



Violence Harm Assessment figures – Headlines 19/11/2024

The below is the latest data relating to the Violence Harm Assessment (VHA). The data in this report relates to the VHA as of 19th November 2024. There are currently 1,397 individuals who have been assessed as meeting the inclusion criteria for the VHA. 447 of these are currently held in His Majesty's Prisons. Since 11th August 2024 there have been 494 new individuals assessed as meeting the criteria of the VHA and 405 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 19th November 2024.

Ethnicity (self-reported)	Frequency	Percentage
Asian or Asian British	57	4.1%
Indian	7	0.5%
Pakistani	5	0.4%
Bangladeshi	13	0.9%
Chinese	0	0%
Any other Asian background	32	2.3%
Black, Black British, Caribbean, or African	467	33.4%
Caribbean	132	9.4%
African	143	10.2%
Any other Black, Black British, or Caribbean background	192	13.7%
Mixed or multiple ethnic groups	106	7.6%
White and Black Caribbean	49	3.5%
White and Black African	25	1.8%
White and Asian	3	0.2%
Any other Mixed or multiple ethnic background	29	2.1%
White	191	13.7%
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, or British	147	10.5%
Irish	6	0.4%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	1	0.1%
Roma	0	0.0%
Any other White background	37	2.6%
Other ethnic group	52	3.7%
Arab	15	1.1%
Any other ethnic group	37	2.6%
Not stated	524	37.5%
		Total: 1397



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	267	19.1%
White South European	49	3.5%
Black	890	63.7%
Asian – Indian subcontinent	94	6.7%
East Asian / Southeast Asian	3	0.2%
Arab / North African	71	5.1%
Unknown	23	1.6%
Total: 1397		

Age Breakdown

Age	Frequency	Percentage
Under 18	367	26.3%
18-24	559	40.0%
25-29	137	9.8%
30-39	193	13.8%
40-49	96	6.9%
50 and over	45	3.2%
Total: 1397		

Gender Breakdown

Gender	Frequency	Percentage
Female	56	4%
Male	1341	96%
Total: 1397		