

1) How many incidents of online Racial abuse were reported to your force between 01/01/2020 and 01/01/2021? - **346**

Please note: We have searched for Hate Crime with a Racial Hate Strand and where Internet Involved is included within the Interest Marker

2) What was the self-defined ethnicity of the complainant in these reports?

Victim Ethnicity	Total
Not Recorded	8
Asian	84
Black	59
Mixed	23
Not Stated	52
Other	5
Restricted	2
White	113
Total	346

3) What was the gender of the complainants in these reports?

Victim Gender	Total
Not Recorded	13
Female	188
Male	126
Restricted	2
Unknown	17
Total	346

4) How many of these reports were recorded as a crime? - **328**

5) How many complainants stated they knew the abuser?

6) How many complainants stated they did not know the abuser?

7) Please list the reason for closure of the report incidents and crimes during the date range of 01/01/2020 and 01/01/2021?

8) How many of the reports were closed with the officer in the case stating the use of anonymity techniques (e.g VPN, Proxy server, not providing true details to social media, fake accounts) as the reason for not identifying the offender?

In order to locate and retrieve the answers to questions 5, 6, 7 and 8 we would need to conduct a manual search of all relevant records, which would exceed the FOI time limit.

9) How many of these reports were closed due to lack of information provided by Social media companies?

10) How many of these reports have resulted in some form of a prosecution? (e.g, caution, restorative justice or charged to court)

11) How many reports have been finalised due to the complainant withdrawing their complaint?

Outcome Description	Total
Caution – Youth (Inc. Conditional Caution)	4
Charge or Summons	4
Community Resolution	10
Evidential difficulties victim based – named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender	12
Investigation complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible – case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	164
N/A	14
Named suspect identified: Evidential difficulties prevent further action: Victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	63
Named suspect identified: Victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	60
Non crime	9
Other agency takes primacy	4
Postal charge	2
Total	346

Questions 9, 10 and 11 have been answered to the best amount of detail we have, which is the outcome description. We do not have any more information than that about why a crime as closed.

12) Please outline which department investigates incidents of online abuse and whether this department receives any specific training around investigating online crime.

There would be multiple departments that would be involved in the investigation of this type of crime.