



Legal Aid  
Agency

- **Equality and Diversity Information**
  - for
  - **Criminal Legal Aid**  
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## About the Legal Aid Agency (LAA)

The LAA was established on 1 April 2013 as an Agency of the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). The LAA replaced the Legal Services Commission (LSC) which was a non-departmental public body sponsored by MoJ. The content of this report relates to information that was collated in relation to the services delivered by the LSC.

The LSC and LAA are responsible for the delivery of legal aid services 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 helped more than two million people to deal with their legal problems. The LSC and LAA work in partnership with solicitors and not-for-profit organisations to provide services to help people in need.

Up until 31 March 2013 the LSC operated the Community Legal Advice (0845 345 4345), a helpline offering free, confidential and independent legal advice. From 1 April 2013, the Community Legal Advice service was replaced by the Civil Legal Advice service (0845 345 4345).

## About the information in this paper

In this paper we publish equality and diversity information about cases granted legal aid for civil legal aid matters during 2012-2013. Information about applications for legal aid via the Community Legal Advice is published in a separate document.

We invite applicants for legal aid to tell us some useful equal opportunities information. 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.

In this paper we publish equality and diversity information from grants of criminal legal aid, including those before Crown or magistrates' courts during 2012-2013. 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 third 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](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 2012-2013: 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	Unknown	Total
60909	7200	5857	213	2603	1987	13277	14193	106239

**Table 2 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013: Black Disaggregated**

Black African	Black Caribbean	Black Other	Total
2794	3595	811	7200

**Table 3 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013: Ethnicity Asian Disaggregated**

Asian - Bangladeshi	Asian - Indian	Asian - Pakistani	Asian Other	Total
676	1215	2841	1125	5857

**Table 4 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013: Ethnicity Mixed Disaggregated**

Mixed - White & Asian	Mixed - White & Black African	Mixed - White & Black Caribbean	Mixed Other	Total
387	251	1741	387	2603

**Table 5 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013: Ethnicity White Disaggregate**

White British	White Irish	White Other	Total
56209	798	3902	60909

**Table 6 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013: Disability Aggregated**

Declared as disabled	Not considered disabled	Not stated	Preferred not to say	Total
14569	65967	12317	13386	106239

**Table 7 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013: Disability Disaggregated**

Cognitive	Long standing illness	Learning disability	Mental health condition	Other	Physical Impairment	Sensory Impairment
400	2975	2622	6749	1017	2399	432

**Table 8 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013: Gender**

Female	Male	Prefer not to say	Unknown
9290	79180	7695	10074

## Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013

**Table 9 Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013: 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
233634	15319	11229	232	7571	4900	47587	370581

**Table 10 Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013: Black Disaggregated**

Black African	Black Caribbean	Black Other	Total
5381	8036	1902	15319

**Table 11 Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013: Asian Disaggregated**

Asian - Bangladeshi	Asian - Indian	Asian - Pakistani	Asian Other	Total
1472	2493	5016	2248	11229

**Table 12 Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013: Mixed Disaggregated**

Mixed - White & Asian	Mixed - White & Black African	Mixed - White & Black Caribbean	Mixed Other	Total
548	764	5082	1177	7571

**Table 13 Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013: White Disaggregated**

White British	White Irish	White Other	Total
218526	2460	12648	233634

**Table 14 Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013: Disability Aggregated**

Declared as disabled	Not considered disabled	Unknown	Prefer Not to Say	Total
76329	199154	45317	49781	370581

**Table 15 Magistrates' Court Legal Aid Applications 2011-2012: Disability Disaggregated**

Cognitive	Long standing illness	Learning disability	Mental health condition	Other	Physical Impairment	Sensory Impairment	Unknown
2651	15781	15720	37505	5236	9540	1937	153

**Table 16 Crown Court Legal Aid Applications 2012-2013: Gender**

Female	Male	Prefer not to say	Unknown
48490	256415	28467	37209

## Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2012-2013

Table 17 Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2012-2013 Gender

<b>Claim Description</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
Appeals and Reviews	4,175	212	3,948	15
Other Crime Lower	1,712	81	1,631	0
Investigations	639,289	91,769	543,082	4,438
Prison Law	42,677	1,287	41,286	104
Proceedings	356,313	54,259	300,476	1,578
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,044,166</b>	<b>147,608</b>	<b>890,423</b>	<b>6,135</b>

**Table 18 Crime Lower Volumes 2012-2013 Ethnicity: aggregate**

<b>Claim Description</b>	<b>White British, White Irish &amp; White other</b>	<b>Black or Black British African or Black British Caribbean or Black British Other</b>	<b>Asian or Asian British Indian or Asian British Pakistani or Asian British Bangladeshi or Asian British Other</b>	<b>Chinese</b>	<b>Mixed White &amp; Black Caribbean or Black African or Asian; &amp; Mixed Other</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
Appeals and Reviews	2,062	472	257	13	119	259	993
Other Crime Lower	869	121	76	4	34	73	535
Investigations	410,484	41,439	37,181	1,187	12,084	25,140	111,774
Prison Law	22,734	3,519	2,054	32	1,319	1,480	11,539
Proceedings	252,661	16,254	11,985	285	5,909	11,038	58,181
<b>Total</b>	<b>688,810</b>	<b>61,805</b>	<b>51,553</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>19,465</b>	<b>37,950</b>	<b>183,022</b>

**Table 19 Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2012-2013 Ethnicity: black disaggregate**

<b>Claim Description</b>	<b>Black British African</b>	<b>Black British Caribbean</b>	<b>Black British Other</b>
Appeals and Reviews	222	213	37
Other Crime Lower	31	70	20
Investigations	17,433	18,189	5,817
Prison Law	1,105	1,948	466
Proceedings	5,965	8,057	2,232
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,756</b>	<b>28,477</b>	<b>8,572</b>

**Table 20 Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2012-13 Ethnicity: Asian disaggregate**

<b>Claim Description</b>	<b>Asian or Asian British Indian</b>	<b>Asian or Asian British Pakistani</b>	<b>Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi</b>	<b>Asian Other</b>
Appeals and Reviews	66	107	26	58
Other Crime Lower	13	38	7	18
Investigations	9,018	16,734	3,700	7,729
Prison Law	518	1,011	171	354
Proceedings	2,924	5,438	1,211	2,412
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,539</b>	<b>23,328</b>	<b>5,115</b>	<b>10,571</b>

**Table 21 Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2012-13 Ethnicity: mixed disaggregate**

<b>Claim Description</b>	<b>Mixed White &amp; Black Caribbean</b>	<b>Mixed White &amp; Black African</b>	<b>Mixed White &amp; Asian</b>	<b>Mixed Other</b>
Appeals and Reviews	53	23	10	33
Other Crime Lower	18	7	4	5
Investigations	6,877	1,555	1,220	2,432
Prison Law	794	159	129	237
Proceedings	3,645	652	527	1,085
Total	11,387	2,396	1,890	3,792

**Table 22 Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2012-13 Ethnicity: white disaggregate**

<b>Claim Description</b>	<b>White British</b>	<b>White Irish</b>	<b>White Other</b>
Appeals and Reviews	1,931	17	114
Other Crime Lower	825	17	27
Investigations	373,037	4,704	32,743
Prison Law	21,640	366	728
Proceedings	238,039	2,119	12,503
Total	635,472	7,223	46,115

**Table 23 Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2012-13 Disability**

<b>Claim Description</b>	<b>Disabled</b>	<b>Not considered disabled</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
Appeals and Reviews	422	2,613	1,140
Other Crime Lower	181	824	707
Investigations	32,402	453,756	153,131
Prison Law	3,736	25,693	13,248
Proceedings	24,910	250,445	80,958
Total	61,651	733,331	249,184

**Table 24 Crime Lower Claim Volumes 2012-13 Disability**

<b>Claim Description</b>	<b>Cognitive Impairment</b>	<b>Long standing illness</b>	<b>Learning disability</b>	<b>Mental Health Condition</b>	<b>Not considered disabled</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Physical impairment</b>	<b>Sensory impairment</b>
Appeals and Reviews	5	56	58	178	2,613	33	80	12
Other Crime Lower	6	47	25	56	824	13	30	4
Investigations	442	6,054	4,599	15,270	453,756	2,190	3,213	634
Prison Law	98	694	706	1,286	25,693	289	535	128
Proceedings	374	5,222	3,200	11,649	250,445	1,650	2,379	436
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>12,073</b>	<b>8,588</b>	<b>28,439</b>	<b>733,331</b>	<b>4,175</b>	<b>6,237</b>	<b>1,194</b>

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