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Statistical News Release: Hate Crime, England and Wales, 2016/17

The latest hate crime statistics are released today by the Home Office. This bulletin contains:

- The number of hate crimes recorded by the police in England and Wales in 2016/17 which were motivated by one or more of the following five monitored strands: race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or transgender identity.
- Information on the types of offences associated with hate crime.
- Analysis of how hate crime offences recorded in 2016/17 were dealt with by the police.
- Information on the number of racially or religiously aggravated crimes recorded by the police following potential 'trigger' events.
- Information on the number of hate crime offences that had an online element.

Key points from the bulletin

- In 2016/17, there were 80,393 offences recorded by the police in which one or more hate crime strands were deemed to be a motivating factor. This was an increase of 29 per cent compared with the 62,518 hate crimes recorded in 2015/16, the largest percentage increase seen since the series began in 2011/12.
- The number of hate crime offences in 2016/17 for the five centrally monitored strands were as follows:
 - 62,685 (78%) were race hate crimes;
 - 9,157 (11%) were sexual orientation hate crimes;
 - 5,949 (7%) were religious hate crimes;
 - 5,558 (7%) were disability hate crimes; and
 - 1,248 (2%) were transgender hate crimes.

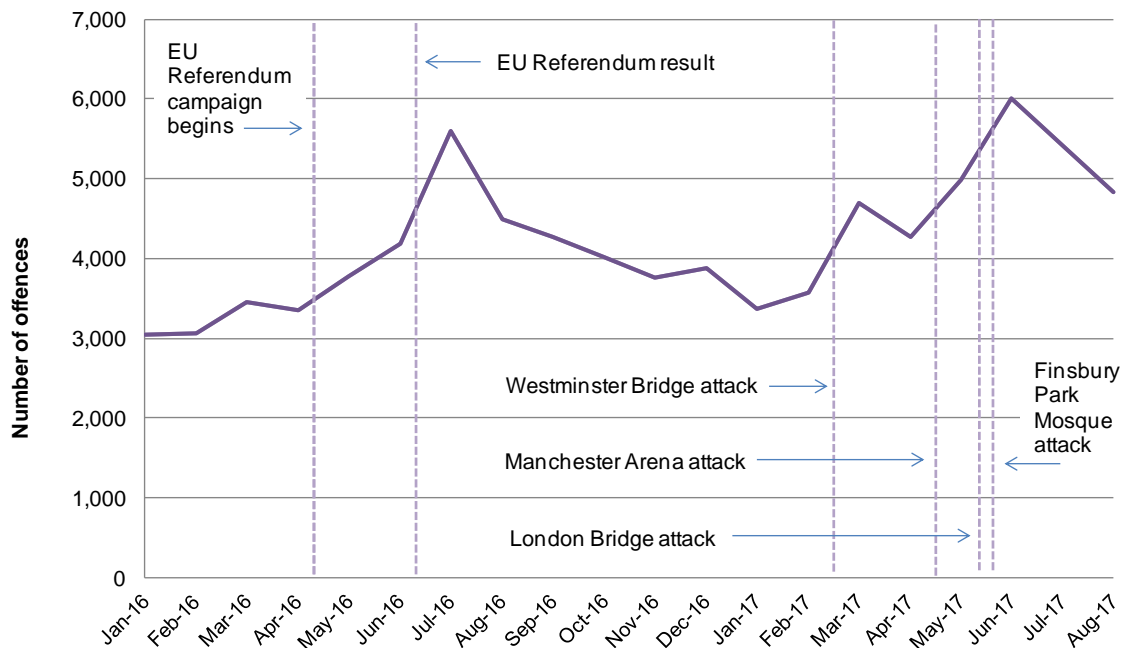
It is possible for a hate crime offence to have more than one motivating factor which is why the above numbers sum to more than 80,393 and 100 per cent.

- The increase over the last year is thought to reflect both a genuine rise in hate crime around the time of the EU referendum and following the Westminster Bridge terrorist attack, as well as ongoing improvements in crime recording by the police. The Office for National Statistics have stated that increases in recent years in police recorded violence against the person and public order offences have been driven by improvements in police recording. Around nine in ten hate crime offences recorded by the police are in these two offence groups.

Levels of racially or religiously aggravated offences following selected incidents

- The statistical bulletin shows the level of racially or religiously aggravated offences around the time of the EU Referendum and the terrorist attacks in London and Manchester.
- In 2017, there were a number of spikes in racially or religiously aggravated offences. These were in June 2016 (the EU Referendum result), March 2017 (Westminster Bridge attack), May 2017 (Manchester Arena attack) and June 2017 (London Bridge / Borough Market and Finsbury Park Mosque).

Number of racially or religiously aggravated offences recorded by the police, January 2016 to August 2017



Source: Provisional police recorded crime, Home Office

Notes

1. 'Hate Crimes, England and Wales, 2016/17' can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hate-crime-england-and-wales-2016-to-2017>

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