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What is a hate crime?

The law recognises five types of hate crime on the basis of:

- Race
- Religion
- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Transgender identity



Any crime can be prosecuted as a hate crime if the offender has either:

demonstrated hostility based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or transgender identity.

Or

been motivated by hostility based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or transgender identity.

Someone can be a victim of more than one type of hate crime.



Even if the crime doesn't initially appear to be prejudicially motivated, with further investigation it could be (previous crimes/incidents at the same location/the suspect and previous reports relating to them etc). Is there a pattern?

What is a non-crime hate incident (NCHI)?

This is where behaviour has taken place which, although motivated by hostility or prejudice, does not amount to a criminal offence.

For example, someone refusing to work with a colleague because they are from a specific background, or a hotelier refusing to allow someone to stay in their hotel because they're LGBT+.



Examples of Hate Crime

- physical assault
- verbal abuse
- criminal damage to property or possession
- harassment
- murder
- sexual assault
- theft
- fraud
- burglary
- hate mail (Malicious Communications Act 1988)
- causing harassment, alarm, or distress (Public Order Act 1986).
- online abuse for example on Facebook or Twitter
- displaying or circulating discriminatory literature or posters
- graffiti
- arson



When something is classed as a Hate Crime, the court can impose a tougher sentence on the offender under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Criminal Justice Act 2003.



Hate crime can be reported to Durham Police via various channels.

999 in an emergency (on-going incident requiring immediate police response)

101 when it's not an emergency

Online via the force website.

These apply to victims or witnesses.

[Home](#) > [Report](#) > [Hate crime](#)

How to report hate crime

You can:

- report a hate crime directly to the police
- get support with making your report

Report a hate crime directly to the police

If you're not sure whether the incident you're reporting is a hate crime, read [what is a hate crime](#).

You can report a hate crime, including online hate crime and planned marches or events online.

[Start](#)

Alternatively you can:

- call 101
- visit a police station

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Recognise it.
Report it.

If you witness or are victim of Hate Crime call 101 or 999 in an emergency or visit report-it.org.uk.

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United Against Hate Crime.**



CrimeStoppers.

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The Joint Hate Crime Action (JHCA) Group will work in partnership to agree and implement a co-ordinated approach to issues associated with hate crime. This includes:

- Collecting, collating, and analysing intelligence related to hate crime.
- Agreeing co-ordinated action to address identified patterns and trends, related to hate crime.
- Taking a zero-tolerance approach to incidents of hate crime.
- Ensuring meaningful consequences for the perpetrators of hate crime.
- Commissioning and delivering support for victims and witnesses of hate crime to ensure they receive seamless, co-ordinated care and support that enables them, as far as possible, to cope and recover from their experience and participate in appropriate Criminal Justices processes.



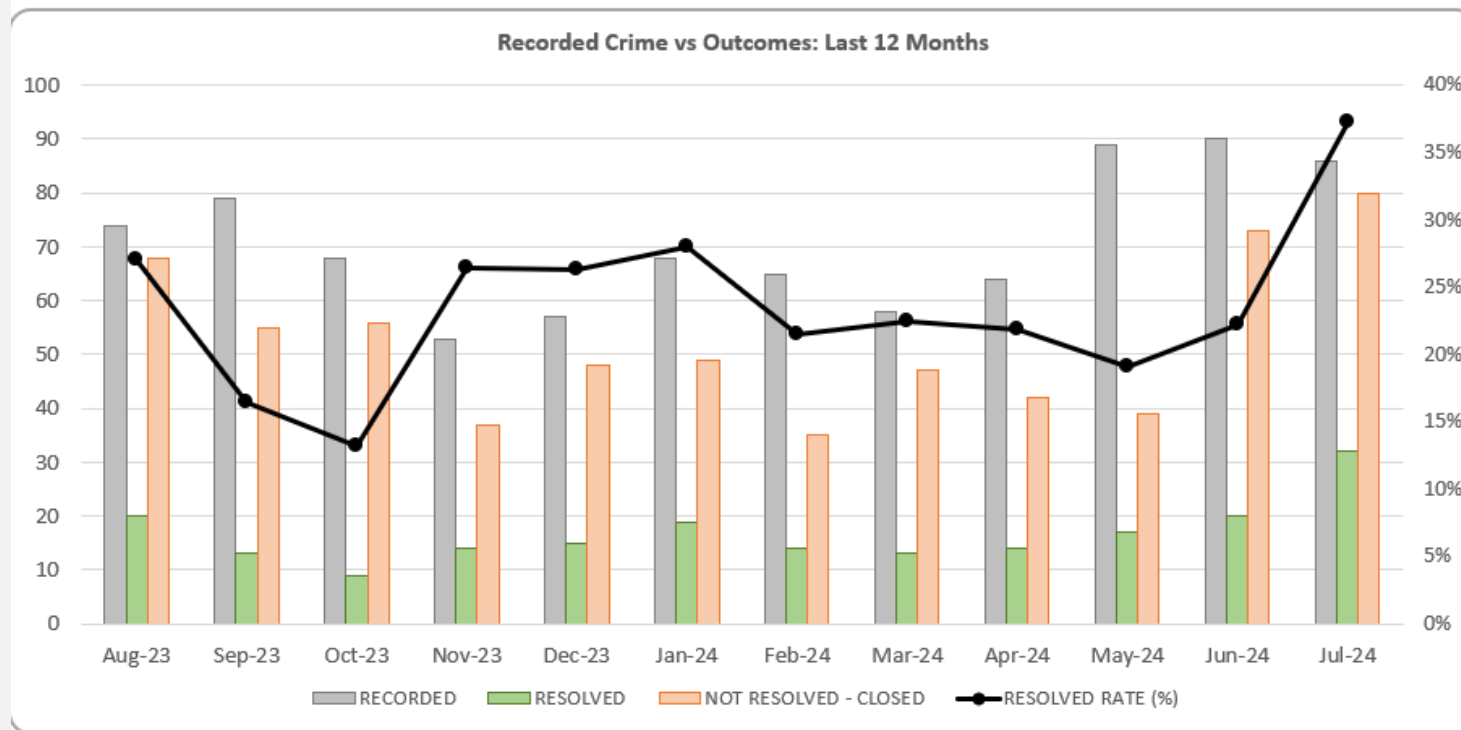
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Locality		Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Total
East Durham		21	26	15	24	25	29	29	169
Darlington		17	17	17	16	22	25	18	132
South Durham		18	10	15	10	26	19	20	118
West Durham		12	11	11	14	16	16	19	99
Unknown			1				1		2
Total		68	65	58	64	89	90	86	520

Count of Crime		Mtl							
Home Office Category		Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Total
Other Crimes Against Society		36	33	26	28	48	50	54	275
Public Order Offences		35	33	26	26	45	50	52	267
Miscellaneous Crimes against Society		1			2	3		2	8
Violence Against the Person		30	31	27	33	37	37	29	224
Violence without Injury		28	29	25	33	35	34	29	213
Violence with Injury		2	2	2		2	3		11
Criminal Damage & Arson		2	1	5	2	4	3	3	20
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Criminal Damage		1	1	2	1		2	1	8
Damage to Dwellings				1	1	2	1	1	6
Other Damage		1		1		1			3
Damage to Vehicles				1					1
Arson								1	1
Damage to Other Buildings						1			1
Theft Offences					1				1
All Other Theft Offences					1				1
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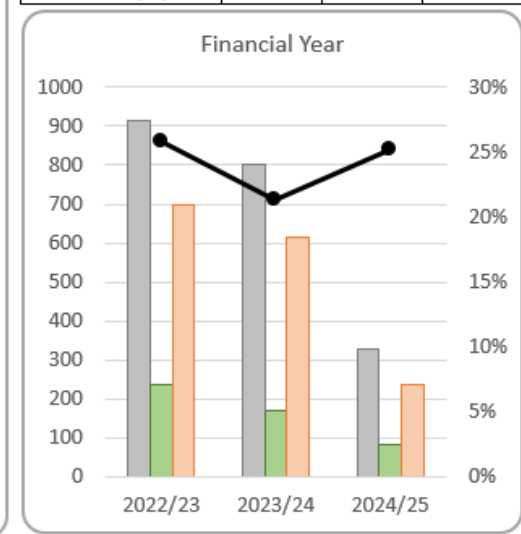


**HATE CRIME: RECORDED, RESOLVED AND NOT RESOLVED - CLOSED
(LAST 12 MONTHS)**

<i>All - All</i>	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	TOTAL
RECORDED	74	79	68	53	57	68	65	58	64	89	90	86	851
RESOLVED	20	13	9	14	15	19	14	13	14	17	20	32	200
NOT RESOLVED - CLOSED	68	55	56	37	48	49	35	47	42	39	73	80	629
RESOLVED RATE (%)	27.0%	16.5%	13.2%	26.4%	26.3%	27.9%	21.5%	22.4%	21.9%	19.1%	22.2%	37.2%	23.5%



<i>FIN YR</i>	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
RECORDED	914	804	329
RESOLVED	236	171	83
NR - CLOSED	697	616	234
RATE (%)	25.8%	21.3%	25.2%





Any Questions?