

Equality and Diversity Information Criminal Legal Aid Service Users 2011-2012

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About the Legal Services Commission (LSC)

The LSC is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). The LSC looks after legal aid in England and Wales. Legal aid helps ensure access to justice by providing high quality advice, information and representation to people who would not otherwise be able to afford it. Each year the LSC helps more than two million people to deal with their legal problems.

We work in partnership with solicitors and not-for-profit organisations to provide services to help people in need. We also make sure that people get the information, advice and legal help they need to deal with a wide range of problems.

About the information in this paper

In this paper we publish equality and diversity information from grants of criminal legal aid, including those before Crown or magistrates' courts during 2011-2012. This paper also includes information about lower crime cases We invite applicants for legal aid to provide is with equal opportunities information about themselves. This is entirely voluntary and has no bearing on their application for legal aid. The information provided is treated in confidence and used only for statistical purposes. It allows us to monitor the diversity profile of our service users and inform decisions about their likely needs.

This is the second such publication under the Equality Act 2010. For information about previous years see our Equalities Annual Reports that are archived on the National Archive website:
http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20120405104906/http://www.legalservices.gov.uk/aboutus/how/equality_and_diversity.asp

Other MoJ Corporate Equality Information is available on the MoJ Justice website at <http://www.justice.gov.uk/information-access-rights/transparency-data/ministry-of-justice-equality-information-and-objectives/corporate-equality-information>

Crown Court Legal Aid Applications

Table 1 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: Ethnicity Aggregated

| White British, White Irish & White other | Black or Black British African or Black British Caribbean or Black British Other | Asian or Asian British Indian or Asian British Pakistani or Asian British Bangladeshi or Asian British Other | Chinese | Mixed White & Black Caribbean or Black African or Asian; & Mixed Other | Other | Prefer Not to Say | Total |
|--|--|--|---------|--|-------|-------------------|---------|
| 71,582 | 9,123 | 7,378 | 234 | 3,260 | 1,917 | 30,809 | 124,303 |

Table 2 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: Black Disaggregated

| Black African | Black Caribbean | Black Other | Total |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------|-------|
| 3,535 | 4,648 | 940 | 9,123 |

Table 3 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: Ethnicity Asian Disaggregated

| Asian - Bangladeshi | Asian - Indian | Asian - Pakistani | Asian Other | Total |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|-------|
| 924 | 1,429 | 3,550 | 1,475 | 7,378 |

Table 4 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: Ethnicity Mixed Disaggregated

| Mixed - White & Asian | Mixed - White & Black African | Mixed - White & Black Caribbean | Mixed Other | Total |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 223 | 343 | 2,207 | 487 | 3,260 |

Table 5 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: Ethnicity White Disaggregate

| White British | White Irish | White Other | Total |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| 66,382 | 919 | 4,281 | 71,582 |

Table 6 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: Disability Aggregated

| Declared as disabled | Not considered disabled | Not stated | Preferred not to say | Total |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|----------------------|---------|
| 19,404 | 70,023 | 21,639 | 13,237 | 124,303 |

Table 7 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: Disability Disaggregated

| Cognitive | Long standing illness | Learning disability | Mental health condition | Other | Physical Impairment | Sensory Impairment | Not considered disabled | Unknown | Total |
|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 431 | 3,385 | 2,468 | 6,820 | 2,795 | 4,345 | 435 | 70,023 | 133 | 90,835 |

Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012

Table 8 Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: Ethnicity Aggregated

| White British, White Irish & White other | Black or Black British African or Black British Caribbean or Black British Other | Asian or Asian British Indian or Asian British Pakistani or Asian British Bangladeshi or Asian British Other | Chinese | Mixed White & Black Caribbean or Black African or Asian; & Mixed Other | Other | Prefer Not to Say | Total |
|--|--|--|---------|--|-------|-------------------|---------|
| 260,172 | 17,534 | 12,553 | 275 | 8,643 | 4,125 | 103,619 | 406,921 |

Table 9 Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: Black Disaggregated

| Black African | Black Caribbean | Black Other | Total |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------|--------|
| 6,117 | 9,311 | 2,106 | 17,534 |

Table 10 Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: Asian Disaggregated

| Asian - Bangladeshi | Asian - Indian | Asian - Pakistani | Asian Other | Total |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|--------|
| 1,782 | 2,770 | 5,609 | 2,392 | 12,553 |

Table 11 Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: Mixed Disaggregated

| Mixed - White & Asian | Mixed - White & Black African | Mixed - White & Black Caribbean | Mixed Other | Total |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 637 | 794 | 5,949 | 1,263 | 8,643 |

Table 12 Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: White Disaggregated

| White British | White Irish | White Other | Total |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| 245,358 | 2,621 | 12,193 | 260,172 |

Table 13 Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: Disability Aggregated

| Declared as disabled | Not considered disabled | Unknown | Prefer Not to Say | Total |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| 84,047 | 205,271 | 72,034 | 45,569 | 406,921 |

Table 14 Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: Disability Disaggregated

| Cognitive | Long standing illness | Learning disability | Mental health condition | Other | Physical Impairment | Sensory Impairment | Not considered disabled | Unknown | Total |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| 2,504 | 15,175 | 13,640 | 32,946 | 11,561 | 14,811 | 1,753 | 205,271 | 210 | 297,871 |

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Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2011-12

Table 15 Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2011-12 Gender

| Claim Description | Total | Female | Male | Unknown |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Appeals and Reviews | 3,652 | 190 | 3,442 | 20 |
| Other Crime Lower | 1,306 | 64 | 1,235 | 7 |
| Investigations | 681,488 | 98,790 | 577,940 | 4,758 |
| Prison Law | 43,897 | 1,463 | 42,313 | 121 |
| Proceedings | 492,201 | 63,253 | 343,677 | 85,271 |
| Total | 1,222,544 | 163,760 | 968,607 | 90,177 |

Table 16 Crime Lower Volumes 2011-12 Ethnicity: aggregate

| Claim Description | White British, White Irish & White other | Black or Black British African or Black British Caribbean or Black British Other | Asian or Asian British Indian or Asian British Pakistani or Asian British Bangladeshi or Asian British Other | Chinese | Mixed White & Black Caribbean or Black African or Asian; & Mixed Other | Other | Unknown |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|----------------|---|---------------|----------------|
| Appeals and Reviews | 1889 | 518 | 283 | 12 | 91 | 190 | 669 |
| Other Crime Lower | 683 | 70 | 52 | 1 | 23 | 122 | 355 |
| Investigations | 437099 | 44438 | 39970 | 1,360 | 13404 | 25,682 | 119,535 |
| Prison Law | 24562 | 3754 | 2242 | 42 | 1256 | 1,417 | 10,624 |
| Proceedings | 289242 | 19440 | 13889 | 408 | 7063 | 12,098 | 150,061 |
| Total | 753475 | 68220 | 56436 | 1,823 | 21837 | 39,509 | 281,244 |

Table 17 Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2011-12 Ethnicity: black disaggregate

| Claim Description | Black British African | Black British Caribbean | Black British Other |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Appeals and Reviews | 233 | 245 | 40 |
| Other Crime Lower | 18 | 40 | 12 |
| Investigations | 18,178 | 20,549 | 5,711 |
| Prison Law | 1,168 | 2,087 | 499 |
| Proceedings | 6,816 | 9,948 | 2,676 |
| Total | 26,413 | 32,869 | 8,938 |

Table 18 Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2011-12 Ethnicity: Asian disaggregate

| Claim Description | British Indian | British Pakistani | British Bangladeshi | Asian Other |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Appeals and Reviews | 54 | 156 | 23 | 50 |
| Other Crime Lower | 10 | 38 | 2 | 2 |
| Investigations | 9,821 | 17,738 | 3,997 | 8,414 |
| Prison Law | 523 | 1,093 | 204 | 422 |
| Proceedings | 3,456 | 6,337 | 1,463 | 2,633 |
| Total | 13,864 | 25,362 | 5,689 | 11,521 |

Table 19 Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2011-12 Ethnicity: mixed disaggregate

| Claim Description | Mixed White & Black Caribbean | Mixed White & Black African | Mixed White & Asian | Mixed Other |
|--------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Appeals and Reviews | 52 | 16 | 5 | 18 |
| Other Crime Lower | 9 | 3 | 8 | 3 |
| Investigations | 7,840 | 1,664 | 1,327 | 2,573 |
| Prison Law | 758 | 165 | 114 | 219 |
| Proceedings | 4,476 | 760 | 663 | 1,164 |
| Total | 13,135 | 2,608 | 2,117 | 3,977 |

Table 20 Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2011-12 Ethnicity: white disaggregate

| Claim Description | White British | White Irish | White Other |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Appeals and Reviews | 1,750 | 35 | 104 |
| Other Crime Lower | 639 | 5 | 39 |
| Investigations | 400,921 | 4,807 | 31,371 |
| Prison Law | 23,459 | 371 | 732 |
| Proceedings | 274,160 | 2,306 | 12,776 |
| Total | 700,929 | 7,524 | 45,022 |

Table 21 Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2011-12 Disability

| Claim Description | Disabled | Not considered disabled | Unknown |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Appeals and Reviews | 381 | 2,387 | 884 |
| Other Crime Lower | 113 | 553 | 640 |
| Investigations | 30300 | 488,300 | 162,888 |
| Prison Law | 3457 | 27,368 | 13,072 |
| Proceedings | 25103 | 288,569 | 178,529 |
| Total | 59354 | 807,177 | 356,013 |

Table 22 Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2011-12 Disability

| Claim Description | Cognitive Impairment | Long standing illness | Learning disability | Mental Health Condition | Not considered disabled | Other | Physical impairment | Sensory impairment |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Appeals and Reviews | 4 | 69 | 42 | 157 | 2,387 | 21 | 72 | 16 |
| Other Crime Lower | 4 | 29 | 15 | 31 | 553 | 5 | 19 | 10 |
| Investigations | 429 | 5,871 | 4,524 | 13,714 | 488,300 | 1,961 | 3,164 | 637 |
| Prison Law | 114 | 618 | 542 | 1,309 | 27,368 | 230 | 504 | 140 |
| Proceedings | 366 | 5,298 | 3,206 | 11,053 | 288,569 | 2,239 | 2,504 | 437 |
| Total | 917 | 11,885 | 8,329 | 26,264 | 807,177 | 4,456 | 6,263 | 1,240 |

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