

REQUEST

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Racist abuse incidents

Dear Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime,

Could you please disclose the amount of racist abuse cases which have been reported in 2008 and every year from that up to 2013. If possible could you categorise these numbers into each county across England.

Yours faithfully

RESPONSE

The table below shows the total number of racist and religious incidents in the **metropolitan police area** from calendar year 2008 to 2013.

Calendar Year	Racist and Religious Incidents in the metropolitan area
2008	9978
2009	10728
2010	9815
2011	8332
2012	9613
2013	7486

The Metropolitan Police Service definition of a Racist and Religious Hate Incident is:

“Any incident which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be racist, or due to the victim’s religion or beliefs”

A racist and Religious Hate Crime is a Racist and Religious Hate Incident that constitutes a criminal offence.

“Incident” is a count of crime records. These include all recorded crimes (notifiable and non-notifiable).

Please note that the above figures are only for the Metropolitan Police area excluding City of London Police data.