





Protecting Our Communities

Stop & Search Performance Pack

Produced by Strategic Governance

Dates Covered:

01/07/2025 

30/09/2025 



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: LCU 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: (searches of ethnic minority/population of ethnic minority)/(searches of white people/white population)

Per 1000

This is calculated through the following formula: number of searches/(divided by population/1000)

Information Page

This pack covers the period 01/07/2025-30/09/2025.

Changes have been made to the pack to reflect the 5 LCU structure.

There were 4,047 searches in this period with an overall disproportionality ratio of 2.07. There were 1.61 searches per 1000 of the population.

Disproportionality remained highest for those of black ethnic origin with a ratio of 4.51. 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 57 in Q2.

The primary and secondary outcome rate for all searches was 42.50%, meaning the item searched for, or an item other than the one searched for, was found 42.50% of the time.

Key Metrics

Number of Searches

4,047

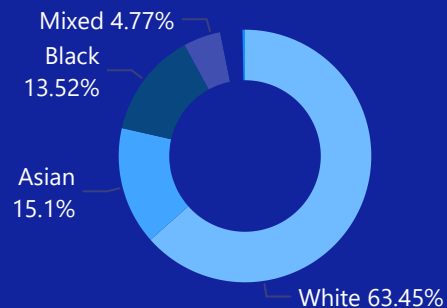
TVP Overall Dispro

2.07

Searches per 1000

1.61

TVP Stops by Ethnic Group %



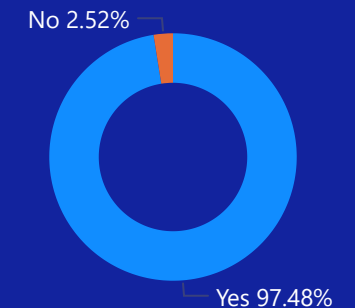
Primary & Secondary Outcome Rate

42.50%

Number of Times Force was Used

1418

Was BWV Used?



Power Used & Outcomes

This page shows the total number of searches by LCU, 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 LCU

LCU	Searches	Population	Per 1000
Oxfordshire	1,052	725280	1.45
Berkshire West	920	513320	1.79
Berkshire East	783	436596	1.79
Buckinghamshire	649	553035	1.17
Milton Keynes	623	287040	2.17
Out of Force	20		
Total	4,047	2515271	1.61

Figure 2: Power Used

Top 5

	Searches	%
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (section 23)	2,601	67.09%
S1 PACE 1984 - Stolen Property	518	13.36%
S1 PACE 1984 - Offensive Weapons	293	7.56%
S1 PACE 1984 - Pointed/Bladed Articles	236	6.09%
S1 PACE 1984 - Going Equipped	229	5.91%

Figure 3: Outcome

Top 5

	Searches	%
NFA	2,718	68.46%
Community Resolution	641	16.15%
Arrested	406	10.23%
Voluntary attendance	106	2.67%
Police Discretion	99	2.49%

Figure 4: Power Used

% of top 5

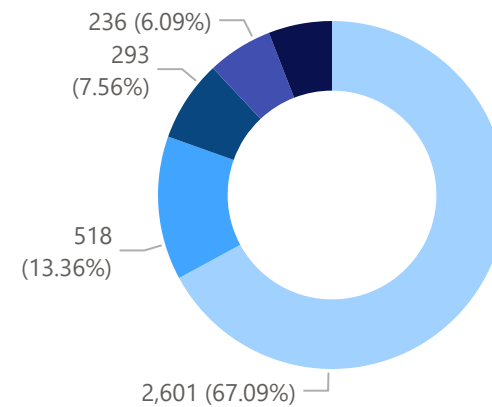
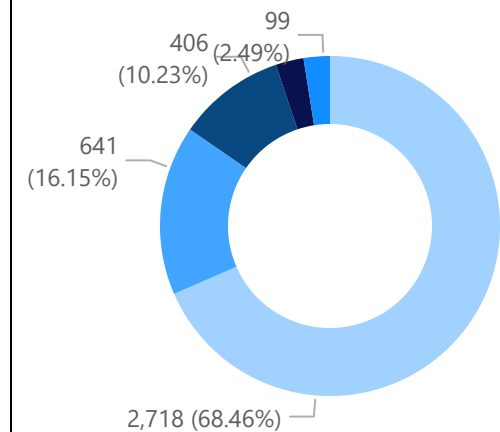
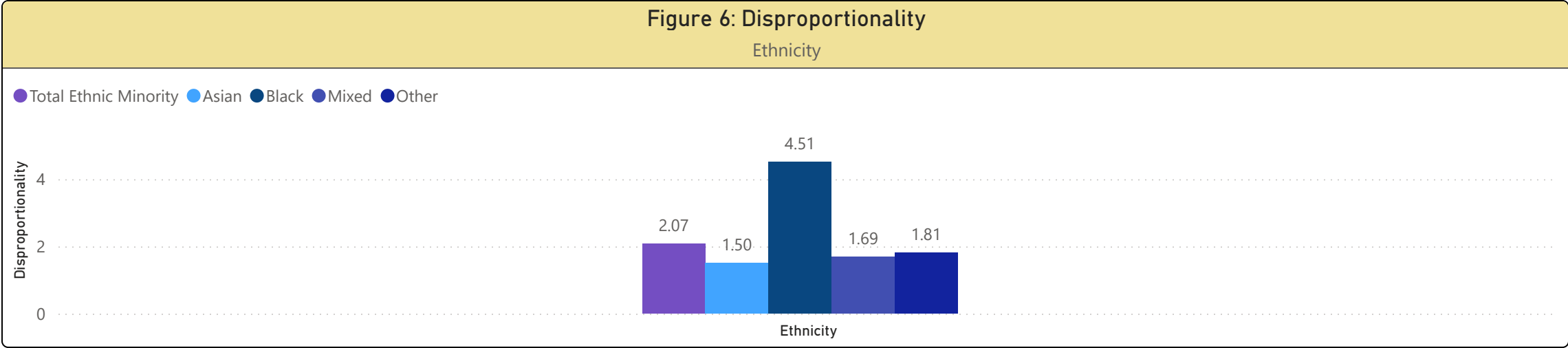


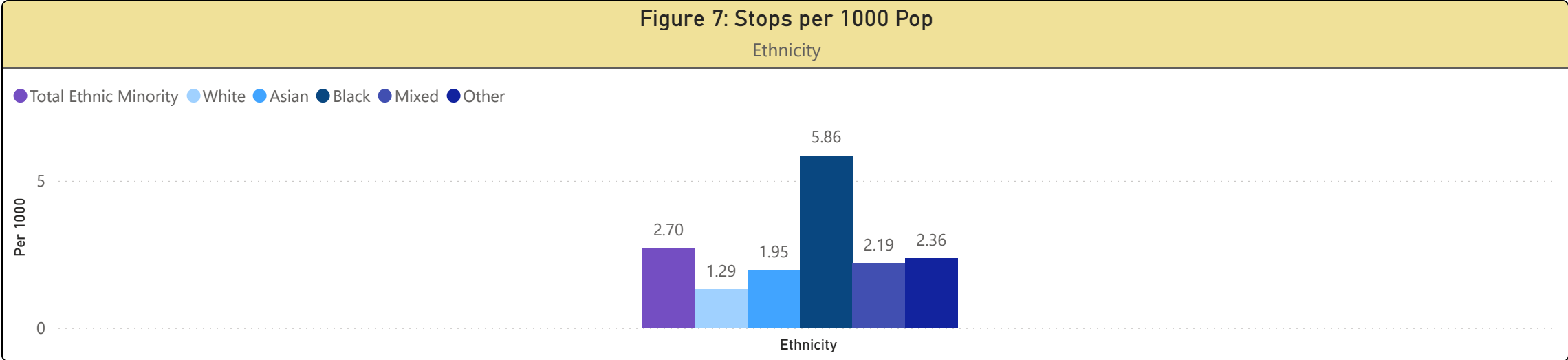
Figure 5: Outcome

% of top 5





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 (%)

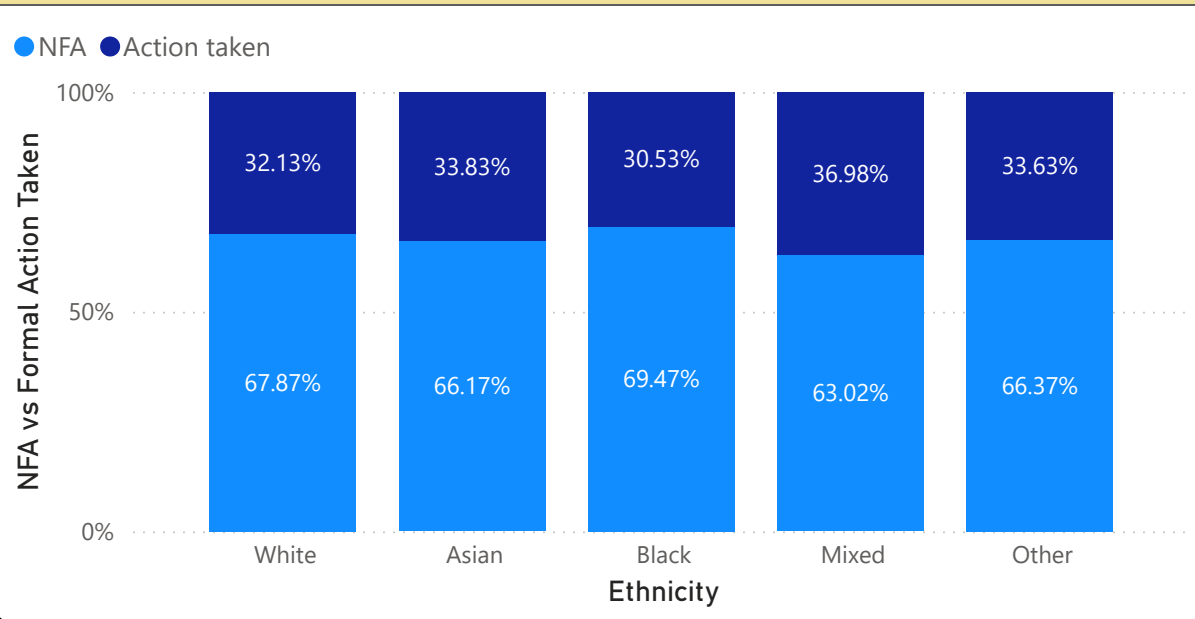


Figure 9: Count of No Further Action by Ethnicity

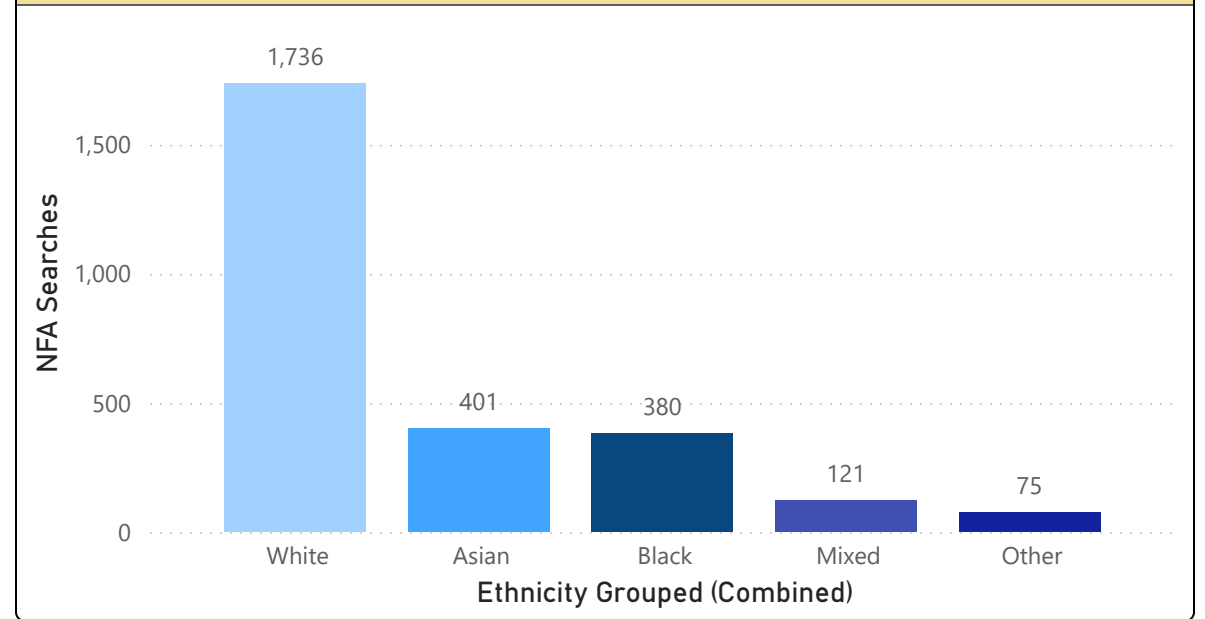


Figure 10: Outcome by Ethnicity

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	1	62	3	101	8	401	4	18	1	10	609
Black		57		67	2	380	4	14	4	19	547
Mixed		19		37		121		6		9	192
Not Stated		2		4		5		2			13
Other		11	2	20	2	75		2		3	115
White	9	255	3	412	9	1,736	11	57	4	65	2,561
Total	10	406	8	641	21	2,718	19	99	9	106	4,037

Find rate

This page breaks down the find rate across TVP.

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.

Figure 11: Positive Outcomes Rate (24 Months)

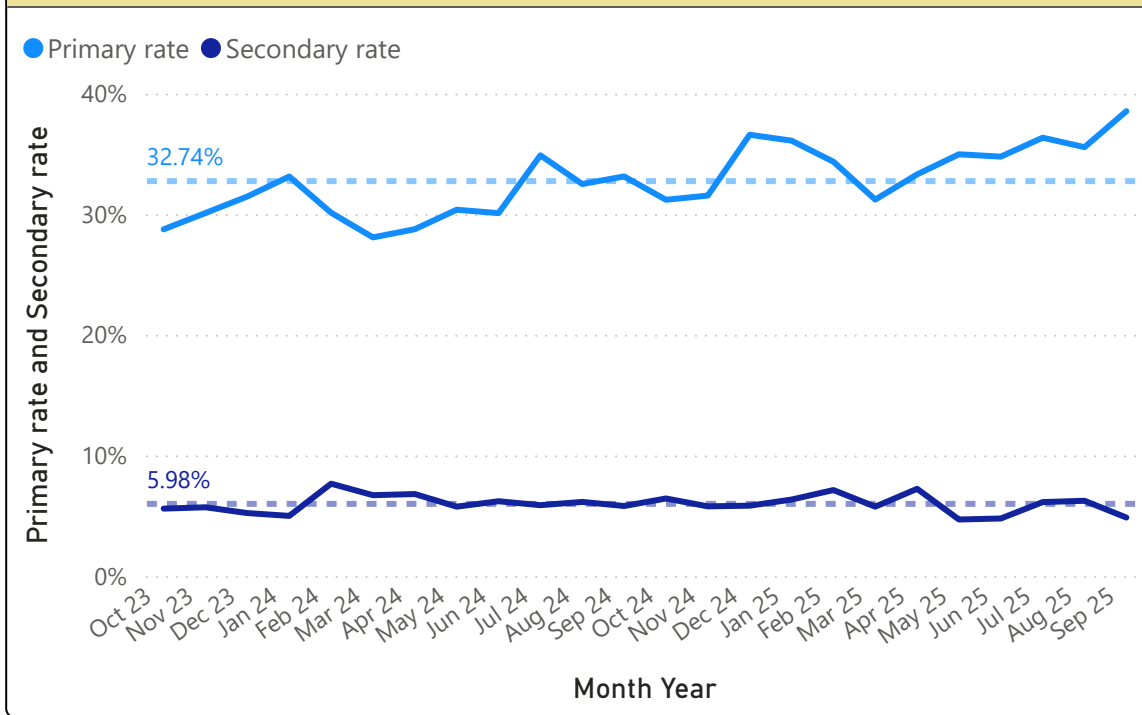
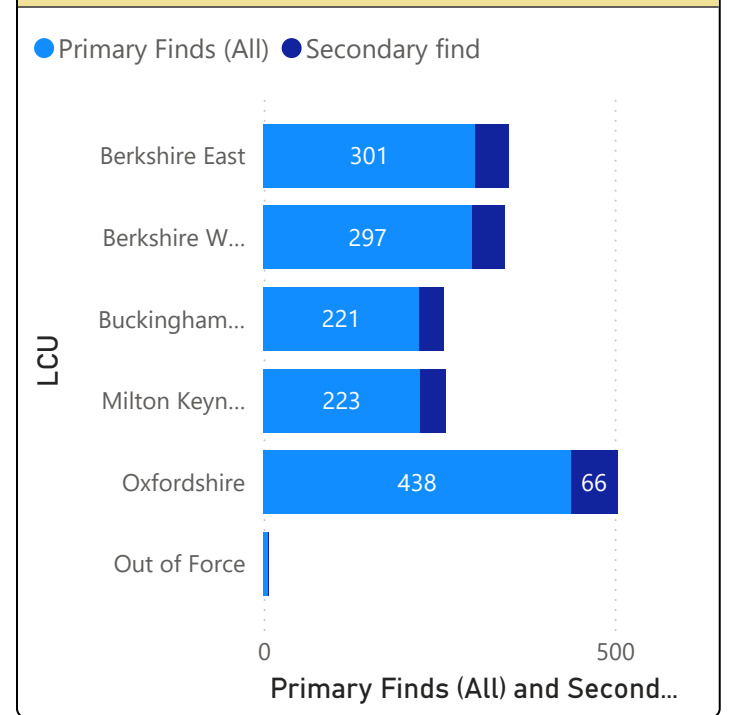


Figure 12: LCU Primary and Secondary Find



Find rate & Section 60

This page shows data on section 60 use in TVP. Please note, this page does not refer to authorisations.

This includes a basic count of the number of S60 searches that quarter, and then LCUs 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.

New visuals have been added showing demographic breakdowns, use of body work video, use of force in S60 searches, and S60 by month year over a 24 month period.

Section 60
57

Figure 13: Section 60 Search Outcomes

Outcomes	S60 Searches
NFA	57
Total	57

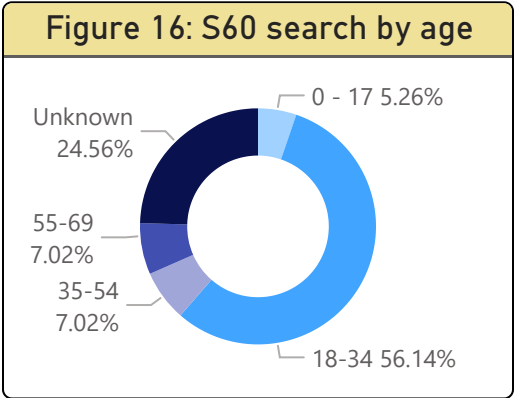


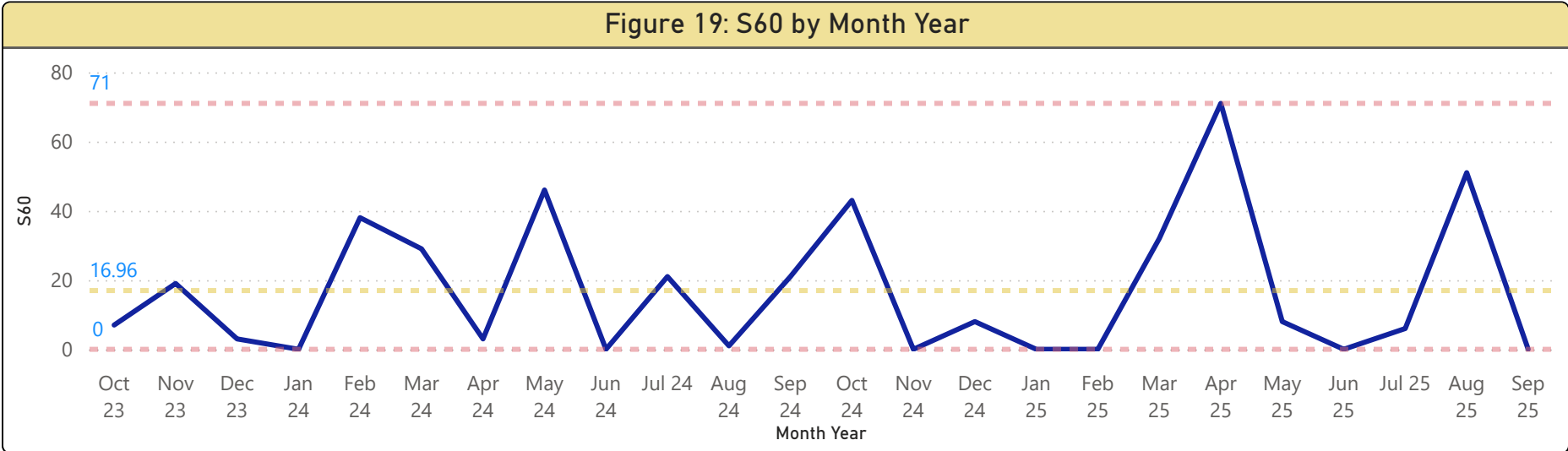
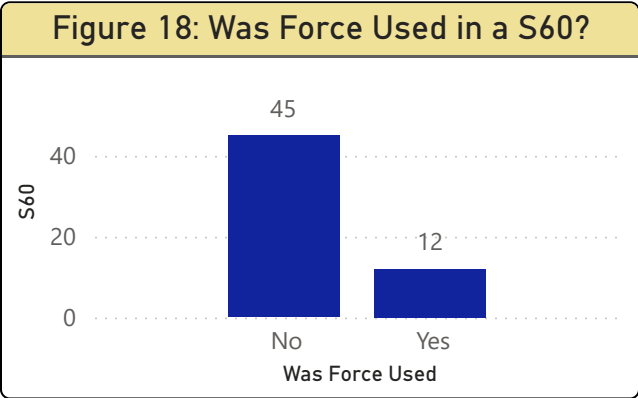
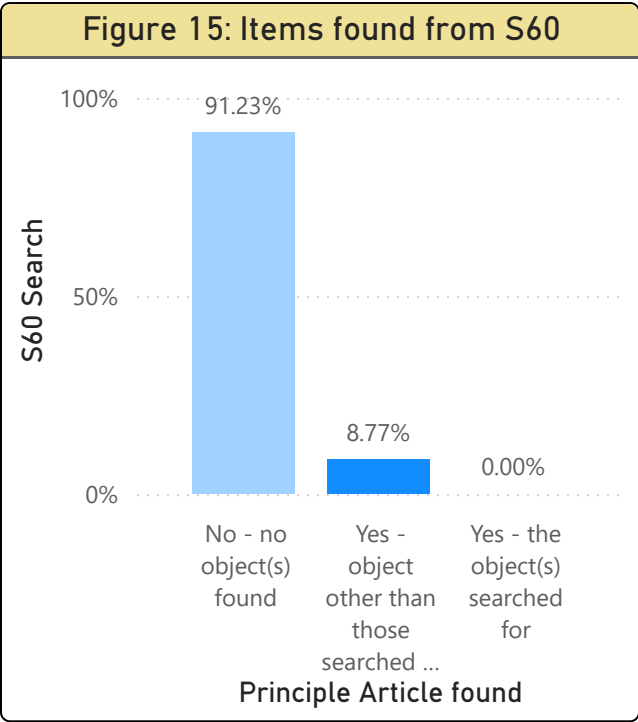
Figure 14: Section 60 Searches by LCU

LCU	S60 searches
Berkshire East	6
Berkshire West	28
Milton Keynes	23
Total	57

57.89%
EthMin S60 as % of all S60

Figure 17: S60 by Ethnicity

Ethnicity Grouped (Combined)	S60
Asian	5
Black	23
Mixed	4
Other	1
White	24
Total	57



Ethnic Disproportionality by LCU

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.

Figure 20: Asian Disproportionality by LCU

LCU	Searches	Pop	Per 1000	Find Rate	Dispro
Buckinghamshire	165	68,294	2.42	36.36 %	3.04
Oxfordshire	121	46,379	2.61	43.80 %	2.23
Berkshire East	192	103,048	1.86	46.88 %	1.26
Berkshire West	88	59,729	1.47	42.05 %	0.94
Milton Keynes	45	35,636	1.26	51.11 %	0.65
Out of Force	0				
Total	611	313,086	1.95	43.04 %	1.50

Figure 21: Black Disproportionality by LCU

LCU	Searches	Pop	Per 1000	Find Rate	Dispro
Oxfordshire	124	14,850	8.35	45.16 %	7.13
Buckinghamshire	72	14,233	5.06	44.44 %	6.37
Berkshire West	122	18,901	6.45	28.69 %	4.14
Berkshire East	98	17,353	5.65	41.84 %	3.82
Milton Keynes	130	27,882	4.66	40.77 %	2.39
Out of Force	1			100.00 %	
Total	547	93,219	5.87	39.85 %	4.51

Figure 22: White Searches and Find Rate by LCU

LCU	Searches	Pop	per 1000	Find Rate
Milton Keynes	402	206,081	1.95	39.05 %
Berkshire West	635	407,122	1.56	38.90 %
Berkshire East	424	286,945	1.48	42.69 %
Oxfordshire	738	630,090	1.17	48.51 %
Buckinghamshire	351	442,234	0.79	40.74 %
Out of Force	18			33.33 %
Total	2,568	1,972,472	1.30	42.52 %

Figure 23: Other Disproportionality by LCU

LCU	Searches	Pop	Per 1000	Find Rate	Dispro
Buckinghamshire	26	8,718	2.98	38.46 %	3.76
Berkshire West	34	9,139	3.72	20.59 %	2.39
Oxfordshire	23	11,327	2.03	60.87 %	1.73
Berkshire East	25	13,866	1.80	52.00 %	1.22
Milton Keynes	7	5,718	1.22	57.14 %	0.63
Out of Force	0				
Total	115	48,768	2.36	41.74 %	1.81

Figure 24: Mixed Disproportionality by LCU

LCU	Searches	Pop	Per 1000	Find Rate	Dispro
Buckinghamshire	32	19,556	1.64	34.38 %	2.06
Berkshire East	39	15,384	2.54	48.72 %	1.72
Milton Keynes	38	11,723	3.24	57.89 %	1.66
Oxfordshire	43	22,634	1.90	48.84 %	1.62
Berkshire West	40	18,429	2.17	45.00 %	1.39
Out of Force	1			0.00 %	
Total	193	87,726	2.20	47.15 %	1.69

Figure 25: Asian Disproportionality by LCU

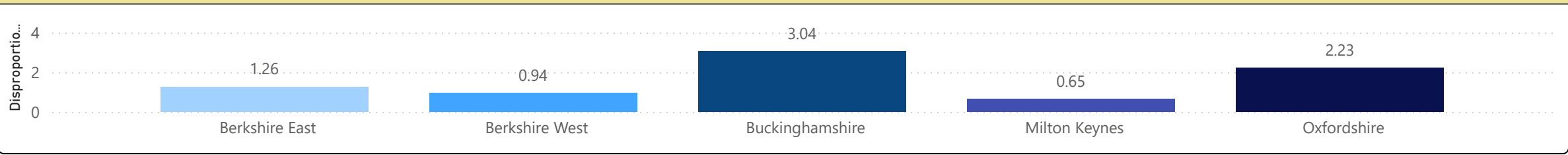


Figure 26: Black Disproportionality by LCU

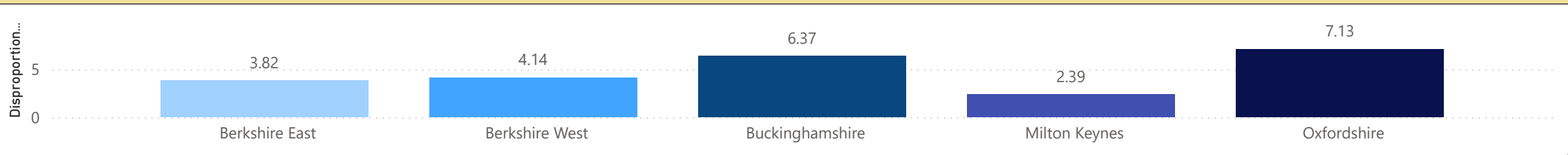


Figure 27: Other Disproportionality by LCU

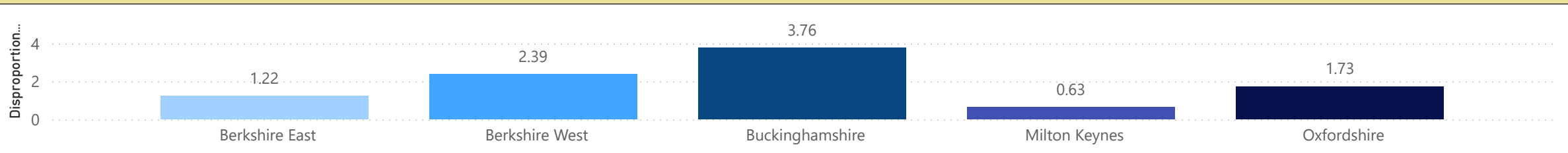
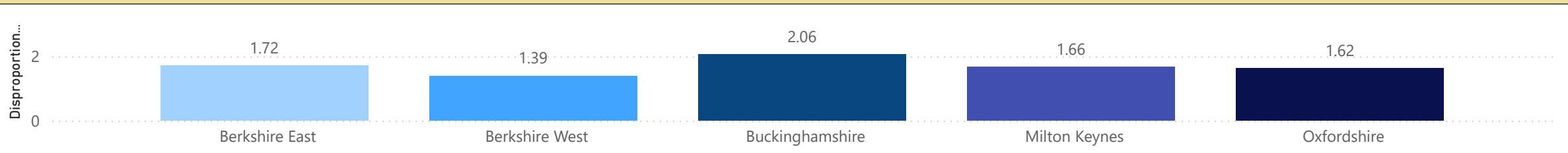


Figure 28: Mixed Disproportionality by LCU



The above column charts visualise disproportionality ratios by LCU. 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

556

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 29: Weapons Searches by LCU

LCU	EthMin Searches	Per 1000 (EthMin)	Find rate (EthMin)	Eth Min Dispro	Find rate (White)
Buckinghamshire	42	0.38	16.67 %	3.90	4.65 %
Oxfordshire	42	0.44	38.10 %	2.48	24.11 %
Berkshire East	53	0.35	24.53 %	2.03	28.00 %
Berkshire West	35	0.33	17.14 %	1.79	38.67 %
Milton Keynes	35	0.43	20.00 %	1.41	14.29 %
Out of Force	0				50.00 %
Total	207	0.38	23.67 %	2.16	24.07 %

Figure 30: Weapons % Breakdown

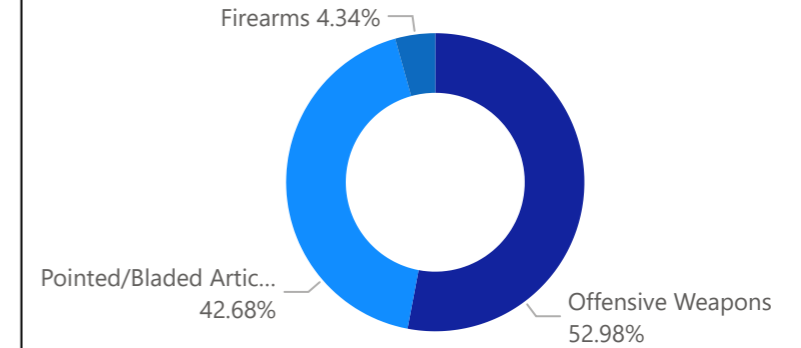


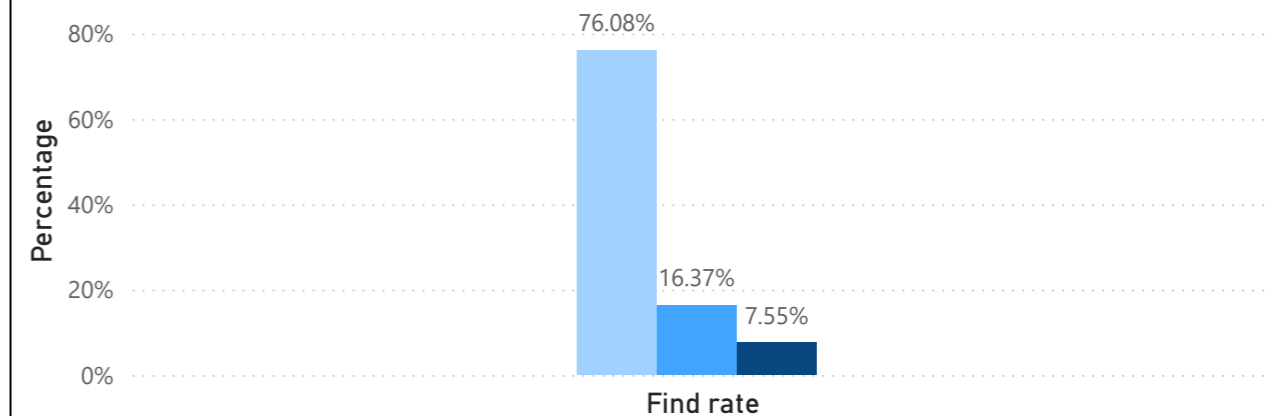
Figure 31: Outcomes

Top 10

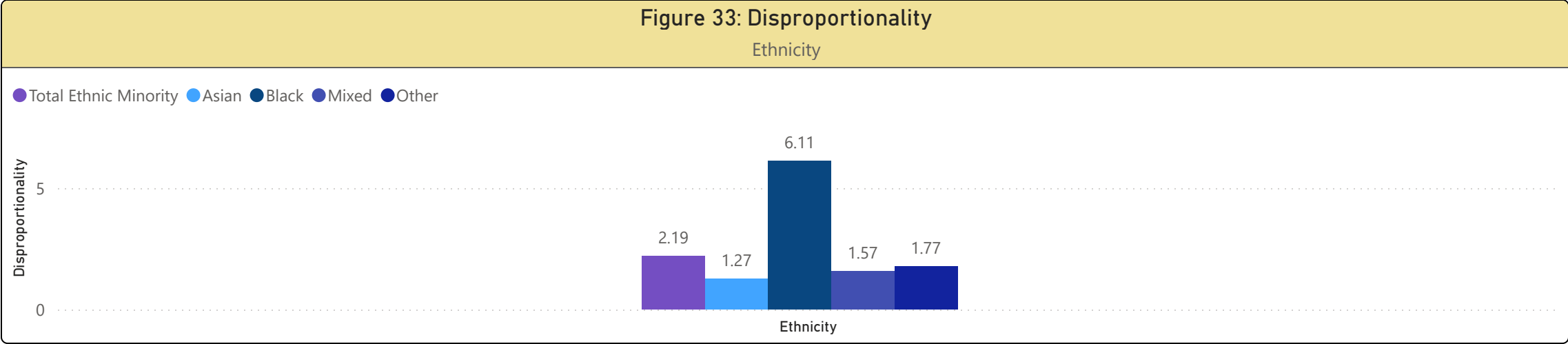
Outcomes	Searches
NFA	480
Arrested	57
Police Discretion	8
Voluntary attendance	7
Community Resolution	2
Detention under Mental Health Act	2
Total	556

Figure 32: Items Found

● Nothing found ● Item searched for found ● Item other than searched for found



Stop Search Weapons Disproportionality and Rate by Ethnicity



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

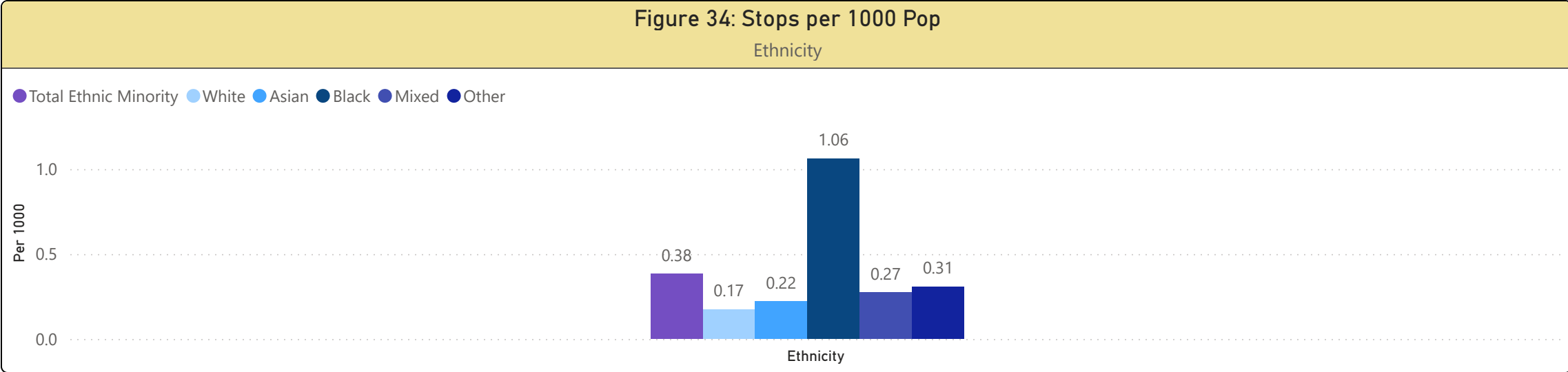


Figure 35: Formal Action Taken vs No Further Action

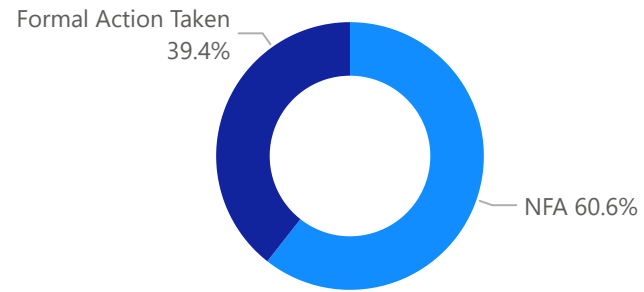


Figure 36: Drugs Searches by LCU

LCU	EthMin Searches	EthMin drugs per 1000	Find rate (EthMin)	Dispro	Find rate (White)
Buckinghamshire	216	1.95	43.52 %	3.95	46.79 %
Oxfordshire	223	2.34	47.09 %	3.14	55.11 %
Berkshire East	239	1.60	56.49 %	1.72	48.87 %
Berkshire West	176	1.66	42.61 %	1.64	39.90 %
Milton Keynes	144	1.78	56.94 %	1.60	49.78 %
Out of Force	2		50.00 %		0.00 %
Total	1000	1.84	49.20 %	2.28	48.15 %

Figure 37: Item Found

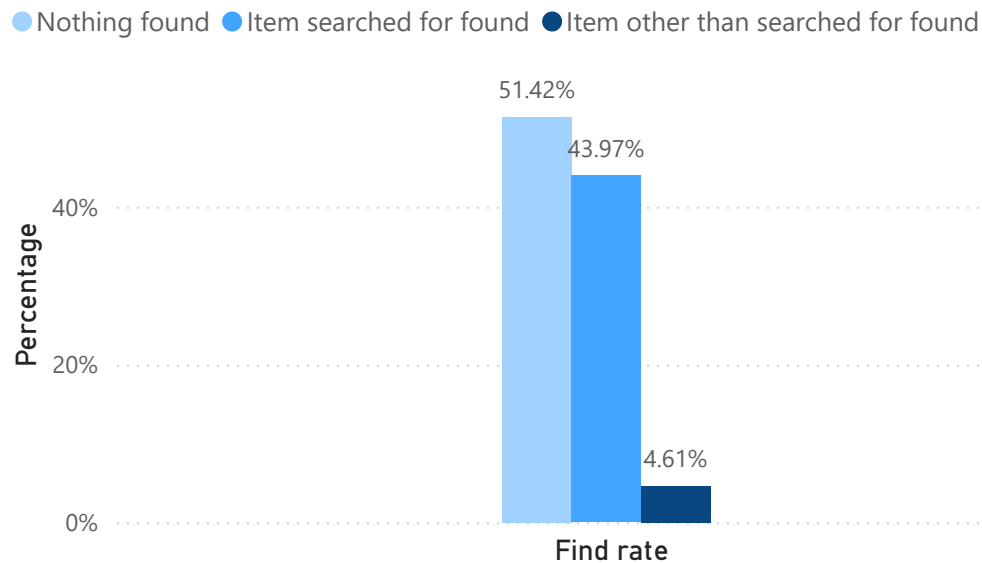


Figure 38: Outcomes

Top 10

Outcome	Searches
NFA	1567
Community Resolution	592
Arrested	234
Police Discretion	76
Voluntary attendance	70
Drug Warning	21
PND	18
Caution - conditional	8
Postal Requisition/Charge/Summons	8
Detention under Mental Health Act	5
Total	2599

Stop Search Drugs

2602

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.

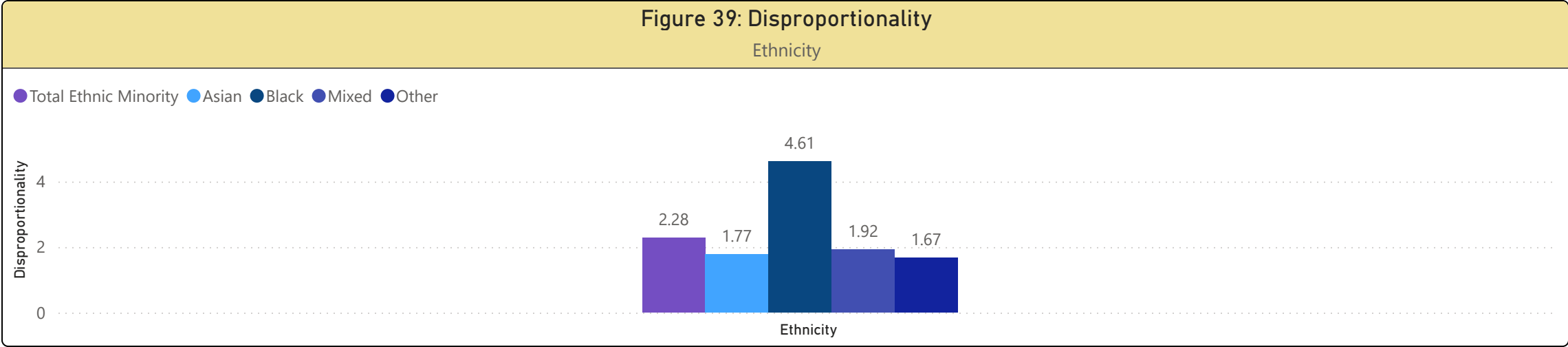
The visual on the top row shows the proportion of drugs searches where no action was taken vs an action being taken.

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

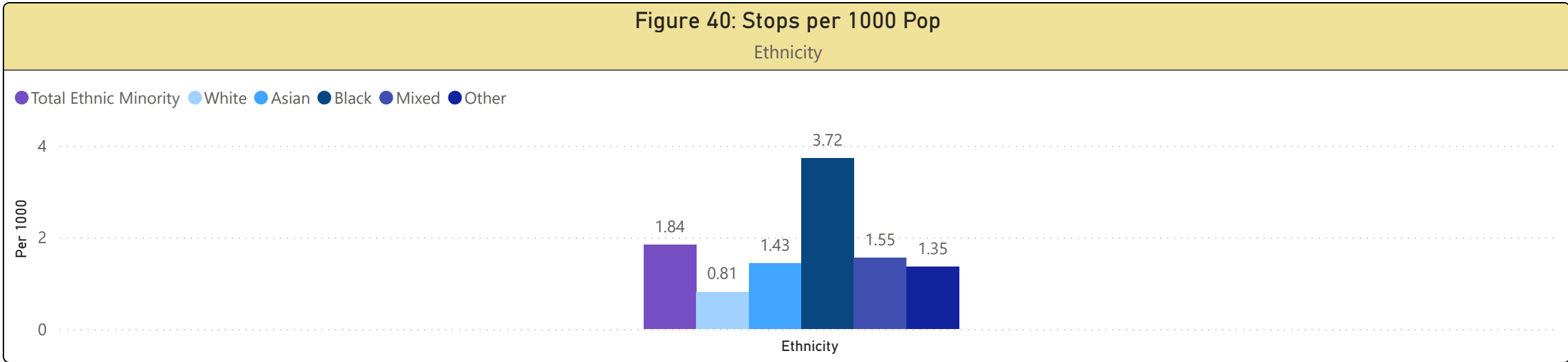
On the bottom row, you will find the top 10 outcomes related to drugs searches, and consistency of finding the object searched for.

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.

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

624
U18s Searches

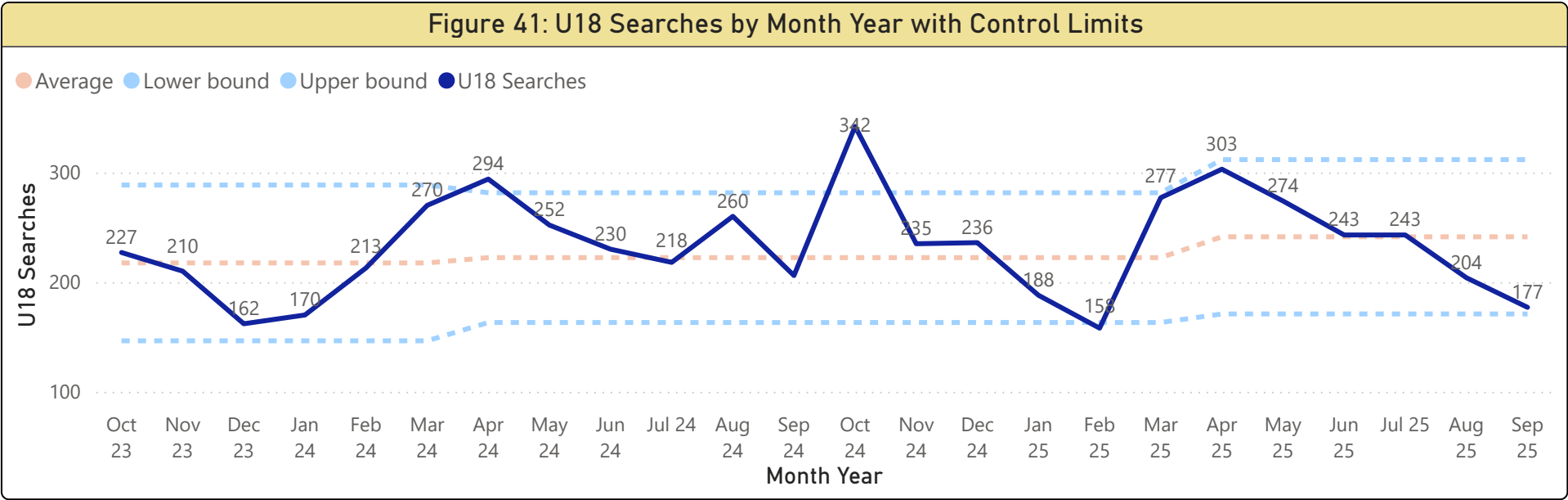
This page break down searches by Age Group for the last quarter.

The Line Graph at the top of the page looks at the number of searches of under 18s for the last 24 months, with control limits.

The Table on the bottom right breaks down breaks down the number of searches per age group, broken down by Local Command Unit. 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.



6
Strip searches U18

Figure 42: U18 by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Searches	%
Asian	44	7.05%
Black	72	11.54%
Mixed	28	4.49%
Not Stated	1	0.16%
Other	10	1.60%
White	469	75.16%
Total	624	100.00%

1
Under 10

2
EthMin Strip Searches U18

86.06%
Male U18

Figure 43: Age Breakdown

LCU	0-17	18-34	35-54	55-69	70+	Unknown
Berkshire East	95	418	192	33	2	42
Berkshire West	177	471	184	18	1	68
Buckinghamshire	76	341	160	18	5	49
Milton Keynes	98	308	157	28		32
Oxfordshire	174	531	254	46	1	46
Out of Force	4	9	5	1		1
Total	624	2078	952	144	9	238

Figure 45: Not Stated by Age Band and LCU

LCU	0-17	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 +	Unknown	Total
Berkshire East	25	103	39	11		23	201
Berkshire West	37	102	46	6		35	226
Buckinghamshire	12	107	46	3	3	19	190
Milton Keynes	18	58	37	4		7	124
Oxfordshire	29	94	42	4		20	189
Out of Force		1	3			1	5
Total	121	465	213	28	3	105	935

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

Figure 46: Not Stated by LCU 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		104	15	24	12	19	174
Berkshire West		103	15	16	15	33	182
Buckinghamshire		109	7	19	12	21	168
Milton Keynes		61	13	10	13	11	108
Oxfordshire		96	7	23	12	29	167
Out of Force					4		4
Total		473	57	92	64	117	803

Not Stated by Individual: LCU Breakdown

Number Not Stated

935

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)'

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
2020	22.49 %
2021	22.36 %
2022	22.80 %
2023	31.96 %
2024	28.87 %
2025	22.98 %
2026	24.07 %
Total	25.15 %

Data Changes/Corrections

This page has been added to the report so that any changes to the way fields are counted across packs can be noted, or any errors in previous packs can be identified.

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 or errors will be made clear here.

Please note a few errors have been identified affecting the Q1 2526 pack. These only affect figures 7, 34, and 40.

[The population table now includes the grand total as a figure in the table, meaning population sizes double in the calculation without a filter applied. This doesn't affect the disproportionality calculation, but does affect the per 1000 figures at the overall level (not filtered by LCU).

Correct numbers are as follows:

Figure 7: All Ethnic Minorities: 2.95, White: 1.45, Asian: 2.17, Black: 6.55, Mixed: 2.25, Other: 2.32 .

Figure 34: All Ethnic Minorities: 0.48, White: 0.23, Asian: 0.38 , Black: 1.15, Mixed: 0.28, Other: 0.23.

Figure 40: All Ethnic Minorities: 1.95, White: 0.85, Asian: 1.42, Black: 4.30, Mixed: 1.65, Other: 1.33.

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	103,048	17,353	15,384	13,866	286,945	436,596
Berkshire West	59,729	18,901	18,429	9,139	407,122	513,320
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