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About CRER

The Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights, formerly the Glasgow Anti Racist Alliance (GARA), works to eliminate racial discrimination and promote racial justice across Scotland. Through capacity building, research and campaigning activities which respond to the needs of communities, our work takes a strategic approach to tackling deep rooted issues of racial inequality. CRER has experience of anti-racist work covering areas such as community engagement and empowerment, research and resource development, practical training and equality mainstreaming support for Public and Voluntary Sector organisations.

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Introduction

In 2008 the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights (CRER, previously known as Glasgow Anti-Racist Alliance) produced a report entitled “The State of the Nation: Race and Racism in Scotland”. This report recorded a wide range of statistical information broken down by ethnicity, highlighting evidence that Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) people still experience substantial inequalities across many areas of life in Scotland including education, employment, housing, health and criminal justice.

The original intention was to publish The State of the Nation as a biannual report. However, this proved difficult due to varying availability of data and the challenges of compiling such large amounts of information every two years. Instead, from 2013 onwards, The State of the Nation will be published as an online resource updated via individual themed reports on an on-going basis. This report on criminal justice is the first to be created using this new approach.

The State of the Nation: Criminal Justice 1.1 compiles existing data from the Scottish Government into a single report on racial equality within the criminal justice sector in Scotland. This data has not previously been publicly available in a single volume with an overarching analysis identifying trends in racial equality. The aim of this report and forthcoming issues of State of the Nation is to make evidence on race equality in Scotland easily accessible to all. Part 2 of this report (to be published later in the year) will give additional commentary and analysis on issues highlighted by the data in this report.

Ethnic Categories

These were based upon the categories used within the 2001 and 2011 population census. Within these censuses there were various levels of subdivisions of ethnic groups, e.g. Asian/British/Scottish: Pakistani, Indian, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Other and Black/British/Scottish: African, Caribbean, Other. Within the text, when referring to an ethnic category, the description has been simplified for ease of reading. Thus, Asian/British/Scottish was reduced to Asian, Black/British/Scottish African is reduced to African.

It should be borne in mind that when such terms are used they give no indication of nationality or place of birth. They were merely convenient shorthand to describe ethnic categories which are used in census and other forms.

Racist Incidents

This section examines data on racist incidents from the Crime and Justice Series Racist Incidents Recorded by the Police in Scotland 2010-11 Statistical Bulletin.

The Bulletin provides the following definitions:

Racist Incident

Defined by Sir William MacPherson in his report to the Stephen Lawrence inquiry: “any incident which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person”.

Incident

An incident is any communication by whatever means about a matter which comes to the police attention which they may be required to act upon.

Crime

An act committed in violation of the law (common law or statute). Any single incident may include a number of crimes, or there might be no criminal element.

Victim

The individual who perceived the incident to be racist. In any incident, there could be one or more victims, and in some cases, no victim (e.g. graffiti reported to the police but no specific victim targeted).

Perpetrator

The person who was deemed responsible for the incident. In any incident, there could be one or more perpetrators.

Racist Incidents

DEFINITION OF RACIST INCIDENT

12. That the definition should be:

"A racist incident is any incident which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person".

13. That the term "racist incident" must be understood to include crimes and non-crimes in policing terms. Both must be reported, recorded and investigated with equal commitment.

14. That this definition should be universally adopted by the Police, local Government and other relevant agencies.

MacPherson Report

Victims & Perpetrators of Racist Incidents

Ethnic Origin of Victims & Perpetrators of Racist Incidents

The initial table presents the complete picture of the ethnic origin of victims of racism in Scotland, the second table considers non-white victims only. The third table provides the ethnic origin of perpetrators of racist crimes.

In 2010-11 there were 4,907 racist incidents reported in Scotland, this increased in 2011-12 to 5,389. In 2010-11 there were 5,902 victims and 5,558 perpetrators recorded, in 2011-12 there were 6,311 victims and 5,281 perpetrators recorded (note individuals may be multiply counted). The statistical bulletin notes that “Information about perpetrators of racist incidents was only fully available where the incident was resolved, and any crime involved has been cleared up.”

Ethnic Origin of Victims of Racist Incidents (2010-11 & 2011-12)

	Numbers		Percentages		2001 Census
	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11	2011-12	
White British	1048	1295	18.6	22.0	95.5
White Irish	131	95	2.3	1.6	1.0
White Other	546	700	9.7	11.9	1.5
Mixed	248	151	4.4	2.6	0.3
Indian	536	486	9.5	8.3	0.3
Pakistani	1376	1357	24.4	23.0	0.6
Bangladeshi	95	57	1.7	1.0	0.0
Asian Other	503	520	8.9	8.8	0.1
Caribbean	46	35	0.8	0.6	0.0
African	416	539	7.4	9.2	0.1
Black Other	249	174	4.4	3.0	0.0
Chinese	110	153	2.0	2.6	0.3
Other	335	327	5.9	5.6	0.2
Unknown	267	422			
Total	5906	6311			

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White Other: Includes Gypsy/Traveller, Polish White and White Other

Percentages calculations do not include 'unknown' data

Note that the percentage of unknowns increase from 4.5 to 6.7 per cent of total.

Non-White Victims of Racist Incidents (2010-11 & 2011-12)

	Numbers		Percentage		2001 Census
	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11	2011-12	
Mixed	248	151	6.3	4.0	12.6
Indian	536	486	13.7	12.8	14.8
Pakistani	1376	1357	35.2	35.7	31.3
Bangladeshi	95	57	2.4	1.5	1.9
Asian Other	503	520	12.9	13.7	6.1
Caribbean	46	35	1.2	0.9	1.7
African	416	539	10.6	14.2	5.0
Black Other	249	174	6.4	4.6	1.1
Chinese	110	153	2.8	4.0	16.0
Other	335	327	8.6	8.6	9.4
Total	3,914	3,799			

Changes in Victim Numbers (2004 – 2012)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
White British		25%	-5%	5%	6%	6%	-9%	24%
White Irish		44%	53%	-13%	2%	-30%	51%	-27%
White Other		-6%	239%	15%	7%	5%	2%	28%
Mixed		17%	14%	-11%	-1%	-14%	92%	-39%
Indian		-3%	18%	-4%	25%	-9%	-4%	-9%
Pakistani		-13%	19%	-10%	-4%	-8%	-6%	-1%
Bangladeshi		-61%	158%	-28%	13%	15%	53%	-40%
Asian Other		94%	-46%	5%	-10%	-2%	1%	3%
Caribbean		86%	-65%	-10%	11%	-22%	0%	-24%
African		1%	24%	10%	8%	6%	-18%	30%
Black Other		-42%	63%	63%	-12%	-28%	117%	-30%
Chinese		1%	20%	-36%	30%	-16%	-13%	39%
Other		28%	-11%	-14%	0%	11%	4%	-2%
Unknown		139%	-36%	-20%	28%	-18%	44%	58%
Total		15%	2%	-3%	4%	-4%	2%	7%

Each column is the difference in incidents between that and the previous year expressed as a percentage of the previous year

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White Other: Includes Gypsy/Traveller, Polish White and White Other

Ethnic Origin of Perpetrators of Racist Incidents (2010-11 & 2011-12)

	Numbers		Percentage	
	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11	2011-12
White British	4,183	4,075	81.6	83.4
White Irish	71	38	1.4	0.8
White Other ¹	661	538	12.9	11.0
Mixed	17	18	0.3	0.4
Asian ²	99	145	1.9	3.0
Black ³	64	48	1.2	1.0
Other	30	26	0.6	0.5
Unknown	437	393		
Total	5,562	5,281		

1. Includes Gypsy/Traveller, Polish White & White Other

2. Includes Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese & Asian Other

3. Includes Black African, Black Caribbean & Black Other

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Changes in Perpetrator Numbers (2004 – 2012)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
White British		22%	15%	-1%	-3%	1%	-1%	-3%
White Irish		100%	0%	81%	-26%	-16%	97%	-46%
White Other		5%	405%	-40%	70%	20%	429%	-19%
Mixed		-67%	-7%	23%	50%	-17%	-15%	6%
Asian		45%	25%	-24%	17%	-15%	0%	46%
Black		8%	156%	-30%	-21%	21%	39%	-25%
Other		100%	-50%	27%	86%	-12%	30%	-13%
Unknown		81%	197%	8%	115%	0%	-53%	-10%
Total		23%	24%	-1%	9%	1%	1%	-5%

Each column is the difference in incidents between that and the previous year expressed as a percentage of the previous year.

Definitions of ethnic groups as previous table

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Notes

Crimes, victims and perpetrators can have multiple entries per incident as well as multiple entries with one another (i.e. one crime may have several victims/perpetrators).

The statistical bulletin notes that 96% of perpetrators were of white origin (though this appears to place the unknown category within the white category).

Victims

Lack of up to date census data disaggregated by ethnicity renders any direct comparisons between Scotland's ethnic make up and the above data unreliable.

Compared to their numbers within the Scottish population as a whole, the Pakistani ethnic group appear to suffer disproportionately high levels of victimisation. However, when restricting the analysis to the non-white communities the number of Pakistani victims may not be disproportionate.

In relation to the 2001 census, Other-Asian, African and Black groups appear to constitute a disproportionate percentage of victims of racist incidents (Note that demographic changes since 2001 may make comparisons with census data from that year unreliable).

When the absolute number of victims from each ethnic group was considered there was clear evidence of considerable fluctuation in numbers between 2004 and 2012.

In 2011-12 only African and Chinese ethnic groups show a change in victim numbers which lay outwith the range of absolute percentage changes between 2004 and 2010.

- The following groups have shown an increase in excess of 10% in victim numbers between 2011 and 2012: White British/Other, Chinese, African.

- The following groups have shown a decrease in excess of 10% in victim numbers between 2011 and 2012: White-Irish, Mixed, Bangladeshi, Caribbean, Black-Other.

Perpetrators

A relatively high percentage of perpetrators define themselves as 'White Other'.

The proportion of White-British perpetrators appears low relative to its population size.

In terms of absolute numbers, only the Asian ethnic group showed a change in numbers outwith the previous range of absolute percentage changes.

- Between 2010-11 and 2011-12 the number of perpetrators rose for only two ethnic groups: Mixed, Asian.
- Falls of greater than 10% were observed in the following ethnic groups: White-Irish/Other, Black, Other.

Gender & Age of Victims & Perpetrators of Racist Incidents

The following section examines various gender and age related aspects of the victims and perpetrators of racist incidents.

The first three tables consider victims and perpetrators disaggregated by age and gender.

The following two tables examine the age structure of victims and perpetrators. The final table considers the gender ratios within the six age cohorts.

Gender of Victims & Perpetrators of Racist Incidents (2010-11)

2010-11	Victims		Perpetrators	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
Male	4,237	72%	4,055	73%
Female	1,422	24%	1,057	19%
Unknown	247	4%	450	8%
	5,906		5,562	

Gender of Victims & Perpetrators of Racist Incidents (2011-12)

2011-12	Victims		Perpetrators	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
Male	4,414	70%	3,833	73%
Female	1,553	25%	1,075	20%
Unknown	344	5%	373	7%
	6,311		5,281	

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Age & Gender of Victims and Perpetrators of Racist Incidents
(2010-11 & 2011-12) - Percentage as total of all victims or perpetrators.

		2010-11				2011-12			
		Victims		Perpetrators		Victims		Perpetrators	
		Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
Male	Under 16	229	4%	900	18%	220	4%	762	16%
	16 to 20	286	5%	970	19%	277	5%	765	16%
	21 to 25	615	11%	586	11%	637	11%	585	12%
	26 to 35	1545	27%	679	13%	1,566	26%	735	15%
	36 to 50	1216	21%	682	13%	1,294	22%	708	14%
	Over 50	346	6%	238	5%	420	7%	278	6%
	Female	Under 16	153	3%	288	6%	133	2%	258
16 to 20		126	2%	177	3%	116	2%	161	3%
21 to 25		183	3%	130	3%	238	4%	143	3%
26 to 35		398	7%	192	4%	485	8%	206	4%
36 to 50		444	8%	213	4%	475	8%	229	5%
Over 50		118	2%	57	1%	106	2%	78	2%
Total			5,659		5,112		5,967		4,908

Data excludes victims/perpetrators of unknown age/gender

Unknown: Victims increased from 4% to 5% and perpetrators decreased from 8% to 7%

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Age & Gender of Victims and Perpetrators of Racist Incidents
(2010-11 & 2011-12) - Percentage as a proportion of specified gender.

		2010-11				2011-12			
		Victims		Perpetrators		Victims		Perpetrators	
		Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
Male	Under 16	229	5%	900	22%	220	5%	762	20%
	16 to 20	286	7%	970	24%	277	6%	765	20%
	21 to 25	615	15%	586	14%	637	14%	585	15%
	26 to 35	1,545	36%	679	17%	1,566	35%	735	19%
	36 to 50	1,216	29%	682	17%	1,294	29%	708	18%
	Over 50	346	8%	238	6%	420	10%	278	7%

Female	Under 16	153	11%	288	27%	133	9%	258	24%
	16 to 20	126	9%	177	17%	116	7%	161	15%
	21 to 25	183	13%	130	12%	238	15%	143	13%
	26 to 35	398	28%	192	18%	485	31%	206	19%
	36 to 50	444	31%	213	20%	475	31%	229	21%
	Over 50	118	8%	57	5%	106	7%	78	7%

*Data excludes victims/perpetrators of unknown age/gender

Unknown: Victims increased from 4% to 5% and perpetrators decreased from 8% to 7%

Male:Female Ratio Within Given Age Cohort (2010-11 & 2011-12)

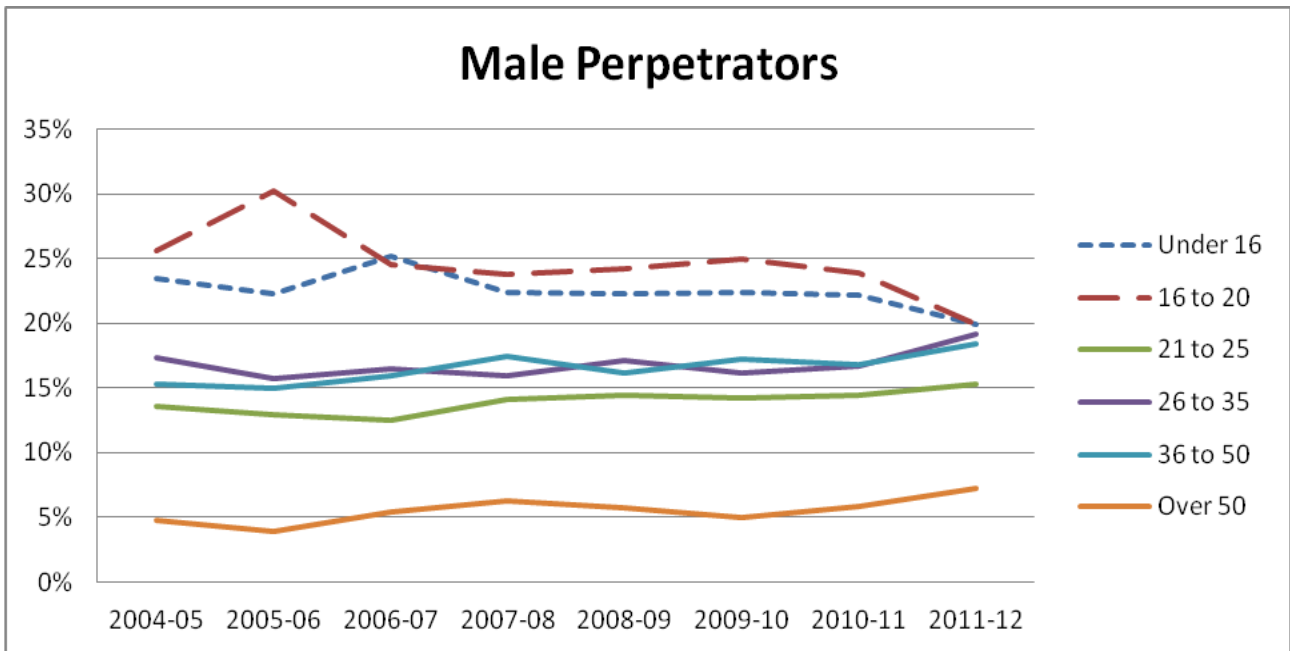
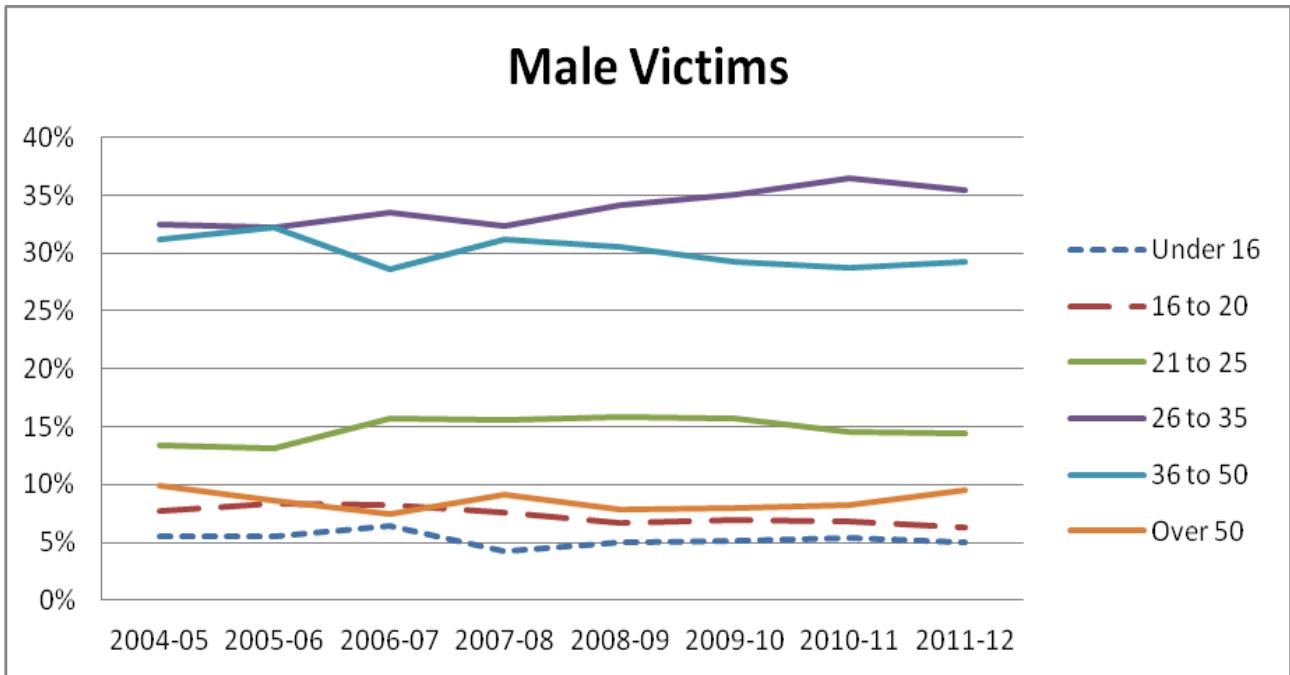
	Victims				Perpetrators			
	2010-11		2011-12		2010-11		2011-12	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 16	60%	40%	62%	38%	76%	24%	75%	25%
16 to 20	69%	31%	70%	30%	85%	15%	83%	17%
21 to 25	77%	23%	73%	27%	82%	18%	80%	20%
26 to 35	80%	20%	76%	24%	78%	22%	78%	22%
36 to 50	73%	27%	73%	27%	76%	24%	76%	24%
Over 50	75%	25%	80%	20%	81%	19%	78%	22%

Data excludes victims/perpetrators of unknown age/gender

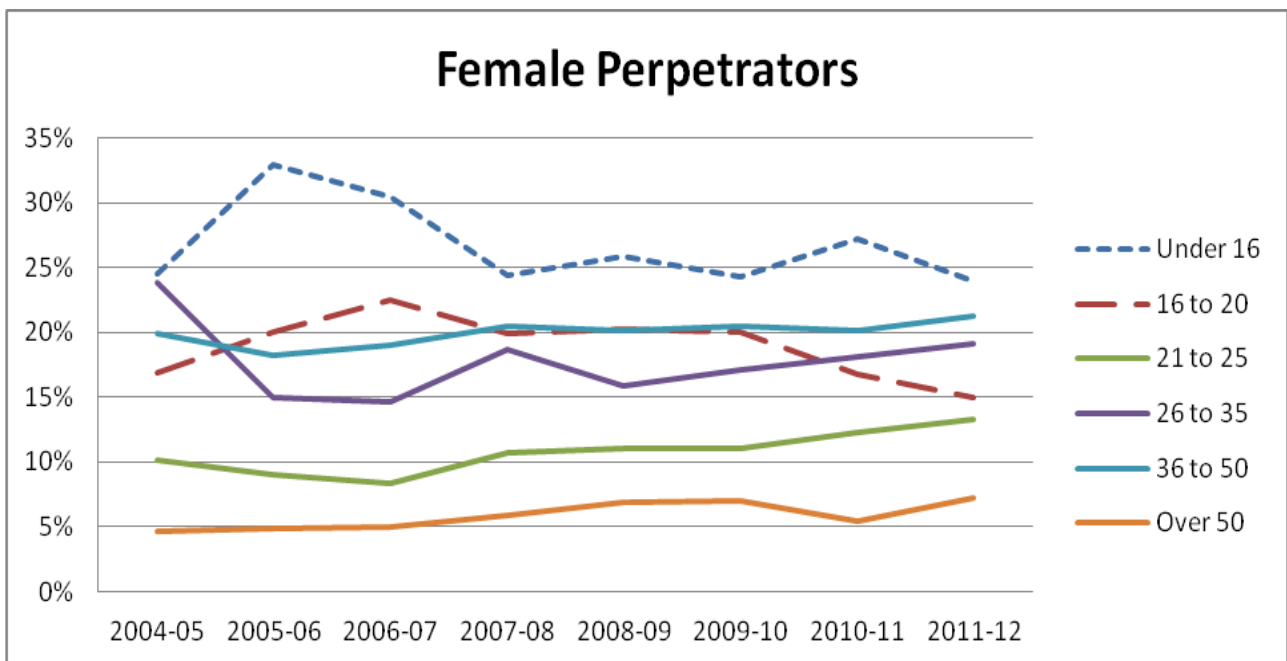
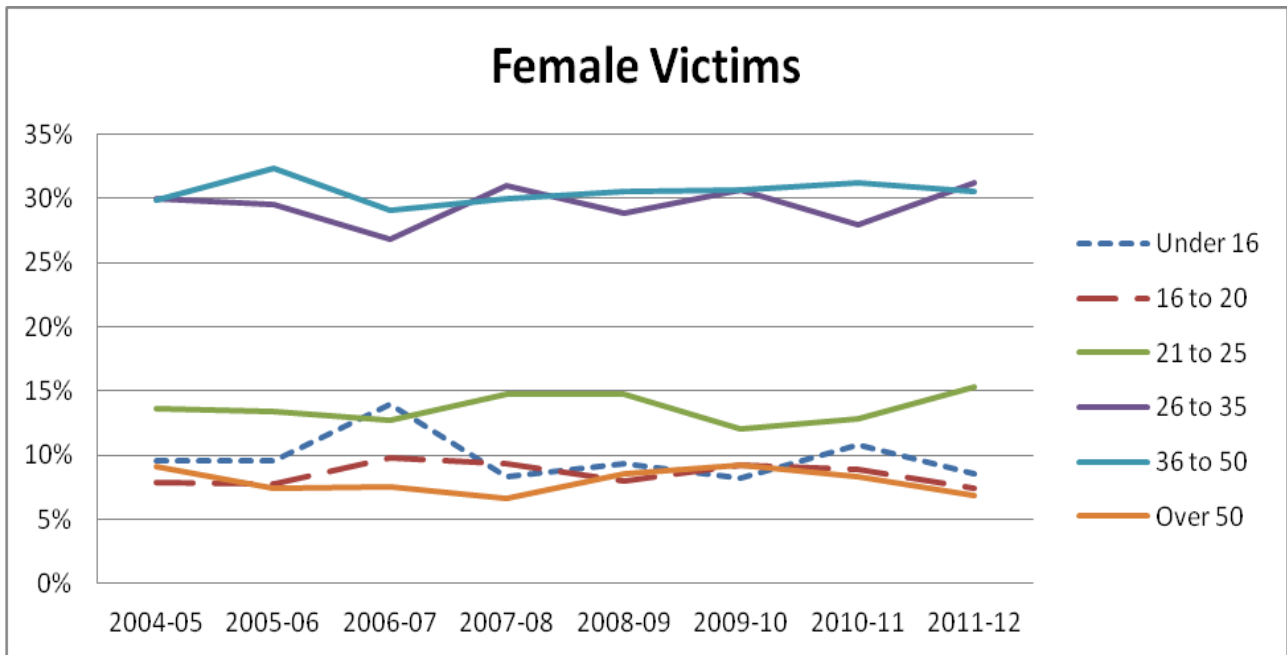
Unknown: Victims increased from 4% to 5% and perpetrators decreased from 8% to 7%

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Male Victims and Perpetrators of Racist Crimes by Age Cohort



Female Victims and Perpetrators of Racist Crimes by Age Cohort



Results Summary

Males constitute approximately 72% of both victims and perpetrators of racist incidents.

Individuals under 21 formed a very high percentage of perpetrators in relation to the percentage of victims under 21. This pattern remained when analysis was restricted by gender.

Individuals between 26 and 50 formed a very high percentage of victims in relation to the percentage of perpetrators within that age group. This pattern remained when analysis was restricted by gender.

The gender balance for both victims and perpetrators varied between age cohorts and showed some variation between 2010-11 and 2011-12.

- The under 16 cohort had the highest percentage of female victims.
- The under 16 and 36 to 50 cohorts had the highest percentages of female perpetrators.

All Victims & Perpetrators

The age and gender patterns of victims and perpetrators between 2010-11 and 2011-12 were broadly similar.

In 2010-11 where the gender and age of victim/perpetrator were known:

- 9% of victims were males under 20, 37% of perpetrators were males under 20.
- 5% of victims were females under 20, 9% of perpetrators were females under 20.
- Males and females over 21-25 were 14% of victims and 14% of perpetrators.
- Males aged 26-50 formed 48% of victims and 26% of perpetrators.
- Females age 26-50 constituted 15% of victims and 8% of perpetrators.

- Males and females over 50 were 8% of victims and 6% of perpetrators.

In 2011-12 where the gender and age of Victim/Perpetrator were known:

- 9% of victims were males under 20, 32% of perpetrators were males under 20.
- 4% of victims were females under 20, 8% of perpetrators were females under 20.
- Males and females over 21-25 were 15% of victims and 15% of perpetrators.
- Males aged 26-50 formed 48% of victims and 29% of perpetrators.
- Females age 26-50 constituted 19% of victims and 9% of perpetrators.
- Males and females over 50 were 9% of victims and 8% of perpetrators.

Male Victims & Perpetrators

Age structure as a percentage of male victims and perpetrators:

- 2010-11
 - ◇ Males under 21 constituted 12% of victims and 46% of perpetrators of racist incidents.
 - ◇ Males 21-25 formed 15% of victims and 14% of perpetrators of racist incidents.
 - ◇ Males 26-50 formed 65% of victims and 34% of perpetrators of racist incidents.
 - ◇ Males 50+ formed 8% of victims and 6% of perpetrators of racist incidents.
- 2011-12
 - ◇ Males under 21 constituted 11% of victims and 40% of perpetrators of racist incidents.
 - ◇ Males 21-25 formed 14% of victims and 15% of perpetrators of racist incidents.
 - ◇ Males 26-50 formed 64% of victims and 37% of perpetrators of racist incidents.

- ◇ Males 50+ formed 10% of victims and 7% of perpetrators of racist incidents.

Female Victims & Perpetrators

Age structure as a percentage of female victims and perpetrators:

- 2010-11
 - ◇ Females under 21 constituted 20% of victims and 43% of perpetrators of racist incidents.
 - ◇ Females 21-25 formed 13% of victims and 12% of perpetrators of racist incidents.
 - ◇ Females 26-50 formed 59% of victims and 38% of perpetrators of racist incidents.
 - ◇ Females 50+ formed 8% of victims and 5% of perpetrators of racist incidents.
- 2011-12
 - ◇ Females under 21 constituted 16% of victims and 39% of perpetrators of racist incidents.
 - ◇ Females 21-25 formed 15% of victims and 13% of perpetrators of racist incidents.
 - ◇ Females 26-50 formed 62% of victims and 40% of perpetrators of racist incidents.
 - ◇ Females 50+ formed 7% of victims and 7% of perpetrators of racist incidents.

Gender Balance

Ratio Male to Female victims or perpetrators within a given age cohort:

- Victims
 - ◇ There was considerable variation in the male to female ratio between age cohorts.
 - ◇ The percentage of female victims were higher in 2011-12 for age cohorts 21-25, 26-35 and lower for under 16 and 36-50.
 - ◇ The Under 16 age cohort has the highest percentage of female victims in both years.

- ◇ The 26 to 35 cohort had the lowest percentage of female victims in 2010-11, but in 2011-12 this applied to the over 50 cohort.
- Perpetrators
 - ◇ Variation in male to female ratios was lower for perpetrators than for victims.
 - ◇ In comparison to the data for victims there appeared to be lower levels of inter-year variation in male to female ratios.
 - ◇ The 16 to 20 had the lowest percentage of female perpetrators in both years.
 - ◇ The under 16 and 36-50 age cohorts had the highest percentage of female perpetrators.



Crime Clear Up Rates

Crime clear-up rates

This section compares the clear-up rate of all crimes in Scotland against those crimes which were associated with a racist incident. The Crime & Justice Statistical Bulletin (12-06-12) defines the clear-up rate as follows:

“A crime or offence is regarded as cleared up where there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots law, to justify consideration of criminal proceedings notwithstanding that a report is not submitted to the Procurator Fiscal because either :

- (i) by standing agreement with the Procurator Fiscal, the police warn the accused due to the minor nature of the offence, or
- (ii) reporting is inappropriate due to the non-age of the accused, death of the accused or other similar circumstances.”

Racial Incidents in Scotland (2010-11 & 2011-12)

	2010-11	2011-12	Change
Total Incidents	4,911	5,389	+10%
Incidents which involved 1 or more	4,779	5,312	+11%
Total crimes	6,173	6,472	+5%

Trend: difference between 2010-11 & 2011-12 as percentage of 2010-11
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/12/4963/download>

Changes in Incidents 2004-5 to 2011-12

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Total Incidents		13%	4%	-1%	-2%	-4%	-1%	10%
Incidents which involved 1 or more crimes		15%	4%	-2%	0%	-3%	-2%	11%
Total crimes		12%	3%	0%	-1%	-2%	-5%	5%

Each column is the difference in incidents between that and the previous year expressed as a percentage of the previous year

Comparison Between the Clear-up Rates of All Crimes & Those Associated With a Racist Incident

	Percentage Clear-up				Difference in Clear Up rate	
	All Crimes		As Part of a Racist Incident		2010-11	2011-12
	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11	2011-12		
Crimes of violence and sexual offences	70	72	69	73	-1	1
Crimes of dishonesty	37	37	52	62	15	25
Fire-raising, vandalism, etc.	25	25	37	38	12	13
Common Assault	70	71	68	69	-2	-2
Breach of The Peace, etc.	88	87	70	60	-19	-27
Racially aggravated harassment			67	62		
Racially aggravated conduct			70	75		

Difference in clear-up rates compares all crimes to crimes associated with a racist incident (due to rounding figures may not sum)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/06/1698/download>

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/12/4963/download>

Breach of the peace also includes: Threatening or abusive behaviour, Offence of stalking, Offensive behaviour at football and Threatening communications (Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications Act 2012).

Change in clear-up rates for Racially Aggravated Offences
2004-5 to 2010-12

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Racially aggravated harassment		-19%	24%	0%	6%	4%	7%	-8%
Racially aggravated conduct		3%	3%	2%	6%	6%	4%	6%

Each column is the difference in incidents between that and the previous year expressed as a percentage of the previous year

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Notes:

Negative & positive values are not intended to indicate any moral or social value. They were simply a product of subtracting the first set of figures from the second.

On request Scottish Government statistics office provided a combined figure for the clear-up rate for all crimes of violence and indecency.

Racist Incidents

There was a substantial increase in racist incidents and crimes in 2005-06, thereafter the general trend was downwards until 2010-11.

Both racist incidents and crimes associated with racist incidents show a rise between 2010-11 and 2011-12.

Racially Aggravated Harassment & Conduct

There appears to be considerable variation in the clear-up rates of racially aggravated harassment and racially aggravated conduct between 2010-11 and 2011-12.

The variation in clear-up rates between 2010-11 and 2011-12 did not lie outwith the range of the previous six years.

2011-12 was the first time in seven years that saw a fall in the clear-up rates for racially aggravated harassment.

All Crimes & Those Associated with a Racist Incident

There was some variation in clear-up rates between 2010-11 and 2011-12

- Clear-up rates for crimes of dishonesty have improved.
- Clear-up rates for breach of the peace have fallen.

Crimes of 'Violence and Sexual Offences' had a similar clear-up rate.

Cases of common assault have similar clear-up rates. (There appears to have been a considerable improvement in the clear-up rates of cases of minor assault associated with racist incidents between 2004/05 and 2010/11).

Crimes of 'Dishonesty' and 'Fire-raising and Vandalism' had higher clear-up rates when associated with racist incidents.

'Breach of the Peace' had a poorer clear-up rate when associated with a racist incident.

Police Action with Regard to Perpetrators of Racist Incidents

This section examines information on police action from the Crime and Justice Series Racist Incidents Recorded by the Police in Scotland 2011-12 Statistical Bulletin.

Police Action with Regard to Perpetrators (2010-11 & 2011-12)

1. Lothian & Borders Police Force was unable to provide data on police action taken for 2009-10 onwards,

Action Taken	2010-11			2011-12		
	All Actions		Known Actions	All Actions		Known Actions
	Numbers	%	%	Numbers	%	%
Referral to procurator Fiscal or SCRA	2,697	49%	74%	2,846	54%	75%
Police warning	91	2%	2%	52	1%	1%
Referred to other agency for action	13	0%	0%	49	1%	1%
Other action	508	9%	14%	479	9%	13%
No further action	359	6%	10%	358	7%	9%
Unknown	1,891	34%		1,497	28%	
Total	5,558			5,281		

and the action taken with regard to perpetrators of these incidents

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/12/4963/download>

Failure of Lothian and Borders Police to provide data for previous three years has provided an extremely high percentage of unknown actions for that period.

Known actions show limited variation between 2010-11 and 2011-12.

Racially Aggravated Offences

This section examines Racially Aggravated Offences recorded in the Recorded Crime in Scotland, 2011-12 Statistical Bulletin .The Bulletin provides the following definitions:

Racially-aggravated

The offender asserts towards the person affected, malice and ill-will based on that person's membership (or presumed membership) of a racial group; or the course of conduct or action is motivated (wholly or partly) by malice and ill-will towards members of a racial group based on their membership of that group.

Racially-aggravated harassment

A racially-aggravated course of conduct, amounting to harassment.

Racially-aggravated conduct

To act in a manner, including speech, which is racially aggravated and which causes, or is intended to cause, a person alarm or distress.

Incidents of Racially Aggravated Harassment & Conduct (2010/11 & 2011/12)

Police Force Area	Racially Aggravated								
	Harassment			Conduct			Total		
	2010-11	2011-12	Change	2010-11	2011-12	Change	2010-11	2011-12	Change
Central	2	2		248	239	-4%	250	241	-4%
Dumfries & Gallo-way	1	0		31	24		32	24	
Fife	0	0		185	188	2%	185	188	2%
Grampian	12	10		495	371	-25%	507	381	-25%
Lothian & Borders	44	25		880	811	-8%	924	836	-10%
Northern	5	7		73	85	16%	78	92	18%
Strathclyde	188	124	-34%	1,856	1,452	-22%	2,044	1,576	-23%
Tayside	5	3		148	145	-2%	153	148	-3%
Scotland	257	171	-33%	3,916	3,315	-15%	4,173	3,486	-16%

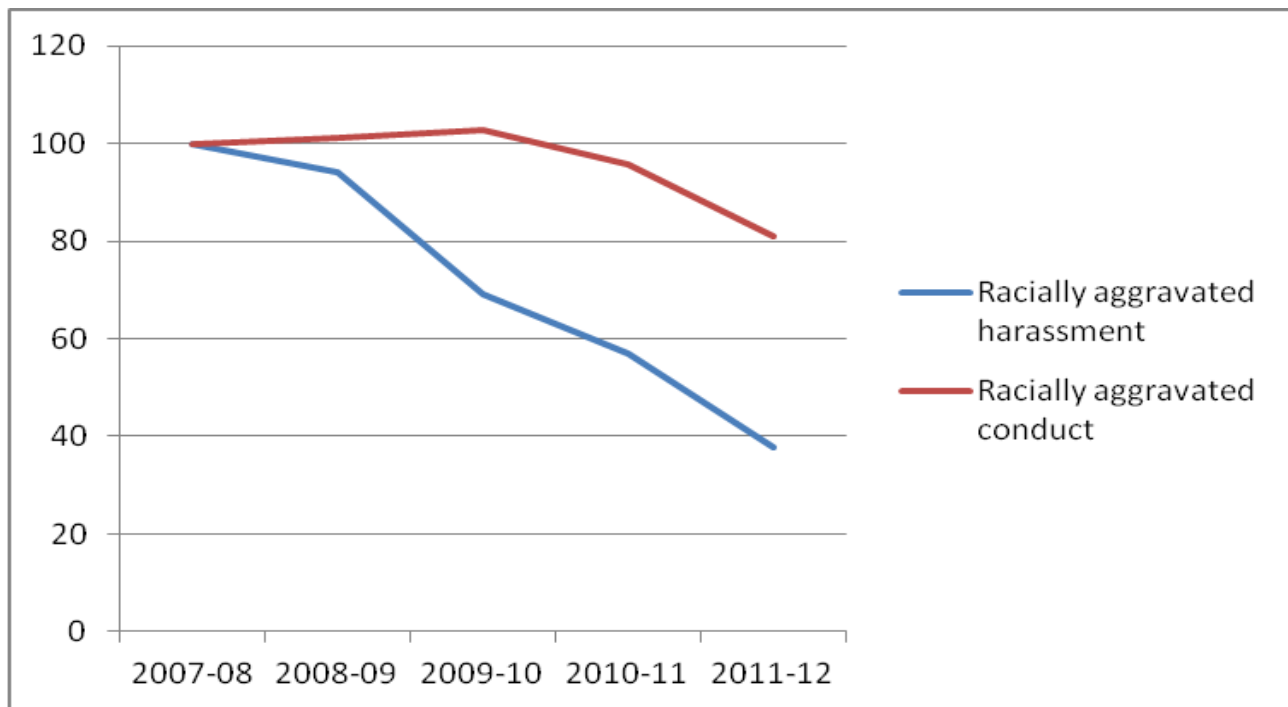
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/06/1698/downloads>

Racially Aggravated Harassment & Conduct as Percentages of Total Offences (2010-11 & 2011-12)

Police Force Area	Racially Aggravated			
	Harassment		Conduct	
	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11	2011-12
Central	1%	1%	99%	99%
Dumfries & Galloway	3%	0%	97%	100%
Fife	0%	0%	100%	100%
Grampian	2%	3%	98%	97%
Lothian & Borders	5%	3%	95%	97%
Northern	6%	8%	94%	92%
Strathclyde	9%	8%	91%	92%
Tayside	3%	2%	97%	98%
Scotland	6%	5%	94%	95%

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/06/1698/downloads>

Trend in Racially Aggravated Offences (2007 – 2012)



Offences as a percentage of 2007-08 baseline

The trend in both racially aggravated harassment and racially aggravated conduct was down.

Northern Constabulary may be an exception to this trend although the actual number of additional crimes was limited.

Lacking clear knowledge of the distribution of ethnic groups within Scotland no definitive conclusions relating number of offences to the ethnic make up of the regions may be drawn.

Racially aggravated harassment forms a notably higher percentage of total harassment/conduct crimes within Strathclyde Police and Northern Constabulary.



Prisoners

Prisoners

This section examines statistics on offenders in custody from the Statistical Bulletin Crime and Justice Series: Prison Statistics and Population Projections Scotland: 2011-12.

Offenders in Custody: 30th June 2011

All Prisoners				
	Numbers	%	Male	Female
White	7,790	96.1%	7,334	456
Black	108	1.3%	102	6
Indian	13	0.2%	11	2
Pakistani	75	0.9%	75	0
Bangladeshi	7	0.1%	7	0
Chinese	44	0.5%	42	2
Asian Other	36	0.4%	33	3
Mixed	23	0.3%	21	2
Other	10	0.1%	10	0
Total	8,106		7,635	471

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/Datasets/PrisonsDatasets/prisdata1112>

Male : Female ratio of Offenders in Custody

	Male	Female	% Female
White	7,334	456	5.9%
BME	301	15	4.7%

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/Datasets/PrisonsDatasets/prisdata1112>

Lacking recent population data, no definitive comments can be made upon the ethnic make up of the prison population table. In comparison to the 2001 census data it is conceivable that the Black ethnic group is over-represented within the prison population. However, it should be noted that the prison population was not restricted to Scottish residents, nor did it include Scottish prisoners held abroad. It is therefore debatable whether any attempt to draw parallels with the Scottish population should be made.

The ratio of male to female prisoners in the White and BME ethnic categories appeared similar.

Gaps in the Present Data

Whilst completing this report it became evident that ethnicity data were missing for a range of useful categories. Those that CRER would most like to see made available have been noted below.

Clear-up Rates

Data for clear-up rates should be provided in a format which allows direct comparison between crimes associated with a racist incident and all crimes. Where (due to small sample size) crime categories must be amalgamated for crimes associated with racist incidents, then the data for all crimes should be provided in both amalgamated and separate formats.

Prisoners

Data disaggregated by prisoners who were/were not normally resident in Scotland prior to arrest.

Data on Scottish prisoners held outwith Scotland (as a minimum those prisoners held within the constituent nations of the UK).

The prison population disaggregated by age (as a minimum prisoners who were charged as young offenders, juveniles, and adults).

Data disaggregated by supervision level.

Criminal Proceedings in Scottish Courts

Main offence individual was charged with in relation to:

- Conviction.
- Sentencing.

Homicide Statistics

Victims & Perpetrators.

Domestic Abuse Statistics

Victims & Perpetrators.

- Preferably disaggregated by gender.

Scottish Crime and Justice Survey

Attitudes to policing.

Confidence in the criminal justice system.

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