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Addressing the Hate Crime Data Deficit**

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**SESSION 4
Data Analysis and Reporting**

Please find attached the presentation by Dr. Christine Magill, Research, Development and Statistics Directorate, Officer for Criminal Justice Reform, Home Office, UK.



Publishing Statistics on Race Hate Crime in the UK

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Aim and Structure

An overview of the main sources of
information on 'race hate' crime in the UK

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Race Hate Crime: Definition

*A racist incident is any incident
which is perceived to be racist by
the victim or any other person*

(Lawrence Inquiry, 1999)

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UK Data Sources

- Police recorded: Racist Incidents
- Self-reported (based on victims' experience/perception): racially motivated crime as reported in British Crime Survey (BCS)

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Racist Incidents: Police Recorded

- Police forces have collected information racist incidents since mid-1980s (note: definition change in 1999)
- Figures for **each police force** area in England and Wales published **on annual cycle** (f/y basis)
- Latest figures for 2004/05
- No information on victims, e.g. ethnicity

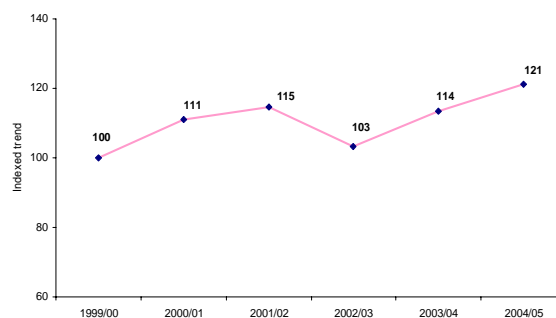
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Police Recorded: Trends

Nearly 50,000 incidents in 1999/00
Continued to rise steadily over last 5 years
Around 58,000 racist incidents recorded in 2004/05



(1) This figure shows indexed trends. The 1999/00 figure is indexed at 100. The numbers of racist incidents for each subsequent year are each expressed as a percentage of the 1999/00 figures.

(2) Revised figures for 1999/00 to 2003/04

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British Crime Survey (BCS)

- **Victimisation survey:** asks respondents about incidents experienced and their perception
- **Nationally representative:** approximately 45,000 adults in England and Wales
- Information on **unreported crime** so important alternative to police records
- Question on **racial motivated crime** introduced in early 1990s for all respondents

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BCS Findings

- Estimated **179,000 racially motivated incidents** based on BCS interviews in **2004/05**
- Compares to **206,000 incidents** reported by the **2003/04** and **2002/03** BCS

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In Summary...

Police recorded racist incidents show an **increase**, 7% from 2003/04 to 2004/05

Self-reported (BCS) showing a **marked fall** in racially motivated crime

Improved recording by police
Better reporting by victims

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Victims

BCS also provides information on victims. For example:

- Risk of racially motivated victimisation low across all ethnic groups
- Less than 1% of White population victims of racially motivated crime
- Risk of racially motivated crimes 2% for people from all BME groups

Source: 2004/5 BCS

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Further Sources

- Specific racially and religiously aggravated offences introduced under legislation (e.g. CDA 1998)
- Court statistics on persons cautioned and prosecuted for such offences
- CPS monitors prosecution decisions and outcomes in all cases identified by the police or CPS as arising from a racial incident

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Publications

- *Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System – 2005*
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs06/s95race05.pdf>
- *BME groups' experiences and perceptions of crime, racially motivated crime and the police: findings from the 2004/05 British Crime Survey*
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs06/rdsolr2506.pdf>
- *Racist Incident Monitoring Annual Report 2004 – 2005*
<http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/reports/index.html>

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