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Data Notes

Reporting on ethnicity occurs in a number of ways, and how we use it in analysis can be a bit complex. Officers will ask individuals for how they define their own ethnicity and record this under 'Self Defined Ethnicity'. Officers also record their own perceptions of the individual's ethnicity under 'Officer Perceived Ethnicity'. Evidently, it is often the case that individuals refuse to define their own ethnicity and these will be recorded as 'not stated'.

In this report we combine Officer Perceived with Self Defined where an individual has refused to state their ethnicity.

However, there is a page that doesn't do this. This is the 'Not Stated by Individual: LPA breakdown' page.

Where the page does not use Officer Perceived as a substitute when an individual has refused their self definition this will be made clear on the page.

Please note, a population table is now provided at the end of the pack.

Disproportionality calculations

This analysis uses the *Relative Rate Index (RRI)*, otherwise known as a disproportionality ratio. This allows for quick and easy measurement of disproportionality at various different decision points.

An RRI of 1 means there is no racial disproportionality between groups. Disproportionality is greater the further away from 1 the number is.

Let's say, for example, that the Asian disproportionality ratio was 1.3. We could express this as 'Asian people are 30% more likely to be stopped and searched than White individuals'.

Disproportionality is calculated using the following formula: $(\text{searches of ethnic minority} / \text{population of ethnic minority}) / (\text{searches of white people} / \text{white population})$

Per 1000

This is calculated through the following formula: $\text{number of searches} / (\text{divided by population} / 1000)$

Information Page

This pack covers the period 01/01/2024-31/12/2024.

There were 4,172 searches in this period with an overall disproportionality ratio of 1.96. There were 0.83 searches per 1000 of the population.

Disproportionality remained highest for those of black ethnic origin with a ratio of 4.30. This means a black person was around 4 times as likely to be searched as a white person. This group also had the highest disproportionality ratio for both drugs and weapons searches.

A new page has also been added to look at find rates and section 60 searches, of which there were 51 in Q3.

The primary and secondary outcome rate for all searches was 40.08 %, meaning the item searched for, or an item other than the one searched for, was found 40.08 % of the time.

Key Metrics

Number of Searches

4,172

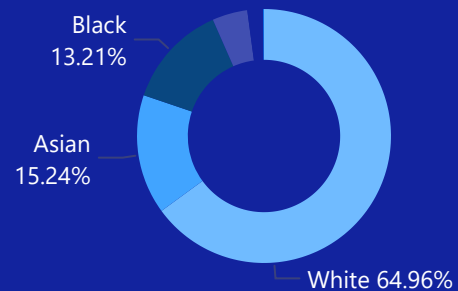
TVP Overall Dispro

1.96

Searches per 1000

1.66

TVP Stops by Ethnic Group %



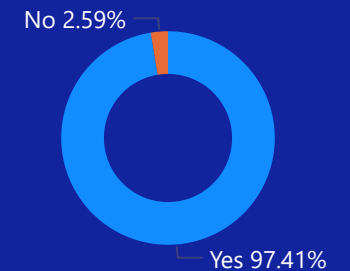
Primary & Secondary Outcome Rate

40.08%

Number of Times Force was Used

1449

Was BWV Used?



Power Used & Outcomes

This page shows the total number of searches by LPA, and also show the powers used and outcomes. The tables entitled 'Power Used' and 'Outcome' show the Top 5 Powers Used and top 5 Outcomes. The Donut Charts show the percentage proportion of **the top 5** that each Power or Outcome equates to. This is the same for the tables at the top.

Figure 1: Stops by LPA

LCU	Searches	Population	Per 1000
Oxfordshire	1,015	725280	1.40
Berkshire East	912	460350	1.98
Berkshire West	736	489566	1.50
Buckinghamshire	669	553035	1.21
Milton Keynes	598	287040	2.08
Bracknell & Wokingham	220		
Out of Force	22		
Total	4,172	2515271	1.66

Figure 2: Power Used

Top 5

Legislation	Searches	%
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (section 23)	2,712	67.10%
S1 PACE 1984 - Stolen Property	543	13.43%
S1 PACE 1984 - Offensive Weapons	311	7.69%
S1 PACE 1984 - Going Equipped	258	6.38%
S1 PACE 1984 - Pointed/Bladed Articles	218	5.39%

Figure 3: Outcome

Top 5

Outcomes Grouped	Searches	%
NFA	2,936	71.75%
Community Resolution	564	13.78%
Arrested	417	10.19%
Police Discretion	97	2.37%
Voluntary attendance	78	1.91%

Figure 4: Power Used

% of top 5

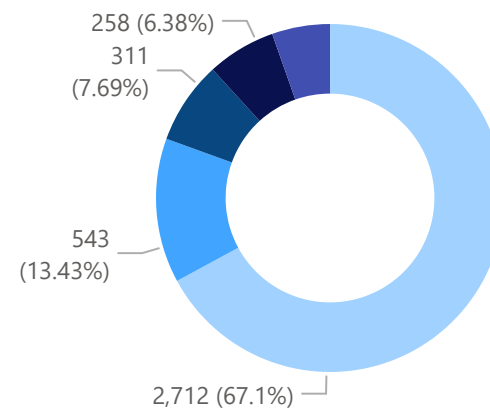
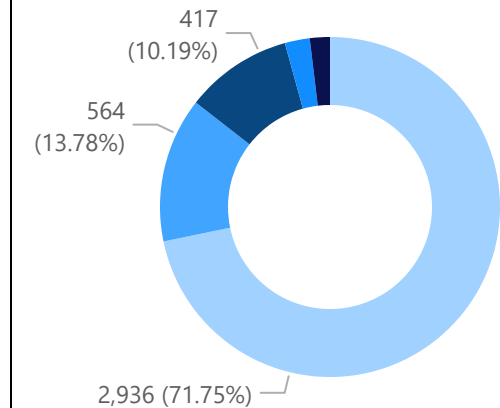


Figure 5: Outcome

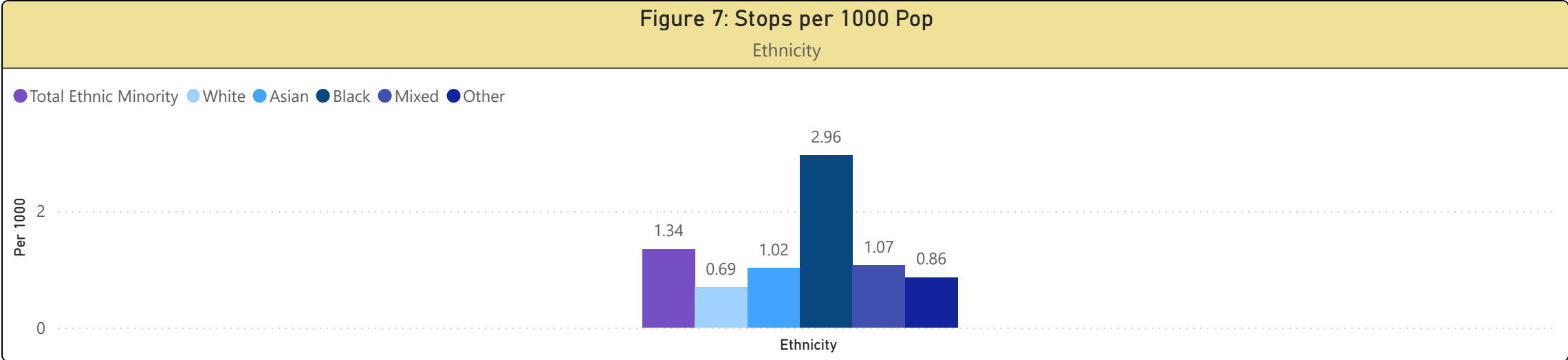
% of top 5



Ethnicity Overview- Disproportionality



This page shows disproportionality for each ethnic minority group in the top table, and stops per 1000 of the population in the bottom table for each ethnic group.



Outcome by Ethnicity

This page breaks down the number of searches where no action was taken following a search by each ethnic group. It also shows the proportion of searches where action was taken vs where none was taken. Finally, it shows the outcomes for each ethnic group in the table at the bottom of the page.

Figure 8: Formal Action Taken or No Further Action by Ethnicity (%)

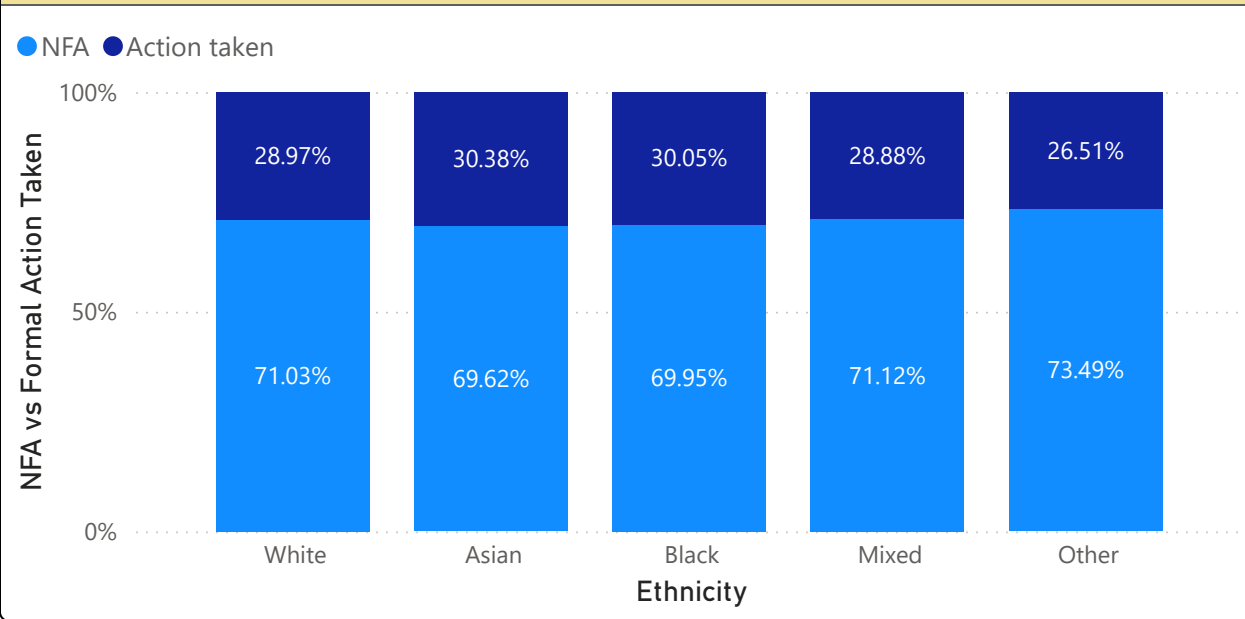


Figure 9: Count of No Further Action by Ethnicity

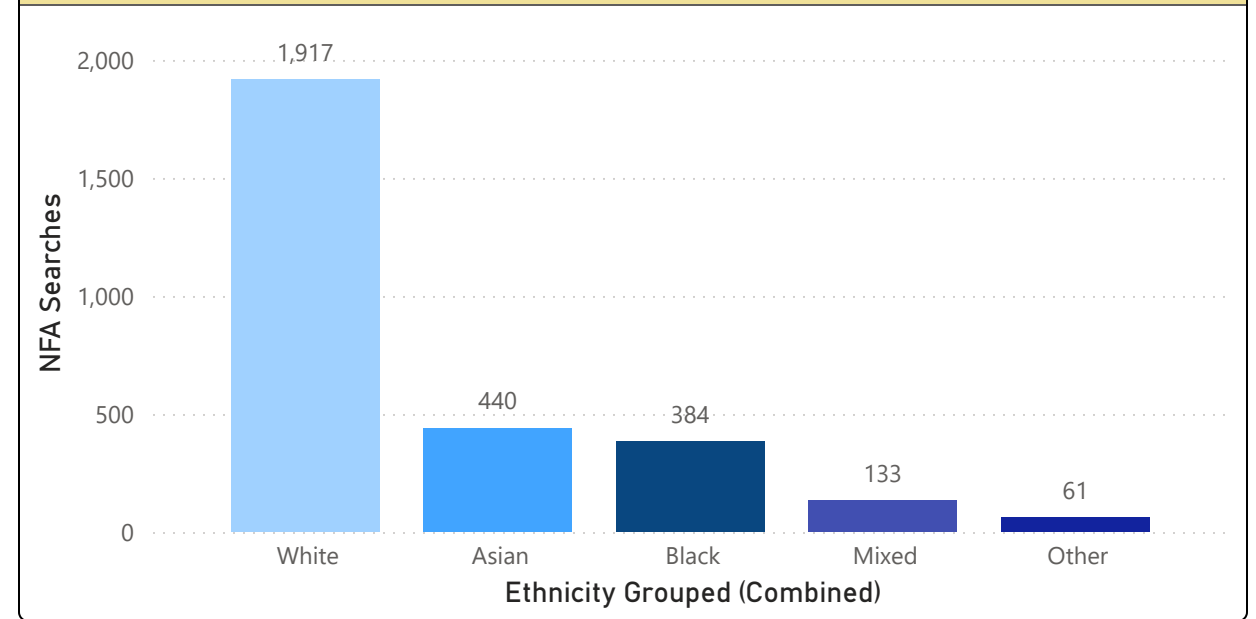


Figure 10: Outcome by Ethnicity

Top 10

Ethnicity Grouped (Combined)	Alcohol & Tobacco Seizures	Arrested	Caution - conditional	Community Resolution	Drug Warning	NFA	PND	Police Discretion	Postal Requisition/Charge/Summons	Voluntary attendance	Total
Asian		43	3	93	10	440	6	29	1	10	635
Black		1	72	2	60	2	384	1	16	5	551
Mixed		1	23		20	3	133		4	1	187
Not Stated			1		2		1				4
Other			8		12		61	1	1		83
White		5	270	3	377	14	1,917	7	47	4	2,702
Total		7	417	8	564	29	2,936	15	97	11	4,162

Find rate & Section 60

This page breaks down the find rate across TVP on the top half and then also information for Section 60 searches on the bottom.

This is a new page and so remains in development.

The tables entitled 'Positive Outcomes rate', shows the positive outcomes from searches over a two year period. The lighter blue line shows outcome rate for the object searches for, and the darker blue the find rate for objects other than that searched for.

The table next to it shows the primary and secondary find numbers for each LPA.

Below the blue line in the middle you will find information relevant to Section 60 Searches.

This Includes a basic count of the number of S60 searches that quarter, and then LPAs that have had the most section 60 searches. It also shows the article found information specific to S60s along with outcomes. Finally, it shows the percentage of S60 searches conducted on ethnic minorities.

Figure 11: Positive Outcomes Rate (24 Months)

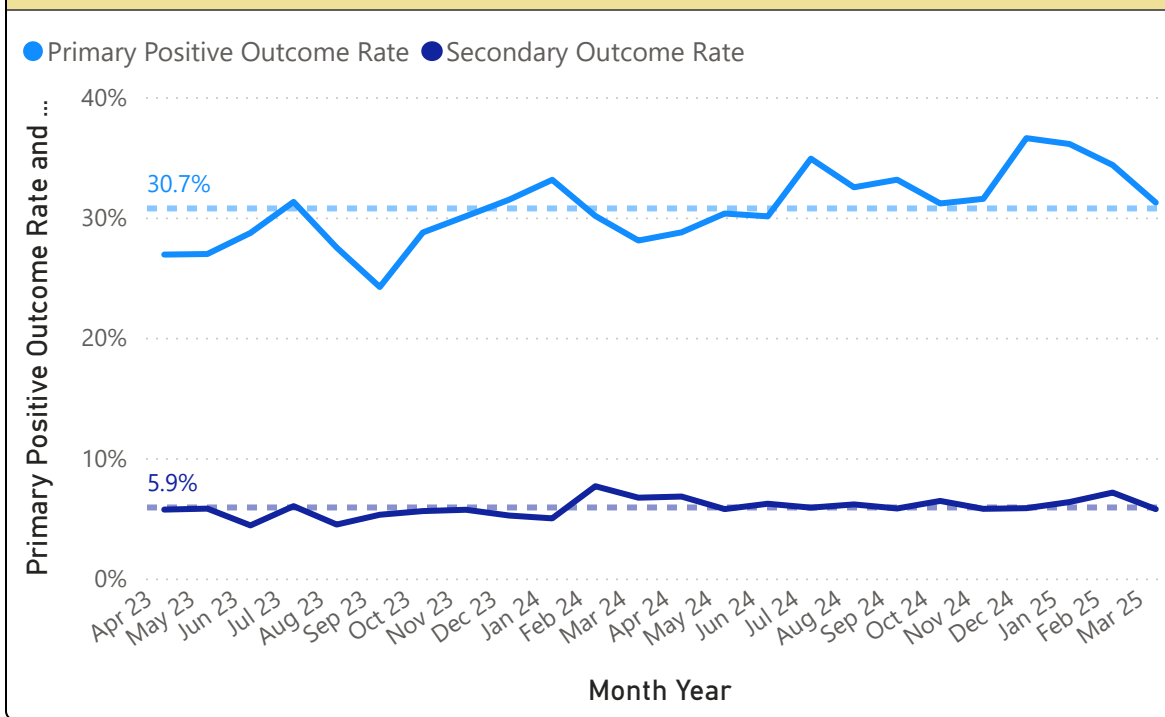
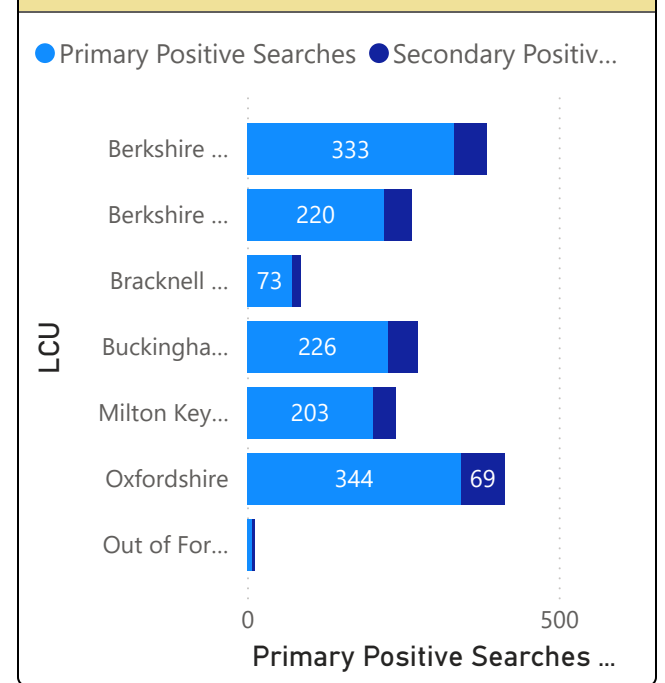


Figure 12: LPA Primary and Secondary Find



Section 60

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Figure 14: Section 60 Searches by LPA

LCU	S60 searches
Buckinghamshire	27
Oxfordshire	5
Total	32

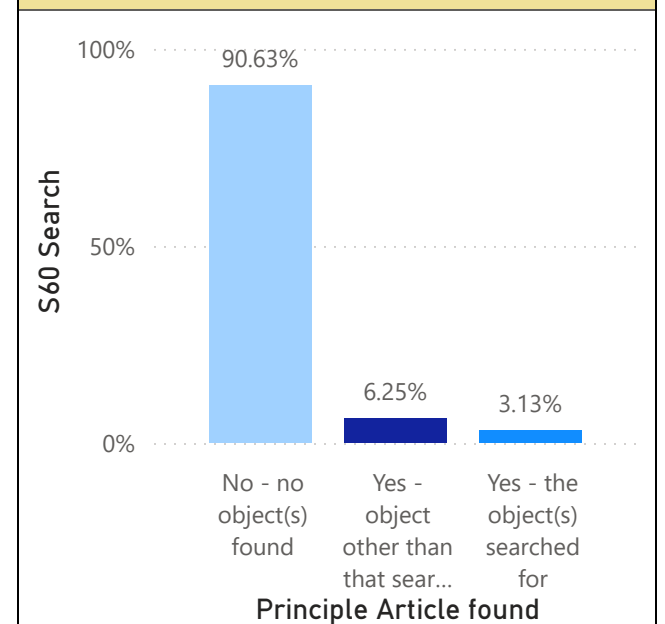
Figure 13: Section 60 Search Outcomes

Outcomes	S60 Searches
Arrested	1
NFA	31
Total	32

75.00%

EthMin S60 as % of all S60

Figure 15: Items found from S60



Ethnic Disproportionality by LPA

This page breaks down ethnic disproportionality by LPA. Find rate refers to instances where both the item searched for or an item other than that searched for were found.

LCU	Searches	Pop	Per 1000	Find rate	Dispro
Berkshire East	215	45,709	4.70	41.40 %	3.48
Buckinghamshire	169	68,294	2.47	32.54 %	2.89
Oxfordshire	111	46,379	2.39	41.44 %	2.13
Milton Keynes	62	35,636	1.74	50.00 %	0.93
Berkshire West	66	117,068	0.56	39.39 %	0.33
Bracknell & Wokingham	11			45.45 %	
Out of Force	2			50.00 %	
Total	636	313,086	2.03	39.78 %	1.48

LCU	Searches	Pop	Per 1000	Find rate	Dispro
Oxfordshire	116	14,850	7.81	37.07 %	6.96
Buckinghamshire	83	14,233	5.83	40.96 %	6.80
Berkshire East	129	17,559	7.35	42.64 %	5.44
Berkshire West	79	18,695	4.23	50.63 %	2.48
Milton Keynes	117	27,882	4.20	41.88 %	2.24
Bracknell & Wokingham	26			34.62 %	
Out of Force	1			100.00 %	
Total	551	93,219	5.91	41.92 %	4.30

LCU	Searches	Pop	Per 1000	Find rate	Dispro
Oxfordshire	31	11,327	2.74	29.03 %	2.44
Berkshire East	20	7,840	2.55	40.00 %	1.89
Milton Keynes	10	5,718	1.75	30.00 %	0.93
Buckinghamshire	6	8,718	0.69	16.67 %	0.80
Berkshire West	15	15,165	0.99	60.00 %	0.58
Bracknell & Wokingham	2			0.00 %	
Out of Force	0				
Total	84	48,768	1.72	35.71 %	1.25

LCU	Searches	Pop	per 1000	Find rate
Out of Force	19			52.63 %
Buckinghamshire	379	442,234	0.86	44.33 %
Berkshire East	503	372,557	1.35	42.94 %
Oxfordshire	707	630,090	1.12	41.16 %
Bracknell & Wokingham	168			39.88 %
Milton Keynes	386	206,081	1.87	37.82 %
Berkshire West	548	321,510	1.70	32.48 %
Total	2,710	1,972,472	1.37	39.70 %

LCU	Searches	Pop	Per 1000	Find rate	Dispro
Buckinghamshire	32	19,556	1.64	46.88 %	1.91
Berkshire East	43	16,685	2.58	37.21 %	1.91
Oxfordshire	48	22,634	2.12	45.83 %	1.89
Milton Keynes	23	11,723	1.96	43.48 %	1.05
Berkshire West	28	17,128	1.63	39.29 %	0.96
Bracknell & Wokingham	13			38.46 %	
Out of Force	0				
Total	187	87,726	2.13	42.25 %	1.55

Figure 21: Asian Disproportionality by LPA

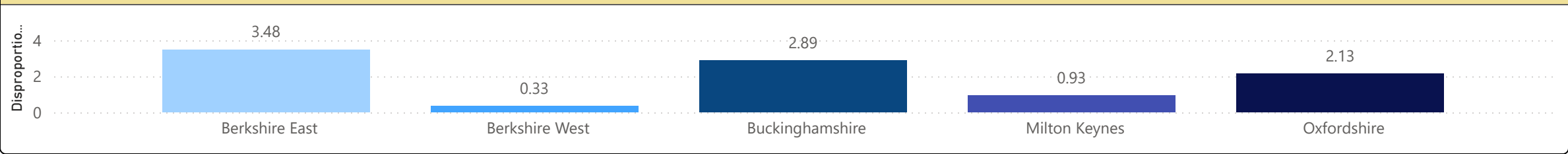


Figure 22: Black Disproportionality by LPA

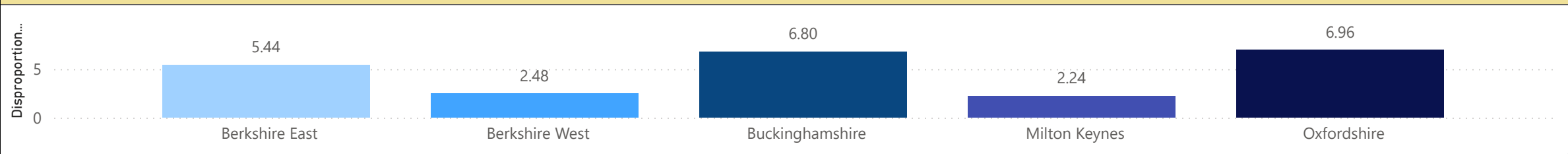


Figure 23: Other Disproportionality by LPA

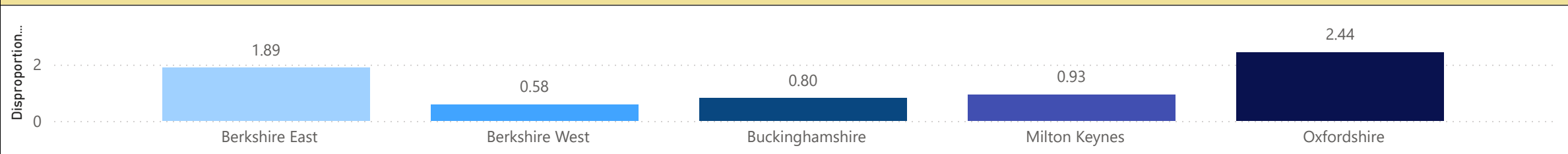
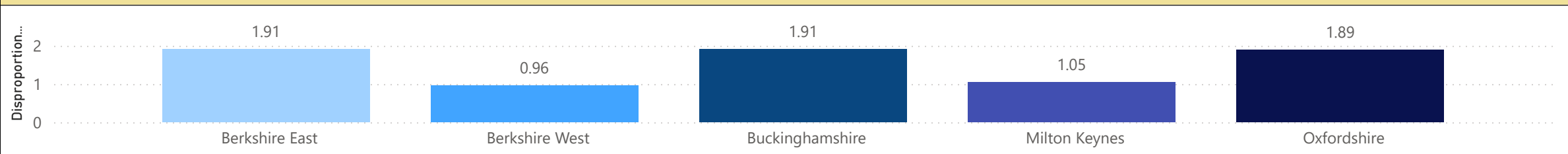


Figure 24: Mixed Disproportionality by LPA



The above column charts visualise disproportionality ratios by LPA. See the following example for how disproportionality is calculated: $(\text{Number of searches of Asian people} / \text{Asian population}) / (\text{Number of searches of White people} / \text{White population})$.

Stop Search Weapons

554

Weapons Searches

This page shows the number of weapons searches that took place this quarter.

Weapons searches incorporate searches for offensive weapons, pointed/bladed articles, firearms, and crossbows.

The Table on the top left breaks down number of searches, number of searches of ethnic minorities, rate per 1000 and then disproportionality for all ethnic minorities.

The donut chart next to it shows the different kinds of weapons search as a proportion of all weapons searches.

The table entitled 'Outcomes' shows the top 10 outcomes from weapons searches.

Finally, the table entitled 'Items Found' shows how often the articles searched for were found and not found etc.

Figure 25: Weapons Searches by LPA

LCU	EthMin Searches	Per 1000 (EthMin)	Find rate (EthMin)	Eth Min Dispro	Find rate (White)
Buckinghamshire	43	0.39	32.56 %	4.77	30.56 %
Berkshire East	46	0.52	21.74 %	3.42	31.58 %
Oxfordshire	38	0.40	34.21 %	2.06	25.41 %
Milton Keynes	35	0.43	22.86 %	1.65	16.67 %
Berkshire West	23	0.14	39.13 %	0.59	24.00 %
Bracknell & Wokingham	6		0.00 %		18.75 %
Out of Force	1		100.00 %		0.00 %
Total	192	0.35	28.65 %	1.93	24.93 %

Figure 26: Weapons % Breakdown

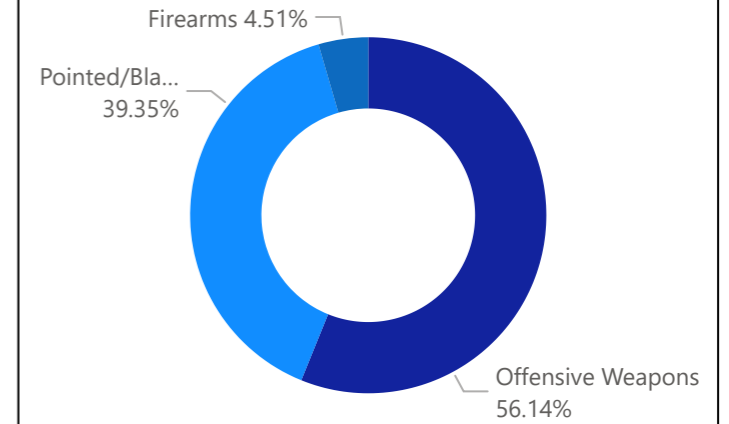
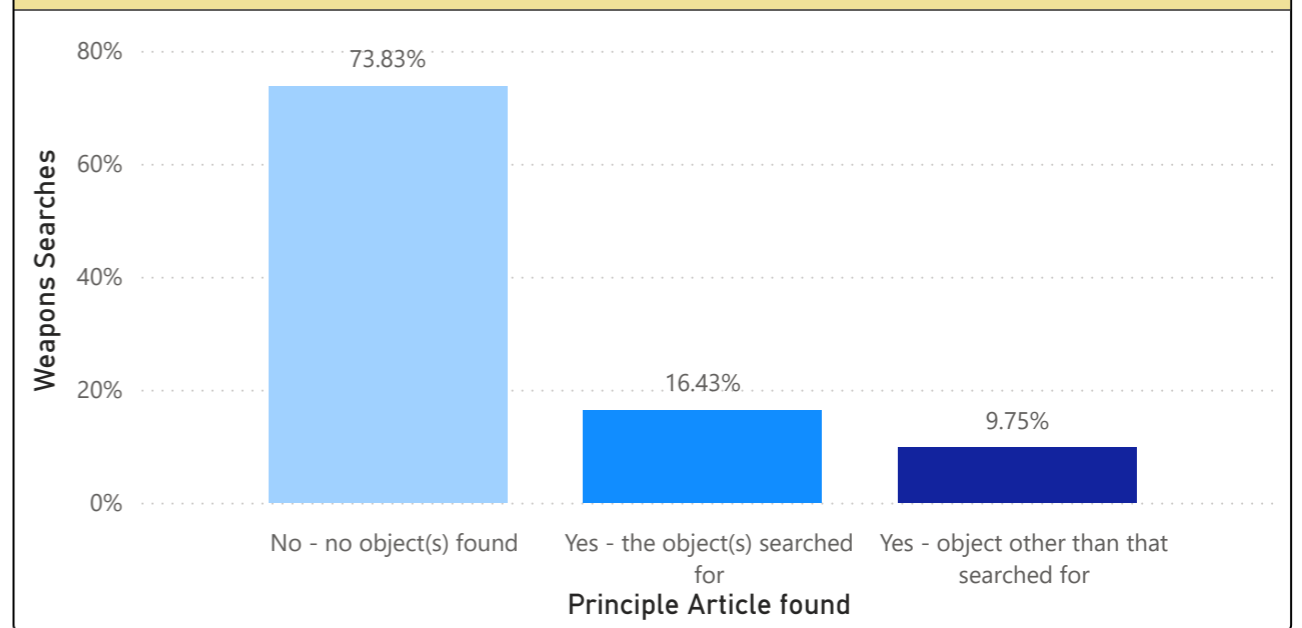


Figure 27: Outcomes

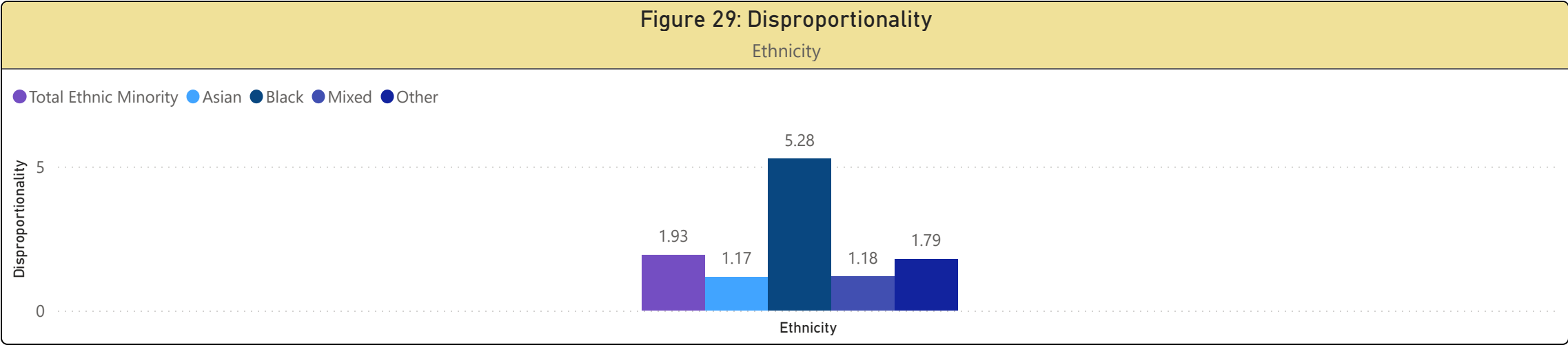
Top 10

Outcomes	Searches
NFA	485
Arrested	49
Voluntary attendance	7
Community Resolution	6
Detention under Mental Health Act	4
Police Discretion	2
Alcohol & Tobacco Seizures	1
Total	554

Figure 28: Items Found



Stop Search Weapons Disproportionality and Rate by Ethnicity



This page shows the disproportionality figure for ethnic minority groups for drugs searches in the top chart, and then stop per 1000 of the population in the bottom chart for each ethnic group.

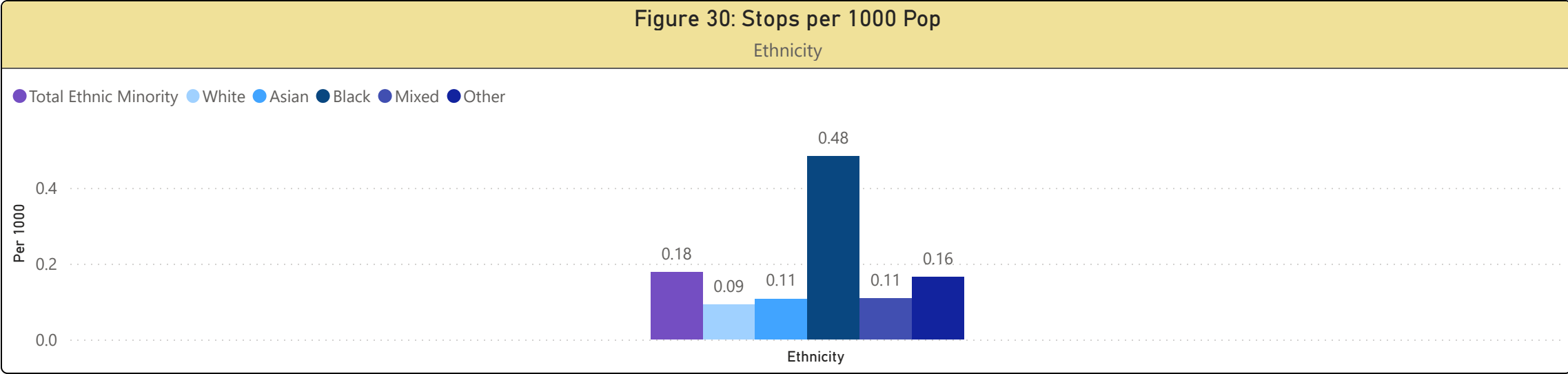


Figure 31: Formal Action Taken vs No Further Action

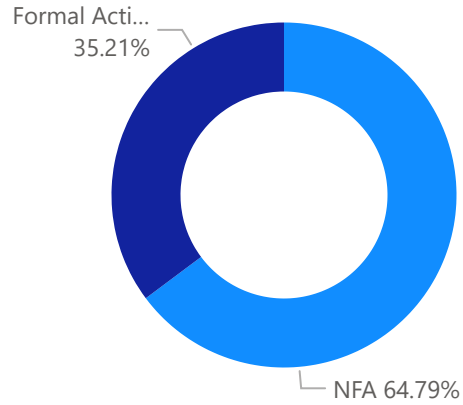


Figure 32: Drugs Searches by LPA

LCU	EthMin Searches	EthMin drugs per 1000	Find rate (EthMin)	Dispro	Find rate (White)
Berkshire East	282	3.21	46.45 %	3.90	47.88 %
Buckinghamshire	203	1.83	40.89 %	3.62	48.21 %
Oxfordshire	220	2.31	41.82 %	3.61	47.89 %
Milton Keynes	159	1.96	49.69 %	1.70	44.54 %
Berkshire West	139	0.83	46.76 %	0.71	35.22 %
Bracknell & Wokingham	36		47.22 %		48.18 %
Out of Force	2		50.00 %		50.00 %
Total	1041	1.92	44.96 %	2.27	44.67 %

Stop Search Drugs

2712

Drugs Searches

This page examines drugs searches in TVP for the last quarter. Searches for drugs are consistently the biggest reason for a search to be conducted.

Please note this page include searches under the Misuse of Drugs Act and searches for psychoactive substances.

The visuals on the top row show the proportion of drugs searches where no action was taken vs an action being taken.

The table next to it shows the number of searches for drugs per LPA, searches of ethnic minorities, and then the per 1000 and disproportionality for ethnic minorities

On the bottom row, you will find the top 10 outcomes related to drugs searches, and consistency of finding the object searched for.

In the table at the top, find rate refers to combined find, where either the object searched for (drugs) or an item not searched for was found.

Figure 33: Item Found

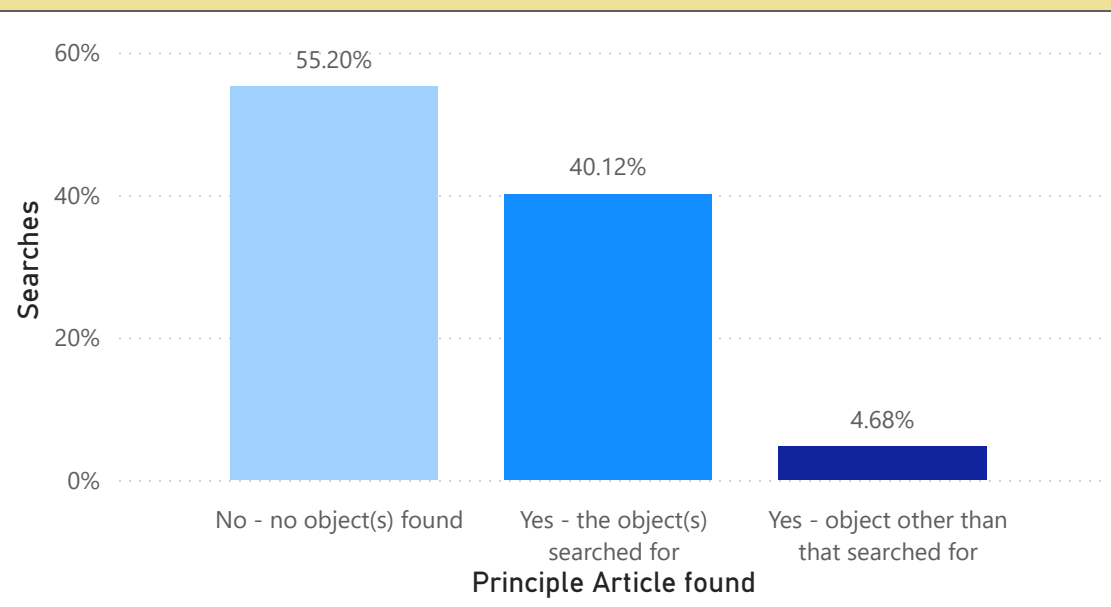
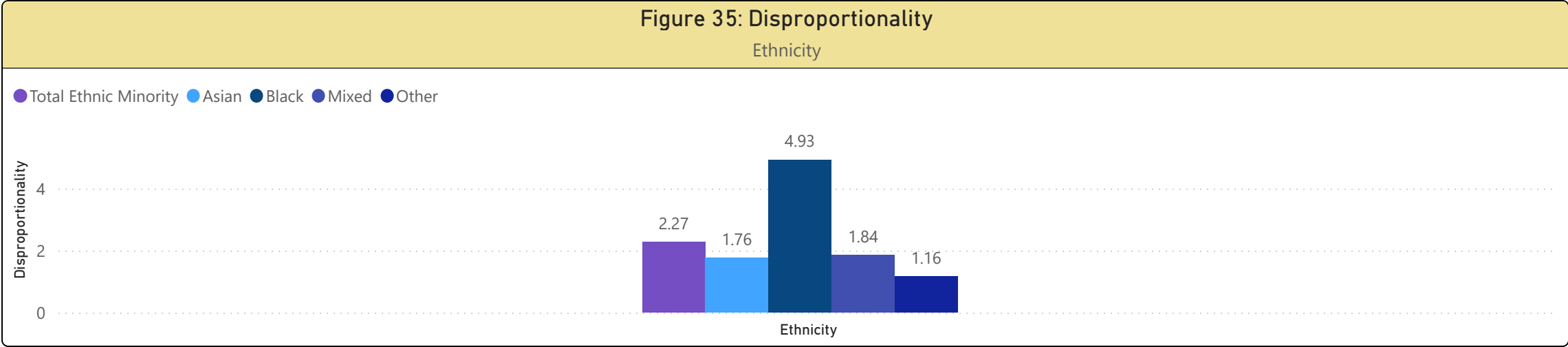


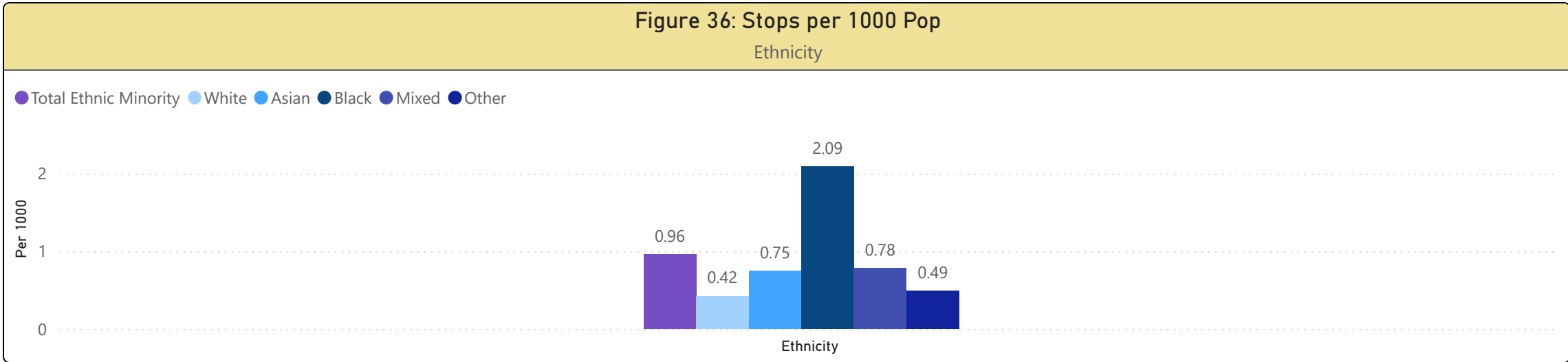
Figure 34: Outcomes

Outcome	Searches
NFA	1748
Community Resolution	513
Arrested	247
Police Discretion	84
Voluntary attendance	54
Drug Warning	28
PND	14
Caution - conditional	8
Postal Requisition/Charge/Summons	8
Caution - simple	4
Total	2708

Stop Search Drugs Disproportionality and Rate by Ethnicity



This page shows the disproportionality figure for ethnic minority groups for drugs searches in the top chart, and then stop per 1000 of the population in the bottom chart for each ethnic group.



Age

623

U18s Searches

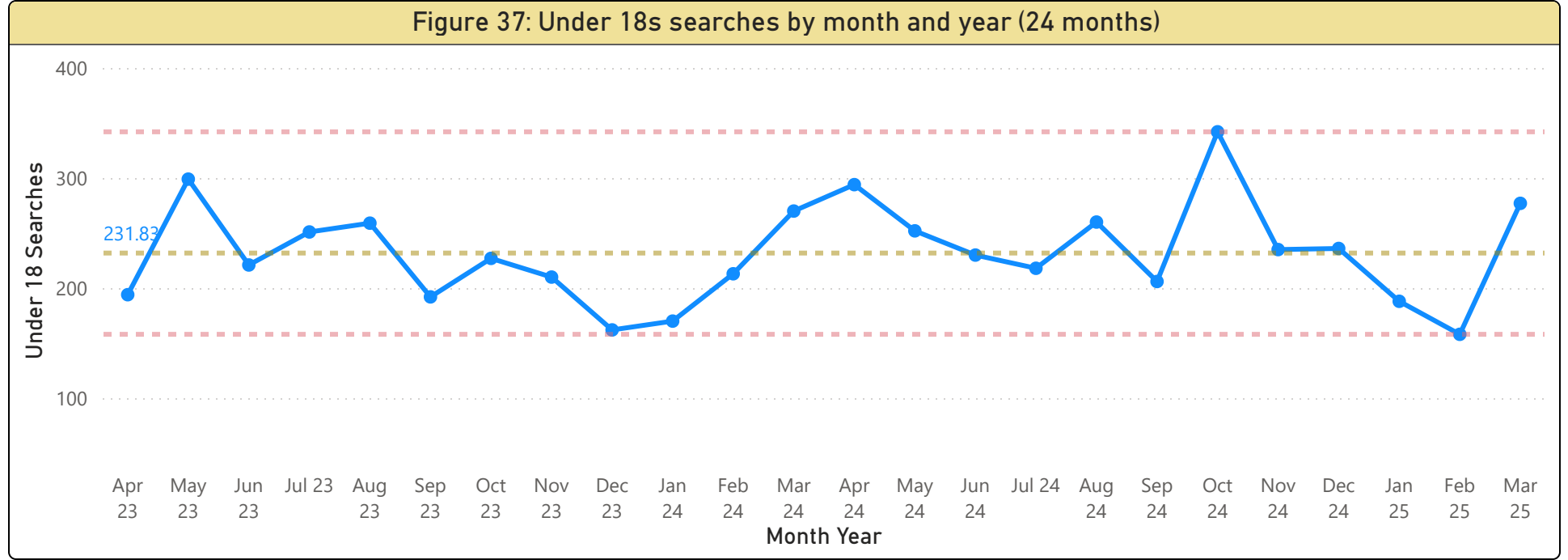
This page break down searches by Age Group for the last quarter.

The Line Graph at the top of the page looks at the number of searches of under 18s for the last 24 months, with Average, Min, and Max lines.

The Table on the bottom right breaks down breaks down the number of searches per age group, broken down by Local Police Area. Next to it, you can see the number of U18 searches by ethnicity.

Finally, the cards at the bottom show the number of Exposure of Intimate Parts Searches in the last quarter, the number of EIP strip searches of ethnic minorities, and the proportion of searches of under 18s where the individual searched was Male, and number of under 10s searched. Please note, the under 10s searches are most likely to be a data inputting error.

This now includes those who were recorded as 0 in the count, although this will be a recording issue. Blanks are grouped under unknown.



8
Strip searches U18

5
EthMin Strip Searches U18

83.79%
Male U18

Figure 38: U18 by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Searches	%
Asian	56	8.99%
Black	70	11.24%
Mixed	30	4.82%
Other	6	0.96%
White	461	74.00%
Total	623	100.00%

2
Under 10

Figure 39: Age Breakdown

LCU	0-17	18-34	35-54	55-69	70+	Unknown
Berkshire East	110	528	201	23	1	49
Berkshire West	123	364	194	24	1	29
Bracknell & Wokingham	45	107	43	12		13
Buckinghamshire	88	368	153	17	1	42
Milton Keynes	79	301	175	16	2	25
Oxfordshire	178	512	241	34	3	47
Out of Force		17	3			2
Total	623	2197	1010	126	8	207

Figure 40: Not Stated by Age Band and LPA

LCU	0-17	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 +	Unknown	Total
Berkshire East	36	126	62	5		24	253
Berkshire West	26	76	44	6		11	163
Bracknell & Wokingham	17	19	4	2		6	48
Buckinghamshire	26	99	40	6		28	199
Milton Keynes	19	67	29	4		8	127
Oxfordshire	29	93	34	3		16	175
Out of Force		2	1				3
Total	153	482	214	26		93	968

The table on the left shows number of searches per LPA by age group where the individual did not state their ethnicity.

Not Stated by Individual: LPA Breakdown

Number Not Stated

968

Note: As this page refers to 'Not Stated by Individual', numbers here are based only on the individual's given ethnicity with no substitute if they refuse to state. Visuals use 'Self-Defined Ethnicity (Without Substitute)'

Figure 41: Not Stated by LPA by Powers Used

Top 5

LCU	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (section 23)	S1 PACE 1984 - Going Equipped	S1 PACE 1984 - Offensive Weapons	S1 PACE 1984 - Pointed/Bladed Articles	S1 PACE 1984 - Stolen Property	Total
Berkshire East	127	23	22	10	39	221
Berkshire West	97	5	11	13	22	148
Bracknell & Wokingham	27	2	4	2	6	41
Buckinghamshire	97	8	17	16	20	158
Milton Keynes	75	10	10	9	13	117
Oxfordshire	103	10	12	16	10	151
Out of Force	2			1		3
Total	528	58	76	67	110	839

The table on the left shows the top 5 reasons for search for those not stating their ethnicity.

The table on the right shows the proportion of all searches where the searched person refused their ethnicity year on year (based on Fiscal Year). This includes blanks above and to the right.

Fiscal Year	Proportion of Not Stated
2018	17.74 %
2019	18.63 %
2020	20.88 %
2021	22.36 %
2022	22.80 %
2023	31.96 %
2024	28.87 %
2025	22.98 %
2026	24.78 %
Total	24.14 %

Data Changes

This page has been added to the report so that any changes to the way fields are counted across packs can be noted.

It may be that no changes are made from one quarter to another and so this page will be largely blank but, in the interests of transparency, any such changes will be made clear here.

The action vs no further action page has changed moderately. Previously this was any action vs no further action. The count would take any instances where the outcome was not recorded as NFA to contract to where it was recorded as NFA.

Previous packs, therefore, included verbal warnings within the action taken count. This page has now changed to calculate where a formal action was taken against the individual against NFAs. This brings this more in line with other reporting practices. The count now excludes verbal warnings and the title of the page has changed to reflect this. This affects Figure 8 and Figure 31.

Additionally, on the information page, the Primary Positive Outcome Rate field has changed to Combined Find Rate. This means it now returns the proportion of times either what was searched for has been found, or an object other than that searched for has been found.

Figure numbers have also been added to each visual across the pack to make discussion of the data easier.

Notes on Ethnicity and Caveats

Self-Defined Ethnicity

Asian

A1. Indian; A2. Pakistani; A3. Bangladeshi; A4. Chinese; A9. Any other Asian background

Black

B1. Caribbean; B2. African; B9. Any other Black background

Mixed / Multiple

M1. White and Black Caribbean; M2. White and Black African; M3. White and Asian; M9. Any other mixed

Not stated

NS. Not stated

Other

O2. Arab; O9. Any other

White

W1. British; W2. Irish; W3. Gypsy or Irish Traveller; W9. Any other white background

Officer Perceived

Unknown; White - North European; White - South European; Black; Asian; Chinese, Japanese, SE Asian; Middle Eastern

Notes

All population statistics are taken from the 2021 Census published 29th November 2022.

Why use per 1000 population?

Showing the incidence rate per 1000 of population makes comparisons between different areas easier, especially when the population size in those areas differs.

Population						
LCU	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other	White	Total
Berkshire East	45,709	17,559	16,685	7,840	372,557	460,350
Berkshire West	117,068	18,695	17,128	15,165	321,510	489,566
Buckinghamshire	68,294	14,233	19,556	8,718	442,234	553,035
Milton Keynes	35,636	27,882	11,723	5,718	206,081	287,040
Oxfordshire	46,379	14,850	22,634	11,327	630,090	725,280
Total	313,086	93,219	87,726	48,768	1,972,472	2,515,271