



# Home Office

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## Statistical News Release: Hate Crimes, England and Wales, 2014/15

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 2014/15 which were motivated by one or more of the following five monitored strands: race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or transgender identity.
- Combined data from the 2012/13 to 2014/15 Crime Surveys for England and Wales (CSEW).
- Further analysis of more detailed data, provided by 22 police forces via the Home Office Data Hub, on the types of offences associated with hate crime.
- The number of racist incidents recorded by the police in England and Wales (excluding British Transport Police) in 2014/15.

### Key points from the bulletin

#### Police recorded crime

- In 2014/15, there were 52,528 hate crimes recorded by the police, an increase of 18 per cent compared with the 44,471 hate crimes recorded in 2013/14, of which:
  - 42,930 (82%) were race hate crimes;
  - 5,597 (11%) were sexual orientation hate crimes;
  - 3,254 (6%) were religion hate crimes;
  - 2,508 (5%) were disability hate crimes; and
  - 605 (1%) were transgender hate crimes.

It is possible for one hate crime offence to have more than one motivating factor which is why the above numbers sum to more than 52,528 and 100 per cent.

- There were increases in offences recorded for all five of the monitored hate crime strands (race, religion, sexual orientation, disability and transgender identity) between 2013/14 and 2014/15.
- Likely factors in the increase in hate crimes recorded by the police include:
  - Improved recording of crime over the last year, especially for violence against the person offences.
  - a greater awareness of hate crime; and
  - improved willingness of victims to come forward.

## Crime Survey for England and Wales

- Based on combined data from the 2012/13 to 2014/15 CSEW, there were an estimated 222,000 hate crimes on average per year for the five monitored strands.
- The most commonly reported motivating factor in these hate crime incidents was race, with an average of 106,000 incidents a year according to the 2012/13 to 2014/15 surveys. The second most common motivating factor was disability (70,000 incidents per year).
- The CSEW suggests that hate crime has fallen at a similar rate to overall crime since 2007/08. There was a 28% fall in the number of hate crime incidents from 307,000 in the combined 2007/08 and 2008/09 CSEW to 222,000 in the combined 2012/13 to 2014/15 CSEW. Over the same time period, there was a similar percentage fall (25%) in crime overall in the CSEW.

## Notes

1. 'Hate Crimes, England and Wales, 2014/15' can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hate-crime-england-and-wales-2014-to-2015>

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