

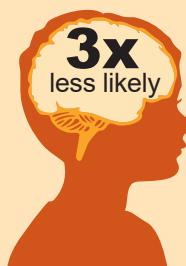
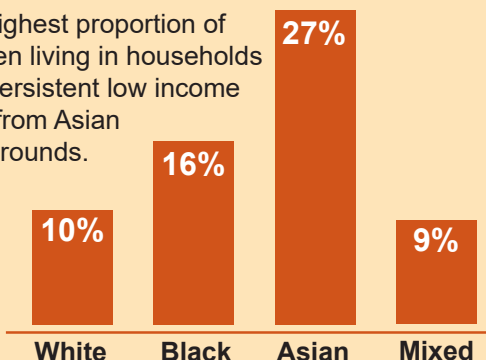
Exploring racial disparity

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Early years

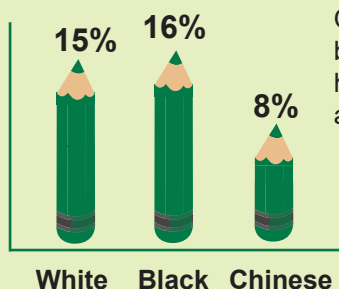
The highest proportion of children living in households with persistent low income were from Asian backgrounds.



A 2017 survey of the mental health of children and young people (5 to 19 year olds) in England found Asian/Asian British (5.2%) and black/black British children (5.6%) were roughly 3 times less likely than white children (14.9%) to have a diagnosable mental disorder.

Education

Proportion of pupils with SEN



Of the main ethnic groups, black children had the highest percentage of SEN at 16%.

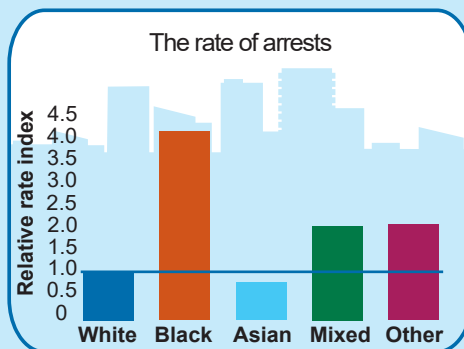


Out of the white pupils with SEN, it was most prevalent in travellers of Irish heritage and Gypsy/Roma (GRT) pupils at 30% and 26% respectively.

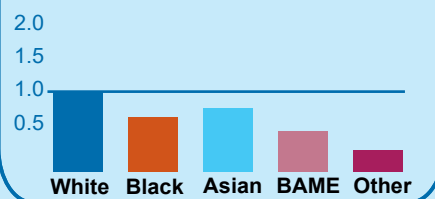
Pre court



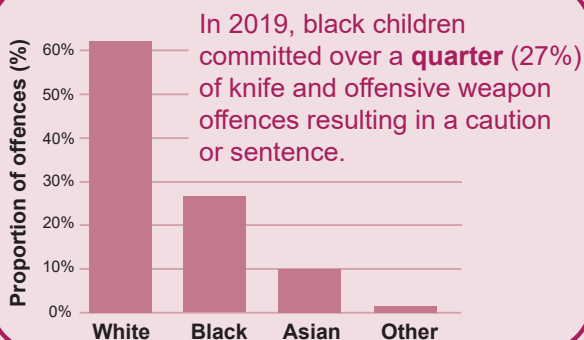
Black children are over **four times** more likely to be arrested than white children



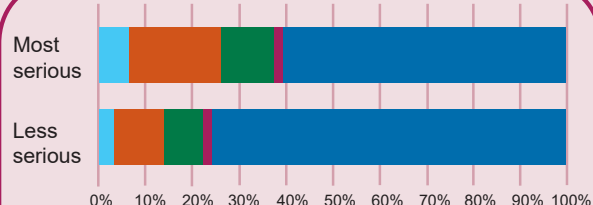
Of all children arrested, white children are most likely to get a caution and avoid going to court.



Offences



In 2019, black children committed over a **quarter** (27%) of knife and offensive weapon offences resulting in a caution or sentence.



In the year ending March 2019, white children committed 61% of all serious offences (offences with a gravity score of 5 to 8) but only accounted for 51% of children in custody.

Sources:

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- <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/mental-health-of-children-and-young-people-in-england/2017/2017>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/special-educational-needs-in-england-january-2019>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-powers-and-procedures-england-and-wales-year-ending-31-march-2019>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/criminal-justice-system-statistics-quarterly-september-2019>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/knife-and-offensive-weapon-sentencing-statistics-october-to-december-2019>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/youth-justice-statistics-2018-to-2019>

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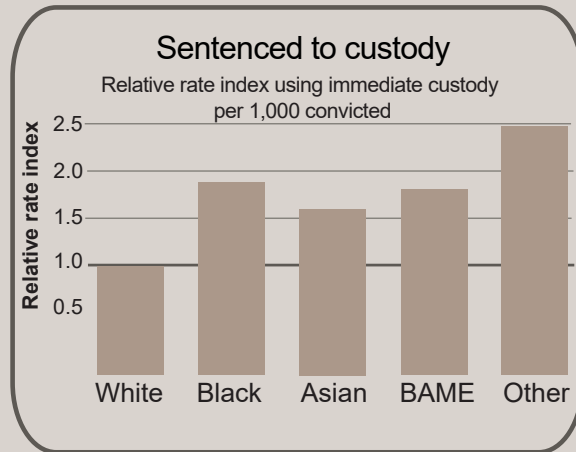
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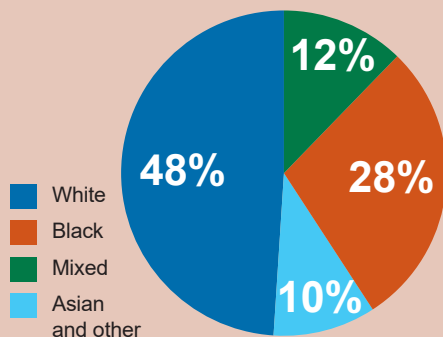
Court

Of all children, BAME children were nearly **two times** as likely to receive custodial outcomes than white children.



Custody

Average population of children in custody in England and Wales, year ending March 2020



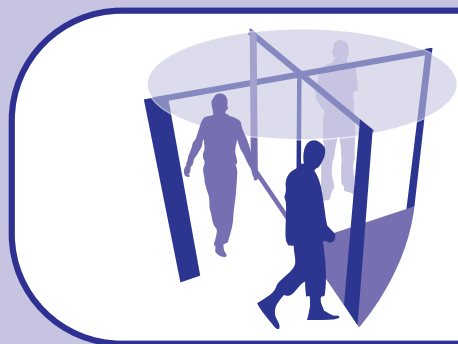
Type of establishment	Av. custody population	Av. custody population (%)
SCH		
BAME	27.4	31%
White	62.1	69%
STC		
BAME	71.5	48%
White	78.7	52%
YOI		
BAME	356.5	52%
White	335.6	48%

Custodial population
Children from black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds make up **half** of all children in custody.

Use of remand
In the year ending March 2019, BAME children were even more over-represented among those in custody while on remand.

BAME	White	Black
57%	43%	33%

Reoffending



Frequency of reoffending

White children had the highest rate of reoffences at 4.22.

Asian children had a rate of 3.46, black children had a rate of 3.62 and children from other backgrounds had a rate of 3.04.

Sources:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/criminal-justice-system-statistics-quarterly-september-2019>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/youth-custody-data>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/youth-justice-statistics-2018-to-2019>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/proven-reoffending-statistics>

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YOT workforce

Composition of the youth offending team (YOT) workforce in 2018-2019

Role	Number of BAME role holders	The YOT workforce (%)
Strategic leader	23 (out of 190)	12%
Operational manager	94 (out of 602)	16%
Practitioner	786 (out of 4,014)	20%
Administrative	120 (out of 745)	16%
Volunteer	561 (out of 3,220)	17%



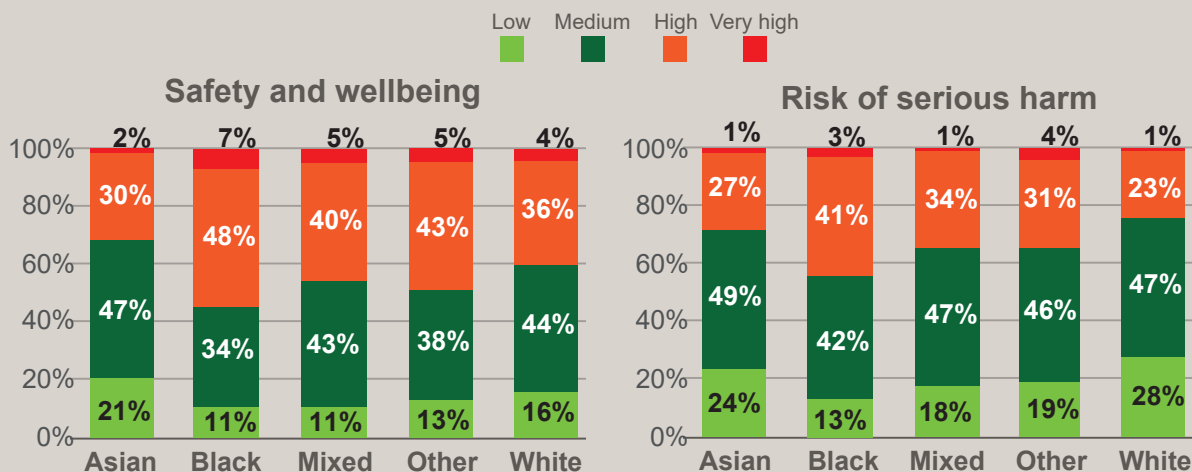
Assessing the needs of sentenced children

Overall, BAME children were assessed to have a greater proportion of concerns with local issues*

Asian	Black	Mixed	Other	White
42%	54%	46%	49%	37%

Mental health concerns were assessed **more** for children from a white ethnic background

Asian	Black	Mixed	Other	White
50%	57%	70%	65%	75%



* 'Local issues' are concerns about the child being adversely affected by specific local tensions, pressures or issues.

Sources:

- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/861776/youth-justice-statistics-additional-annexes-march-2019.zip
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