

Please provide the following information for the last available 12 months' data in relation to:

a. All female victims of domestic abuse

b. All female victims of sexual offences

If you are unable to provide data for all female victims please provide the data for:

a. All victims of domestic abuse

b. All victims of sexual offences

The information sought is:

1. In what proportion of cases is the victim's ethnicity recorded on the police electronic system?

Basing the response on the "Ethnic Description (Self Assessed)" for Female Victims recorded from 01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023:

	Domestic Abuse	Sexual Abuse
Count of Distinct Female Victims	27,143	6,507
Distinct Female Victims with a Self-Classification recorded	8,544	1,499
Percentage with a Self-Classification recorded	31.5%	23.0%
Distinct Female Victims with a Self-Classification of "Not Stated" or "Not Recorded"	18,599	5,008

2. What is the ethnic breakdown of those victims for whom ethnicity is recorded?

Ethnic Group (Self Assessed)	Domestic Abuse Distinct Female Victims	Domestic Abuse % of Total	Sexual Offences Distinct Female Victims	Sexual Offences % of Total
African	167	1.95%	35	2.33%
Any Other Asian Background	133	1.56%	39	2.60%
Any Other Black Background	128	1.50%	21	1.40%
Any Other Ethnic Group	54	0.63%	10	0.67%
Any Other Mixed Background	118	1.38%	25	1.67%
Any Other White Background	264	3.09%	41	2.74%
Bangladeshi	93	1.09%	15	1.00%
Caribbean	405	4.74%	76	5.07%
Chinese	6	0.07%	1	0.07%
Indian	334	3.91%	53	3.54%
Pakistani	524	6.13%	71	4.74%
White and Asian	70	0.82%	26	1.73%
White and Black African	17	0.20%	3	0.20%
White and Black Caribbean	368	4.31%	59	3.94%
White British	5,756	67.37%	1,008	67.24%
White Irish	107	1.25%	16	1.07%

Total Distinct Female Victims	8,544	100%	1,499	100%
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3. What is the ethnic breakdown of the population in your force area?

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available on the following website:

[Regional ethnic diversity - GOV.UK Ethnicity facts and figures \(ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/ethnicity-facts-figures)

4. Please provide a copy of the last publication of information by your force to demonstrate compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty under the force's specific duties under Regulation 4, Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017.

To clarify question 4 of our request, we are asking to know if you have any publications which you could share with us. If there is none available, please reply that you do not have.

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Please see the following link to our Diversity Digest:

[Who we are and what we do - Freedom of Information - West Midlands Police \(west-midlands.police.uk\)](https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/who-we-are-and-what-we-do)