



**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

Freedom of Information Request Reference No: 01.FOI.20.014027

I note you seek access to the following information:

I seek the following information on Chinese racist hate crimes:

1. The number of racist hate crimes reported where the victim was Chinese. I would like this information for each of the following months, broken down by month: January, February and March 2020; January, February and March 2019; January, February and March 2018.
2. The number of racist hate crimes reported where the victim was East Asian or Southeast Asian. I would like this information for each of the following months, broken down by month: January, February and March 2020; January, February and March 2019; January, February and March 2018.
3. The number of racist hate crimes reported where the victim was Asian. I would like this information for each of the following months, broken down by month: January, February and March 2020; January, February and March 2019; January, February and March 2018.

DECISION

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Please find attached information pursuant to your request above.

Hate crimes are often distressing for victims and cause great harm to communities, and the Met takes a zero-tolerance approach to discrimination in all its forms.

In recent weeks, the Met has received a number of reports about hate crime incidents where people in certain communities have been targeted in the context of the Coronavirus outbreak. These incidents have involved the use of aggressive and offensive language both in the real world and online, and physical violence in a small number of cases.

These types of crimes are deplorable, and we continue to monitor these incidents, and direct resources accordingly.

We work closely with a range of community partners to tackle hate crime by engaging with affected communities, supporting victims, and bringing prosecutions where appropriate.

We would urge anyone who has been a victim of hate crime or witnessed it happening, and who has not yet spoken to police to report it.

To report a hate crime, call police on 101, report online or tweet @MetCC. If there is an immediate risk or an emergency situation, always call 999. Information can also be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online, or via the True Vision website: <https://www.report-it.org.uk/home>.

I would like to thank you for your interest in the MPS.

Information Rights Unit

Victims Of Racist Crime by Selected Ethnicities

January to March, 2018, 2019 and 2020

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Suitable for Publication Scheme	YES
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Summary	Victims Of Racist Crime by Selected Ethnicities for the period January to March, 2018, 2019 and 2020
Creating Branch / Directorate	MetHQ - Information and Insight
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This report uses LIVE DATA extracted from: CRIS SAP BI

Date Live data was extracted: 13/04/2020

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Notes

Source System

Data was extracted from CRIS using SAP BI on 13/04/2020

Date Range

Data is for the date range 01/01/2018 to 31/03/2020

Definition

Data is a count of victims of racist crime where the victim's Self Classified Ethnicity is recorded as 'O1: Chinese', or where the victim's Self Classified Ethnicity is recorded as one of 'A1: Indian'; 'A2: Pakistani'; 'A3: Bangladeshi'; 'A9: Asian - any other background' or 'M3: Mixed White and Asian'

Caveats

For the period requested, only 27.2% of victims of racist offences had a self classified ethnicity (SCE) recorded. Therefore 72.8% of victims have a blank value for their SCE. It is therefore likely that any numbers presented in this report represent an undercount of the true situation. It is not compulsory to record the SCE of crime victims, and moreover, it is within the rights of crime victims to refuse to answer if asked to define their own ethnicity.

The applicant also asked for data specifically on the ethnicity of 'South East Asian'. It is not possible to provide this data as it is not a specific value on the standard list of 16 self classified ethnicities, and so we do not hold any data on this.

We have in addition provided data on the Ethnic Appearance of the victim. Note that this is the opinion of the recording officer as to the appearance of the victim, and may bear no resemblance as to how the victim perceives their own ethnicity. Note that the figures from the Ethnic appearance tables should not be added to those from the SCE tables.

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IMPORTANT: Please ensure that the Notes Page is read in conjunction with the data in this report to ensure that it is interpreted correctly.

**Victims of racist crime where the victim's Self Classified
Ethnicity is recorded as 'O1: Chinese'**

Year and Month	2018	2019	2020
Jan	3	6	7
Feb	5	7	22
Mar	15	7	34
Grand Total	23	20	63

These two tables should not be summed as it would result in double counting.

**Victims of racist crime where the victim's Self Classified
Ethnicity is recorded as 'A1: Indian'; 'A2: Pakistani'; 'A3:
Bangladeshi'; 'A9: Asian - any other background' or 'M3: Mixed
White and Asian'**

Year and Month	2018	2019	2020
Jan	98	83	74
Feb	77	81	70
Mar	106	121	85
Grand Total	281	285	229

These two tables should not be summed as it would result in double counting.

**Victims of racist crime where the victim's Ethnic Appearance
is recorded as '5: Oriental'**

Year and Month	2018	2019	2020
Jan	24	28	20
Feb	21	29	65
Mar	37	37	101
Grand Total	82	94	186

**Victims of racist crime where the victim's Ethnic Appearance
is recorded as '4: Asian'**

Year and Month	2018	2019	2020
Jan	268	242	271
Feb	199	239	241
Mar	254	302	267
Grand Total	721	783	779

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