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Statistical News Release: Racist Incidents, England and Wales, 2011/12

Racist Incidents fall by eight per cent in 2011/12

The new statistical findings publication on racist incidents which is published today contains the numbers of racist incidents recorded by the police in England and Wales in 2011/12. A 'racist incident' is any incident, including any crime, which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person.

The main finding was that the number of racist incidents recorded by the police in England and Wales decreased by eight per cent from 51,585 in 2010/11 to 47,678 in 2011/12.

The findings document also includes a table showing the numbers of racist incidents by police force area in 2011/12, together with comparisons with the previous two years.

Notes to editors

Hate crimes, England and Wales 2011/12 are published simultaneously with this release by the Home Office.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/hate-crimes-1112/>

Racist incident statistics also appear biennially in the Ministry of Justice publication *Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System*, which brings together statistical information on how members of the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic community are represented in the CJS as suspects, offenders, victims and as employees/practitioners. This statistical release is published prior to the MOJ volume as the primary release of racist incident statistics.