

Indicative Breakdown of Police Recorded Religious Hate Crimes England Wales and Northern Ireland - 2015/16

Religion Offended Against	Reports	%
Total	4213	100
Islam	2372	56.0%
Judaism	786	18.6%
Unknown	513	11.9%
Christianity	316	7.3%
No Religion	73	1.7%
Sikh	61	1.4%
Hindu	46	1.1%
Jehovah's Witness	26	<1%
Rastafari	5	<1%
Mormon	3	<1%
Pagan	3	<1%
Buddhist	2	<1%
Goth	1	<1%
Scientologist	1	<1%
Various	1	<1%
Zoroastrian	1	<1%

CONTEXT

The data relates to 'recordable crimes' under Home Office recording rules and indicates those offences that have been perceived as 'religious' hate crimes by the victim or any other person. Crimes were recorded from 1st March 2015 to 31st March 2016 by police forces in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The definition of religious and faith hate crimes can be viewed in the agreed definition of 'Monitored Hate Crime' - http://www.report-it.org.uk/hate_crime_data1

This data has been retrospectively taken from intelligence and not formal data systems. Since forces have not been formally requested to provide such data, during this time period, systems differ significantly between forces and this information should be viewed as indicative and not actual.

The information submitted by some forces has changed since it was originally published, due to such factors as retrospective recording and data cleansing procedures.