

ANNEX: Victims of homicide, method of killing sharp instrument, by ethnicity

Offences currently recorded¹ as homicide 1997 - 2005/06: method of killing sharp instrument, by ethnicity of victim

Numbers of recorded offences

Ethnic appearance of victim	1997	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
White	168	163	152	158	159	179	198	178	190	156
Black	15	20	23	32	27	41	29	35	30	25
Asian (Indian sub-continent)	9	12	11	15	15	30	16	16	14	18
Other	5	6	11	8	11	8	16	4	12	7
Not known / not recorded	3	1	4		2	3	6	9	10	6
Total²	200	202	201	213	214	261	265	242	256	212

Percentages

Ethnic appearance of victim	1997	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
White	84.0	80.7	75.6	74.2	74.3	68.6	74.7	73.6	74.2	73.6
Black	7.5	9.9	11.4	15.0	12.6	15.7	10.9	14.5	11.7	11.8
Asian (Indian sub-continent)	4.5	5.9	5.5	7.0	7.0	11.5	6.0	6.6	5.5	8.5
Other	2.5	3.0	5.5	3.8	5.1	3.1	6.0	1.7	4.7	3.3
Not known / not recorded	1.5	0.5	2.0	0.0	0.9	1.1	2.3	3.7	3.9	2.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1. As at 9 October 2006; figures are subject to revision as cases are dealt with by the police and by the courts, or as further information becomes available.

2. Total sharp instrument homicides as published in 'Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2005/2006' (Home Office Stats Bulletin 02/07).