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Statistical News Release: Racist Incidents, England and Wales, 2010/11

Racist Incidents fall by seven per cent in 2010/11

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 2010/11. 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 seven per cent from 54,872 in 2009/10 to 51,187 in 2010/11.

The findings document also includes a table showing the numbers of racist incidents by police force area in 2010/11, together with comparisons with the previous two years.

Notes to editors

Racist incident statistics also appear annually 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 and Minority Ethnic community are represented in the CJS as suspects, offenders, victims and as employees/practitioners. This statistical findings is published prior to the MOJ volume as the primary release of racist incident statistics.