

Violence Harm Assessment figures – Headlines 03/07/2026

The below is the latest data relating to the Violence Harm Assessment (VHA). The data in this report relates to the VHA as of 3rd July 2026. There are currently 1,632 individuals who have been assessed as meeting the inclusion criteria for the VHA. 371 of these are currently held in His Majesty's Prisons. Since 3rd March 2026 there have been 770 new individuals assessed as meeting the criteria of the VHA and 710 that no longer meet the criteria and are thus not subject to assessment.

As part of our Public Sector Equality Duty we ensure that we consider how this impacts people with different characteristics. As such we have committed to publishing data around the ethnicity, age and gender of those that are assessed on the Violence Harm Assessment.

Ethnicity Breakdown (self-reported)

Following Criminal Justice System Data Standards the MPS records the self-defined ethnicity of individuals in terms of the 18+1 categories outlined within government guidance. Using this guidance the below shows the breakdown of the self-defined ethnicities provided by the individuals that are on the Violence Harm Assessment as of 3rd July 2026.

Ethnicity (self-reported)	Frequency	Percentage
Asian or Asian British	116	7.11%
Indian	15	0.92%
Pakistani	21	1.29%
Bangladeshi	23	1.41%
Chinese	1	0.06%
Any other Asian background	56	3.43%
Black, Black British, Caribbean, or African	733	44.91%
Caribbean	221	13.54%
African	254	15.56%
Any other Black, Black British, or Caribbean background	258	15.81%
Mixed or multiple ethnic groups	178	10.91%
White and Black Caribbean	78	4.78%
White and Black African	36	2.21%
White and Asian	4	0.25%
Any other Mixed or multiple ethnic background	60	3.68%
White	273	16.73%
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, or British	181	11.09%
Irish	14	0.86%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	3	0.18%
Roma	0	0.00%
Any other White background	75	4.60%
Other ethnic group	89	5.45%
Arab	27	1.65%
Any other ethnic group	62	3.80%
Not stated	243	14.89%
	Total: 1,632	

Ethnicity Breakdown (officer observed ethnicity)

When officers come in to contact with individuals as part of their reporting procedures, they are required to provide a description that includes the person's ethnicity as defined by the police identity codes. When using these identity codes, the breakdown of those individuals on the VHA is:

Ethnicity (officer observed)	Frequency	Percentage
White North European	286	17.52%
White South European	62	3.80%
Black	1009	61.83%
Asian – Indian subcontinent	128	7.84%
East Asian / Southeast Asian	0	0.00%
Arab / North African	76	4.66%
Unknown	71	4.35%
Total: 1,632		

Age Breakdown

Age	Frequency	Percentage
Under 18	452	27.70%
18-24	654	40.07%
25-29	169	10.36%
30-39	217	13.30%
40-49	86	5.27%
50 and over	54	3.31%
Total: 1,632		

Gender Breakdown

Gender	Frequency	Percentage
Female	81	4.96%
Male	1,542	94.73%
Unknown	5	0.31%
Total: 1,632		