



Response Date:24/02/2026

2026/142 - Missing Persons Data

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

For the period 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2026, please provide:

The total number of individuals reported missing and recorded by your force.

A breakdown of these missing persons by ethnicity, using the standard ethnicity categories recorded by the Missing Persons Unit (or the closest equivalent ie. any data held by your force).

Please provide the data: Broken down by calendar year (with January 2026 listed separately if annual totals are not yet finalised) In tabular format (CSV or Excel preferred)

Where ethnicity is not recorded for all cases, please also include: The number of cases where ethnicity was recorded as "unknown", "not stated", or equivalent.

I am content to receive aggregated data only and am not requesting any personally identifiable information.

[If this is seen to exceed the given time limit, please prioritise data between 2023-2026 (present date)]

If the requested information is not held centrally, please confirm this and indicate which body holds responsibility for this data.

I am writing with the guidance of the NPCC information officer.

Please find below data from NICHE RMS which has used the same search parameters previously agreed for the NCA return:

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2021

Self Defined Ethnicity	Individuals	Occurrences
01. English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	906	1362
02. Irish	6	11
03. Gypsy or Irish Traveller	1	1
04. Any other White background	16	28
05. White and Black Caribbean	1	1
06. White and Black African	2	7
07. White and Asian	1	2
08. Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background	1	1
09. Indian	1	2
12. Chinese	3	4
14. African	2	7
15. Caribbean	1	1
16. Any other Black/African/Caribbean background	1	1
18. Any other ethnic group	27	76
Unknown Ethnicity / Ethnicity Not Stated	790	849
Total	1759	2353

2022

Self Defined Ethnicity	Individuals	Occurrences
01. English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	981	1709
02. Irish	8	9
03. Gypsy or Irish Traveller	3	3
04. Any other White background	25	44
05. White and Black Caribbean	1	9
06. White and Black African	3	10
07. White and Asian	1	1
12. Chinese	1	7
13. Any other Asian background	1	1
14. African	5	6
15. Caribbean	1	1
16. Any other Black/African/Caribbean background	1	1
17. Arab	1	1
18. Any other ethnic group	23	71
Unknown Ethnicity / Ethnicity Not Stated	906	1002
Total	1961	2875

2023

Self Defined Ethnicity	Individuals	Occurrences
01. English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	1095	2201
02. Irish	4	15
03. Gypsy or Irish Traveller	3	3
04. Any other White background	26	66
05. White and Black Caribbean	2	2
06. White and Black African	3	9
07. White and Asian	1	1
08. Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background	1	7
13. Any other Asian background	1	1
14. African	3	3
16. Any other Black/African/Caribbean background	4	6
17. Arab	1	1
18. Any other ethnic group	18	43
Unknown Ethnicity / Ethnicity Not Stated	923	1054
Total	2085	3412

Self Defined Ethnicity	Individuals	Occurrences
01. English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	1083	2100
02. Irish	3	3
03. Gypsy or Irish Traveller	4	4
04. Any other White background	23	73
05. White and Black Caribbean	1	9
06. White and Black African	3	12
07. White and Asian	3	6
08. Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background	3	6
09. Indian	4	2
10. Pakistani	2	2
14. African	1	1
15. Caribbean	1	3
16. Any other Black/African/Caribbean background	1	1
17. Arab	1	1
18. Any other ethnic group	23	57
Unknown Ethnicity / Ethnicity Not Stated	892	1136
Total	2048	3416

Self Defined Ethnicity	Individuals	Occurrences
01. English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	1245	2600
02. Irish	6	9
04. Any other White background	14	30
05. White and Black Caribbean	2	2
06. White and Black African	3	16
07. White and Asian	3	3
08. Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background	2	8
09. Indian	1	1
10. Pakistani	5	6
11. Bangladeshi	1	1
12. Chinese	2	3
13. Any other Asian background	1	2
14. African	9	4
15. Caribbean	2	4
16. Any other Black/African/Caribbean background	3	2
18. Any other ethnic group	27	84
Unknown Ethnicity / Ethnicity Not Stated	499	880
Total	1825	3655

2026 (01/01/26)

Self Defined Ethnicity	Individuals	Occurrences
01. English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	13	12
Unknown Ethnicity / Ethnicity Not Stated	4	4
Total	17	16

Please note: this data is taken from NICHE RMS data returns and is based upon individual details for nominals linked to MISPER reports made, rather than the number of times a person has been reported as MISPER.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 23/02/2026