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Statistical News Release: Hate crimes, England and Wales 2011/12

The latest statistics on hate crimes recorded by the police in England and Wales for 2011/12 are released today. Data are presented by police force area. This is the first time the Home Office has published these figures.

'Hate crime' is any notifiable offence committed against a person or property that is motivated by hostility towards someone based on their disability, race, religion, gender-identity or sexual orientation, whether perceived to be so by the victim or any other person.

Note that a single incident can constitute more than one individual hate crime as it could be classified in more than one category. For example, some race hate crimes are also classified as religion hate crimes. Therefore the total number of hate crimes recorded exceeds the number of individual occurrences.

There were 43,748 hate crimes recorded by the police in 2011/12, of which:

- 35,816 (82%) were race hate crimes;
- 1,621 (4%) were religion hate crimes;
- 4,252 (10%) were sexual orientation hate crimes;
- 1,744 (4%) were disability hate crimes; and
- 315 (1%) were transgender hate crimes.

Race hate crimes accounted for the majority of hate crimes recorded in all police forces.

Notes to editors

1. 'Hate crimes, England and Wales 2011/12' is available online via the UK National Statistics Publication Hub and the Home Office website.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/hate-crimes-1112/>

2. Note that a single incident can constitute more than one individual hate crime as it could be classified in more than one category. Indicative data suggest that less than five per cent of hate crime offences have more than one monitored strand assigned (this ranged between 1% and 7% of offences for the 17 forces whose data was reviewed).

3. These statistics are being published by the Home Office for the first time following the commitment that the Home Office would publish police data on recorded hate crimes by Summer 2012 in The Government's Plan to Tackle Hate Crime.

<http://www.parliament.uk/deposits/depositedpapers/2012/DEP2012-0473.pdf>

4. The Association of Chief Police Officers have previously published hate crime data (http://www.report-it.org.uk/files/acpo_hate_crime_data_for_2010.pdf) and publish data for 2011 at the same time as this release (http://www.report-it.org.uk/files/acpo_hate_crime_data_for_2010.pdf). However, data are not directly comparable as the time periods for the collections differ as does the recording methodology (forces record solely one form of monitored hate crime for each offence while the Home Office figures can include multiple hate strands for each offence) and geographical coverage (ACPO figures cover Northern Ireland).

5. 'Racist incidents, England and Wales 2011/12' is also being released on 13 September 2012 by the Home Office. Racist incidents differ from race hate crimes as they also include non-notifiable offences, incidents that were not subsequently recorded as crimes and 'no crimes' (see the [User Guide to Crime Statistics for England and Wales](#)).

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/racist-incidents-1112/>

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