences, 81% of Black offenders sentenced received a custodial sentence, compared with 71% of Asian offenders and 59% of White offenders. For fraud and forgery 56% of Black offenders received a custodial sentence, 51% of Asian offenders and 43% of White offenders. In all offence categories there was a substantial proportion of offenders for whom ethnicity had not been recorded.

Table 6.4 Persons tried for indictable offences at the Crown Court by outcome and ethnic appearance, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Ethnic appearance of defendant	Total for trial		Not tried		Acquitted		Found guilty	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Cambridgeshire								
White	619	100	9	1	112	18	498	80
Black	48	100	0	0	10	21	38	79
Asian	40	100	1	3	10	25	29	73
Other	26	100	0	0	8	31	18	69
Unknown	130	100	4	3	25	19	101	78
Total	863	100	14	2	165	19	684	79
Cheshire								
White	944	100	20	2	170	18	754	80
Black	14	100	0	0	2	14	12	86
Asian	11	100	0	0	2	18	9	82
Other	3	100	0	0	0	0	3	100
Unknown	141	100	4	3	38	27	99	70
Total	1,113	100	24	2	212	19	877	79
Lancashire								
White	1,947	100	66	3	367	19	1,514	78
Black	33	100	1	3	7	21	25	76
Asian	216	100	9	4	61	28	146	68
Other	13	100	0	0	1	8	12	92
Unknown	310	100	12	4	48	15	250	81
Total	2,519	100	88	3	484	19	1,947	77
Leicestershire								
White	961	100	11	1	187	19	763	79
Black	43	100	1	2	10	23	32	74
Asian	158	100	5	3	31	20	122	77
Other	110	100	0	0	31	28	79	72
Unknown	223	100	1	0	39	17	183	82
Total	1,495	100	18	1	298	20	1,179	79
Nottinghamshire								
White	1,359	100	29	2	303	22	1,027	76
Black	155	100	2	1	45	29	108	70
Asian	78	100	2	3	19	24	57	73
Other	11	100	0	0	3	27	8	73
Unknown	195	100	5	3	28	14	162	83
Total	1,798	100	38	2	398	22	1,362	76
Total of selected areas								
White	5,830	100	135	2	1,139	20	4,556	78
Black	293	100	4	1	74	25	215	73
Asian	503	100	17	3	123	24	363	72
Other	163	100	0	0	43	26	120	74
Unknown	999	100	26	3	178	18	795	80
Total	7,788	100	182	2	1,557	20	6,049	78
England and Wales								
White	38,283	100	809	2	8,540	22	28,934	76
Black	6,066	100	99	2	1,872	31	4,095	68
Asian	3,695	100	99	3	1,107	30	2,489	67
Other	1,818	100	24	1	567	31	1,227	67
Unknown	27,046	100	563	2	6,304	23	20,179	75
Total	76,908	100	1,594	2	18,390	24	56,924	74

Table 6.5 Persons sentenced for indictable offences⁽¹⁾ at the Crown Court by outcome and ethnic appearance, selected areas, 2003

Ethnic appearance of defendant	Number Sentenced		Discharge		Fine		Community Sentence		Immediate custody		Other	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Cambridgeshire												
White	713	100	14	2	19	3	195	27	463	65	22	3
Black	45	100	1	2	3	7	5	11	36	80	0	0
Asian	36	100	1	3	1	3	12	33	21	58	1	3
Other	23	100	0	0	0	0	10	43	12	52	1	4
Unknown	127	100	0	0	4	3	25	20	92	72	6	5
Total	944	100	16	2	27	3	247	26	624	66	30	3
Cheshire												
White	914	100	29	3	10	1	225	25	617	68	33	4
Black	12	100	2	17	0	0	4	33	6	50	0	0
Asian	10	100	0	0	0	0	3	30	7	70	0	0
Other	3	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	100	0	0
Unknown	114	100	1	1	2	2	28	25	78	68	5	4
Total	1,053	100	32	3	12	1	260	25	711	68	38	4
Lancashire												
White	1,906	100	38	2	23	1	567	30	1,223	64	55	3
Black	27	100	2	7	0	0	2	7	23	85	0	0
Asian	157	100	4	3	5	3	34	22	101	64	13	8
Other	14	100	1	7	0	0	4	29	8	57	1	7
Unknown	290	100	5	2	5	2	64	22	205	71	11	4
Total	2,394	100	50	2	33	1	671	28	1,560	65	80	3
Leicestershire												
White	949	100	22	2	31	3	395	42	466	49	35	4
Black	36	100	0	0	4	11	11	31	21	58	0	0
Asian	134	100	9	7	9	7	49	37	63	47	4	3
Other	99	100	3	3	2	2	18	18	72	73	4	4
Unknown	231	100	8	3	4	2	85	37	124	54	10	4
Total	1,449	100	42	3	50	3	558	39	746	51	53	4
Nottinghamshire												
White	1,406	100	41	3	33	2	462	33	811	58	59	4
Black	130	100	10	8	3	2	27	21	84	65	6	5
Asian	67	100	3	4	3	4	15	22	43	64	3	4
Other	10	100	1	10	0	0	1	10	8	80	0	0
Unknown	211	100	6	3	3	1	41	19	153	73	8	4
Total	1,824	100	61	3	42	2	546	30	1,099	60	76	4
Total of selected areas												
White	5,888	100	144	2	116	2	1,844	31	3,580	61	204	3
Black	250	100	15	6	10	4	49	20	170	68	6	2
Asian	404	100	17	4	18	4	113	28	235	58	21	5
Other	149	100	5	3	2	1	33	22	103	69	6	4
Unknown	973	100	20	2	18	2	243	25	652	67	40	4
Total	7,664	100	201	3	164	2	2,282	30	4,740	62	277	4

(1) Includes defendants found guilty at the magistrates' court and committed for sentence to the Crown Court.

Table 6.6 Persons sentenced for indictable offences⁽¹⁾ at the Crown Court by outcome, offence type and ethnic appearance, England and Wales, 2003

Ethnic appearance of defendant	Number Sentenced		Discharge		Fine		Community Sentence		Immediate Custody		Other	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Violence against the person												
White	8,002	100	290	4	193	2	2,892	36	4,117	51	510	6
Black	763	100	33	4	36	5	199	26	440	58	55	7
Asian	548	100	34	6	20	4	170	31	275	50	49	9
Other	266	100	13	5	9	3	66	25	148	56	30	11
Unknown	5,253	100	159	3	139	3	1,626	31	3,019	57	310	6
Total	14,832	100	529	4	397	3	4,953	33	7,999	54	954	6
Sexual offences												
White	1,596	100	23	1	21	1	320	20	1,166	73	66	4
Black	146	100	4	3	1	1	30	21	106	73	5	3
Asian	133	100	1	1	0	0	28	21	101	76	3	2
Other	64	100	4	6	1	2	13	20	44	69	2	3
Unknown	1,148	100	28	2	6	1	218	19	855	74	41	4
Total	3,087	100	60	2	29	1	609	20	2,272	74	117	4
Burglary												
White	6,738	100	52	1	8	0	1,982	29	4,621	69	75	1
Black	510	100	3	1	0	0	164	32	335	66	8	2
Asian	181	100	4	2	0	0	66	36	110	61	1	1
Other	175	100	1	1	0	0	50	29	122	70	2	1
Unknown	3,525	100	22	1	5	0	969	27	2,480	70	49	1
Total	11,129	100	82	1	13	0	3,231	29	7,668	69	135	1
Robbery												
White	2,396	100	8	0	6	0	316	13	2,035	85	31	1
Black	651	100	2	0	0	0	87	13	551	85	11	2
Asian	228	100	0	0	0	0	30	13	193	85	5	2
Other	138	100	1	1	0	0	25	18	107	78	5	4
Unknown	2,167	100	4	0	3	0	248	11	1,878	87	34	2
Total	5,580	100	15	0	9	0	706	13	4,764	85	86	2
Theft and handling												
White	4,804	100	248	5	146	3	1,836	38	2,432	51	142	3
Black	588	100	28	5	11	2	226	38	313	53	10	2
Asian	361	100	23	6	27	7	132	37	173	48	6	2
Other	176	100	20	11	7	4	53	30	93	53	3	2
Unknown	2,869	100	176	6	77	3	1,073	37	1,457	51	86	3
Total	8,798	100	495	6	268	3	3,320	38	4,468	51	247	3
Fraud and forgery												
White	1,375	100	79	6	49	4	561	41	586	43	100	7
Black	286	100	9	3	8	3	100	35	159	56	10	3
Asian	283	100	14	5	14	5	100	35	143	51	12	4
Other	143	100	3	2	9	6	41	29	84	59	6	4
Unknown	1,501	100	73	5	38	3	527	35	749	50	114	8
Total	3,588	100	178	5	118	3	1,329	37	1,721	48	242	7

(1) Includes defendants found guilty at the magistrates' court and committed for sentence to the Crown Court

Table 6.6 (cont.) Persons sentenced for indictable offences⁽¹⁾ at the Crown Court by outcome, offence type and ethnic appearance, England and Wales, 2003

Ethnic appearance of defendant	Number Sentenced		Discharge		Fine		Community Sentence		Immediate custody		Other	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Criminal damage												
White	975	100	79	8	41	4	417	43	365	37	73	7
Black	58	100	9	16	4	7	28	48	12	21	5	9
Asian	46	100	6	13	1	2	18	39	17	37	4	9
Other	34	100	1	3	2	6	14	41	13	38	4	12
Unknown	590	100	39	7	18	3	241	41	230	39	62	11
Total	1,703	100	134	8	66	4	718	42	637	37	148	9
Drug offences												
White	5,032	100	182	4	203	4	1,404	28	2,987	59	256	5
Black	1,435	100	39	3	44	3	158	11	1,163	81	31	2
Asian	461	100	16	3	26	6	82	18	327	71	10	2
Other	313	100	8	3	9	3	42	13	245	78	9	3
Unknown	3,337	100	98	3	80	2	678	20	2,372	71	109	3
Total	10,578	100	343	3	362	3	2,364	22	7,094	67	415	4
Other indictable offences												
White	6,934	100	236	3	309	4	2,641	38	3,409	49	339	5
Black	609	100	21	3	26	4	159	26	377	62	26	4
Asian	651	100	21	3	45	7	236	36	326	50	23	4
Other	265	100	11	4	15	6	78	29	157	59	4	2
Unknown	4,817	100	160	3	253	5	1,570	33	2,598	54	236	5
Total	13,276	100	449	3	648	5	4,684	35	6,867	52	628	5
All indictable offences												
White	37,852	100	1,197	3	976	3	12,369	33	21,718	57	1,592	4
Black	5,046	100	148	3	130	3	1,151	23	3,456	68	161	3
Asian	2,892	100	119	4	133	5	862	30	1,665	58	113	4
Other	1,574	100	62	4	52	3	382	24	1,013	64	65	4
Unknown	25,207	100	759	3	619	2	7,150	28	15,638	62	1,041	4
Total	72,571	100	2,285	3	1,910	3	21,914	30	43,490	60	2,972	4

(1) Includes defendants found guilty at the magistrates' court and committed for sentence to the Crown Court

Chapter 7

Youth Offending

Introduction

The Youth Justice Board for England & Wales maintains oversight of the operation of the Youth Offending Teams (YOTs) and the youth justice system as a whole. Part of their function is to monitor the operation of the youth offending teams and the provision of youth justice services. Monitoring systems that were introduced when the Board was established in April 2000 included the collection of the ethnicity of young offenders based upon self-classification and the 2001 Census classification system (see Appendix B for details). The results presented here give only the main categories derived from this 16+1 system, i.e. White, Mixed, Black, Asian and 'Other'. Figures are given for England & Wales as a whole, as well as the ten police force areas with the largest ethnicity minority populations.

Main findings

In 2003, 283,639 offences involving offenders aged 10-17 was dealt with by Youth Offending Teams for both indictable and summary offences compared with 266,119 in 2002 up (6.6%). Of these cases, 83.5% of defendants classified their ethnicity as White, 6.3% as Black, 3.1% as Asian, 1.7% Mixed and 1.2% 'Other'. Ethnicity was unknown for 4.3% of defendants (Table 7.1). There was an increase in the level of over-representation of Black defendants for drugs offences compared to 2002. Young Black people were substantially over-represented compared with White people for robbery offences, with defendants of Asian and Mixed ethnic background also showing some over-representation for the same offence. These patterns are similar to those evident in both 2001 and 2002.

Pre-court decisions were made on 76,019 offences in 2003 (Table 7.2). Of these, 86% involved White people, 5% involved Black people, 3% Asian, 1% Mixed and 1% 'Other', with 4% unknown. These proportions are similar to the pattern observed in such decisions in 2002, and for arrests in 2003/4. They are constant across all three types of decisions reported here, with differences of only a few percentage points. On average, nearly two-thirds (63.5%) of pre-court decisions on offences involving young offenders in 2003 attracted a reprimand, 7.4% a final warning without intervention and the remaining third (29.1%) a final warning with intervention. The proportions for the latter two types of decisions are different to those in 2002.

The proportions allocated to each of these decisions varied between ethnic groups, particularly in respect of reprimands and final warnings with intervention. Offences involving young offenders of Mixed ethnicity were less likely to get a reprimand (54.3%) than offences committed by those in other ethnic groups (range 62.6% – 72.4%); conversely offences involving those of Mixed ethnicity were more likely (36.6%) than other groups to attract a final warning with intervention (range 16.9% – 29.9%).

Remand decisions were made on 119,008 offences in 2003 (Table 7.3). In these cases, 10.1% of defendants described themselves as Black, 3.4% Asian, 2.2% Mixed, and 1.4% 'Other', with 4.3% recorded as Unknown. These proportions are mostly similar to those in 2002. However, there was a one percentage point rise in the proportion of Black youths remanded. Overall, 55.7% of offences involving young offenders resulted in unconditional bail and 31.5% conditional bail, 5.3%

attracted remand in custody, 3.4% were given bail supervision with support was given in 3.4% of cases, and remands to local authority accommodation 2.0%.

The most noticeable differences between ethnic groups are in relation to offences where unconditional bail was imposed: 46.3% of offences involving Black and 47.4% of Mixed ethnicity resulted in unconditional bail, compared to 54.8% of cases involving Asian people and 56.5% of White people. Specifically, of those cases where bail was given, 65% of White and 61% of Asian youths were given unconditional bail, compared with 57% of Black youths and 59% of those of Mixed origin. The reverse was true for offences involving remands in custody. 8.2% of Black defendants and 8.0% of those of Mixed origin, were remanded in custody, compared to 5.2% for Asian people and 5.0% for White people.

The Youth Justice Board recorded information on 102,265 offences involving young offenders sentenced in 2003 of which 7.1% were by Black people, 2.9% Asian, 2.0% Mixed and 1.3% 'Other', with 3.9% Unknown (Table 7.4). This distribution is similar to that in 2002, although the proportion of 'Unknown' ethnicity has fallen from 5.6%. Overall, in 2003, 26.7% of disposals for offences involving young offenders handed down by the courts were for Referral Orders, 24.6% community sentences, 11.9% fines, 5.0% Action Plan Orders (APOs), with 11.5% accounted for by an absolute or conditional discharge. Whilst offences committed by offenders from the Asian and 'Other' ethnic categories were more likely to be attract a Referral Order, the use of fines did not differ significantly across ethnic groups.

Table 7.1 Percentage of offences dealt with by Youth Offending Teams by offence group and self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Police force area and offence group	Ethnicity of person						Total (=100%)
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown	
Bedfordshire							
Violence against the person	70.7	4.4	16.5	6.4	0.8	1.3	389
Burglary	84.9	3.4	5.0	3.4	3.4	0.0	179
Robbery	61.5	7.7	19.2	11.5	0.0	0.0	52
Theft and handling (exc. vehicle theft)	73.0	4.7	14.0	7.1	0.9	0.3	785
Vehicle theft	67.1	4.1	13.0	15.8	0.0	0.0	146
Criminal damage	77.5	6.8	8.9	5.1	1.4	0.3	293
Drugs offence	87.9	0.0	6.1	3.0	3.0	0.0	33
Public order	73.2	1.8	11.6	11.6	0.9	0.9	112
Racially aggravated offences	60.0	0.0	10.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	10
Other	71.5	2.1	11.1	12.8	1.8	0.7	854
Total	73.1	3.9	12.2	9.0	1.3	0.5	2,853
Greater Manchester							
Violence against the person	84.5	1.9	4.8	4.4	0.5	3.9	1,974
Burglary	89.4	1.6	2.6	2.5	0.2	3.7	808
Robbery	71.7	2.4	8.8	9.1	3.3	4.6	452
Theft and handling (exc. vehicle theft)	83.9	1.3	3.5	4.1	1.2	6.1	2,313
Vehicle theft	87.4	2.2	2.5	3.7	0.6	3.7	896
Criminal damage	90.4	1.7	2.3	1.2	0.4	3.9	1,622
Drugs offence	80.3	1.1	5.4	5.3	0.5	7.4	625
Public order	84.3	1.2	4.7	2.2	0.4	7.1	1,168
Racially aggravated offences	81.9	1.6	7.1	6.3	0.8	2.4	127
Other	76.8	1.9	3.8	6.8	0.8	9.9	7,380
Total	81.6	1.7	3.9	5.0	0.8	7.1	17,365
Hertfordshire							
Violence against the person	86.4	0.2	8.5	2.1	1.3	1.5	471
Burglary	91.6	1.2	1.8	0.6	3.0	1.8	167
Robbery	55.6	0.0	22.2	11.1	11.1	0.0	27
Theft and handling (exc. vehicle theft)	88.2	0.6	5.8	2.7	1.9	0.9	862
Vehicle theft	92.6	0.9	4.1	0.9	0.5	0.9	217
Criminal damage	93.8	0.0	3.1	1.0	0.8	1.2	486
Drugs offence	87.8	0.9	7.0	1.7	0.4	2.2	229
Public order	92.1	0.5	4.2	2.1	0.5	0.5	190
Racially aggravated offences	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26
Other	86.9	0.5	3.9	4.4	0.9	3.4	1,282
Total	88.7	0.5	5.0	2.7	1.2	1.9	3,957

Table 7.1 cont. Percentage of offences dealt with by Youth Offending Teams by offence group and self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Police force area and offence group	Ethnicity of person						Total (=100%)
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown	
Lancashire							
Violence against the person	88.8	0.8	1.7	3.0	0.2	5.5	1,164
Burglary	94.5	1.1	0.5	0.6	0.0	3.4	649
Robbery	75.4	6.1	0.9	9.6	0.0	7.9	114
Theft and handling (exc. vehicle theft)	90.4	1.5	0.4	3.0	0.1	4.6	1,379
Vehicle theft	90.9	0.6	1.5	2.1	0.0	4.9	473
Criminal damage	92.4	0.6	1.0	1.5	0.2	4.4	1,023
Drugs offence	87.0	2.8	1.1	4.7	0.0	4.4	361
Public order	91.3	0.6	0.8	1.4	0.2	5.8	903
Racially aggravated offences	81.6	6.1	0.0	6.1	0.0	6.1	49
Other	84.9	0.8	0.7	5.3	0.1	8.1	3,208
Total	88.6	1.1	0.9	3.4	0.1	6.0	9,323
Leicestershire							
Violence against the person	84.6	4.5	4.8	5.6	0.3	0.2	663
Burglary	87.1	4.1	3.1	4.6	1.0	0.0	194
Robbery	54.5	5.7	13.6	26.1	0.0	0.0	88
Theft and handling (exc. vehicle theft)	80.1	3.0	6.7	8.7	1.0	0.0	869
Vehicle theft	82.3	7.0	6.5	4.3	0.0	0.0	186
Criminal damage	88.8	3.7	2.9	2.7	1.0	1.0	519
Drugs offence	74.5	6.5	6.5	12.0	0.5	0.0	184
Public order	89.1	1.4	4.5	4.2	0.6	0.3	359
Racially aggravated offences	97.3	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	37
Other	83.6	4.1	4.2	7.2	0.4	0.5	2,292
Total	83.4	4.0	4.8	6.8	0.6	0.4	5,391
Metropolitan Police ⁽¹⁾							
Violence against the person	48.1	4.8	31.9	6.5	3.7	5.0	3,293
Burglary	64.7	5.4	20.0	4.8	3.0	2.2	1,109
Robbery	25.0	7.1	52.8	7.4	2.7	5.0	1,377
Theft and handling (exc. vehicle theft)	49.2	3.8	27.4	7.1	7.3	5.3	4,692
Vehicle theft	58.5	4.2	22.1	7.8	3.0	4.4	1,889
Criminal damage	69.0	3.0	17.0	5.0	2.4	3.6	1,947
Drugs offence	49.1	3.9	31.9	7.8	3.0	4.2	2,510
Public order	51.0	4.1	27.1	7.7	4.5	5.7	1,168
Racially aggravated offences	63.6	3.9	25.6	4.7	0.8	1.6	129
Other	46.9	4.6	27.1	8.3	4.9	8.2	12,054
Total	49.6	4.5	28.0	7.4	4.5	6.0	30,168

(1) Includes City of London.

Table 7.1 cont. Percentage of offences dealt with by Youth Offending Teams by offence group and self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Police force area and offence group	Ethnicity of person						Total (=100%)
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown	
Nottinghamshire							
Violence against the person	82.6	3.7	6.9	1.9	0.0	4.9	1,118
Burglary	83.2	2.9	6.8	2.2	0.5	4.4	411
Robbery	58.5	7.1	15.8	8.2	0.0	10.4	183
Theft and handling (exc. vehicle theft)	83.1	2.7	6.3	2.5	0.9	4.5	1,354
Vehicle theft	82.9	5.1	6.3	1.6	0.0	4.1	492
Criminal damage	90.1	1.0	1.9	0.7	0.1	6.1	700
Drugs offence	73.7	4.3	9.4	3.2	0.0	9.4	278
Public order	85.5	1.8	3.5	2.6	0.0	6.6	228
Racially aggravated offences	82.8	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	29
Other	75.8	5.2	7.1	2.9	0.5	8.5	3,282
Total	79.9	4.0	6.6	2.5	0.4	6.6	8,075
Thames Valley							
Violence against the person	77.9	1.2	10.1	2.7	0.6	7.5	1,093
Burglary	83.3	1.5	4.6	3.1	1.5	5.9	390
Robbery	65.8	4.5	17.1	10.8	0.0	1.8	111
Theft and handling (exc. vehicle theft)	79.7	1.1	5.6	3.8	1.1	8.6	1,570
Vehicle theft	79.0	1.9	11.7	2.3	0.5	4.7	429
Criminal damage	86.5	1.2	4.0	2.1	0.7	5.5	869
Drugs offence	76.8	0.8	6.4	3.6	1.7	10.6	358
Public order	79.6	2.1	4.9	4.4	0.5	8.6	431
Racially aggravated offences	77.5	0.0	7.5	0.0	0.0	15.0	40
Other	75.5	1.0	7.8	4.3	2.6	8.8	2,454
Total	78.7	1.2	7.2	3.6	1.4	7.8	7,745
West Midlands							
Violence against the person	71.9	1.4	14.3	7.5	0.7	4.2	3,354
Burglary	81.8	1.2	8.8	4.4	0.5	3.4	855
Robbery	29.4	5.9	36.7	14.4	0.5	13.1	596
Theft and handling (exc. vehicle theft)	72.8	1.1	11.5	7.4	2.4	4.8	3,122
Vehicle theft	75.6	2.3	9.6	7.9	0.8	3.9	1,139
Criminal damage	82.0	1.3	8.1	3.6	0.8	4.3	1,669
Drugs offence	64.5	0.7	17.9	10.5	1.0	5.5	889
Public order	73.6	1.2	10.6	6.9	1.3	6.6	1,267
Racially aggravated offences	66.3	0.6	13.5	12.9	0.0	6.7	163
Other	66.8	2.0	13.1	9.0	1.2	7.9	7,019
Total	70.2	1.7	13.0	7.9	1.2	6.0	20,073

Table 7.1 cont. Percentage of offences dealt with by Youth Offending Teams by offence group and self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Police force area and offence group	Ethnicity of person						Total (=100%)
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown	
West Yorkshire							
Violence against the person	83.5	1.0	7.2	6.8	0.5	0.9	2,138
Burglary	89.4	2.1	4.2	2.4	0.8	1.0	862
Robbery	69.6	5.0	13.7	8.1	0.6	3.1	358
Theft and handling (exc. vehicle theft)	81.2	0.8	4.7	9.5	1.7	2.1	2,167
Vehicle theft	87.2	1.3	4.0	6.2	0.0	1.4	1,154
Criminal damage	90.0	1.3	3.4	4.1	0.4	0.8	1,591
Drugs offence	60.8	5.3	23.9	7.3	0.5	2.2	590
Public order	84.0	2.0	7.2	5.3	0.6	1.0	892
Racially aggravated offences	72.7	1.8	7.3	18.2	0.0	0.0	110
Other	80.9	2.0	4.9	9.7	0.4	2.1	5,345
Total	82.3	1.8	6.0	7.7	0.6	1.6	15,207
Other forces							
Violence against the person	91.4	1.2	2.5	0.8	0.9	3.2	23,448
Burglary	94.2	0.9	1.4	0.4	0.7	2.4	7,290
Robbery	81.2	4.8	7.7	2.6	0.5	3.1	1,304
Theft and handling (exc. vehicle theft)	92.5	0.8	1.6	1.0	0.9	3.2	28,632
Vehicle theft	93.1	1.0	1.7	0.6	0.5	3.1	7,558
Criminal damage	93.3	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.7	3.5	19,282
Drugs offence	91.4	0.8	2.9	0.8	0.7	3.4	7,630
Public order	93.0	0.8	1.7	0.8	0.6	3.1	12,752
Racially aggravated offences	92.8	0.9	2.1	1.1	0.5	2.5	795
Other	91.0	1.0	1.9	1.0	0.7	4.3	54,791
Total	91.9	1.0	1.9	0.8	0.7	3.6	163,482
England & Wales							
Violence against the person	84.2	1.7	6.9	2.7	1.0	3.5	39,105
Burglary	89.3	1.6	4.0	1.5	0.9	2.6	12,914
Robbery	53.9	5.6	26.0	7.6	1.4	5.3	4,662
Theft and handling (exc. vehicle theft)	84.6	1.3	5.6	3.0	1.7	3.7	47,745
Vehicle theft	85.2	1.9	5.8	3.1	0.8	3.3	14,579
Criminal damage	90.2	1.1	3.1	1.3	0.8	3.5	30,001
Drugs offence	78.9	1.8	10.5	3.6	1.1	4.1	13,687
Public order	87.6	1.2	4.4	2.2	0.9	3.8	19,470
Racially aggravated offences	84.2	1.4	6.3	4.7	0.5	3.0	1,515
Other	80.9	1.9	6.5	3.9	1.3	5.6	99,961
Total	83.5	1.7	6.3	3.1	1.2	4.3	283,639

Table 7.2 Pre-court decisions for offences where defendants aged 10-17 by decision and self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Decision	Ethnicity of offender						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown	
Bedfordshire							
<u>Number</u>							
Police reprimand	475	32	68	62	5	7	649
Final warning without intervention	44	5	2	5	3	0	59
Final warning with intervention	251	12	33	48	5	0	349
Total	770	49	103	115	13	7	1057
<u>Percentage</u>							
<i>Police Reprimand</i>	61.7	65.3	66.0	53.9	38.5	100.0	61.4
<i>Final warning without intervention</i>	5.7	10.2	1.9	4.3	23.1	0.0	5.6
<i>Final warning with intervention</i>	32.6	24.5	32.0	41.7	38.5	0.0	33.0
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Greater Manchester							
<u>Number</u>							
Police reprimand	1,401	3	36	76	8	153	1,677
Final warning without intervention	194	1	12	8	1	11	227
Final warning with intervention	872	5	26	39	4	45	991
Total	2,467	9	74	123	13	209	2,895
<u>Percentage</u>							
<i>Police Reprimand</i>	56.8	33.3	48.6	61.8	61.5	73.2	57.9
<i>Final warning without intervention</i>	7.9	11.1	16.2	6.5	7.7	5.3	7.8
<i>Final warning with intervention</i>	35.3	55.6	35.1	31.7	30.8	21.5	34.2
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hertfordshire							
<u>Number</u>							
Police reprimand	810	1	51	21	12	20	915
Final warning without intervention	12	0	0	0	0	0	12
Final warning with intervention	349	2	25	10	5	9	400
Total	1,171	3	76	31	17	29	1,327
<u>Percentage</u>							
<i>Police Reprimand</i>	69.2	33.3	67.1	67.7	70.6	69.0	69.0
<i>Final warning without intervention</i>	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
<i>Final warning with intervention</i>	29.8	66.7	32.9	32.3	29.4	31.0	30.1
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lancashire							
<u>Number</u>							
Police reprimand	1,381	3	8	59	2	51	1,504
Final warning without intervention	191	3	4	3	1	5	207
Final warning with intervention	710	2	9	20	3	30	774
Total	2,282	8	21	82	6	86	2,485
<u>Percentage</u>							
<i>Police Reprimand</i>	60.5	37.5	38.1	72.0	33.3	59.3	60.5
<i>Final warning without intervention</i>	8.4	37.5	19.0	3.7	16.7	5.8	8.3
<i>Final warning with intervention</i>	31.1	25.0	42.9	24.4	50.0	34.9	31.1
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 7.2 cont. Pre-court decisions for offences where defendants aged 10-17 by decision and self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Decision	Ethnicity of offender						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown	
Leicestershire							
<u>Number</u>							
Police reprimand	651	4	33	86	10	9	793
Final warning without intervention	106	0	2	17	4	0	129
Final warning with intervention	245	1	14	37	5	0	302
Total	1,002	5	49	140	19	9	1,224
<u>Percentage</u>							
Police Reprimand	65.0	80.0	67.3	61.4	52.6	100.0	64.8
Final warning without intervention	10.6	0.0	4.1	12.1	21.1	0.0	10.5
Final warning with intervention	24.5	20.0	28.6	26.4	26.3	0.0	24.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Metropolitan Police⁽¹⁾							
<u>Number</u>							
Police reprimand	2,385	64	1,020	361	132	251	4,213
Final warning without intervention	235	13	126	38	15	26	453
Final warning with intervention	1,108	49	465	176	61	57	1,916
Total	3,728	126	1,611	575	208	334	6,582
<u>Percentage</u>							
Police Reprimand	64.0	50.8	63.3	62.8	63.5	75.1	64.0
Final warning without intervention	6.3	10.3	7.8	6.6	7.2	7.8	6.9
Final warning with intervention	29.7	38.9	28.9	30.6	29.3	17.1	29.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nottinghamshire							
<u>Number</u>							
Police reprimand	1,321	7	105	32	2	81	1,548
Final warning without intervention	50	0	1	2	0	1	54
Final warning with intervention	345	1	7	11	0	10	374
Total	1,716	8	113	45	2	92	1,976
<u>Percentage</u>							
Police Reprimand	77.0	87.5	92.9	71.1	100.0	88.0	78.3
Final warning without intervention	2.9	0.0	0.9	4.4	0.0	1.1	2.7
Final warning with intervention	20.1	12.5	6.2	24.4	0.0	10.9	18.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Thames Valley							
<u>Number</u>							
Police reprimand	1,151	7	78	61	12	208	1,517
Final warning without intervention	208	2	14	16	1	128	369
Final warning with intervention	673	3	63	31	7	42	819
Total	2,032	12	155	108	20	378	2,705
<u>Percentage</u>							
Police Reprimand	56.6	58.3	50.3	56.5	60.0	55.0	56.1
Final warning without intervention	10.2	16.7	9.0	14.8	5.0	33.9	13.6
Final warning with intervention	33.1	25.0	40.6	28.7	35.0	11.1	30.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(1) Includes City of London

Table 7.2 cont. Pre-court decisions for offences where defendants aged 10-17 by decision and self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Decision	Ethnicity of offender						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown	
West Midlands							
<u>Number</u>							
Police reprimand	2,424	13	292	261	35	84	3,109
Final warning without intervention	488	1	87	57	10	31	674
Final warning with intervention	1,058	21	139	117	11	25	1,371
Total	3,970	35	518	435	56	140	5,154
<u>Percentage</u>							
<i>Police Reprimand</i>	61.1	37.1	56.4	60.0	62.5	60.0	60.3
<i>Final warning without intervention</i>	12.3	2.9	16.8	13.1	17.9	22.1	13.1
<i>Final warning with intervention</i>	26.6	60.0	26.8	26.9	19.6	17.9	26.6
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
West Yorkshire							
<u>Number</u>							
Police reprimand	2,788	5	158	328	24	32	3,335
Final warning without intervention	157	0	12	10	0	7	186
Final warning with intervention	843	2	50	81	14	24	1,014
Total	3,788	7	220	419	38	63	4,535
<u>Percentage</u>							
<i>Police Reprimand</i>	73.6	71.4	71.8	78.3	63.2	50.8	73.5
<i>Final warning without intervention</i>	4.1	0.0	5.5	2.4	0.0	11.1	4.1
<i>Final warning with intervention</i>	22.3	28.6	22.7	19.3	36.8	38.1	22.4
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Other forces							
<u>Number</u>							
Police reprimand	26,415	152	340	281	267	1,557	29,012
Final warning without intervention	2,933	24	60	26	23	160	3,226
Final warning with intervention	13,051	98	159	118	90	325	13,841
Total	42,399	274	559	425	380	2,042	46,079
<u>Percentage</u>							
<i>Police Reprimand</i>	62.3	55.5	60.8	66.1	70.3	76.2	63.0
<i>Final warning without intervention</i>	6.9	8.8	10.7	6.1	6.1	7.8	7.0
<i>Final warning with intervention</i>	30.8	35.8	28.4	27.8	23.7	15.9	30.0
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
England & Wales							
<u>Number</u>							
Police reprimand	41,202	291	2,189	1,628	509	2,453	48,272
Final warning without intervention	4,618	49	320	182	58	369	5,596
Final warning with intervention	19,505	196	990	688	205	567	22,151
Total	65,325	536	3,499	2,498	772	3,389	76,019
<u>Percentage</u>							
<i>Police Reprimand</i>	63.1	54.3	62.6	65.2	65.9	72.4	63.5
<i>Final warning without intervention</i>	7.1	9.1	9.1	7.3	7.5	10.9	7.4
<i>Final warning with intervention</i>	29.9	36.6	28.3	27.5	26.6	16.7	29.1
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 7.3 Remand decisions and episodes offences where defendants aged 10-17 by self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Remand decision	Ethnicity of offender						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown	
Bedfordshire							
<u>Number</u>							
Unconditional bail	444	22	92	50	10	14	632
Conditional bail	198	12	49	25	3	1	288
Bail supervision & support	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Local authority accommodation	7	1	2	0	0	0	10
Court ordered remand	12	0	2	0	0	0	14
Remand in custody	25	1	12	4	0	0	42
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	10	0	3	0	0	0	13
Total	700	36	160	79	13	15	1,003
<u>Percentage</u>							
Unconditional bail	63.4	61.1	57.5	63.3	76.9	93.3	63.0
Conditional bail	28.3	33.3	30.6	31.6	23.1	6.7	28.7
Bail supervision & support	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Local authority accommodation	1.0	2.8	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Court ordered remand	1.7	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
Remand in custody	3.6	2.8	7.5	5.1	0.0	0.0	4.2
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	1.4	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Greater Manchester							
<u>Number</u>							
Unconditional bail	3,945	94	287	206	30	463	5,025
Conditional bail	2,983	82	195	148	20	196	3,624
Bail supervision & support	297	6	27	9	2	9	350
Local authority accommodation	94	0	1	0	0	1	96
Court ordered remand	86	2	1	0	2	1	92
Remand in custody	469	20	47	22	11	11	580
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	118	7	8	5	3	6	147
Total	7,992	211	566	390	68	687	9,914
<u>Percentage</u>							
Unconditional bail	49.4	44.5	50.7	52.8	44.1	67.4	50.7
Conditional bail	37.3	38.9	34.5	37.9	29.4	28.5	36.6
Bail supervision & support	3.7	2.8	4.8	2.3	2.9	1.3	3.5
Local authority accommodation	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.0
Court ordered remand	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.0	2.9	0.1	0.9
Remand in custody	5.9	9.5	8.3	5.6	16.2	1.6	5.9
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	1.5	3.3	1.4	1.3	4.4	0.9	1.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hertfordshire							
<u>Number</u>							
Unconditional bail	662	8	53	29	13	19	784
Conditional bail	206	0	13	9	12	1	241
Bail supervision & support	7	0	1	0	0	1	9
Local authority accommodation	18	0	1	3	1	0	23
Court ordered remand	6	0	3	0	0	0	9
Remand in custody	33	0	0	0	0	0	33
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	932	8	71	41	26	21	1,099
<u>Percentage</u>							
Unconditional bail	71.0	100.0	74.6	70.7	50.0	90.5	71.3
Conditional bail	22.1	0.0	18.3	22.0	46.2	4.8	21.9
Bail supervision & support	0.8	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.8
Local authority accommodation	1.9	0.0	1.4	7.3	3.8	0.0	2.1
Court ordered remand	0.6	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Remand in custody	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(1) Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Programme.

(2) Includes City of London.

Table 7.3 cont. Remand decisions and episodes offences where defendants aged 10-17 by self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Remand decision	Ethnicity of offender						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown	
Lancashire							
<u>Number</u>							
Unconditional bail	812	7	12	24	1	20	876
Conditional bail	657	6	24	25	0	33	745
Bail supervision & support	205	5	6	9	0	4	229
Local authority accommodation	89	1	2	2	0	0	94
Court ordered remand	19	0	1	0	0	0	20
Remand in custody	75	8	0	5	0	1	89
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
Total	1,874	27	45	65	1	58	2,070
<u>Percentage</u>							
Unconditional bail	43.3	25.9	26.7	36.9	100.0	34.5	42.3
Conditional bail	35.1	22.2	53.3	38.5	0.0	56.9	36.0
Bail supervision & support	10.9	18.5	13.3	13.8	0.0	6.9	11.1
Local authority accommodation	4.7	3.7	4.4	3.1	0.0	0.0	4.5
Court ordered remand	1.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Remand in custody	4.0	29.6	0.0	7.7	0.0	1.7	4.3
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Leicestershire							
<u>Number</u>							
Unconditional bail	1,067	47	78	92	4	2	1,290
Conditional bail	482	32	31	38	1	0	584
Bail supervision & support	64	2	3	3	0	1	73
Local authority accommodation	25	7	1	0	2	0	35
Court ordered remand	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Remand in custody	56	6	4	3	0	0	69
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	11	3	0	0	0	0	14
Total	1,713	97	117	136	7	3	2,073
<u>Percentage</u>							
Unconditional bail	62.3	48.5	66.7	67.6	57.1	66.7	62.2
Conditional bail	28.1	33.0	26.5	27.9	14.3	0.0	28.2
Bail supervision & support	3.7	2.1	2.6	2.2	0.0	33.3	3.5
Local authority accommodation	1.5	7.2	0.9	0.0	28.6	0.0	1.7
Court ordered remand	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Remand in custody	3.3	6.2	3.4	2.2	0.0	0.0	3.3
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	0.6	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Metropolitan Police⁽²⁾							
<u>Number</u>							
Unconditional bail	3,836	414	2,681	559	370	811	8,671
Conditional bail	2,491	322	2,334	403	306	399	6,255
Bail supervision & support	249	58	341	37	34	25	744
Local authority accommodation	177	18	196	5	18	6	420
Court ordered remand	72	21	139	5	3	4	244
Remand in custody	392	64	561	62	52	27	1,158
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	94	21	113	25	17	5	275
Total	7,311	918	6,365	1,096	800	1,277	17,767
<u>Percentage</u>							
Unconditional bail	52.5	45.1	42.1	51.0	46.3	63.5	48.8
Conditional bail	34.1	35.1	36.7	36.8	38.3	31.2	35.2
Bail supervision & support	3.4	6.3	5.4	3.4	4.3	2.0	4.2
Local authority accommodation	2.4	2.0	3.1	0.5	2.3	0.5	2.4
Court ordered remand	1.0	2.3	2.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	1.4
Remand in custody	5.4	7.0	8.8	5.7	6.5	2.1	6.5
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	1.3	2.3	1.8	2.3	2.1	0.4	1.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(1) Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Programme. (2) Includes City of London.

Table 7.3 cont. Remand decisions and episodes offences where defendants aged 10-17 by self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Remand decision	Ethnicity of offender						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown	
Nottinghamshire							
<u>Number</u>							
Unconditional bail	1,851	92	158	71	22	13	2,207
Conditional bail	593	50	68	37	5	2	755
Bail supervision & support	65	6	9	3	0	0	83
Local authority accommodation	41	2	6	0	0	1	50
Court ordered remand	18	1	1	0	0	0	20
Remand in custody	149	13	14	4	0	0	180
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	24	2	9	4	0	0	39
Total	2,741	166	265	119	27	16	3,334
<u>Percentage</u>							
Unconditional bail	67.5	55.4	59.6	59.7	81.5	81.3	66.2
Conditional bail	21.6	30.1	25.7	31.1	18.5	12.5	22.6
Bail supervision & support	2.4	3.6	3.4	2.5	0.0	0.0	2.5
Local authority accommodation	1.5	1.2	2.3	0.0	0.0	6.3	1.5
Court ordered remand	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Remand in custody	5.4	7.8	5.3	3.4	0.0	0.0	5.4
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	0.9	1.2	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0	1.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Thames Valley							
<u>Number</u>							
Unconditional bail	1,288	30	175	82	35	130	1,740
Conditional bail	567	20	110	32	14	30	773
Bail supervision & support	56	2	12	6	0	4	80
Local authority accommodation	23	1	0	0	0	1	25
Court ordered remand	17	0	1	0	0	0	18
Remand in custody	113	10	22	5	1	3	154
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	13	0	3	0	0	0	16
Total	2,077	63	323	125	50	168	2,806
<u>Percentage</u>							
Unconditional bail	62.0	47.6	54.2	65.6	70.0	77.4	62.0
Conditional bail	27.3	31.7	34.1	25.6	28.0	17.9	27.5
Bail supervision & support	2.7	3.2	3.7	4.8	0.0	2.4	2.9
Local authority accommodation	1.1	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.9
Court ordered remand	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Remand in custody	5.4	15.9	6.8	4.0	2.0	1.8	5.5
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	0.6	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
West Midlands							
<u>Number</u>							
Unconditional bail	4,079	145	946	522	57	574	6,323
Conditional bail	2,112	77	627	322	21	231	3,390
Bail supervision & support	132	7	55	32	0	10	236
Local authority accommodation	92	2	25	9	0	2	130
Court ordered remand	40	6	26	8	0	1	81
Remand in custody	497	36	150	40	13	18	754
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	52	6	17	5	1	3	84
Total	7,004	279	1,846	938	92	839	10,998
<u>Percentage</u>							
Unconditional bail	58.2	52.0	51.2	55.7	62.0	68.4	57.5
Conditional bail	30.2	27.6	34.0	34.3	22.8	27.5	30.8
Bail supervision & support	1.9	2.5	3.0	3.4	0.0	1.2	2.1
Local authority accommodation	1.3	0.7	1.4	1.0	0.0	0.2	1.2
Court ordered remand	0.6	2.2	1.4	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.7
Remand in custody	7.1	12.9	8.1	4.3	14.1	2.1	6.9
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	0.7	2.2	0.9	0.5	1.1	0.4	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(1) Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Programme.

Table 7.3 cont. Remand decisions and episodes offences where defendants aged 10-17 by self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Remand decision	Ethnicity of offender						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown	
West Yorkshire							
<u>Number</u>							
Unconditional bail	2,429	57	279	254	30	53	3,102
Conditional bail	1,824	55	190	149	18	32	2,268
Bail supervision & support	160	5	17	14	7	0	203
Local authority accommodation	261	5	13	1	4	2	286
Court ordered remand	69	2	6	2	1	0	80
Remand in custody	362	18	79	30	6	7	502
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	108	3	16	4	2	0	133
Total	5,213	145	600	454	68	94	6,574
<u>Percentage</u>							
<i>Unconditional bail</i>	<i>46.6</i>	<i>39.3</i>	<i>46.5</i>	<i>55.9</i>	<i>44.1</i>	<i>56.4</i>	<i>47.2</i>
<i>Conditional bail</i>	<i>35.0</i>	<i>37.9</i>	<i>31.7</i>	<i>32.8</i>	<i>26.5</i>	<i>34.0</i>	<i>34.5</i>
<i>Bail supervision & support</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>3.1</i>
<i>Local authority accommodation</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>4.4</i>
<i>Court ordered remand</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>1.2</i>
<i>Remand in custody</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>12.4</i>	<i>13.2</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>7.6</i>
<i>ISSP bail⁽¹⁾</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>2.0</i>
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Other forces							
<u>Number</u>							
Unconditional bail	32,419	334	817	323	292	1,465	35,650
Conditional bail	16,891	223	601	204	147	458	18,524
Bail supervision & support	1,925	44	62	21	22	12	2,086
Local authority accommodation	1,088	28	45	0	16	8	1,185
Court ordered remand	467	7	24	1	12	4	515
Remand in custody	2,479	35	102	36	29	17	2,698
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	650	16	30	7	4	5	712
Total	55,919	687	1,681	592	522	1,969	61,370
<u>Percentage</u>							
<i>Unconditional bail</i>	<i>58.0</i>	<i>48.6</i>	<i>48.6</i>	<i>54.6</i>	<i>55.9</i>	<i>74.4</i>	<i>58.1</i>
<i>Conditional bail</i>	<i>30.2</i>	<i>32.5</i>	<i>35.8</i>	<i>34.5</i>	<i>28.2</i>	<i>23.3</i>	<i>30.2</i>
<i>Bail supervision & support</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>3.4</i>
<i>Local authority accommodation</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>1.9</i>
<i>Court ordered remand</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.8</i>
<i>Remand in custody</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>4.4</i>
<i>ISSP bail⁽¹⁾</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>1.2</i>
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
England & Wales							
<u>Number</u>							
Unconditional bail	52,832	1,250	5,578	2,212	864	3,564	66,300
Conditional bail	29,004	879	4,242	1,392	547	1,383	37,447
Bail supervision & support	3,164	135	533	134	65	66	4,097
Local authority accommodation	1,915	65	292	20	41	21	2,354
Court ordered remand	814	39	204	16	18	10	1,101
Remand in custody	4,650	211	991	211	112	84	6,259
ISSP bail ⁽¹⁾	1,097	58	199	50	27	19	1,450
Total	93,476	2,637	12,039	4,035	1,674	5,147	119,008
<u>Percentage</u>							
<i>Unconditional bail</i>	<i>56.5</i>	<i>47.4</i>	<i>46.3</i>	<i>54.8</i>	<i>51.6</i>	<i>69.2</i>	<i>55.7</i>
<i>Conditional bail</i>	<i>31.0</i>	<i>33.3</i>	<i>35.2</i>	<i>34.5</i>	<i>32.7</i>	<i>26.9</i>	<i>31.5</i>
<i>Bail supervision & support</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>3.4</i>
<i>Local authority accommodation</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>2.0</i>
<i>Court ordered remand</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.9</i>
<i>Remand in custody</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>5.3</i>
<i>ISSP bail⁽¹⁾</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>1.2</i>
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(1) Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Programme.

Table 7.4 Sentencing for offences committed by 10-17 year olds by self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Sentence	Ethnicity of offender						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Bedfordshire							
<u>Number</u>							
Referral Order	158	4	23	19	5	0	209
Absolute discharge	19	0	1	2	0	0	22
Conditional discharge	58	1	13	5	0	1	78
Fine	40	2	8	8	2	2	62
Compensation Order	62	2	7	8	1	0	80
Action Plan Order	29	2	4	2	0	0	37
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	142	12	21	13	2	0	190
Custody	45	2	13	3	0	0	63
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	18	0	3	0	1	0	22
Total	571	25	93	60	11	3	763
<u>Percentage</u>							
Referral Order	27.7	16.0	24.7	31.7	45.5	0.0	27.4
Absolute discharge	3.3	0.0	1.1	3.3	0.0	0.0	2.9
Conditional discharge	10.2	4.0	14.0	8.3	0.0	33.3	10.2
Fine	7.0	8.0	8.6	13.3	18.2	66.7	8.1
Compensation Order	10.9	8.0	7.5	13.3	9.1	0.0	10.5
Action Plan Order	5.1	8.0	4.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	4.8
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	24.9	48.0	22.6	21.7	18.2	0.0	24.9
Custody	7.9	8.0	14.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	8.3
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	3.2	0.0	3.2	0.0	9.1	0.0	2.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Greater Manchester							
<u>Number</u>							
Referral Order	1,480	30	66	102	16	129	1,823
Absolute discharge	182	0	9	8	5	63	267
Conditional discharge	563	15	34	26	7	43	688
Fine	555	14	44	31	6	96	746
Compensation Order	291	6	8	10	0	13	328
Action Plan Order	306	3	8	3	5	9	334
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	1,666	45	91	64	16	53	1,935
Custody	503	21	35	28	3	7	597
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	306	4	10	6	1	18	345
Total	5,852	138	305	278	59	431	7,063
<u>Percentage</u>							
Referral Order	25.3	21.7	21.6	36.7	27.1	29.9	25.8
Absolute discharge	3.1	0.0	3.0	2.9	8.5	14.6	3.8
Conditional discharge	9.6	10.9	11.1	9.4	11.9	10.0	9.7
Fine	9.5	10.1	14.4	11.2	10.2	22.3	10.6
Compensation Order	5.0	4.3	2.6	3.6	0.0	3.0	4.6
Action Plan Order	5.2	2.2	2.6	1.1	8.5	2.1	4.7
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	28.5	32.6	29.8	23.0	27.1	12.3	27.4
Custody	8.6	15.2	11.5	10.1	5.1	1.6	8.5
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	5.2	2.9	3.3	2.2	1.7	4.2	4.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(1) Includes: Attendance Centre Order, Supervision Order, Community Punishment Order, Community Rehabilitation Order, Drug Treatment & Testing Order, and Curfew Order. (2) Includes: Sentence deferred, Bind over, and Reparation Order.

Table 7.4 cont. Sentencing for offences committed by 10-17 year olds by self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Sentence	Ethnicity of offender						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Hertfordshire							
<u>Number</u>							
Referral Order	386	1	18	10	7	8	430
Absolute discharge	12	1	1	0	0	3	17
Conditional discharge	52	1	6	2	0	1	62
Fine	144	1	9	8	0	2	164
Compensation Order	137	0	5	2	2	1	147
Action Plan Order	79	0	3	1	0	0	83
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	273	6	21	11	9	0	320
Custody	53	0	3	1	1	0	58
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	53	0	2	0	0	1	56
Total	1,189	10	68	35	19	16	1,337
<u>Percentage</u>							
Referral Order	32.5	10.0	26.5	28.6	36.8	50.0	32.2
Absolute discharge	1.0	10.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	18.8	1.3
Conditional discharge	4.4	10.0	8.8	5.7	0.0	6.3	4.6
Fine	12.1	10.0	13.2	22.9	0.0	12.5	12.3
Compensation Order	11.5	0.0	7.4	5.7	10.5	6.3	11.0
Action Plan Order	6.6	0.0	4.4	2.9	0.0	0.0	6.2
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	23.0	60.0	30.9	31.4	47.4	0.0	23.9
Custody	4.5	0.0	4.4	2.9	5.3	0.0	4.3
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	4.5	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	6.3	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lancashire							
<u>Number</u>							
Referral Order	726	6	6	29	2	54	823
Absolute discharge	100	0	0	10	0	30	140
Conditional discharge	284	6	5	10	1	32	338
Fine	360	6	3	17	0	40	426
Compensation Order	231	2	2	11	0	12	258
Action Plan Order	220	1	2	2	0	18	243
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	832	18	12	16	0	45	923
Custody	158	7	1	8	0	11	185
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	180	1	1	5	0	20	207
Total	3,091	47	32	108	3	262	3,543
<u>Percentage</u>							
Referral Order	23.5	12.8	18.8	26.9	66.7	20.6	23.2
Absolute discharge	3.2	0.0	0.0	9.3	0.0	11.5	4.0
Conditional discharge	9.2	12.8	15.6	9.3	33.3	12.2	9.5
Fine	11.6	12.8	9.4	15.7	0.0	15.3	12.0
Compensation Order	7.5	4.3	6.3	10.2	0.0	4.6	7.3
Action Plan Order	7.1	2.1	6.3	1.9	0.0	6.9	6.9
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	26.9	38.3	37.5	14.8	0.0	17.2	26.1
Custody	5.1	14.9	3.1	7.4	0.0	4.2	5.2
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	5.8	2.1	3.1	4.6	0.0	7.6	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(1) Includes: Attendance Centre Order, Supervision Order, Community Punishment Order, Community Rehabilitation Order, Drug Treatment & Testing Order, and Curfew Order. (2) Includes: Sentence deferred, Bind over, and Reparation Order.

Table 7.4 cont. Sentencing for offences committed by 10-17 year olds by self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Sentence	Ethnicity of offender						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Leicestershire							
<u>Number</u>							
Referral Order	381	16	27	42	3	0	469
Absolute discharge	49	3	2	1	0	0	55
Conditional discharge	116	2	9	4	0	1	132
Fine	177	6	12	14	0	0	209
Compensation Order	224	8	22	22	1	0	277
Action Plan Order	51	1	2	0	0	0	54
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	456	43	26	27	2	0	554
Custody	99	6	8	4	0	0	117
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	60	4	5	2	0	0	71
Total	1,613	89	113	116	6	1	1,938
<u>Percentage</u>							
Referral Order	23.6	18.0	23.9	36.2	50.0	0.0	24.2
Absolute discharge	3.0	3.4	1.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	2.8
Conditional discharge	7.2	2.2	8.0	3.4	0.0	100.0	6.8
Fine	11.0	6.7	10.6	12.1	0.0	0.0	10.8
Compensation Order	13.9	9.0	19.5	19.0	16.7	0.0	14.3
Action Plan Order	3.2	1.1	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	28.3	48.3	23.0	23.3	33.3	0.0	28.6
Custody	6.1	6.7	7.1	3.4	0.0	0.0	6.0
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	3.7	4.5	4.4	1.7	0.0	0.0	3.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Metropolitan⁽³⁾							
<u>Number</u>							
Referral Order	1,727	141	977	307	195	231	3,578
Absolute discharge	153	9	76	25	27	100	390
Conditional discharge	327	28	210	33	25	38	661
Fine	914	84	534	132	76	211	1,951
Compensation Order	413	37	172	45	27	36	730
Action Plan Order	302	34	149	37	23	14	559
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	1,661	234	1,002	190	174	63	3,324
Custody	402	72	458	51	51	16	1,050
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	244	21	152	21	15	22	475
Total	6,143	660	3,730	841	613	731	12,718
<u>Percentage</u>							
Referral Order	28.1	21.4	26.2	36.5	31.8	31.6	28.1
Absolute discharge	2.5	1.4	2.0	3.0	4.4	13.7	3.1
Conditional discharge	5.3	4.2	5.6	3.9	4.1	5.2	5.2
Fine	14.9	12.7	14.3	15.7	12.4	28.9	15.3
Compensation Order	6.7	5.6	4.6	5.4	4.4	4.9	5.7
Action Plan Order	4.9	5.2	4.0	4.4	3.8	1.9	4.4
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	27.0	35.5	26.9	22.6	28.4	8.6	26.1
Custody	6.5	10.9	12.3	6.1	8.3	2.2	8.3
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	4.0	3.2	4.1	2.5	2.4	3.0	3.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(1) Includes: Attendance Centre Order, Supervision Order, Community Punishment Order, Community Rehabilitation Order, Drug Treatment & Testing Order, and Curfew Order. (2) Includes: Sentence deferred, Bind over, and Reparation Order.

Table 7.4 cont. Sentencing for offences committed by 10-17 year olds by self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Sentence	Ethnicity of offender						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Nottinghamshire							
<u>Number</u>							
Referral Order	645	43	31	20	7	0	746
Absolute discharge	93	10	3	8	0	3	117
Conditional discharge	163	18	16	6	1	1	205
Fine	190	18	9	12	2	0	231
Compensation Order	9	1	0	1	0	0	11
Action Plan Order	149	19	6	7	3	0	184
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	421	33	21	11	1	0	487
Custody	172	20	18	6	0	0	216
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	167	20	11	8	2	0	208
Total	2,009	182	115	79	16	4	2,405
<u>Percentage</u>							
Referral Order	32.1	23.6	27.0	25.3	43.8	0.0	31.0
Absolute discharge	4.6	5.5	2.6	10.1	0.0	75.0	4.9
Conditional discharge	8.1	9.9	13.9	7.6	6.3	25.0	8.5
Fine	9.5	9.9	7.8	15.2	12.5	0.0	9.6
Compensation Order	0.4	0.5	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.5
Action Plan Order	7.4	10.4	5.2	8.9	18.8	0.0	7.7
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	21.0	18.1	18.3	13.9	6.3	0.0	20.2
Custody	8.6	11.0	15.7	7.6	0.0	0.0	9.0
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	8.3	11.0	9.6	10.1	12.5	0.0	8.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Thames Valley							
<u>Number</u>							
Referral Order	657	9	67	32	8	51	824
Absolute discharge	20	0	1	0	1	6	28
Conditional discharge	112	2	8	6	5	12	145
Fine	190	2	13	14	7	18	244
Compensation Order	120	1	13	7	2	1	144
Action Plan Order	113	1	6	2	3	5	130
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	472	18	54	16	16	11	587
Custody	96	3	23	9	2	2	135
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	112	5	11	3	4	7	142
Total	1,892	41	196	89	48	113	2,379
<u>Percentage</u>							
Referral Order	34.7	22.0	34.2	36.0	16.7	45.1	34.6
Absolute discharge	1.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	2.1	5.3	1.2
Conditional discharge	5.9	4.9	4.1	6.7	10.4	10.6	6.1
Fine	10.0	4.9	6.6	15.7	14.6	15.9	10.3
Compensation Order	6.3	2.4	6.6	7.9	4.2	0.9	6.1
Action Plan Order	6.0	2.4	3.1	2.2	6.3	4.4	5.5
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	24.9	43.9	27.6	18.0	33.3	9.7	24.7
Custody	5.1	7.3	11.7	10.1	4.2	1.8	5.7
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	5.9	12.2	5.6	3.4	8.3	6.2	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(1) Includes: Attendance Centre Order, Supervision Order, Community Punishment Order, Community Rehabilitation Order, Drug Treatment & Testing Order, and Curfew Order. (2) Includes: Sentence deferred, Bind over, and Reparation Order.

Table 7.4 cont. Sentencing for offences committed by 10-17 year olds by self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Sentence	Ethnicity of offender						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
West Midlands							
<u>Number</u>							
Referral Order	1,267	34	228	155	34	167	1,885
Absolute discharge	105	4	16	18	3	34	180
Conditional discharge	294	10	52	21	7	21	405
Fine	649	17	137	68	3	104	978
Compensation Order	483	14	115	75	5	82	774
Action Plan Order	222	9	38	13	3	30	315
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	1,636	63	332	155	15	97	2,298
Custody	508	16	126	52	3	16	721
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	325	9	32	38	5	45	454
Total	5,489	176	1,076	595	78	596	8,010
<u>Percentage</u>							
Referral Order	23.1	19.3	21.2	26.1	43.6	28.0	23.5
Absolute discharge	1.9	2.3	1.5	3.0	3.8	5.7	2.2
Conditional discharge	5.4	5.7	4.8	3.5	9.0	3.5	5.1
Fine	11.8	9.7	12.7	11.4	3.8	17.4	12.2
Compensation Order	8.8	8.0	10.7	12.6	6.4	13.8	9.7
Action Plan Order	4.0	5.1	3.5	2.2	3.8	5.0	3.9
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	29.8	35.8	30.9	26.1	19.2	16.3	28.7
Custody	9.3	9.1	11.7	8.7	3.8	2.7	9.0
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	5.9	5.1	3.0	6.4	6.4	7.6	5.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
West Yorkshire							
<u>Number</u>							
Referral Order	989	13	63	127	13	29	1,234
Absolute discharge	115	3	16	11	0	4	149
Conditional discharge	232	8	13	20	2	3	278
Fine	332	5	16	27	3	6	389
Compensation Order	294	4	12	16	2	7	335
Action Plan Order	212	4	13	20	2	2	253
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	1,276	49	84	55	9	16	1,489
Custody	387	14	55	29	1	5	491
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	286	6	22	12	3	5	334
Total	4,123	106	294	317	35	77	4,952
<u>Percentage</u>							
Referral Order	24.0	12.3	21.4	40.1	37.1	37.7	24.9
Absolute discharge	2.8	2.8	5.4	3.5	0.0	5.2	3.0
Conditional discharge	5.6	7.5	4.4	6.3	5.7	3.9	5.6
Fine	8.1	4.7	5.4	8.5	8.6	7.8	7.9
Compensation Order	7.1	3.8	4.1	5.0	5.7	9.1	6.8
Action Plan Order	5.1	3.8	4.4	6.3	5.7	2.6	5.1
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	30.9	46.2	28.6	17.4	25.7	20.8	30.1
Custody	9.4	13.2	18.7	9.1	2.9	6.5	9.9
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	6.9	5.7	7.5	3.8	8.6	6.5	6.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(1) Includes: Attendance Centre Order, Supervision Order, Community Punishment Order, Community Rehabilitation Order, Drug Treatment & Testing Order, and Curfew Order. (2) Includes: Sentence deferred, Bind over, and Reparation Order.

Table 7.4 cont. Sentencing for offences committed by 10-17 year olds by self-defined ethnicity, selected areas and England and Wales, 2003

Sentence	Ethnicity of offender						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Other forces							
<u>Number</u>							
Referral Order	14,048	139	277	138	133	540	15,275
Absolute discharge	2,138	19	45	19	28	206	2,455
Conditional discharge	4,577	46	133	38	35	147	4,976
Fine	6,130	58	125	59	42	378	6,792
Compensation Order	4,483	39	88	29	19	134	4,792
Action Plan Order	2,779	31	64	16	18	45	2,953
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	12,193	183	342	81	93	153	13,045
Custody	2,961	56	100	35	29	45	3,226
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	3,398	36	77	19	21	92	3,643
Total	52,707	607	1,251	434	418	1,740	57,157
<u>Percentage</u>							
Referral Order	26.7	22.9	22.1	31.8	31.8	31.0	26.7
Absolute discharge	4.1	3.1	3.6	4.4	6.7	11.8	4.3
Conditional discharge	8.7	7.6	10.6	8.8	8.4	8.4	8.7
Fine	11.6	9.6	10.0	13.6	10.0	21.7	11.9
Compensation Order	8.5	6.4	7.0	6.7	4.5	7.7	8.4
Action Plan Order	5.3	5.1	5.1	3.7	4.3	2.6	5.2
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	23.1	30.1	27.3	18.7	22.2	8.8	22.8
Custody	5.6	9.2	8.0	8.1	6.9	2.6	5.6
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	6.4	5.9	6.2	4.4	5.0	5.3	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
England & Wales							
<u>Number</u>							
Referral Order	22,464	436	1,783	981	423	1,209	27,296
Absolute discharge	2,986	49	170	102	64	449	3,820
Conditional discharge	6,778	137	499	171	83	300	7,968
Fine	9,681	213	910	390	141	857	12,192
Compensation Order	6,747	114	444	226	59	286	7,876
Action Plan Order	4,462	105	295	103	57	123	5,145
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	21,028	704	2,006	639	337	438	25,152
Custody	5,384	217	840	226	90	102	6,859
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	5,149	106	326	114	52	210	5,957
Total	84,679	2,081	7,273	2,952	1,306	3,974	102,265
<u>Percentage</u>							
Referral Order	26.5	21.0	24.5	33.2	32.4	30.4	26.7
Absolute discharge	3.5	2.4	2.3	3.5	4.9	11.3	3.7
Conditional discharge	8.0	6.6	6.9	5.8	6.4	7.5	7.8
Fine	11.4	10.2	12.5	13.2	10.8	21.6	11.9
Compensation Order	8.0	5.5	6.1	7.7	4.5	7.2	7.7
Action Plan Order	5.3	5.0	4.1	3.5	4.4	3.1	5.0
Community sentence ⁽¹⁾	24.8	33.8	27.6	21.6	25.8	11.0	24.6
Custody	6.4	10.4	11.5	7.7	6.9	2.6	6.7
Other disposal ⁽²⁾	6.1	5.1	4.5	3.9	4.0	5.3	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(1) Includes: Attendance Centre Order, Supervision Order, Community Punishment Order, Community Rehabilitation Order, Drug Treatment & Testing Order, and Curfew Order. (2) Includes: Sentence deferred, Bind over, and Reparation Order.

Chapter 8

Probation

Chapter 2 describes how, after the initial start to ethnic monitoring within the National Probation Service in 1992, the proportion of ethnic data missing rose substantially from the mid-1990s. In 1998/9, information on 13% of probation orders and 17% of Community Service Orders was not available.

These problems were identified as an issue in the Probation Inspectorate's thematic report on race equality (Smith 2000). It found "that, for many staff, the completion of race and ethnic monitoring forms was a mechanistic exercise with little meaning". In almost all of the case files examined, the only section of the form to be completed was that required by the Home Office on self-identified ethnicity. The high rate of missing returns and doubts about the accuracy of some of the information obtained, together with the disproportionate percentage of cases in which the information was declined, suggested that in some services staff did not fully understand the importance of the process or feel comfortable with it.

A follow-up inspection report published by the Probation Inspectorate (Morgan 2004) found that, amongst other things, there were significant delays in the analysis of data; the National Probation Service had not sought to differentiate their database on enforcement by race or gender variables; and there had been delays in the adaptation of the case management system (CRAMS) to enable the input of the new 16+1 monitoring categories. The review concluded that none of the recommendations on ethnic monitoring made by the 2000 review had been met. However, the problems with the IT systems have been resolved now, but the proportion of ethnic data missing in a number of areas is still too high for national figures to be included in national statistical publications. Information has been published for those areas with

sufficiently complete data (Councill 2004b). The tables in this chapter are based on data from all but a few areas. However, the one area for which no ethnicity data are available is London (comprising Greater London and the City of London). Given the large proportion of the total for which London accounts, the reader should be careful about drawing conclusions concerning national level data.

The data provided in Tables 8.1 and 8.2 cover the period January to March 2004. There are no equivalent data available for 2003. Information on the ethnicity of persons starting court order supervision under the NPS is given in Table 8.1. Combined data for those areas where data was available shows that Asian and Black offenders each accounted for about 3% of probationers, and just under 2% and 1% respectively in the case of those of Mixed or 'Chinese and other' ethnicity. However, there is variation from one probation area to another. For example, Asian people made up 11% and 10% respectively in these categories in the West Midlands and Leicestershire; Black offenders accounted for 10% and 9% of persons starting court orders in the West Midlands and Thames Valley areas respectively.

A similar pattern exists in relation to persons starting pre- or post-release supervision by the NPS. The main difference is the relatively higher rates for Black offenders, especially in the West Midlands and Leicestershire areas (Table 8.2). The higher overall rates for Black offenders probably reflect their relatively higher risk of receiving a custodial sentence. At a local level, the higher proportions for Asian and Black offenders in Leicestershire and the West Midlands may reflect the ethnic minority composition of the general population.

Table 8.1 Percentage of persons starting court order supervision by the Probation Service, by ethnic group⁽¹⁾ and area, January to March 2004⁽²⁾

Police force area	Ethnicity of probationer						Total (=100%)
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Avon & Somerset	89.5	3.0	3.3	1.2	0.4	2.6	731
Bedfordshire	..	..	..	..	..	..	392
Cambridgeshire	..	..	..	..	..	..	463
Cheshire	97.4	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.5	571
Cleveland	96.0	0.6	0.4	2.1	0.6	0.3	705
Cumbria	97.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	1.5	456
Derbyshire	89.1	1.7	3.3	3.2	0.3	2.4	752
Devon & Cornwall	94.5	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.3	3.7	706
Dorset	85.4	1.6	1.6	0.9	0.9	9.5	316
Durham	99.4	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	495
Essex	93.0	1.1	2.3	1.0	1.0	1.6	886
Gloucestershire	88.5	2.2	2.9	0.3	1.0	5.1	314
Greater Manchester	83.3	2.1	3.8	4.3	1.0	5.5	2,611
Hampshire	92.3	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.2	1.2	1,374
Hertfordshire	82.7	1.6	4.5	4.3	1.0	5.9	578
Humberside	95.3	1.0	1.3	0.7	0.7	1.0	767
Kent	94.4	1.2	1.9	1.6	0.7	0.3	903
Lancashire	90.1	0.8	0.6	4.8	0.1	3.7	1,170
Leicestershire	78.7	4.5	5.4	9.7	0.9	0.8	741
Lincolnshire	97.6	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.0	461
Merseyside	93.6	0.5	2.2	0.3	0.7	2.7	1,384
Metropolitan Police ⁽³⁾	3,941
Norfolk	93.5	1.0	0.6	0.0	0.6	4.4	521
Northamptonshire	88.1	2.0	4.5	0.7	0.7	4.0	402
Northumbria	97.4	0.2	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.2	1,238
North Yorkshire	98.7	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	520
Nottinghamshire	86.6	2.0	4.8	2.7	0.9	3.0	1,153
South Yorkshire	90.6	1.4	3.3	2.2	0.4	2.0	1,345
Staffordshire	94.3	1.3	1.7	1.9	0.4	0.5	844
Suffolk	90.0	1.3	2.7	0.2	1.3	4.4	450
Surrey	..	..	..	..	..	..	407
Sussex	86.0	1.2	1.9	1.2	0.8	8.9	833
Thames Valley	75.2	2.3	8.7	6.5	1.1	6.1	961
Warwickshire	89.9	1.8	3.8	2.1	0.0	2.4	338
West Mercia	92.9	1.4	0.9	2.0	0.3	2.5	646
West Midlands	70.8	3.8	9.9	11.2	1.1	3.2	2,658
West Yorkshire	83.7	2.6	3.5	8.4	0.7	1.0	2,534
Wiltshire	88.5	1.4	3.4	1.1	1.1	4.3	348
Dyfed-Powys	..	..	..	..	..	..	325
Gwent	96.3	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.0	1.2	490
North Wales	95.0	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.2	3.2	441
South Wales	94.0	1.5	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	1,169
Total	88.5	1.7	3.1	3.3	0.7	2.6	32,812

(1) Breakdowns by ethnic group are only given for areas with 10% or fewer ethnic codes missing.

(2) Provisional figures. (3) Includes City of London.

Table 8.2 Percentage of persons starting pre- or post-release supervision by the Probation Service, by ethnic group⁽¹⁾ and area, January to March 2004⁽²⁾

Police force area	Ethnicity of probationer						Total (=100%)
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Avon & Somerset	..	..	..	..	..	..	202
Bedfordshire	..	..	..	..	..	..	111
Cambridgeshire	..	..	..	..	..	..	153
Cheshire	97.7	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.0	1.1	177
Cleveland	94.2	0.6	0.6	2.9	1.8	0.0	171
Cumbria	97.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	172
Derbyshire	87.8	3.0	3.0	2.6	0.9	2.6	230
Devon & Cornwall	92.5	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	6.5	186
Dorset	..	..	..	..	..	..	114
Durham	99.2	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	120
Essex	89.2	1.2	2.4	0.4	0.4	6.4	251
Gloucestershire	81.7	2.2	6.5	2.2	0.0	7.5	93
Greater Manchester	79.0	1.7	5.3	3.3	1.0	9.7	1,180
Hampshire	85.3	1.4	3.2	0.4	0.4	9.3	279
Hertfordshire	78.3	3.8	7.6	4.5	0.6	5.1	157
Humberside	86.9	0.6	2.7	0.0	1.2	8.5	328
Kent	85.1	0.6	3.8	2.7	0.6	7.2	475
Lancashire	87.9	0.9	1.5	5.6	0.3	3.8	340
Leicestershire	68.5	2.5	13.8	8.4	0.0	6.9	203
Lincolnshire	..	..	..	..	..	..	107
Merseyside	91.8	0.9	2.4	0.7	0.9	3.3	453
Metropolitan Police ⁽³⁾	1,780
Norfolk	93.7	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	142
Northamptonshire	83.7	0.7	9.8	2.0	1.3	2.6	153
Northumbria	97.1	0.0	1.1	0.4	0.7	0.7	277
North Yorkshire	94.6	0.8	1.5	0.0	0.0	3.1	130
Nottinghamshire	79.5	2.7	7.1	3.3	0.9	6.5	337
South Yorkshire	82.3	2.5	7.8	2.7	1.6	3.1	447
Staffordshire	93.1	1.7	1.3	3.0	0.9	0.0	231
Suffolk	86.5	1.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	8.3	96
Surrey	..	..	..	..	..	..	96
Sussex	..	..	..	..	..	..	226
Thames Valley	74.3	4.9	7.3	3.9	2.4	7.3	206
Warwickshire	84.4	1.1	4.4	4.4	0.0	5.6	90
West Mercia	91.8	1.1	0.6	0.9	0.3	5.4	352
West Midlands	69.5	4.3	11.7	9.5	1.1	3.9	1,758
West Yorkshire	76.5	3.6	5.3	7.6	0.6	6.4	642
Wiltshire	88.7	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	1.6	62
Dyfed-Powys	..	..	..	..	..	..	55
Gwent	96.1	0.8	2.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	127
North Wales	92.5	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	6.7	134
South Wales	90.4	1.6	0.8	1.6	0.8	4.9	385
Total	83.1	2.1	5.1	3.7	0.8	5.4	10,384

(1) Breakdowns by ethnic group are only given for areas with 10% or fewer ethnic codes missing.

(2) Provisional figures. (3) Includes City of London

Chapter 9

Prisons

Introduction

Information on the ethnic composition of the prison population has been regularly published by the Home Office and Prison Service for many years (see Councell 2004a). Information on nationality, religion and gender are also available, as are the type of prisoner, age, offence group, and length of sentence.

Main findings

Tables 9.1 - 9.4

On 28 February 2003, there were 17,775 people from Black and Minority Ethnic groups (excluding 'Not Known') in Prison Service establishments, 24.6% of the population. Black and Minority Ethnic groups accounted for 24.2% of the male population (16.0% Black, 3.4% Asian and 4.8% Chinese and 'Other' minority ethnic groups) and 30.9% of the female population (25.3% Black, 0.8% Asian and 4.7% Chinese and 'Other' minority ethnic groups). Amongst male prisoners there has been an increase over recent years in

the proportion of Black prisoners and those in the 'Other' minority ethnic group category. Amongst female prisoners, there has been an increase in Black prisoners, specifically Black Caribbean, and a smaller increase in the Chinese group.

The Black prison population increased by 138% between 1993 and 2003; White and Asian prisoners increased by 48% and 73% respectively. Thirty-seven percent of prisoners belonging to a Black and Minority Ethnic group were foreign nationals in 2003.

On 28 February 2003, of those whose nationality was known, 12% of the male prison population and 21% of the female prison population were foreign nationals. Foreign nationals made up 4% of the White male prison population, 34% of Black prisoners, 29% of Asian prisoners and 45% of Chinese and 'Other' prisoners. Among female prisoners, foreign nationals accounted for 5% of the White population, 58% of Black prisoners, 42% of Asian prisoners and 47% of Chinese and 'Other' prisoners.

Table 9.1 Proportion of prison population by ethnic appearance for males of all nationalities, 1995-2003

Ethnic appearance	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 ⁽¹⁾
Total population (= 100%)	49,086	52,951	58,795	62,607	61,322	61,839	62,690	66,824	67,937
White	82.9	81.7	81.9	81.9	81.5	81.0	79.1	77.6	75.7
Black	11.4	12.3	12.0	11.8	11.9	12.4	13.5	14.9	16.0
African	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.5
Caribbean	6.8	7.6	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.8	8.9	9.5
Other	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.7	3.9
Asian	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.4
Bangladeshi	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Indian	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
Pakistani	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.9
Chinese and Other	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.4	3.7	4.3	4.1	4.8
Chinese	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Other Asian	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.1
Other	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.5
Not known	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

(1) As at 28 February; all previous years are as at 30 June.

Table 9.2 Proportion of prison population by ethnic appearance for males of British nationality, 1995-2003

Ethnic appearance	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 ⁽¹⁾
Total population (=100%)	44,945	48,707	54,335	57,751	56,365	56,238	55,746	59,095	59,022
White	87.1	85.7	85.8	85.8	85.7	85.5	85.0	83.8	82.8
Black	9.7	10.8	10.4	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.5	11.0	11.6
African	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2
Caribbean	6.2	7.1	6.9	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.0	6.3	6.6
Other	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.9	3.4	3.7	3.8
Asian	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.7
Bangladeshi	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Indian	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Pakistani	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.7
Chinese and Other	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.7
Chinese	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Asian	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
Other	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.2
Not known	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

(1) As at 28 February; all previous years are as at 30 June.

Table 9.3 Proportion of prison population by ethnic appearance for females of all nationalities, 1995-2003

Ethnic appearance	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 ⁽¹⁾
Total population (=100%)	1,998	2,305	2,672	3,120	3,207	3,355	3,713	4,394	4,349
White	75.6	75.9	75.3	76.1	75.3	75.2	73.5	70.6	69.1
Black	19.5	19.4	19.6	17.9	19.0	19.2	21.2	23.8	25.3
African	5.5	4.4	4.1	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.7
Caribbean	9.6	8.2	9.5	9.5	9.9	9.9	12.5	15.1	15.8
Other	4.5	6.9	6.0	5.6	6.4	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.9
Asian	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8
Bangladeshi	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Indian	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
Pakistani	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3
Chinese and Other	3.6	3.6	4.2	5.0	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.7	4.7
Chinese	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4
Other Asian	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.9
Other	2.9	2.7	3.5	4.2	3.8	4.1	3.4	3.8	3.4
Not known	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0

(1) As at 28 February; all previous years are as at 30 June.

Table 9.4 Proportion of prison population by ethnic appearance for females of British nationality, 1995-2003

Ethnic appearance	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 ⁽¹⁾
Total population (=100%)	1,662	1,975	2,276	2,642	2,709	2,805	2,986	3,458	3,395
White	86.1	84.1	84.3	85.0	84.8	84.6	85.6	84.2	83.0
Black	11.0	13.1	12.9	11.8	11.9	12.2	11.6	11.8	13.3
African	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.1
Caribbean	6.3	5.7	6.1	5.7	5.7	5.1	5.6	5.7	6.7
Other	3.7	6.3	5.8	5.2	5.4	6.1	5.2	5.3	5.4
Asian	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6
Bangladeshi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Indian	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4
Pakistani	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
Chinese and Other	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.0	3.2	3.0
Chinese	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Other Asian	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.8
Other	1.7	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.5	2.6	2.1
Not known	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0

(1) As at 28 February; all previous years are as at 30 June.

Table 9.5

Comparisons of the characteristics of prisoners in February 2003 by ethnic group (Table 9.5) show that:

- A slightly higher proportion of Black prisoners were on remand (21%) compared with White prisoners (17%) and Asian prisoners (19%), but the proportion was less than the 'Other' category (24%). More Black (14%) and Asian (13%) prisoners were on remand untried than White prisoners (10%), although again the proportion was higher for the 'Other' category (16%). These differences may reflect the variation between ethnic groups in the type of offences for which the offender was sentenced (see below).
- Thirty-seven percent of Black prisoners and 26% of Asian and 'Other' minority ethnic group prisoners were serving a sentence for drug offences, compared to 13% of White prisoners. A higher proportion of Black prisoners (19%) were serving a sentence for robbery than White (13%) and Asian prisoners and those from 'Other' minority ethnic backgrounds (both 12%). Eighteen percent of White prisoners were serving a sentence for burglary compared to 8% of Black, 7% of 'Other' prisoners and 5% of Asian prisoners.
- Variations in the length of imprisonment for different ethnic groups will, in part, reflect differences in the types of offences resulting in a custodial sentence. Thus, 56% of adult Black offenders, 50% of 'Other'

minority ethnic groups and 51% of Asian offenders were serving a custodial sentence of 4 years or more compared with 44% of White prisoners. At the same time, 11% of White prisoners were serving custodial sentences of less than 12 months compared with 6% of Black offenders, 11% of 'Other' minority ethnic groups and 8% of Asian inmates.

Tables 9.6 - 9.7

Figures showing the relationship between the numbers of prison receptions and the numbers of arrests for notifiable offences have been excluded from this volume for methodological reasons. The latest figures on prison receptions are on the '5+1 self classification' basis whilst the arrests data are on the '4+1 visual appearance basis', and this makes a comparison between the two series difficult. In addition the two series differ in terms of the time periods, offences and age ranges covered. It is hoped that in future editions these differences will be reduced and the comparison will be reinstated.

In the twelve months to June 2004, 81% of sentenced offenders received into prison were White, 10% were Black, 5% were Asian and 1% were from 'Other' ethnic backgrounds (Table 9.6).

The relationship between sentencing patterns and offence groups noted for Table 9.5 is reflected in the proportions of the different ethnic groups received into custody during the twelve months up to the end of June 2004 (Table 9.7).

Table 9.5 Prison population by ethnic group, type of prisoner, age group, offence group and sentence length, 28 February 2003

	Ethnic appearance											
	White		Black		Asian		Other		Not known		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total ⁽¹⁾	54,432	100	11,951	100	2,352	100	3,472	100	79	100	72,286	100
Total remand ⁽²⁾	9,233	17	2,468	21	442	19	828	24	1	1	12,972	18
Untried	5,205	10	1,661	14	297	13	557	16	0	0	7,719	11
Convicted unsentenced	4,028	7	808	7	145	6	272	8	1	1	5,253	7
Sentenced ⁽³⁾	44,886	82	9,040	76	1,795	76	2,391	69	78	99	58,190	80
Age group (sentenced)												
Aged 15-17	1,481	3	292	3	60	3	81	3	0	0	1,915	3
Aged 18-20	4,531	10	947	10	199	11	260	11	6	8	5,943	10
Aged 21-24	8,036	18	1,605	18	464	26	473	20	15	19	10,593	18
Aged 25-29	8,304	19	1,636	18	389	22	483	20	22	28	10,834	19
Aged over 30	22,533	50	4,561	50	682	38	1,094	46	35	45	28,905	50
Total	44,886	100	9,040	100	1,795	100	2,391	100	78	100	58,190	100
Offence group												
Violence against the person	10,242	23	1,519	17	394	22	469	20	16	21	12,641	22
Sexual offences	4,656	10	495	5	138	8	174	7	3	4	5,467	9
Burglary	7,908	18	726	8	88	5	169	7	21	27	8,911	15
Robbery	5,889	13	1,724	19	211	12	298	12	16	21	8,139	14
Theft and handling	3,806	8	429	5	91	5	158	7	9	12	4,492	8
Fraud and forgery	626	1	178	2	87	5	140	6	1	1	1,033	2
Drugs offences	5,687	13	3,313	37	463	26	622	26	4	5	10,089	17
Other offences	5,269	12	534	6	290	16	311	13	7	9	6,410	11
Not recorded	804	2	122	1	33	2	49	2	1	1	1,008	2
Total	44,886	100	9,040	100	1,795	100	2,391	100	78	100	58,190	100
Sentence length												
Young offenders												
Less than 1 year	1,522	3	151	2	35	2	67	3	0	0	1,775	3
1 year or more	5,007	11	1,190	13	262	15	305	13	7	9	6,771	12
All young offenders	6,529	15	1,341	15	297	17	372	16	7	9	8,546	15
Adults												
Less than 1 year	4,757	11	571	6	142	8	256	11	10	13	5,736	10
1 year but less than 4 years	13,644	30	2,084	23	438	24	565	24	27	35	16,757	29
4 years or more	19,956	44	5,044	56	918	51	1,199	50	34	44	27,151	47
All adults	38,357	85	7,699	85	1,498	83	2,019	84	71	91	49,644	85
Total	44,886	100	9,040	100	1,795	100	2,391	100	78	100	58,190	100

(1) Total includes 1,062 non-criminal prisoners and 62 fine defaulters.

(2) Non-criminal prisoners and fine defaulters are omitted from the remand and sentenced population figures.

(3) Figures may not add up to totals because of rounding

Table 9.6 Sentenced⁽¹⁾ prisoners by court sentencing area, received into prison establishments, by ethnicity, July 2003 – June 2004

Police force area	Ethnicity of prisoner						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Not known	
Avon & Somerset	1,959	34	183	32	8	37	2,253
Bedfordshire	717	48	131	94	9	17	1,016
Cambridgeshire	878	28	63	37	8	12	1,026
Cheshire	1,584	8	21	11	3	20	1,647
Cleveland	1,232	7	18	18	2	34	1,311
Cumbria	607	1	2	7	0	4	621
Derbyshire	1,589	35	65	75	7	23	1,794
Devon & Cornwall	1,649	12	13	5	3	31	1,713
Dorset	876	10	34	1	4	16	941
Durham	663	0	3	1	0	5	672
Essex	2,342	44	133	49	11	26	2,605
Gloucestershire	521	9	24	9	0	6	569
Greater Manchester	5,193	131	320	363	9	159	6,175
Hampshire	2,235	29	100	56	10	24	2,454
Hertfordshire	834	25	80	44	13	19	1,015
Humberside	1,924	16	55	30	7	38	2,070
Kent	2,190	23	129	98	24	13	2,477
Lancashire	2,434	20	28	155	3	34	2,674
Leicestershire	1,191	64	131	125	4	31	1,546
Lincolnshire	717	4	4	3	0	3	731
Merseyside	3,017	25	106	28	5	79	3,260
Metropolitan Police ⁽²⁾	8,641	749	5,163	1,248	342	491	16,634
Norfolk	1,010	7	36	8	4	29	1,094
Northamptonshire	906	25	53	19	4	27	1,034
Northumbria	1,974	6	10	23	4	26	2,043
North Yorkshire	799	6	11	7	0	5	828
Nottinghamshire	1,914	73	143	56	1	24	2,211
South Yorkshire	2,535	43	133	119	6	99	2,935
Staffordshire	1,870	29	50	62	6	35	2,052
Suffolk	670	14	67	9	4	17	781
Surrey	565	9	31	28	1	14	648
Sussex	1,500	35	127	50	12	32	1,756
Thames Valley	1,750	76	242	157	10	19	2,254
Warwickshire	577	20	48	49	3	10	707
West Mercia	1,594	21	39	21	4	28	1,707
West Midlands	4,944	200	949	866	39	172	7,170
West Yorkshire	4,702	125	240	418	15	143	5,643
Wiltshire	493	9	43	9	1	4	559
Dyfed-Powys	277	0	0	0	0	13	290
Gwent	635	6	10	13	1	16	681
North Wales	868	15	9	4	3	11	910
South Wales	2,809	49	76	46	3	101	3,084
England & Wales⁽³⁾	75,385	2,090	9,123	4,453	593	1,947	93,591

(1) Excludes fine defaulters and non-criminals

(2) Includes all receptions from courts in Greater London.

(3) Excludes 527 receptions which are allocated to miscellaneous, other or unknown courts

Table 9.7 Sentenced prison receptions⁽¹⁾ by offence type and ethnicity, July 2003 - June 2004

Offence type	Ethnicity of prisoner						Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown	
Violence against the person	12,027	345	1,363	632	72	412	14,851
Sexual offences	2,025	36	150	157	18	76	2,462
Robbery	2,899	177	732	289	26	205	4,328
Burglary	7,865	180	537	188	24	275	9,069
Theft and handling	17,845	435	1,534	724	99	265	20,902
Fraud and forgery	1,796	81	667	451	101	57	3,153
Drugs offences	4,573	221	1,584	419	57	309	7,163
Other offences ⁽²⁾	25,556	590	2,475	1,512	188	347	30,668
Not recorded	1,238	33	132	100	11	8	1,522
Total	75,824	2,098	9,174	4,472	596	1,954	94,118

Notes: (1) Excludes fine defaulters and non-criminals. (2) Includes criminal damage.

Ethnicity and religion of prisoners

In February 2003, Christianity was the most common religion for both White

prisoners (63%) and Black prisoners (53%). Islam was the most common religion for Asian prisoners (71%) (Councell, 2004c).

Chapter 10

Police and other complaints

Police complaints

Anyone can make a complaint if they consider that they have been dealt with improperly by a police officer. There are complaints and discipline procedures laid down under the Police Act 1996 to ensure that police officers are fully answerable for their actions.

A complaint could be made by:

- writing to the Chief Officer or the police authority of the force concerned, or in person at a police station;
- sending the complaint to the Police Complaints Authority (PCA), who will forward the complaint to the relevant force; or
- a third party making the complaint on behalf of an aggrieved individual if the third party has written permission from that person authorising them to do so.

Under the provisions of the Police Reform Act 2002, the Government has established a new body, the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC), which replaced the PCA on 1 April 2004. The Act also introduced new procedures for complaints and discipline.

Main findings

Tables 10.1 and 10.2

In 2003/4, the police recorded some 16,806 complaints, of which 8% were made by Black people, 5% by Asian and 2% by 'Other' minority ethnic

groups (Table 10.1). These are similar to the levels in 2002/3. However, it should be borne in mind that in 19 out of 43 police forces the proportion of missing data exceeded 25%; the level of missing data exceeded 95% in West Yorkshire, Merseyside and Northumbria. Overall, the percentage of complainants whose ethnicity was recorded as unknown increased from 17% in 2001/2 to 22% in 2002/3, and to 28% in 2003/4. At a national level, therefore, it is tenuous to draw any firm conclusions.

The number of complainants rose by 4% in the year to 2003/4, but was still lower than the total in 2001/2. The largest change in the number of complaints this year for an ethnic group was for the 'Other' category, which increased by 14%.

Three percent of recorded complaints in 2003/4 were for racially discriminatory behaviour. Less than one percent of substantiated cases in 2003/4 were for such behaviour (Cotton 2004).

The number of completed cases of complaints against the police of racial discrimination rose by 7% in 2003/4 to 710 (Table 10.2). Of these, only 8 complaints could be substantiated. This is similar to 2001/2 and 2002/3, and compares with 18 out of 968 in 2000/1 (2%). Thirty-five per cent of complaints of racial discrimination cases completed in 2003/4 had been made against the Metropolitan Police Service, compared to 39% the previous year. Only 2 (under 1%) of these 2003/4 complaints were found to be substantiated.

Table 10.1 Police complaints received, by police force area and ethnic appearance of complainant, 2003/4

Police force area	Ethnic appearance of complainant										Total
	White		Black		Asian		Other		Not known		
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Avon & Somerset	271	59	23	5	26	6	17	4	122	27	459
Bedfordshire	87	52	13	8	5	3	0	0	62	37	167
Cambridgeshire	128	83	7	5	2	1	7	5	11	7	155
Cheshire	219	67	23	7	5	2	4	1	76	23	327
Cleveland	133	58	1	0	4	2	9	4	83	36	230
Cumbria	133	82	1	1	0	0	2	1	26	16	162
Derbyshire	131	73	10	6	9	5	6	3	24	13	180
Devon & Cornwall	307	63	5	1	2	0	2	0	170	35	486
Dorset	138	84	7	4	2	1	18	11	0	0	165
Durham	101	88	0	0	1	1	3	3	10	9	115
Essex	328	68	14	3	6	1	4	1	128	27	480
Gloucestershire	155	76	10	5	3	1	0	0	36	18	204
Greater Manchester	746	63	50	4	90	8	4	0	289	25	1,179
Hampshire	438	63	27	4	20	3	6	1	200	29	691
Hertfordshire	113	43	3	1	7	3	16	6	125	47	264
Humberside	163	67	2	1	1	0	3	1	75	31	244
Kent	150	44	4	1	3	1	4	1	183	53	344
Lancashire	375	72	6	1	14	3	28	5	100	19	523
Leicestershire	279	78	31	9	29	8	13	4	7	2	359
Lincolnshire	153	78	3	2	4	2	5	3	30	15	195
London, City of	8	10	4	5	5	6	4	5	61	74	82
Merseyside	20	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	438	95	459
Metropolitan Police	1,345	49	799	29	238	9	33	1	306	11	2,721
Norfolk	180	78	12	5	3	1	5	2	30	13	230
Northamptonshire	55	44	3	2	5	4	0	0	62	50	125
Northumbria	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	381	99	383
North Yorkshire	151	70	2	1	2	1	0	0	62	29	217
Nottinghamshire	223	70	19	6	13	4	6	2	57	18	318
South Yorkshire	249	72	23	7	25	7	2	1	49	14	348
Staffordshire	181	55	5	2	29	9	8	2	109	33	332
Suffolk	174	90	8	4	1	1	3	2	8	4	194
Surrey	149	60	2	1	9	4	4	2	83	34	247
Sussex	198	69	7	2	8	3	2	1	70	25	285
Thames Valley	344	64	60	11	41	8	15	3	81	15	541
Warwickshire	97	79	9	7	6	5	0	0	11	9	123
West Mercia	175	57	2	1	9	3	8	3	115	37	309
West Midlands	673	55	165	13	185	15	47	4	163	13	1,233
West Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	559	100	559
Wiltshire	62	39	3	2	1	1	2	1	92	58	160
Dyfed-Powys	125	95	4	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	131
Gwent	165	86	2	1	0	0	4	2	20	10	191
North Wales	157	81	3	2	1	1	2	1	30	16	193
South Wales	370	75	7	1	10	2	17	3	92	19	496
England & Wales	9,651	57	1,380	8	825	5	313	2	4,637	28	16,806
2002/3 England & Wales	10,113	63	1,364	8	823	5	275	2	3,517	22	16,092
% change from 2002/3	-4.6		1.2		0.2		13.8		31.8		4.4

Table 10.2 Outcome of completed complaints of racially discriminatory behaviour, by police force area, 2003/4

Police force area	Informal Resolution	Withdrawn	Dispensation	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Total outcome
Avon & Somerset	4	5	8	9	2	28
Bedfordshire	3	0	4	1	0	8
Cambridgeshire	1	0	0	5	0	6
Cheshire	4	0	4	5	0	13
Cleveland	3	0	1	0	0	4
Cumbria	0	0	1	0	0	1
Derbyshire	2	0	3	2	0	7
Devon & Cornwall	0	0	1	8	0	9
Dorset	1	0	0	3	0	4
Durham	0	0	0	5	0	5
Essex	0	1	3	5	0	9
Gloucestershire	2	0	1	2	0	5
Greater Manchester	17	7	15	25	1	65
Hampshire	5	0	2	15	0	22
Hertfordshire	4	0	4	2	0	10
Humberside	1	0	2	3	0	6
Kent	2	1	5	3	0	11
Lancashire	4	0	1	2	0	7
Leicestershire	3	0	0	1	0	4
Lincolnshire	2	0	0	1	0	3
London, City of	0	0	0	1	0	1
Merseyside	2	2	1	5	0	10
Metropolitan Police	52	35	98	59	2	246
Norfolk	2	4	3	0	0	9
Northamptonshire	2	3	1	0	0	6
Northumbria	3	1	5	6	0	15
North Yorkshire	0	0	1	0	3	4
Nottinghamshire	2	1	3	5	0	11
South Yorkshire	1	1	4	5	0	11
Staffordshire	0	0	0	3	0	3
Suffolk	0	0	1	2	0	3
Surrey	2	1	2	0	0	5
Sussex	1	0	0	11	0	12
Thames Valley	5	0	5	11	0	21
Warwickshire	2	0	1	2	0	5
West Mercia	1	2	3	0	0	6
West Midlands	11	8	28	22	0	69
West Yorkshire	9	1	3	4	0	17
Wiltshire	1	0	4	2	0	7
Dyfed-Powys	2	0	2	1	0	5
Gwent	1	0	1	1	0	3
North Wales	1	0	0	2	0	3
South Wales	4	4	2	1	0	11
England & Wales	162	77	223	240	8	710
2002/3 England & Wales	153	88	200	212	9	662
<i>% change from 2002/3</i>	5.9	-12.5	11.5	13.2	-11.1	7.3

Prison and Probation Services complaints

The Prisons and Probation Ombudsman is appointed by the Home Secretary and investigates complaints from prisoners and those subject to probation supervision, or those upon whom reports have been written. The Ombudsman is completely independent of both the Prison Service and the National Probation Service (NPS).

In 2003/4 the Ombudsman received 37 complaints concerning race issues, a fall of three on 2002/3 (Home Office 2004). Only 7 (19%) of the cases met the eligibility criteria for consideration, compared to 15 (38%) in 2002/3. The number of complaints in 2003/4 represented only 1.0% of the overall total, down slightly from 1.3% in 2002/3. There were no complaints regarding the NPS that met the eligibility criteria.

Chapter 11

Deaths in custody

Police

Although this term covers individuals who are detained in some way and subject to some sort of restriction this phrase has always been associated with a death in a police station. The following categories were introduced in April 2002:

- Fatal road traffic incidents involving the police: This includes people who die in road accidents whilst attempting to avoid arrests and people who die in road accidents involving the police.
- Fatal shooting incidents involving the police: This only includes people who die where police officers fire the fatal shots.
- Deaths in police custody: This includes people that die who have been arrested or otherwise detained by the police and deaths occurring whilst a person is being arrested or taken into detention.
- Deaths during or following other types of contact with the police: This includes people who die during or just after some form of contact with the police which did not amount to detention and there is a link between the contact and the death.

In 2002/3, of the 104 recorded deaths in custody, 16 involved Black people, 4 Asian people and 2 'Other' minority ethnic groups. For all ethnic groups the main cause of death was the impact of a car which accounted for 44 (42%) of all deaths. 16 deaths (15%) were from natural causes (Woodcock et al, 2003).

The number of deaths reported in 2003/4 fell to 100 (Table 11.1). There

was a significant fall in the number of deaths involving people from ethnic minorities. There were 7 deaths involving Black people, 2 Asians and 1 from the 'Other' group (PLPU, 2004). For all ethnic groups the main cause of death was the impact of a car which accounted for 39 of all deaths. Asphyxiation (including the result of hanging) accounted for 14 deaths. Ten deaths were from natural causes, and a further ten from fatal injuries (including self-harm). The cause of death was awaited for 16 cases. This pattern is broadly similar to that pertaining in the previous year.

Prison

In 2003/4, of the 93 deaths in prisons resulting from self-harm, 4 involved Black people, 5 Asian people and 2 'Other' minority ethnic groups (Table 11.2). These are similar proportions to those who died in police custody. For all ethnic groups the main cause of death was hanging (92%). Only White prisoners used other means to kill themselves. Eleven per cent of those who killed themselves were female; however females only account for six percent of the prison population.

There were 93 other deaths which mostly (92%) resulted from natural causes. However, there was one homicide and five deaths from other non-natural causes. Of the overall total, 3 deaths involved Asian people, 2 Black people, and one person of Mixed ethnicity. Only three per cent of these non-self-inflicted deaths involved females. Average age at death was 47 years, compared to 32 years for self-inflicted deaths.

Table 11.1 Deaths with or following contact with the police by self-identified ethnicity, gender, age and cause of death, England and Wales, 2003/4

	Self-identified ethnicity					Total
	White	Black	Asian	Other	Total ethnic minority	
<i>Gender</i>						
Male	83	7	2	1	10	93
Female	7	0	0	0	0	7
<i>Age (years)</i>						
11-20	20	0	0	0	0	20
21-30	22	2	1	0	3	25
31-40	18	5	0	1	6	24
41-50	13	0	0	0	0	13
Over 50	17	0	1	0	1	18
Average	35.6	33.1	46.0	38.0	36.2	35.6
<i>Cause of death</i>						
Asphyxiation/ suffocation	13	1	0	0	1	14
Drugs	5	0	0	0	0	5
Electrocution	0	1	0	0	1	1
Fatal injuries	8	1	1	0	2	10
Gunshot	5	0	0	0	0	5
Impact from or in a vehicle	36	3	0	0	3	39
Natural causes	10	0	0	0	0	10
Unknown/awaited	13	1	1	1	3	16
Total	90	7	2	1	10	100

Table 11.2 Self-inflicted deaths in prison by self-identified ethnicity, gender, age and cause of death, England and Wales, 2003/4

	Self-identified ethnicity					Total ethnic minority	Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other		
<i>Gender</i>							
Male	72	0	4	5	2	11	83
Female	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
<i>Age (years)</i>							
11-20	7	0	0	2	0	2	9
21-30	32	0	1	1	1	3	35
31-40	24	0	3	2	0	5	29
41-50	14	0	0	0	1	1	15
Over 50	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Average	33.0	0.0	31.8	27.4	33.0	31.3	31.6
<i>Cause of death</i>							
Hanging	75	0	4	5	2	11	86
Overdose	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Self-strangulation	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Arson	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jumping	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	82	0	4	5	2	11	93

Table 11.3 Deaths in prison resulting from natural and other causes⁽¹⁾ by self-identified ethnicity, gender, age and cause of death, England and Wales, 2003/4

	Self-identified ethnicity					Total ethnic minority	Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other		
<i>Gender</i>							
Male	85	1	1	3	0	5	90
Female	2	0	1	0	0	1	3
<i>Age (years)</i>							
11-20	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
21-30	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
31-40	12	1	1	2	0	4	16
41-50	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Over 50	56	0	1	1	0	2	58
Average	54.4	38.0	51.5	43.4	..	44.3	46.8
<i>Cause of death</i>							
Natural causes	81	1	2	2	0	5	86
Other non-natural	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Homicide	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Not known	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Total	87	1	2	3	0	6	93

(1) Deaths that were not self-inflicted.

Chapter 12

Practitioners in the criminal justice system

Introduction

This section provides information on the representation of Black and Minority Ethnic groups within criminal justice agencies, including recruitment and retention.

Main Findings

Police Service (Table 12.1)

The proportion of Black and Minority Ethnic officers within the 43 'Home Office' police forces in 2003/4 was 3.3%, an increase of 705 officers (18%) from the previous year. The Black and Minority Ethnic officers comprised 37% Asian, 27% Black, 24% Mixed, and 13% Chinese or 'Other' minority ethnic groups (Table 12.1.a). These figures may have been affected by the substantial reduction in the number of officers whose ethnicity was not stated.

Of the 10,803 constables with less than 12 months service in 2003/4, 776 (7.2%) were from Black and Minority Ethnic groups (Table 12.1.b). Whilst about 5%

of White officers left police forces during 2003/4 (i.e. compared with the number in post at 31 March 2003), about 7% of Black and Minority Ethnic officers did so (Table 12.1b). Of those leaving, the proportion resigning voluntarily was 62% for Black and Minority Ethnic officers, compared to 29% for White officers. Such differences may reflect the different length of time such officers have been in post.

There was an overall fall of 0.4% over the previous year in the number of Special Constables, but an increase of 10.6% in the number of Black and Minority Ethnic special constables (Table 12.1c). The number of female Black and Minority Ethnic special constables increased by 27.8%, although the proportion of female Black and Minority Ethnic special constables remains lower than the overall proportion of female special constables.

Of the total of 3,418 Community Support Officers in post in 2003/4, 17% were from Black and Minority Ethnic groups, compared to 15% the previous year (Table 12.1d).

Tables 12.1 Police Service by ethnicity, England and Wales, 2003/4

a. Police officers in post, by rank (full time equivalents)

Rank	Total officers	Ethnicity of staff												Total minority ethnic	
		White		Mixed		Black/Black British		Asian/Asian British		Chinese/Other		Not Stated			
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%		
Constables	109,715	104,165	94.9	937	0.9	1,069	1.0	1,446	1.3	518	0.5	1,581	1.4	3,969	3.6
Sergeants	18,976	18,346	96.7	103	0.5	117	0.6	149	0.8	43	0.2	217	1.1	412	2.2
Inspectors & Chief Inspectors	8,188	7,974	97.4	44	0.5	36	0.4	71	0.9	11	0.1	52	0.6	162	2.0
Superintendent & above	1,590	1,538	96.7	12	0.8	9	0.6	10	0.6	4	0.3	18	1.1	35	2.2
Total (2003/4) ⁽¹⁾	138,468	132,023	95.3	1,095	0.8	1,230	0.9	1,676	1.2	576	0.4	1,868	1.3	4,577	3.3
2002/3 Total ⁽¹⁾	132,509	125,609	94.8	864	0.7	1,117	0.8	1,365	1.0	527	0.4	3,028	2.3	3,872	2.9
% change 2002/3 to 2003/4	4.5	5.1		26.8		10.1		22.8		9.2		-38.3		18.2	

(1) As at 31 March 2004. Strength figures are for the 43 'Home Office' forces and do not count officers seconded from a force e.g. to the National Crime Squad, National Criminal Intelligence Service, or those in central services. Data are not directly comparable with those for years prior to 2002/3 which excluded officers on career breaks and maternity leave. Row and column totals may not add to the sum of individual cells because of rounding to take account of part-time staff.

b. Constables with under 1 year's service, and all police officer leavers (headcount)⁽¹⁾

	Ethnicity of staff						Total
	White		Minority Ethnic		Not Stated		
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Constables with less than 1 year's service	9,870	91.4	776	7.2	157	1.5	10,803
Officers dismissed (inc. required to resign)	138	87.9	12	7.6	7	4.5	157
Voluntary resignations	1,991	91.0	163	7.5	33	1.5	2,187
Medical retirements	381	91.1	10	2.4	27	6.5	418
Ordinary retirements	2,729	97.3	22	0.8	54	1.9	2,805
Transfers from force	1,483	94.7	51	3.3	32	2.0	1,566
Deaths	63	92.6	3	4.4	2	2.9	68
Total leaving	6,785	94.2	261	3.6	155	2.2	7,201

(1) As at 31 March 2004. Data for 43 'Home Office' forces.

c. Special constables in post by ethnicity and gender (headcount)

	Total Officers					Minority Ethnic Officers				
	Male		Female		All	Male		Female		All
	Number	%	Number	%		Number	%	Number	%	
Total (2003/4) ⁽¹⁾	7,645	69.6	3,343	30.4	10,988	404	74.5	138	25.5	542
Total 2002/3 ⁽¹⁾	7,718	69.9	3,319	30.1	11,037	382	78.0	108	22.0	490
% change 2002/3 to 2003/4	-0.9		0.7		-0.4	5.8		27.8		10.6

(1) As at 31 March 2004. Data for 43 'Home Office' forces.

d. Police staff ⁽¹⁾ (including traffic wardens) in post (full time equivalents)

	Total officers	Ethnicity of staff													
		White		Mixed		Black / Black British		Asian / Asian British		Chinese / Other minority ethnic		Not Stated		Total minority ethnic	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Police staff total (2003/4)	69,781	64,303	92.1	354	0.5	1,729	2.5	1,419	2.0	412	0.6	1,564	2.2	3,914	5.6
Police staff total 2002/3	64,784	59,916	92.5	285	0.4	1,529	2.4	1,234	1.9	383	0.6	1,436	2.2	3,432	5.3
% change 2002/3 to 2003/4	7.7	7.3		24.2		13.1		15.0		7.5		8.9		14.1	
Community support officers total (2003/4)	3,418	2,575	75.3	47	1.4	249	7.3	228	6.7	67	2.0	252	7.4	591	17.3
Community support officers total 2002/3	1,176	847	72.0	11	0.9	88	7.5	66	5.6	16	1.4	148	12.6	180	15.3
% change 2002/3 to 2003/4	190.6	204.0		327.3		183.3		245.0		316.7		70.1		228.2	

(1) As at 31 March 2004. Data for 43 'Home Office' forces. Does not include police officers, only civilian employees, traffic wardens, etc. Row and column totals may not add to the sum of individual cells because of rounding to take account of part-time staff.

Prison Service (Table 12.2)

The overall number of Prison Officers rose by 1.2% in 2003/4 (Table 12.2.a). There was an increase of 2.6% in the number of Black and Minority Ethnic officers, which meant that the overall proportion of Black and Minority Ethnic officers was 4.1%. However, the ethnicity of 8.7% of officers in 2003/4 remained unknown.

Black and Minority Ethnic groups accounted for 7.6% of the 7,269 people recruited into the Prison Service in 2003/4 (Table 12.2.b). Of the 4,774 individuals who left Prison Service employment during this period, 6.5% were from Black and Minority Ethnic groups.

Tables 12.2 Prison Service by ethnicity, England and Wales, 2003/4

a. Staff in post

Grade	Ethnicity of Staff												
	White		Black		Asian		Other		Total minority ethnic		Not known		Total
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Prison Officer grades													
2003/4	21,116	87.2	458	1.9	213	0.9	319	1.3	990	4.1	2,116	8.7	24,222
2002/3	20,847	87.1	440	1.8	206	0.9	319	1.3	965	4.0	2,133	8.9	23,945
% change	1.3		4.1		3.4		0.0		2.6		-0.8		1.2
Governor grades & equivalent new Prison Service grades													
2003/4	1,223	90.1	11	0.8	8	0.6	24	1.8	43	3.2	91	6.7	1,357
2002/3	1,194	90.6	10	0.8	7	0.5	20	1.5	37	2.8	87	6.6	1,318
% change	2.4		10.0		14.3		20.0		16.2		4.6		3.0
Other grades													
2003/4	19,133	84.8	785	3.5	452	2.0	334	1.5	1,571	7.0	1,856	8.2	22,560
2002/3	18,782	84.4	776	3.5	462	2.1	331	1.5	1,569	7.0	1,913	8.6	22,264
% change	1.9		1.2		-2.2		0.9		0.1		-3.0		1.3

2003/4 figures are as at 26 July 2004; 2002/3 figures are as at 30 November 2003.

Note: At 31 March 2004 the highest ranking Prison Officer from Black and Minority Ethnic groups was at Senior Manager C.

b. Recruitment and Retention

Ethnicity of staff recruited

	White		Black		Asian		Other		Total		Not Known		Total
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
2003/4	5,996	82.5	263	3.6	151	2.1	141	1.9	555	7.6	718	9.9	7,269
2002/3	5,125	82.4	241	3.9	114	1.8	97	1.6	452	7.3	640	10.3	6,217
% change	17.0		9.1		32.5		45.4		22.8		12.2		16.9

Reasons for leaving employment by ethnicity 2003/4

Reason	White		Black		Asian		Other		Total minority ethnic		Not Known		Total
	White		Black		Asian		Other		Total minority ethnic		Not Known		
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Death	40	85.1	0	0.0	1	2.1	0	0.0	1	2.1	6	12.8	47
Dismissal	413	80.7	24	4.7	15	2.9	16	3.1	55	10.7	44	8.6	512
Secondment to other organisations	9	90.0	0	0.0	1	10.0	0	0.0	1	10.0	0	0.0	10
Public sector transfer	188	65.3	28	9.7	28	9.7	13	4.5	69	24.0	31	10.8	288
Resignation	1,948	85.4	62	2.7	31	1.4	30	1.3	123	5.4	211	9.2	2,282
Retirement	956	88.4	10	0.9	13	1.2	10	0.9	33	3.0	93	8.6	1,082
Other	472	85.4	9	1.6	13	2.4	8	1.4	30	5.4	51	9.2	553
Total	4,026	84.3	133	2.8	102	2.1	77	1.6	312	6.5	436	9.1	4,774

Between 1 April 2003 and 31 March 2004.

Probation Service

Table 12.3 Probation Service staff in post by ethnicity, England and Wales, 2003/4

Grade	Self-defined ethnicity														Total
	White		Mixed		Black		Asian		Other		Total minority ethnic		Not stated		
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Senior Probation Officer	961	85.0	12	1.1	73	6.5	27	2.4	9	0.8	121	10.7	48	4.2	1,130
Senior Practitioner	205	90.3	1	0.4	8	3.5	1	0.4	2	0.9	12	5.3	10	4.4	227
Probation Officer	4,326	80.7	80	1.5	385	7.2	112	2.1	34	0.6	611	11.4	421	7.9	5,358
Trainee Probation Officer	1,427	80.0	32	1.8	78	4.4	59	3.3	7	0.4	176	9.9	181	10.1	1,784
Probation Service Officer	4,551	80.6	72	1.3	369	6.5	148	2.6	21	0.4	610	10.8	487	8.6	5,648
Total Probation Officer grade	11,470	81.1	197	1.4	913	6.5	347	2.5	73	0.5	1,530	10.8	1,147	8.1	14,147
Other staff	6,695	83.7	60	0.8	494	6.2	200	2.5	42	0.5	796	10.0	509	6.4	8,000
2003/4 total	18,165	82.0	257	1.2	1,407	6.4	547	2.5	115	0.5	2,326	10.5	1,656	7.5	22,147
2002/3 total	18,244	82.8	167	0.8	1,295	5.9	509	2.3	61	0.3	2,032	9.2	1,761	8.0	22,037
% change	-0.4		53.9		8.6		7.5		88.5		14.5		-6.0		0.5

At 31 December 2003

Notes: Non Probation Officer staff includes all grades not otherwise specified, e.g. Chief Officers, Board members, and hostel wardens. Figures for 2002/3 are as at 31 March 2003 and were defined in different categories.

Crown Prosecution Service

Table 12.4 Crown Prosecution Service by ethnicity, England and Wales, 2003/4

Grade	Ethnicity of staff														Total		
	White		Mixed		Black		Asian		Chinese		Other		Total minority ethnic			Not Known	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%		Number	%
Level B & below (Admin)	3,588	68.8	51	1.0	240	4.6	289	5.5	21	0.4	27	0.5	628	12.0	999	19.2	5,215
Level C (Lawyers)	1,447	64.7	34	1.5	88	3.9	94	4.2	6	0.3	14	0.6	236	10.6	553	24.7	2,236
Level D & above (Lawyers)	403	76.8	7	1.3	12	2.3	22	4.2	0	0.0	4	0.8	45	8.6	77	14.7	525
Level D & above (Admin)	86	78.2	0	0.0	1	0.9	2	1.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	2.7	21	19.1	110
Total 2003/4 ⁽¹⁾	5,524	68.3	92	1.1	341	4.2	407	5.0	27	0.3	45	0.6	912	11.3	1,650	20.4	8,086
Total 2002/3 ⁽²⁾	5,188	68.0	74	1.0	287	3.8	329	4.3	23	0.3	48	0.6	761	10.0	1,685	22.1	7,634
% change in total	6.5		24.3		18.8		23.7		17.4		-6.3		19.8		-2.1		5.9

(1) As at 1 April 2004. (2) As at 1 August 2003.

Other Criminal Justice agencies

Table 12.5 Employment in the Criminal Justice System, England and Wales, 2003/4

a. Department for Constitutional Affairs Headquarters staff

Grade	Ethnicity of Staff					Total minority ethnic	Not known	Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other			
Spans 7 & below (AA - SEO)	875	29	111	102	15	257	659	1,791
Spans 8 & over (Grade 7 & over exc. Lawyers)	304	*	*	10	*	25	219	548

At 5 August 2004

Notes: * The DCA Code of Practice does not allow figures to be published that would potentially identify individuals.

These figures exclude all casuals and off-strength staff.

These figures are staff who completed an ethnic origin questionnaire. Any number between 1 and 5 is given as an asterisk.

b. Magistrates' court staff

Grade	Ethnicity of staff					Total minority ethnic	Not known	Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other			
Justice Chief Executive	38	0	0	0	0	0	2	40
Dual appointments	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Justice Clerks	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
Senior legal manager	335	4	10	7	4	24	9	368
Senior administration manager	243	2	3	3	1	9	3	255
Court Clerk	1,269	14	37	78	8	137	49	1,455
Principal administration division	837	8	33	13	2	55	28	920
Administrative grades	5,742	41	201	196	32	470	272	6,484
Clerical grades	923	1	5	16	0	22	12	957
Total 2003/4	9,460	70	288	312	47	717	375	10,552
Total 2002/3	9,692	68	285	281	67	702	318	10,712

% change 2003 to 2004

-2.4 3.4 1.0 11.0 -30.5 2.2 17.8 -1.5

At 31 December 2003

Note: Totals may not agree due to rounding to take account of part-time equivalent staff.

c. Crown Court staff

Grade	Ethnicity of Staff					Total minority ethnic	Not known	Total (No)
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other			
Spans 7 & below (AA-SEO)	1,665	17	45	76	18	156	668	2,489
Spans 8 & above (Grade 7 & above)	30	0	0	0	0	0	3	33

At 5 August 2004

Notes: * The DCA Code of Practice does not allow figures to be published that would potentially identify individuals.

These figures exclude all casuals and off strength staff.

Any number between 1 and 5 is shown as an asterisk

These figures are percentages of staff who have completed an ethnic origin questionnaire.

d. Judiciary 2003/4

Type of judge	Ethnicity of staff							Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Total minority ethnic	Not known	
Recorders	1,295	7	18	20	18	63	35	1,393
Circuit Judges	564	0	1	3	5	9	38	611
High Court Judges	105	0	0	0	0	0	1	106
Lords Justices	36	0	0	0	0	0	1	37
Total 2003/4	2,000	7	19	23	23	72	75	2,147
Total 2002/3	1,641	0	20	21	11	52	428	2,121
% change	21.9	..	-5.0	9.5	109.0	38.5	-82.5	1.2

As at 1 April 2004

e. Magistracy 2003/4

Type of magistrate	Ethnicity of staff							Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Total minority ethnic	Not known	
Lay magistrates 2003/4	26,199	..	607	915	232	1,754	76	28,029
2002/3	26,548	..	609	845	255	1,709	87	28,344
% change	-1.3	..	-0.3	8.3	-9.0	2.6	-12.6	-1.1
District judges 2003/4 ⁽¹⁾	258	1	4	8	6	19	1	278
2002/3	247	..	3	7	3	13	21	281
% change	4.5	..	33.3	14.3	100.0	46.2	-95.2	-1.1

At 1 April 2004

Note: The District Judges (inc. deputies) figures do not include County Court District Judges.

f. Legal profession

Type of lawyer	Ethnicity of staff										Total				
	White		Mixed		Black		Asian		Other			Total minority ethnic	Not known		
	Number	% Number	% Number	% Number	% Number	% Number	% Number	% Number							
Solicitors on the Roll	91,843	79.1	891	0.8	959	0.8	4,811	4.1	3,608	3.1	10,269	8.8	13,998	12.1	116,110
Solicitors with Practising Certificates	75,297	81.2	796	0.9	822	0.9	4,116	4.4	1,622	1.7	7,356	7.9	10,099	10.9	92,752
Solicitors in private practice	59,576	82.1	562	0.8	551	0.8	3,164	4.4	1,163	1.6	5,440	7.5	7,529	10.4	72,545
At 31 July 2003															
Self-employed Barristers	9,044	80.4	83	0.7	281	2.5	447	4.0	189	1.7	1,000	8.9	1,204	10.7	11,248
At 31 December 2003															
Queen's Counsel	1,132	91.0	6	0.5	9	0.7	12	1.0	10	0.8	37	3.0	75	6.0	1,244

At 31 July 2003 – No further appointments were made during the period up the end of April 2004.

g. Parole Board

Self-defined ethnicity of members	Number	%
White	109	85.8
Mixed	2	1.6
Black	3	2.4
Asian	3	2.4
Chinese or Other	0	0.0
Not stated	10	7.9
Total	127	100.0

At 31 December 2004.

h. Independent Monitoring Boards

Members	Ethnicity of members								Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Total minority ethnic	Not known		
2004	1,586	13	54	47	2	116	0	1,702	
2003	1,526	10	63	49	2	124	1	1,651	
% change	3.9	30.0	-14.3	-4.1	0.0	-6.5	..	3.1	

Prisons only, as at 5 August 2004

i. Victim Support

Type of personnel	Ethnicity of Staff														Total
	White		Mixed		Black		Asian		Other		Total minority ethnic		Not known		
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
(Volunteers)															
Community service	4,889		36		245		184		38		503		64		5,456
Witness service	3,195		13		35		50		17		116		26		3,337
Other ⁽¹⁾	567		5		8		4		7		24		9		600
Support-line	16		1		9		3		1		14		5		35
IT volunteers	45		0		12		4		0		16		3		64
Total (Volunteers)	8,712	91.8	55	0.6	310	3.3	245	2.6	62	0.7	672	7.1	107	1.1	9,492
Area trustees (Volunteers)	748		2		44		24		2		71		15		835
Total (All volunteers)	9,460	91.6	57	0.6	354	3.4	269	2.6	64	0.6	743	7.2	122	1.2	10,327
(Staff)															
Community & Witness Service	1,186		14		35		45		10		104		22		1,312
Support-line	5		0		1		0		0		1		0		6
National office	73		1		7		2		6		16		2		91
Total (Staff)	1,264	89.7	15	1.1	43	3.1	47	3.3	16	1.1	121	8.6	24	1.7	1,409

(1) As at 2 March 2004. Includes volunteers who provide office, administrative and fund-raising support.

Organisational changes mean staff groups presented differ from 2002/3. Figures include some estimates for missing data.

j. Youth Offending Teams

Youth Offending Team members	Ethnicity of staff														Total
	White		Mixed		Black		Asian		Other		Total minority ethnic		Not known		
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Permanent/fixed	7,071	87.9	148	1.8	516	6.4	233	2.9	79	1.0	976	12.1	0	0.0	8,047
Police	363	96.0	4	1.1	7	1.9	3	0.8	1	0.3	15	4.0	0	0.0	378
Probation	236	84.9	4	1.4	29	10.4	5	1.8	4	1.4	42	15.1	0	0.0	278
Social Services	816	76.6	15	1.4	181	17.0	45	4.2	8	0.8	249	23.4	0	0.0	1,065
Education	190	83.3	3	1.3	27	11.8	5	2.2	3	1.3	38	16.7	0	0.0	228
Health	189	89.6	3	1.4	10	4.7	4	1.9	5	2.4	22	10.4	0	0.0	211
Temporary/ Administration	2,579	78.0	52	1.6	389	11.8	196	5.9	90	2.7	727	22.0	0	0.0	3,306
Others	296	81.8	7	1.9	46	12.7	9	2.5	4	1.1	66	18.2	0	0.0	362
Total	11,740	84.6	236	1.7	1,205	8.7	500	3.6	194	1.4	2,135	15.4	0	0.0	13,875

At 31/3/2004 - Forecast from Youth Justice Plans. These data are not comparable with previous years' returns as (i) volunteers, students and trainees are included; and (ii) part time posts are counted as one.

k. Serious Fraud Office

Grade	Ethnicity of staff										Total
	White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Other	Total minority ethnic	Not known				
HEO equivalent & below	81	7	14	17	0	38	4	123			
SEO equivalent and above	70	1	4	3	1	9	5	84			
Total 2003/4	151	8	18	20	1	47	9	207			
Total 2002/3	157	1	20	19	6	46	28	231			
% change 2002/3 to	-3.8	700.0	-10.0	5.3	-83.3	2.2	-67.9	-10.4			

As at 31 March 2004

Appendices

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Appendix A1

Estimated⁽¹⁾ population aged 10 and over by ethnic origin and police force area, mid-2003

Police force area	Ethnic origin ⁽²⁾				Total
	White	Black	Asian	Other	
Avon & Somerset	1,291,845	17,248	17,649	10,429	1,337,037
Bedfordshire	430,017	19,428	43,689	5,031	498,166
Cambridgeshire	607,515	7,517	18,888	8,545	642,465
Cheshire	860,264	3,587	6,212	4,900	874,963
Cleveland	473,092	1,803	10,528	1,998	487,422
Cumbria	434,445	788	1,182	1,225	437,640
Derbyshire	828,389	8,892	22,186	3,885	863,265
Devon & Cornwall	1,416,331	4,729	5,732	6,306	1,433,098
Dorset	617,397	2,956	4,089	4,592	629,034
Durham	520,522	1,317	3,004	2,055	526,951
Essex	1,387,716	13,330	20,639	11,466	1,433,295
Gloucestershire	488,463	5,229	6,084	3,017	502,793
Greater Manchester	2,022,974	42,654	132,851	22,882	2,221,584
Hampshire	1,541,870	11,141	24,669	13,846	1,591,526
Hertfordshire	852,574	15,654	31,307	10,557	910,092
Humberside	766,460	3,043	7,335	3,512	780,350
Kent	1,356,256	10,398	27,963	10,539	1,405,155
Lancashire	1,176,338	6,297	70,404	6,297	1,259,463
Leicestershire	706,824	14,386	98,471	7,110	826,791
Lincolnshire	585,381	2,314	3,145	2,492	593,392
City of London	6,373	244	575	345	7,538
Merseyside	1,173,394	12,322	9,785	12,443	1,208,065
Metropolitan Police	4,594,122	800,129	835,001	228,608	6,457,860
Norfolk	714,290	3,119	3,989	3,916	725,241
Northamptonshire	535,164	10,295	12,770	4,332	562,561
Northumbria	1,206,812	4,464	20,831	7,811	1,239,918
North Yorkshire	668,979	2,103	4,002	3,324	678,340
Nottinghamshire	859,893	21,196	24,942	7,583	913,614
South Yorkshire	1,069,049	15,054	31,905	7,415	1,123,423
Staffordshire	902,137	6,698	17,674	3,721	930,230
Suffolk	582,888	7,013	4,915	4,616	599,432
Surrey	891,218	8,162	25,236	13,509	938,124
Sussex	1,293,515	10,449	22,773	12,726	1,339,597
Thames Valley	1,694,783	39,805	92,015	24,809	1,851,413
Warwickshire	439,782	3,589	14,126	2,623	460,119
West Mercia	1,015,594	6,133	12,474	5,301	1,039,503
West Midlands	1,794,694	113,585	311,350	25,366	2,244,770
West Yorkshire	1,625,339	29,892	165,963	12,654	1,833,847
Wiltshire	531,210	4,143	6,051	3,707	545,110
Dyfed-Powys	439,408	976	1,864	1,509	443,757
Gwent	477,949	2,388	5,019	1,900	487,256
North Wales	588,388	1,367	2,437	2,140	594,391
South Wales	1,036,493	9,111	17,793	8,468	1,071,865
England & Wales	42,505,221	1,303,413	2,201,837	539,985	46,550,456

(1) The percentages given in Table A2 (derived from the 2001 Census) were applied to the ONS mid-2003 population estimates for those aged 10 and over.

(2) Black includes all mixed categories where Black is mentioned; Asian includes all mixed categories where Asian is mentioned; 'Other' includes Chinese and all other categories not already specified.

Appendix A2

Estimated population aged 10 and over, percentage by ethnic origin and police force area, mid-2001

Police force area	Percentages ^(1, 2)				Total (=100%)
	White	Black	Asian	Other	
Avon & Somerset	96.62	1.29	1.32	0.78	1,337,037
Bedfordshire	86.32	3.90	8.77	1.01	498,166
Cambridgeshire	94.56	1.17	2.94	1.33	642,465
Cheshire	98.32	0.41	0.71	0.56	874,963
Cleveland	97.06	0.37	2.16	0.41	487,422
Cumbria	99.27	0.18	0.27	0.28	437,640
Derbyshire	95.96	1.03	2.57	0.45	863,265
Devon & Cornwall	98.83	0.33	0.40	0.44	1,433,098
Dorset	98.15	0.47	0.65	0.73	629,034
Durham	98.78	0.25	0.57	0.39	526,951
Essex	96.82	0.93	1.44	0.80	1,433,295
Gloucestershire	97.15	1.04	1.21	0.60	502,793
Greater Manchester	91.06	1.92	5.98	1.03	2,221,584
Hampshire	96.88	0.70	1.55	0.87	1,591,526
Hertfordshire	93.68	1.72	3.44	1.16	910,092
Humberside	98.22	0.39	0.94	0.45	780,350
Kent	96.52	0.74	1.99	0.75	1,405,155
Lancashire	93.40	0.50	5.59	0.50	1,259,463
Leicestershire	85.49	1.74	11.91	0.86	826,791
Lincolnshire	98.65	0.39	0.53	0.42	593,392
City of London	84.55	3.24	7.63	4.58	7,538
Merseyside	97.13	1.02	0.81	1.03	1,208,065
Metropolitan Police	71.14	12.39	12.93	3.54	6,457,860
Norfolk	98.49	0.43	0.55	0.54	725,241
Northamptonshire	95.13	1.83	2.27	0.77	562,561
Northumbria	97.33	0.36	1.68	0.63	1,239,918
North Yorkshire	98.62	0.31	0.59	0.49	678,340
Nottinghamshire	94.12	2.32	2.73	0.83	913,614
South Yorkshire	95.16	1.34	2.84	0.66	1,123,423
Staffordshire	96.98	0.72	1.90	0.40	930,230
Suffolk	97.24	1.17	0.82	0.77	599,432
Surrey	95.00	0.87	2.69	1.44	938,124
Sussex	96.56	0.78	1.70	0.95	1,339,597
Thames Valley	91.54	2.15	4.97	1.34	1,851,413
Warwickshire	95.58	0.78	3.07	0.57	460,119
West Mercia	97.70	0.59	1.20	0.51	1,039,503
West Midlands	79.95	5.06	13.87	1.13	2,244,770
West Yorkshire	88.63	1.63	9.05	0.69	1,833,847
Wiltshire	97.45	0.76	1.11	0.68	545,110
Dyfed-Powys	99.02	0.22	0.42	0.34	443,757
Gwent	98.09	0.49	1.03	0.39	487,256
North Wales	98.99	0.23	0.41	0.36	594,391
South Wales	96.70	0.85	1.66	0.79	1,071,865
England & Wales	91.31	2.80	4.73	1.16	46,550,456

(1) The percentages are based on the Census key tables (KS06) figures released by ONS in February 2003.

(2) Black includes all mixed categories where Black is mentioned; Asian includes all mixed categories where Asian is mentioned; 'Other' includes Chinese and all other categories not already specified.

Appendix B

Correspondence of ethnic classifications

The table below gives details of the different ways in which information on ethnicity is categorised by criminal justice agencies in England and Wales.

The first two columns present categories used by the police when they visually identify someone as belonging to an ethnic group, e.g. at the time of a stop & search or an arrest. The third and fourth columns give the categories used by the 2001 census when individuals identify themselves as belonging to a particular ethnic group. It should be noted that columns 1 and 2 are not measuring the same dimension of ethnicity as columns 3 and 4.

The rows show how the categories in the different classifications of ethnicity correspond with each other. There is not necessarily a direct match in all cases.

The characters in brackets after the categories denote the codes used by practitioners within the Criminal Justice System, and are given to facilitate their understanding of how the categories are used. The code IC stands for 'Identity Code'.

The writing in italics in the fourth column ('16+1' classification) indicates how the categories in this column correspond to the categories in the first column ('4+1' classification).

VISUAL IDENTIFICATION		SELF-CLASSIFICATION	
Census (Standard Home Office) 4 Point classification '4+1' *	Phoenix classification	Census (Standard Home Office) 5 Point classification	Census 16 Point Classification '16+1' **
White [1]	White European [IC1] Dark European [IC2]	White [1]	White: [W] British [W1] Irish [W2] Any other White background [W9]
		Mixed [2]	Mixed: [M] White & Black Caribbean [M1] (<i>goes to Black on 4+1</i>) White & Black African [M2] (<i>goes to Black on 4+1</i>) White & Asian [M3] (<i>goes to Asian on 4+1</i>) Any other mixed background [M9] (<i>goes to Other on 4+1</i>)
Black [2]	Afro-Caribbean [IC3]	Black or Black British [4]	Black or Black British: [B] Caribbean [B1] African [B2] Any other Black background [B9]
Asian [3] (Indian sub-continent)	Asian [IC4]	Asian or Asian British [3]	Asian or Asian British: [A] Indian [A1] Pakistani [A2] Bangladeshi [A3] Any other Asian background [A9]
Other [4]	Oriental [IC5] Arab [IC6]	Chinese or Other minority ethnic group [5]	Chinese or Other ethnic group: [O] Chinese [O1] Other [O9]
Unknown	Unknown [IC0]	Not stated	Not stated

* '4+1' refers to the four ethnic categories plus the 'Unknown' category

** '16+1' refers to the sixteen ethnic categories plus the 'Not stated' category

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