

HATE CRIME INDEPENDENT ADVISORY & ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING (IAAM)

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CAVEATS AND METHODOLOGY



Crime Data:

- The data in the following report represents records that have an Owning Agency of 'Cheshire Constabulary' only.
- The date period(s) referenced are based on the date an occurrence was entered (recorded) on Niche, not the date it was committed or reported. Volumes are representative of information held on the source system on the date that reports were run - volumes are therefore subject to change in line with any subsequent updates made to the source system.
- **Data Run:** Crime volumes represented in the following report are based on a data run completed on the **23rd July 2026**. Due to backlogs this report contains known variations in the volume of overall total recorded Hate Crimes compared to those which have been attributed with the appropriate Hate Crime type flag (i.e. Racial or Disability etc.). These discrepancies will relate more to the most recent monthly records.
- Reports used to generate the data included in this report have been run with an ACL (Access Control Level) of zero – any records with an ACL applied will not appear in the data.
- Local Authority totals when added together will not always equal the Force total. This is due to certain occurrences not being attributed to a location, they are included in the Force totals presented for certain measures.



- Crime Outcomes data relates to those crimes with the outcome applied during the specified period, as such they do not directly relate to those actually recorded within the same time period.
- In order to identify cyber-related Hate Crimes two additional Local Qualifiers were introduced to a copy of the Recorded Hate Crimes report, these being 'Cyber-enabled' flag and 'Cyber-dependant' flag.
- Hate crimes are defined as any criminal offence which is **perceived** by the victim, or any other person, as being motivated by hostility or prejudice, based on a person's actual or perceived race; religion/belief; sexual orientation; disability; or against a person who is transgender (or perceived to be transgender). As such, **an aggravating factor of hate can be applied to any offence type.**
- There are also **specific offences** as defined by the Home Office as being racially or religiously aggravated. These are 'Racially or Religiously aggravated Assault with Injury; Assault without Injury; Harassment; Criminal Damage and Public Fear, Alarm or Distress'.
- For the purposes of this report, **no differentiation will be made** between those specific racial or religiously aggravated offences and those offences where a perceived, or actual, aggravating factor of hate has been applied. They will **collectively be referred to as Hate Crime.**



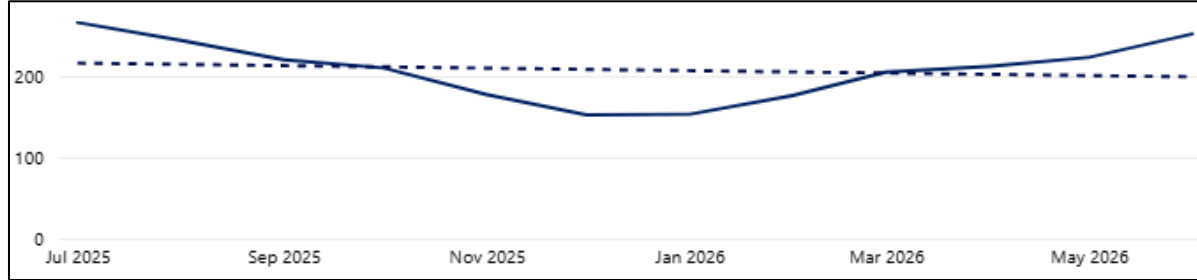
- Police forces in England and Wales are required to provide data on police recorded crime to the Home Office. These are official statistics and are calculated using the total number of crimes reported during a period and removing any 'no crimes' recorded during the same period, regardless of when the crime was reported. This methodology can result in negative volumes and therefore is not always appropriate for use when conducting further analytical work such as age, gender and ethnicity breakdowns. As such and for the purposes of this report, the additional analysis has been based on "unofficial" statistics, whereby recorded crime is calculated using the total number of crimes reported and removing any 'no crimes' or crimes transferred to another force, but only when the crime was reported during the same period.
- % Offences Brought to Justice (OBTJ) - historically, the Constabulary looked at the number of Positive Outcomes recorded in a set period against the number of offences recorded in that period. % Offences Brought to Justice is the number of offences with an OBTJ outcome applied during a specified period as a % of all offences with an outcome applied during that period.

ALL HATE CRIME OVERVIEW

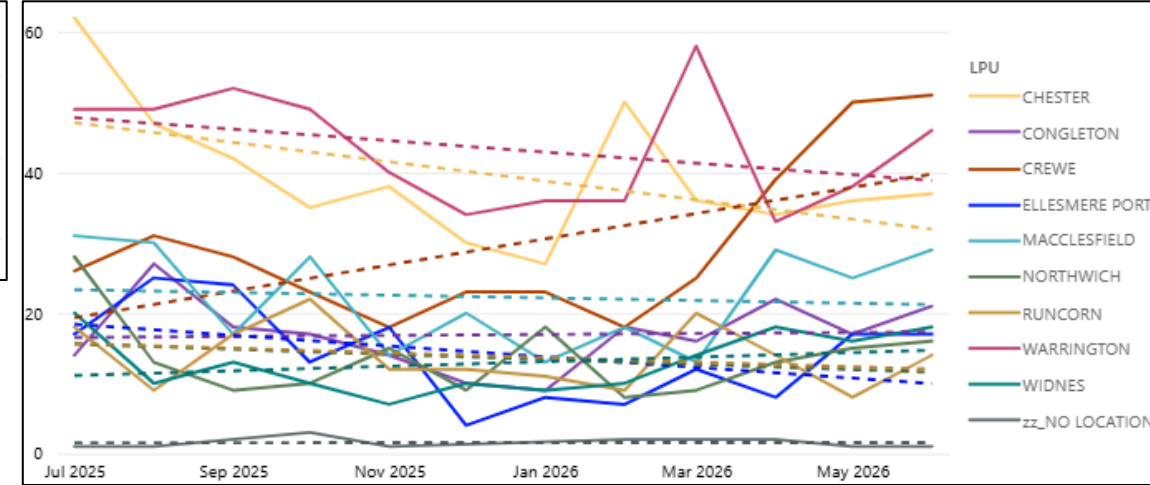


Number of Recorded Hate Crimes

At Force level:



At LPU level:



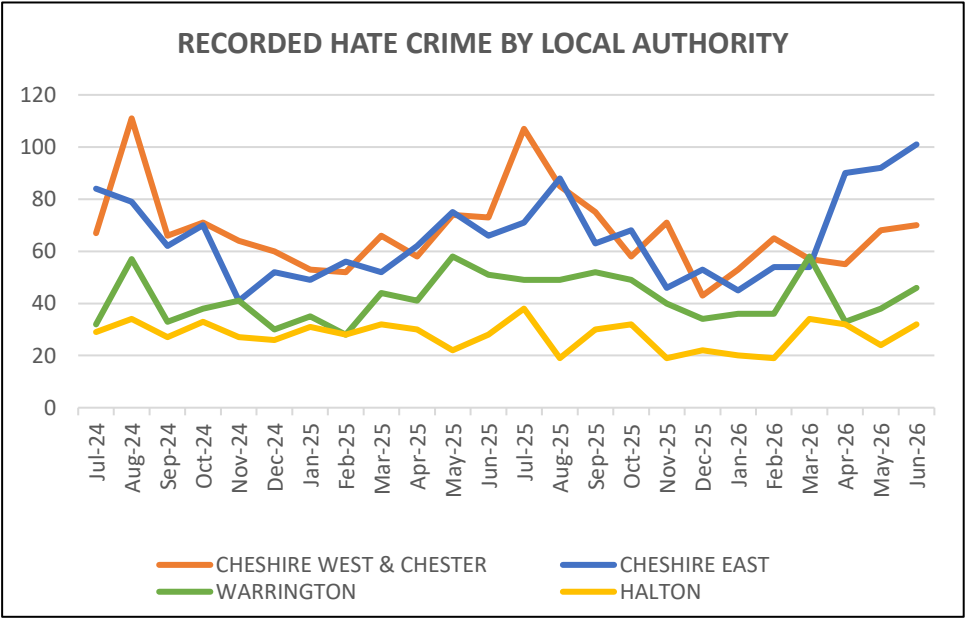
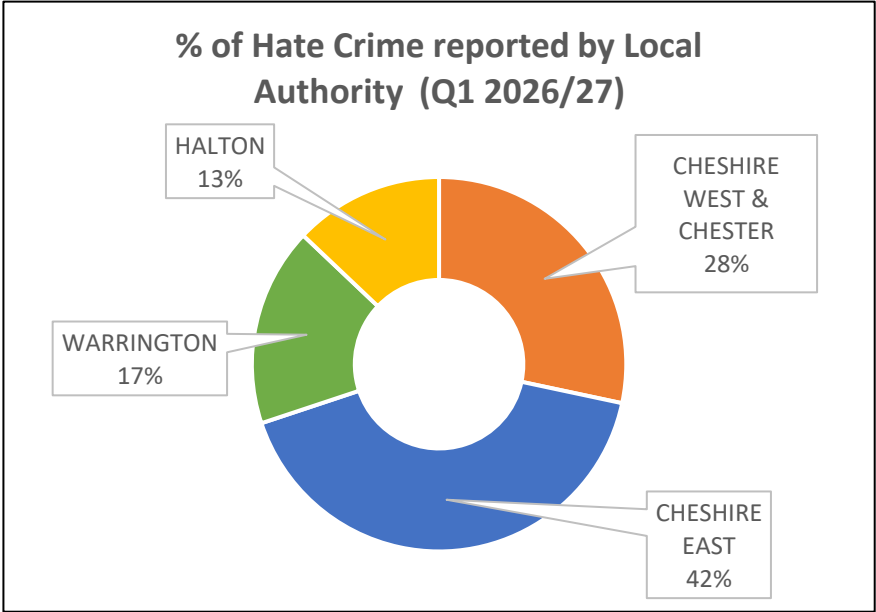
- **2,490 Hate Crimes** were recorded during the 12-months ending 30th June 2026, an increase of 3.3% (79 more offences) on the previous 12-month period. Cheshire East (+10.3%, +77) and Warrington (+6.6%, +32) recorded increases whereas Cheshire West & Chester (-1.0%, -8) and Halton (-7.5%, -26) recorded decreases.
- **27.6% (687)** of Hate Crimes have been recorded during Q1 (1st April to 30th June 2026) – a **28.7% increase** (153 more offences) when compared with Q4 2025/26, this is the first quarterly increase after two consecutive decreases.



During Q1 2026/27 (1st April – 30th June 2026):

- Warrington was the only Local Authority to record a quarterly decrease (-10.0%, -13).
- Cheshire East recorded the largest increase (+85.0%, +130) predominantly due to increases seen in Crewe LPU (+112.1%, +74) and Macclesfield LPU (+88.6%, +39). Of note, the increase in Crewe may reflect elevated community tensions observed following Operation Decker which was carried out in April 2026.
- Cheshire East accounted for the highest proportion of Hate Crimes within the Force (42%).

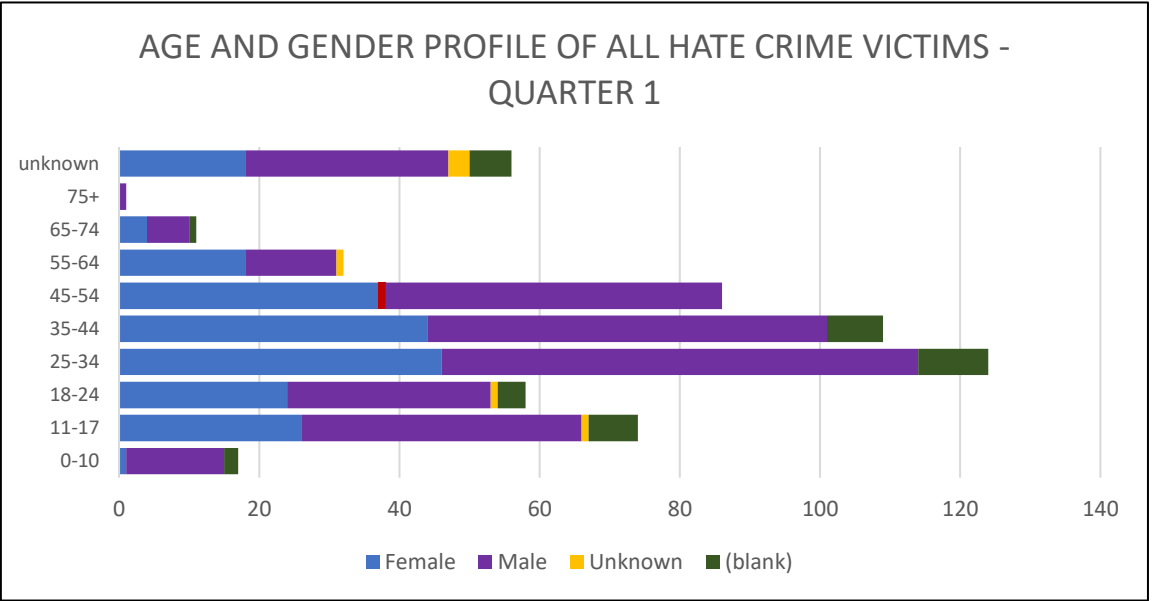
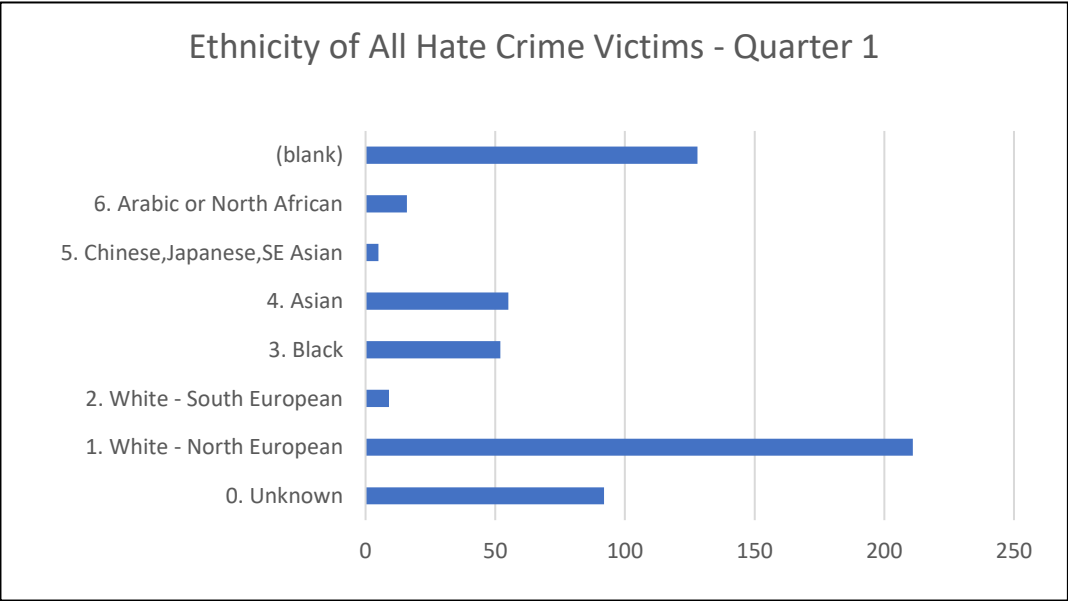
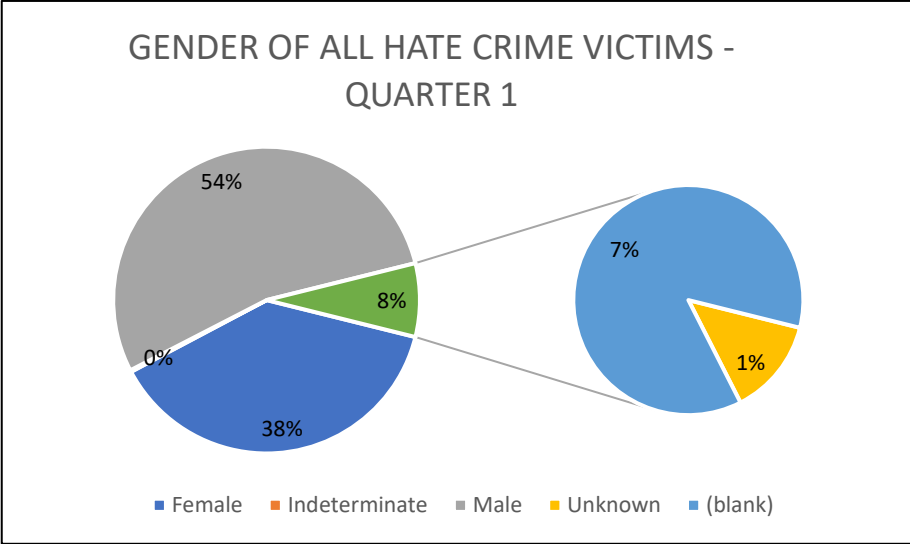
LOCAL AUTHORITY	LOCAL POLICING UNIT	Q4 2025/26	Q1 2026/27	% CHANGE
CHESHIRE EAST	CONGLETON	43	60	39.5%
	CREWE	66	140	112.1%
	MACCLESFIELD	44	83	88.6%
CHESHIRE EAST TOTAL		153	283	85.0%
CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER	CHESTER	113	107	-5.3%
	ELLESMERE PORT	27	42	55.6%
	NORTHWICH	35	44	25.7%
CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER TOTAL		175	193	10.3%
HALTON	RUNCORN	40	36	-10.0%
	WIDNES	33	52	57.6%
HALTON TOTAL		73	88	20.5%
WARRINGTON	WARRINGTON	130	117	-10.0%
FORCE		534	687	28.7%



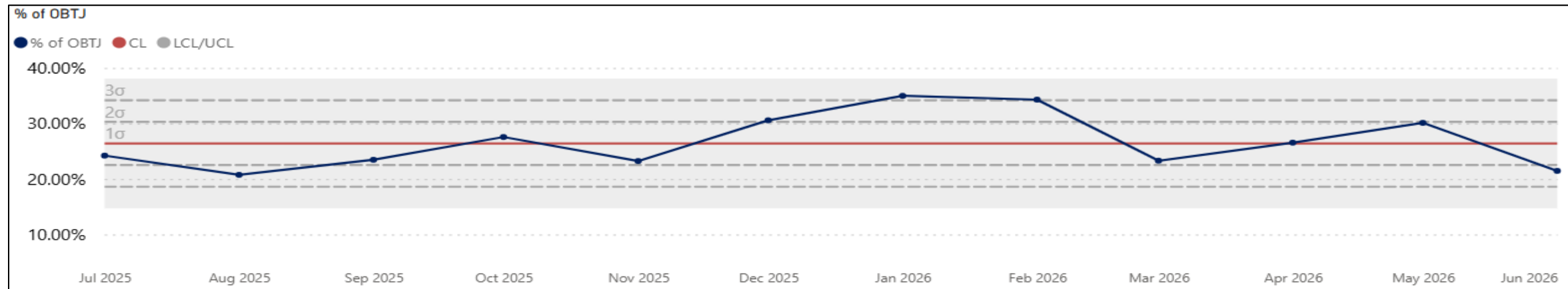
A total of **568** victims of Hate Crime have been linked to 621 Hate Crimes during Quarter 1 2026/27 (42 repeats, 7.4%).

- Victims of Transgender related Hate Crime had the highest proportion of repeat victims (15.0%) during Q1 2026/27.

Overall, the age and ethnicity profile is in line with that observed over the 12-month period. During Quarter 1, there was a higher proportion of Female victims (+3pp).



% of Offences Brought to Justice applied to Hate Crimes



% OBTJ during Q1 = 25.6%, a 5.3 percentage point decrease on Q4 2025/26 (30.9%).

The breakdown of OBTJ outcomes during Q1 is as follows:

- OC1 Charged / Summonsed = 15.5% (90)
- OC2 Youth Caution = 0.2% (1)
- OC3 Adult Caution = 0.2% (1)
- OC8 Community Resolution = 8.4% (49)
- OC9 Prosecution Not in Public Interest (CPS) = 0.2% (1)
- OC22 Other Agency = 1.2% (7)

Of the 74.4% of Other Outcomes applied to Hate Crimes during Q1, the majority were made up of:

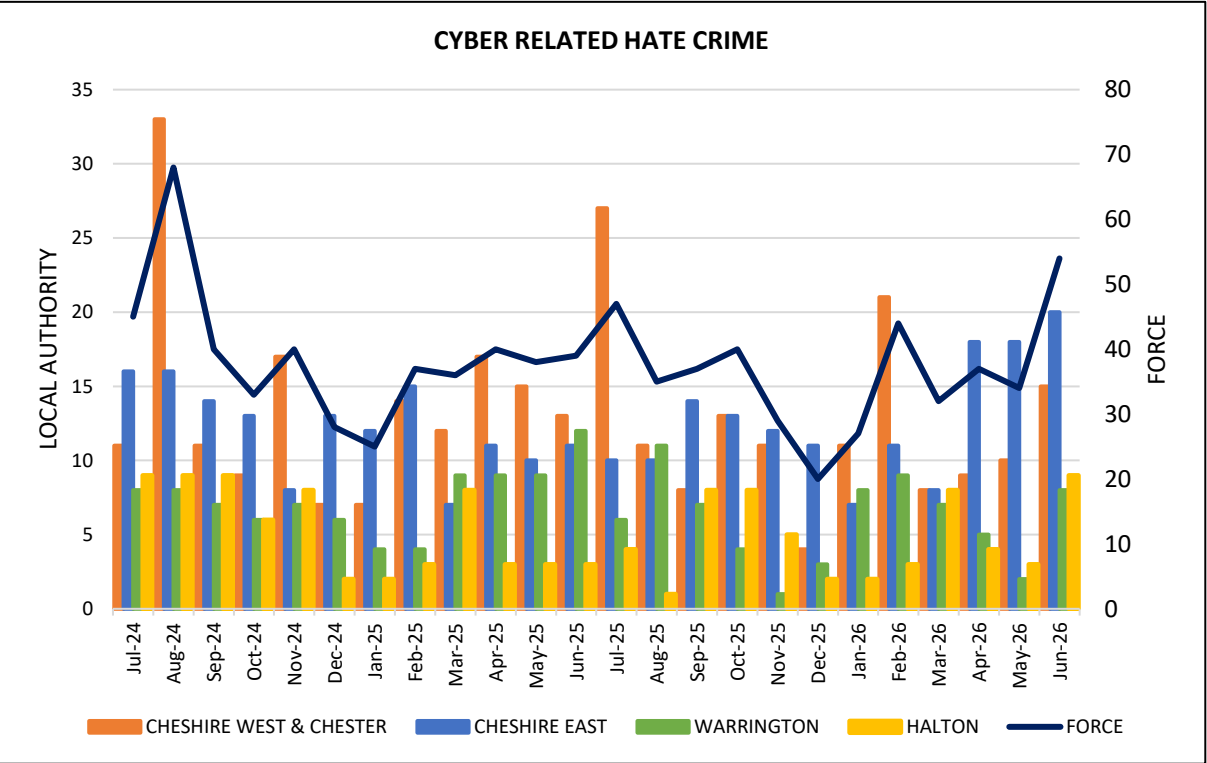
- OC16 Named Suspect identified – Victim Does Not Support and Evidential Difficulties = 22.7% (132)
- OC18 Investigation Complete = 20.5% (119)
- OC15 Named Suspect identified – Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties = 19.1% (111)

CYBER RELATED HATE CRIME





- Cyber-related Hate accounts for **17.5%** (436/2490) of all recorded Hate Crimes in the past 12 months.
- During Q1 2026/27, an increase of 21.4% (22 more offences) was recorded when compared to Q4. Cheshire East (+115.4%, +30) and Halton (+23.1%, +3) recorded increases whereas Cheshire West & Chester (-15.0%, -6) and Warrington (-37.5%, -9) recorded decreases.
- The profile of Cyber-related Hate Crime in Q1 2026/27 shows that the most common type of Cyber-related Hate relates to Racial Hate Crime (45%), followed by Sexual Orientation Hate Crime (23%). Of note; compared to the previous quarter, proportions of Sexual Orientation (+8pp) and Religion/Belief related Hate Crime (+6pp) have increased; whilst proportions of Disability (-6pp), Racial (-5pp) and Transgender related Hate Crime (-2pp) have decreased.



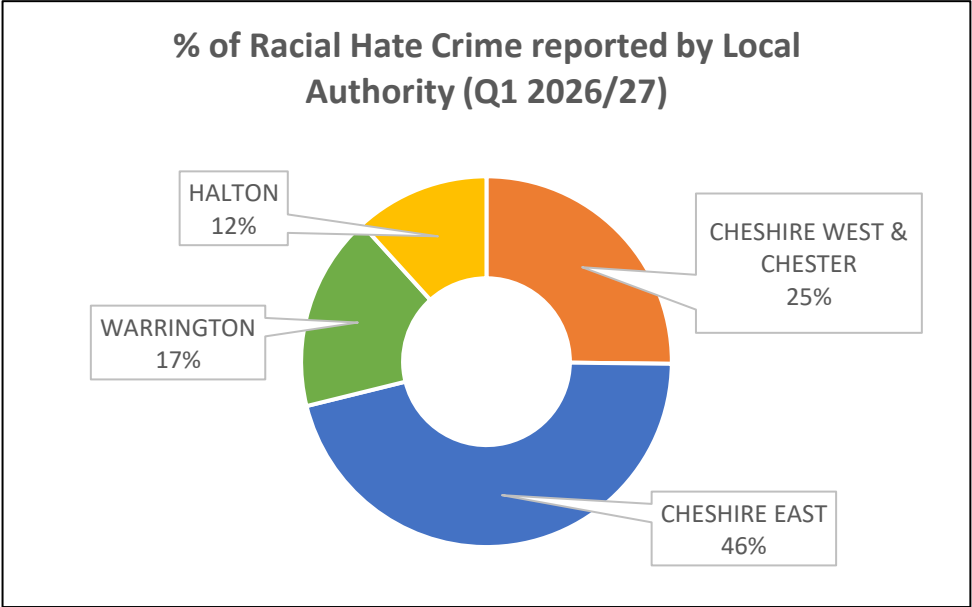
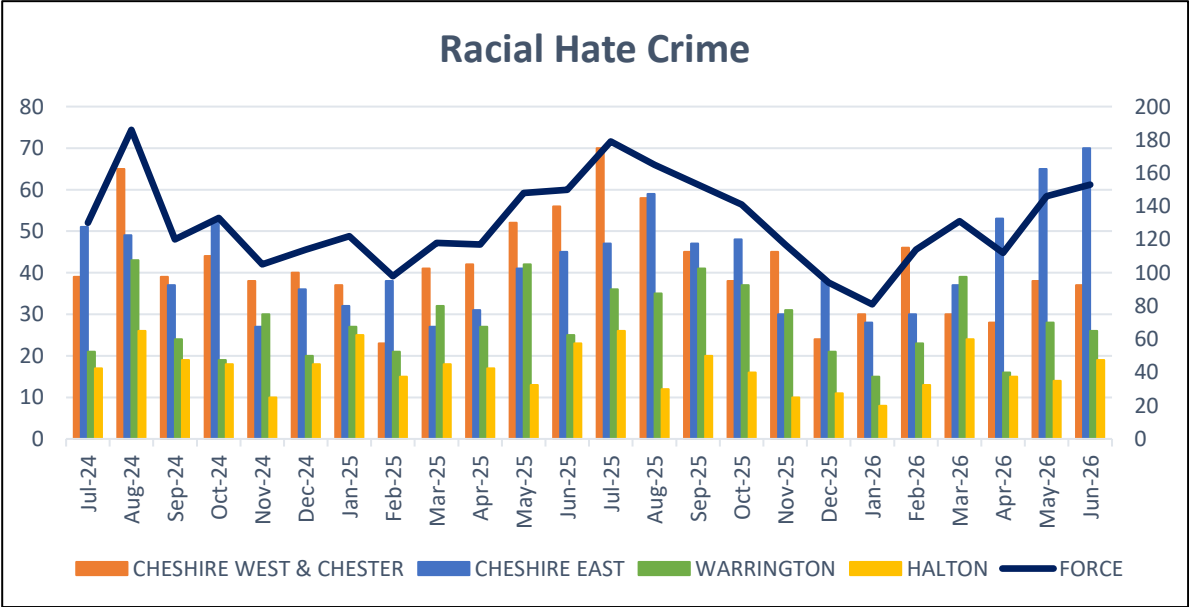
Hate Crime Flag	% of Cyber Hate Crime				Grand Total
	Q2 2025/26	Q3 2025/26	Q4 2025/26	Q1 2026/27	
Disability	9%	23%	21%	15%	16%
Racial	57%	45%	50%	45%	50%
Religion or Belief	5%	8%	6%	12%	8%
Sexual Orientation	21%	21%	15%	23%	20%
Transgender	8%	3%	7%	5%	6%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

RACIAL HATE CRIME





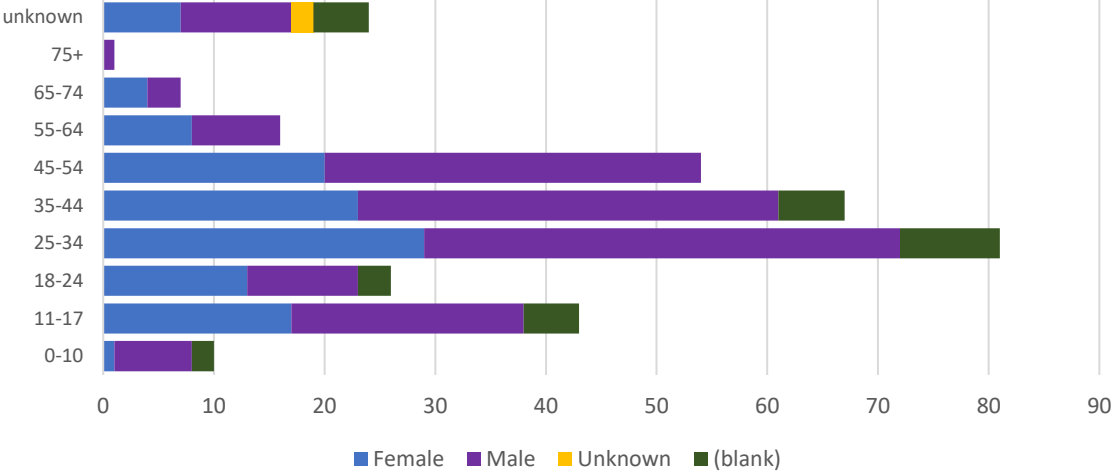
- **1,586** Racial Hate Crime Offences were recorded in the current 12-month period – an increase of 2.9% (45 more offences) on the previous 12-month period. Cheshire East (+18.5%, +86) and Warrington (+5.1%, +17) recorded increases whereas Halton (-14.2%, -31) and Cheshire West & Chester (-5.2%, -27) recorded decreases.
 - Racial Hate Crime accounted for **63.7%** of all Hate Crime in the past 12 months.
 - **25.9%** (411) of all Racial Hate Crimes in the current 12 months were recorded in Q1 2026/27.
- **411** Racial Hate Crimes were recorded in Q1 2026/27 – a 26.1% increase (85 more offences) compared to Q4 2025/26. Cheshire East (+97.9%, +93) recorded the largest quarterly increase and Warrington recorded the largest quarterly decrease (-9.1%, -7).



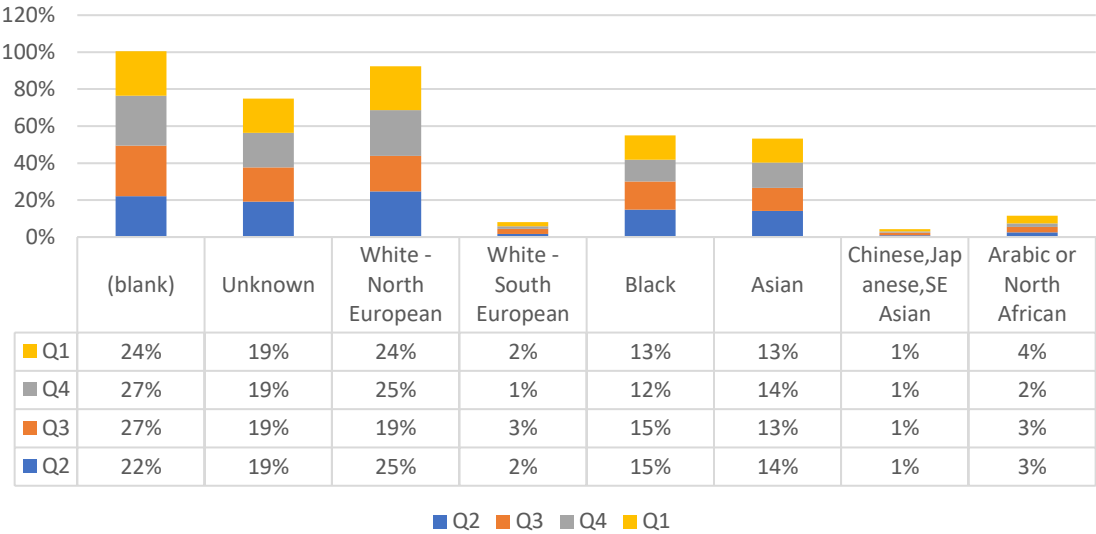


PROFILE OF IDENTIFIED RACIAL HATE CRIME VICTIMS BETWEEN 01/07/2025 AND 30/06/2026

AGE AND GENDER PROFILE OF RACIAL HATE CRIME VICTIMS - QUARTER 1



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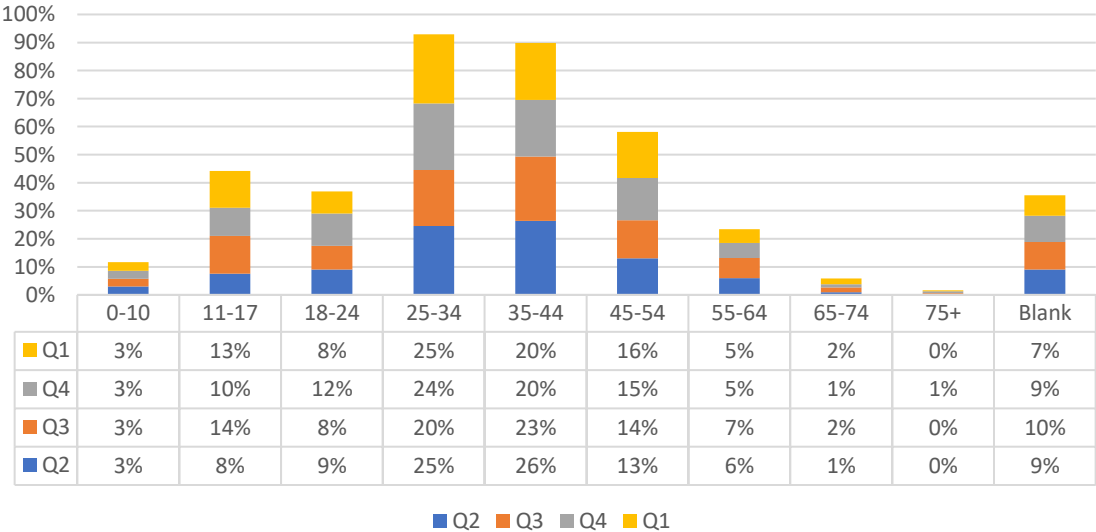


The victim profile in Q1 2026/27 is in line with that seen over the 12-month period.

Victims of Racial Hate Crime in Q1 have tended to be:

- Male (53%).
- 25-34 years of age (25%).
- White – North European (24%) followed by Asian (13%) and Black (13%).

AGE PROFILE - RACIAL HATE CRIME

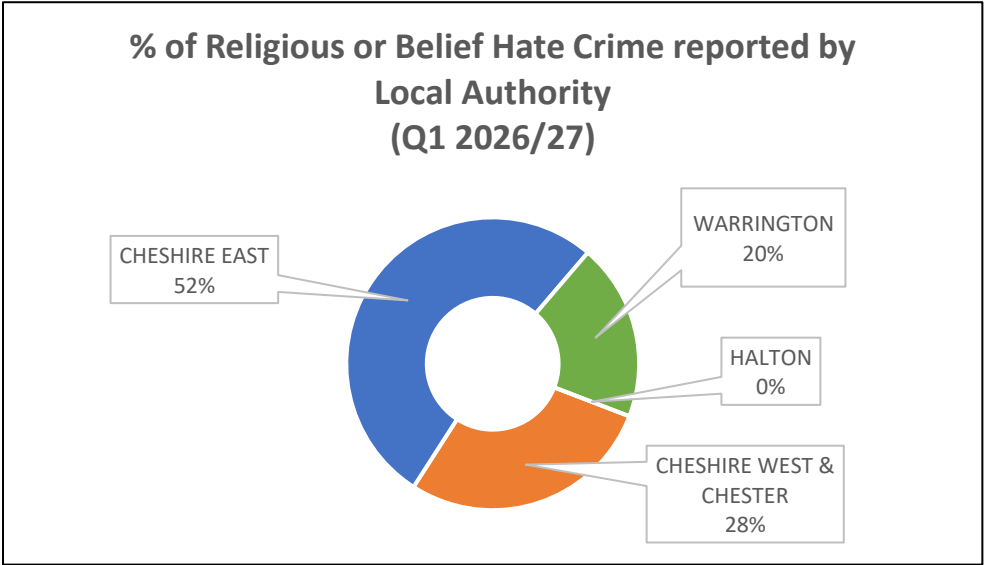
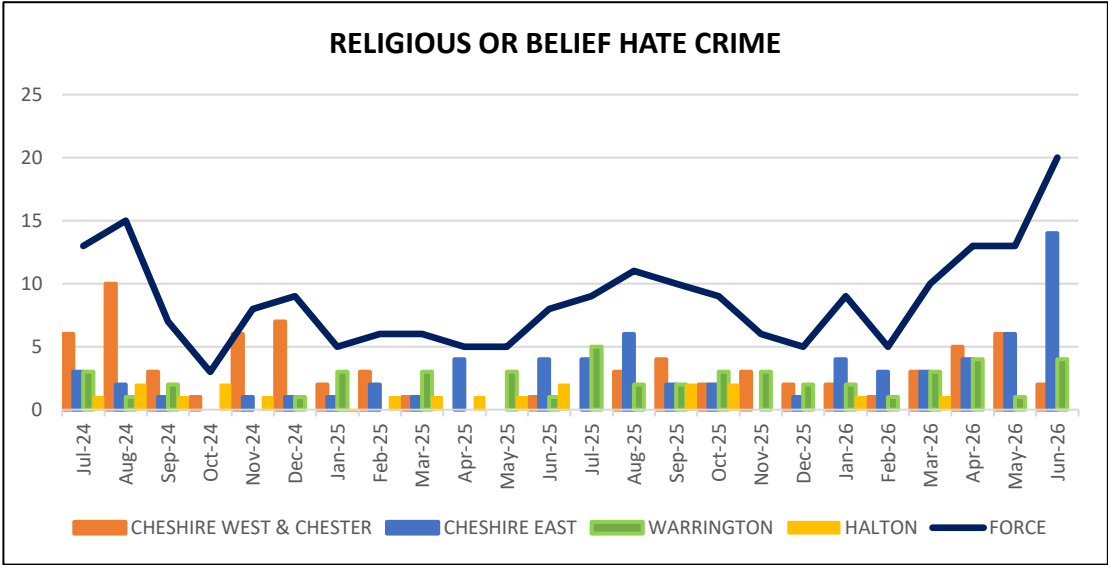


RELIGION OR BELIEF HATE CRIME





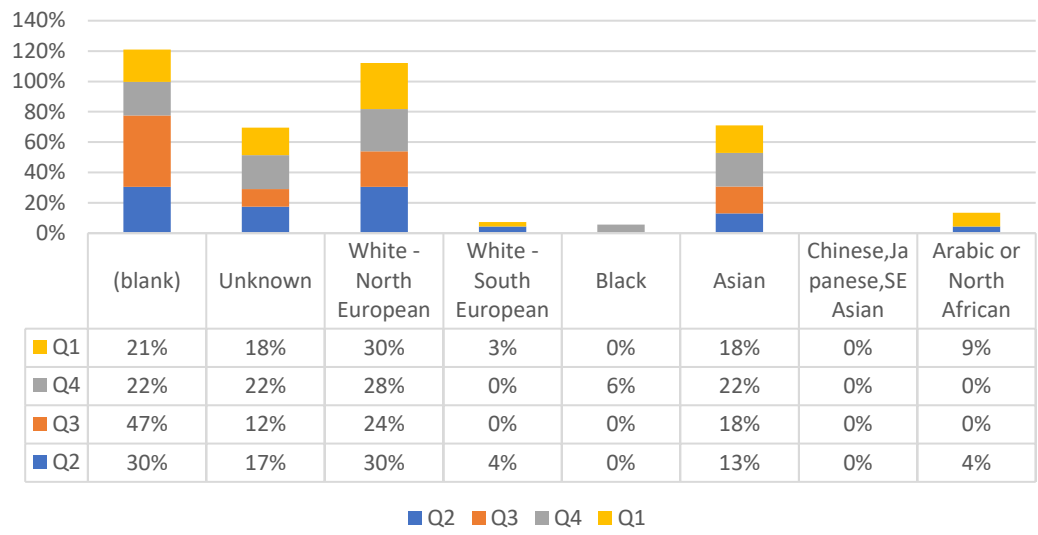
- A total of **120** Hate Crimes linked to Religion or Belief have been recorded over the 12-month period, a **33.3% increase** (30 more offences) on the previous 12-month period.
- Throughout the 12-month period anti-Muslim Hate (49 offences, 40%) was the most frequently recorded, followed by offences where the Religion/Belief strand was recorded as ‘unknown’ (25 offences, 21%). Of those 25 offences where the Religion/Belief was recorded as ‘unknown’, 12 were linked to the Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light, with 7 occurring in the most recent quarter. This increase may reflect heightened community tensions following Operation Decker as referenced on slide 8.
- Cheshire East (+145.0%, +29) and Warrington (+88.2%, +15) recorded increases over the 12-month period. Cheshire West & Chester (-17.5%, -7) and Halton (-50.0%, -6) recorded decreases.
- In Q1 2026/27, **46 Offences** have been recorded across the Force – this is a **91.7% increase** (22 more offences) when compared to Q4 2025/26. During Q1, Halton did not record any Religion/Belief Hate Crimes and was the only Local Authority to record a decrease (-100.0%, -2). Cheshire East recorded the largest increase (+140.0%, 14).



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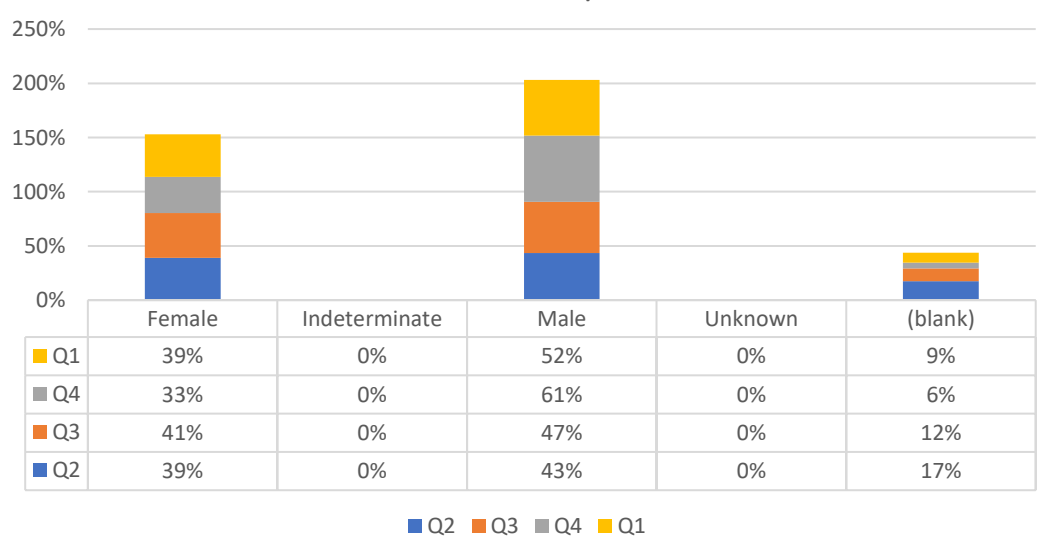
ETHNICITY PROFILE - RELIGION/BELIEF HATE CRIME



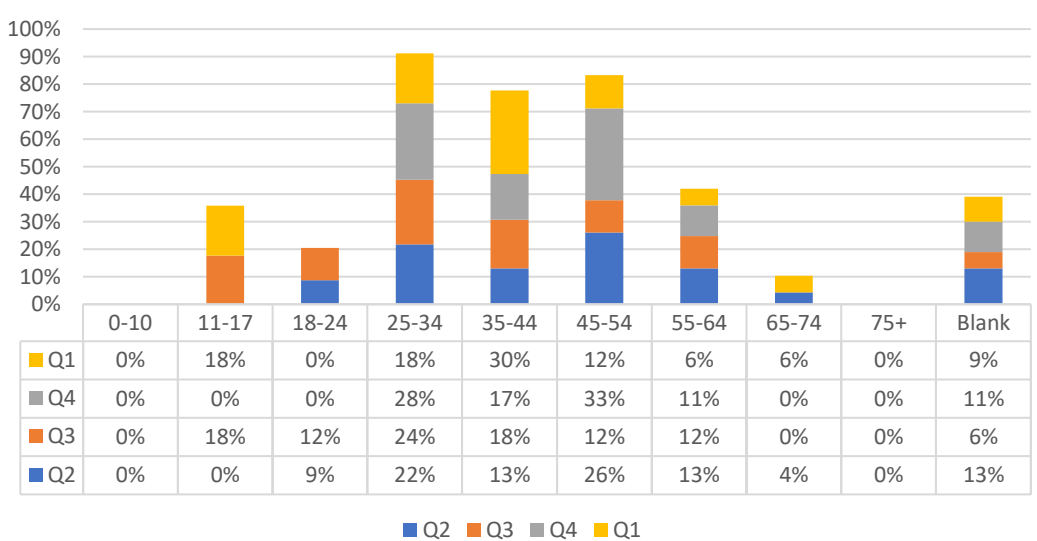
Notable differences in the profile of victims of Religion or Belief Hate Crimes in Q1 2026/27 when compared to Q4 2025/26 are:

- Higher proportion of Female victims (33% vs. 39%).
- Lower proportion of victims who were Black (6% vs.0%) and Asian (22% vs. 18%) and a higher proportion of victims who were Arabic or North African (0% vs. 9%).
- Higher proportion of victims aged 11-17 (0% vs. 18%), and a lower proportion of victims aged 45-54 (33% vs. 12%).

GENDER PROFILE - RELIGION/BELIEF HATE CRIME



AGE PROFILE - RELIGION/BELIEF HATE CRIME



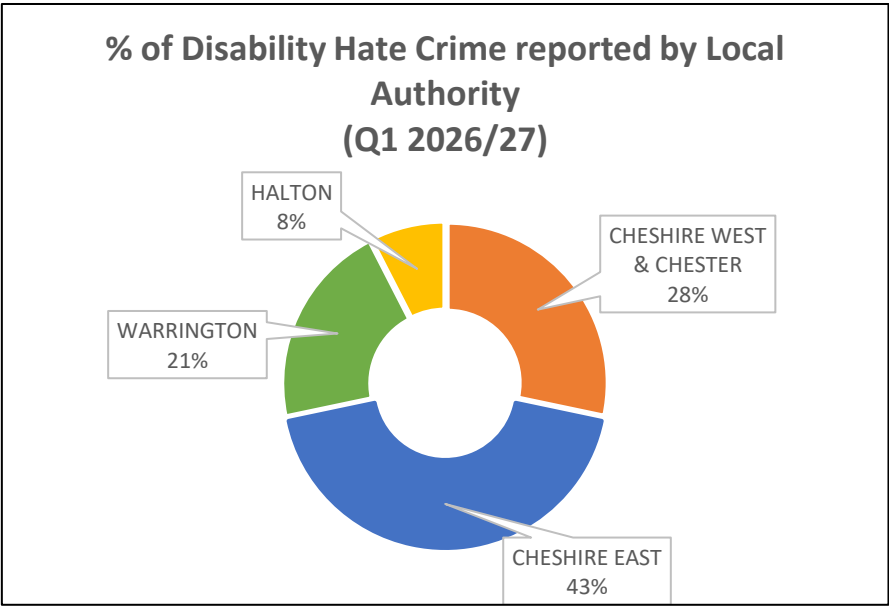
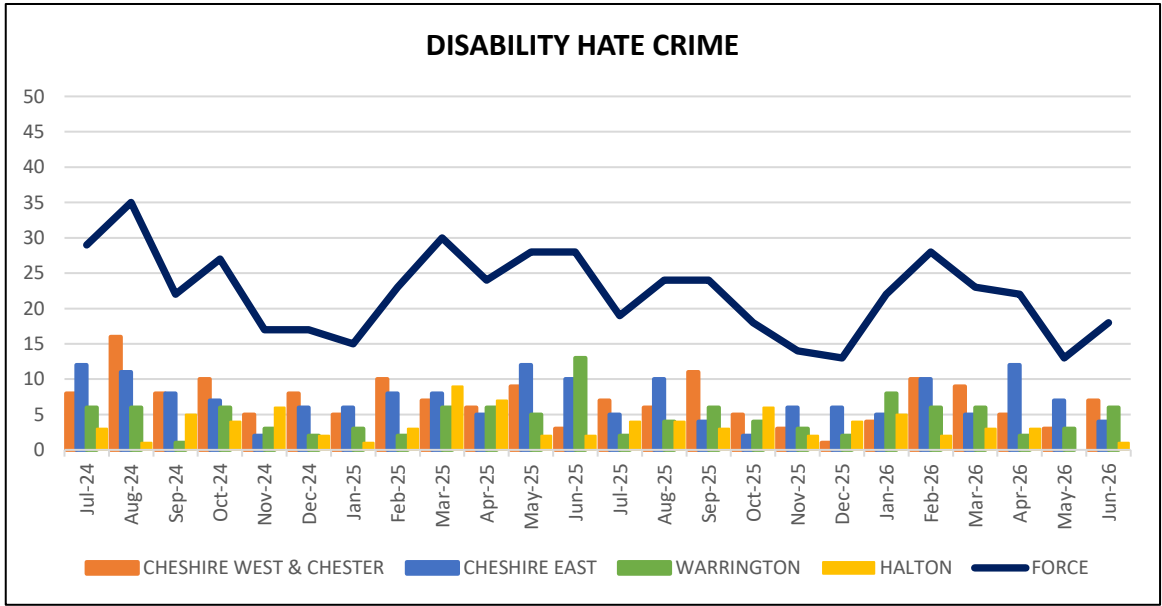
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DISABILITY HATE CRIME





- A total of **238** Disability Hate Crimes were recorded over the 12-month period - a **19.3% decrease** (57 fewer offences) on the previous 12-month period.
 - All Local Authorities recorded a decrease over the 12-month period with Cheshire West & Chester recording the largest (-25.3%, -24).
 - **22.3%** (53) of Disability Hate Crimes recorded over the 12-month period were recorded in Q1 2026/27 – a **27.4% decrease** (20 fewer offences) compared to Q4 2025/26. Halton recorded the largest quarterly decrease (-60.0%, -6). Cheshire East recorded the only quarterly increase (+15.0%, +3).

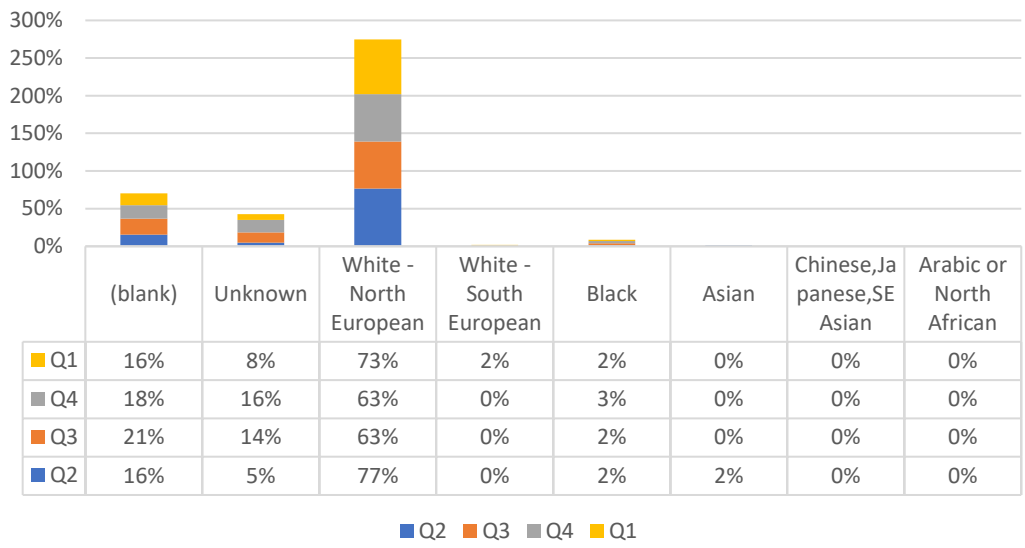


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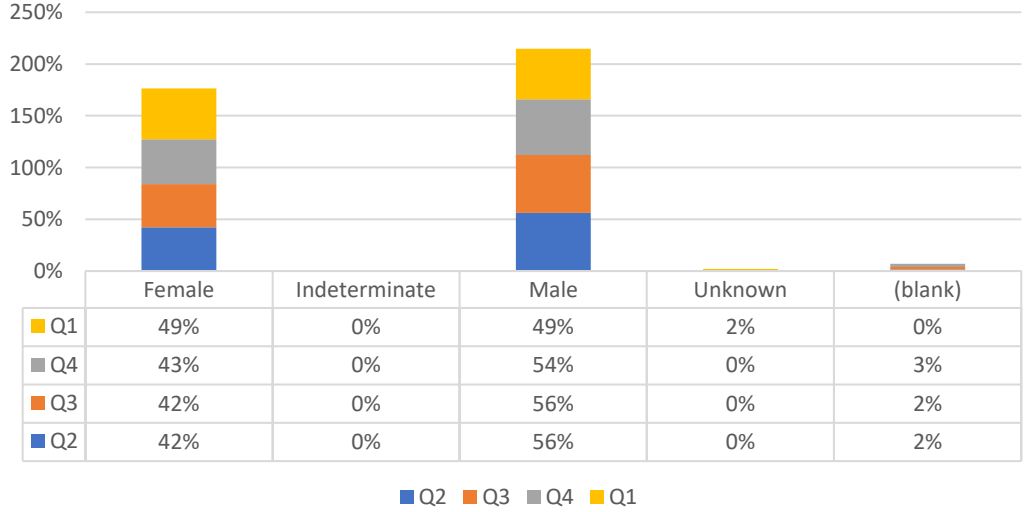
ETHNICITY PROFILE - DISABILITY HATE CRIME



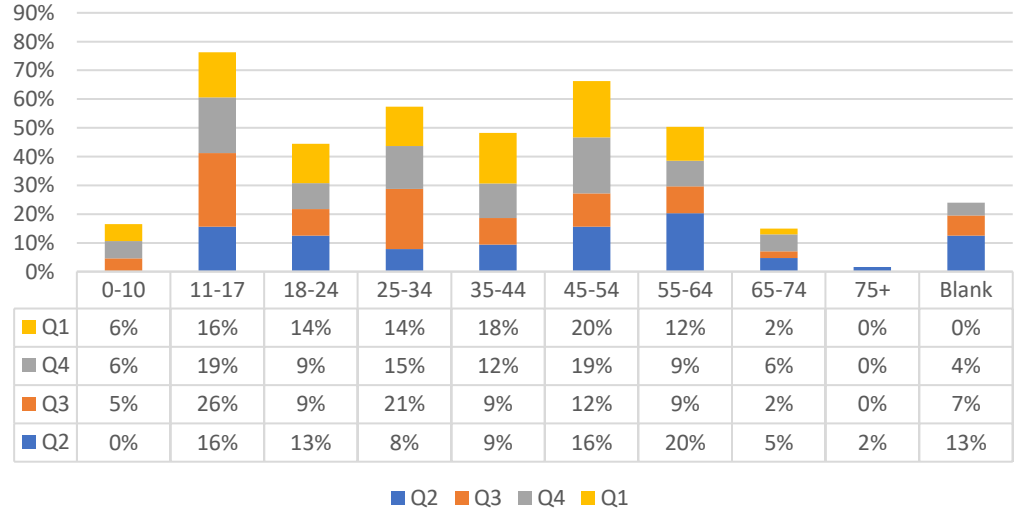
Notable differences in the profile of victims of Disability Hate Crimes in Q1 2026/27 when compared to Q4 2025/26 are:

- There was a higher proportion of White North European victims (63% vs. 73%).
- There was a higher proportion of Female victims (43% vs. 49%) and a lower proportion of Male victims (54% vs. 49%).
- Higher proportion of victims aged 35-44 (12% vs. 18%) and 18-24 (9% vs. 14%), and a lower proportion of victims aged 11-17 (19% vs. 16%) and 65-74 (6% vs. 2%).

GENDER PROFILE - DISABILITY HATE CRIME



AGE PROFILE - DISABILITY HATE CRIME



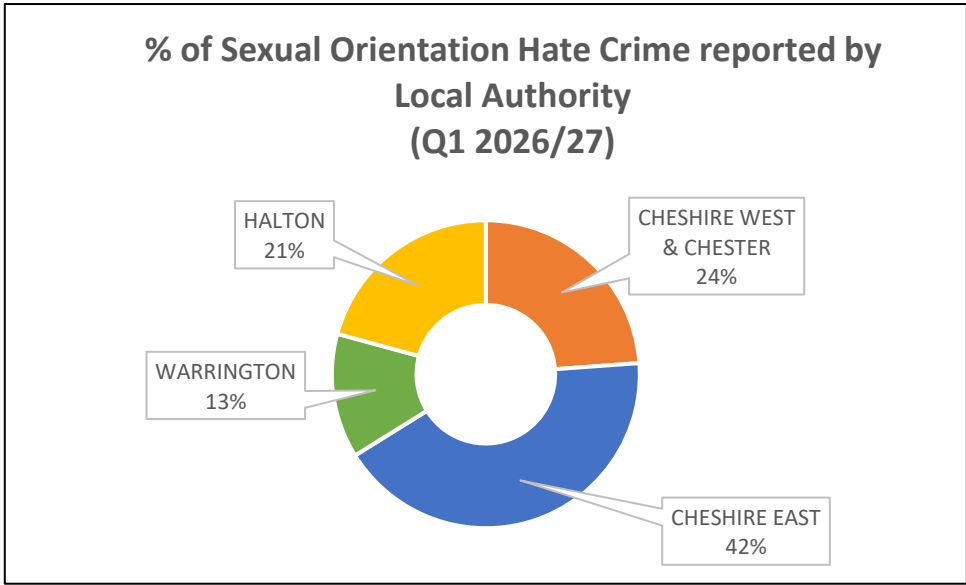
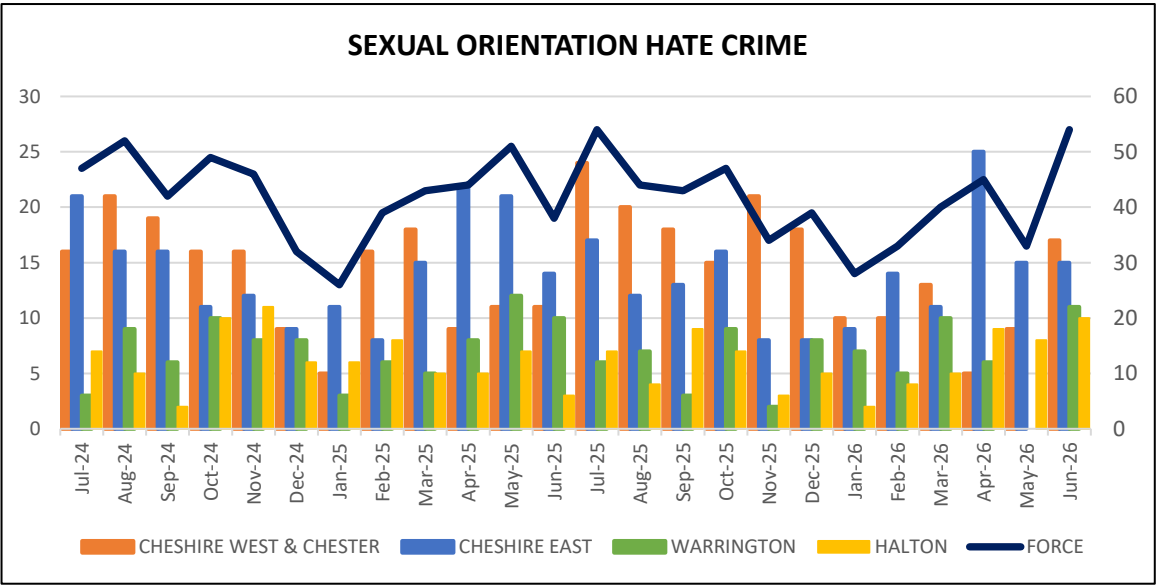
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SEXUAL ORIENTATION HATE CRIME





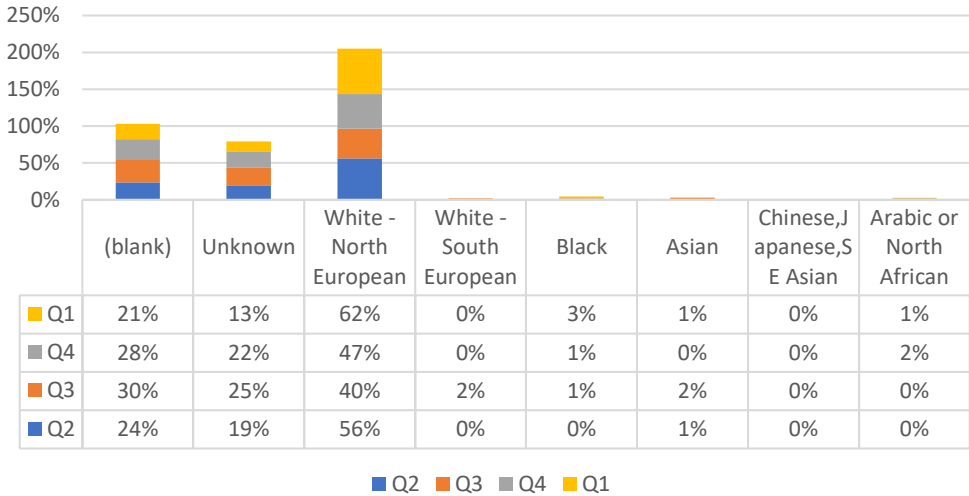
- In the 12-months ending 30th June 2026, a total of **494** Sexual Orientation Hate Crimes have been recorded – a **decrease of 15 offences (-2.9%)** on the previous 12 months.
 - Cheshire West & Chester (+7.8%, +13) recorded the only 12-month increase. Warrington recorded the largest decrease (-15.9%, -14) over the 12-month period.
 - **26.7%** (132) of Sexual Orientation Hate Crime happened in Q1 2026/27, an increase of **30.7%** (31 more offences) compared to Q4 2025/26.
 - Warrington (-22.7%, -5) and Cheshire West & Chester (-6.1%, -2) recorded quarterly decreases whereas Cheshire East (+61.8%, +21) and Halton (+145.5%, +16) recorded increases over the quarterly period.



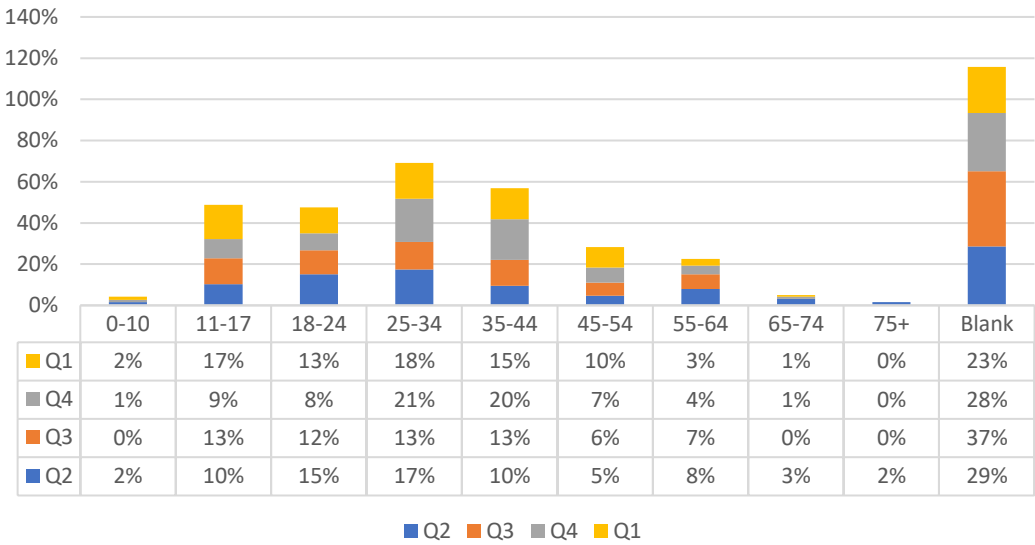
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PROFILE OF IDENTIFIED SEXUAL ORIENTATION HATE CRIME VICTIMS BETWEEN 01/07/2025 AND 30/06/2026

ETHNICITY PROFILE - SEXUAL ORIENTATION HATE CRIME

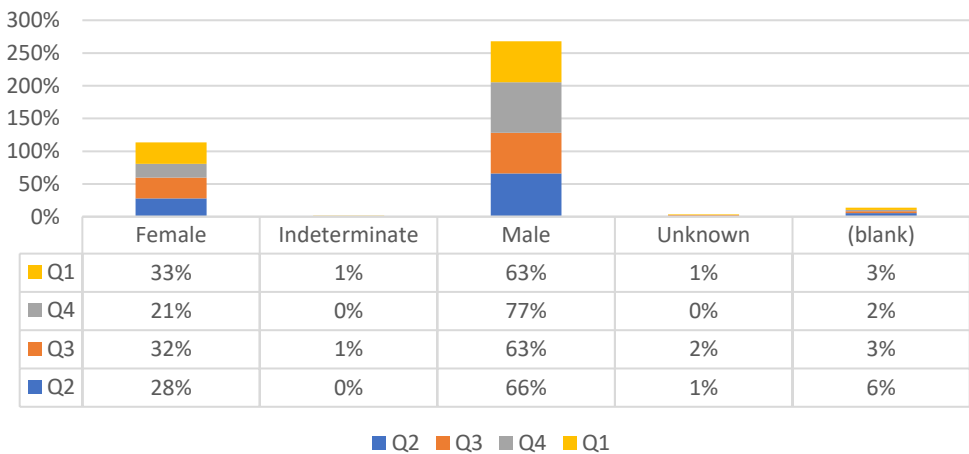


AGE PROFILE - SEXUAL ORIENTATION HATE CRIME



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GENDER PROFILE - SEXUAL ORIENTATION HATE CRIME



Notable differences in the profile of victims of Sexual Orientation Hate Crimes in Q1 2026/27 when compared to Q4 2025/26 are;

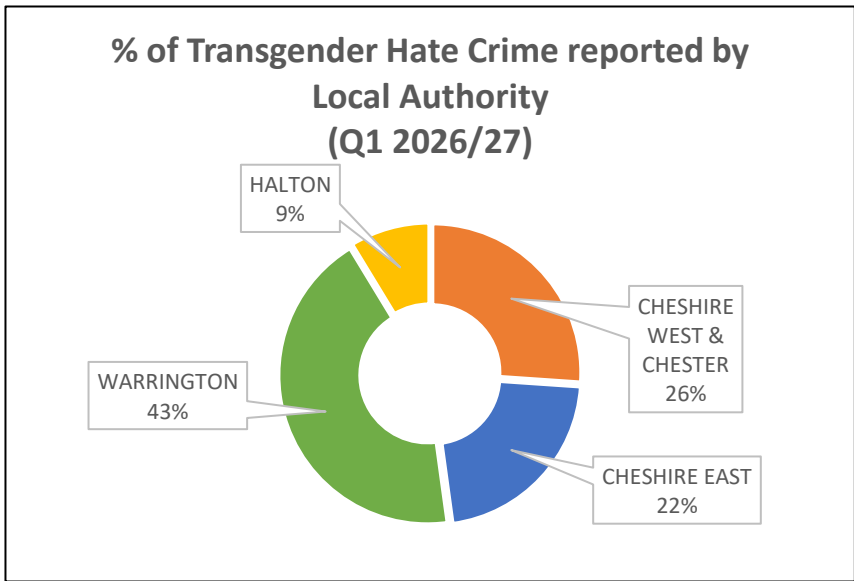
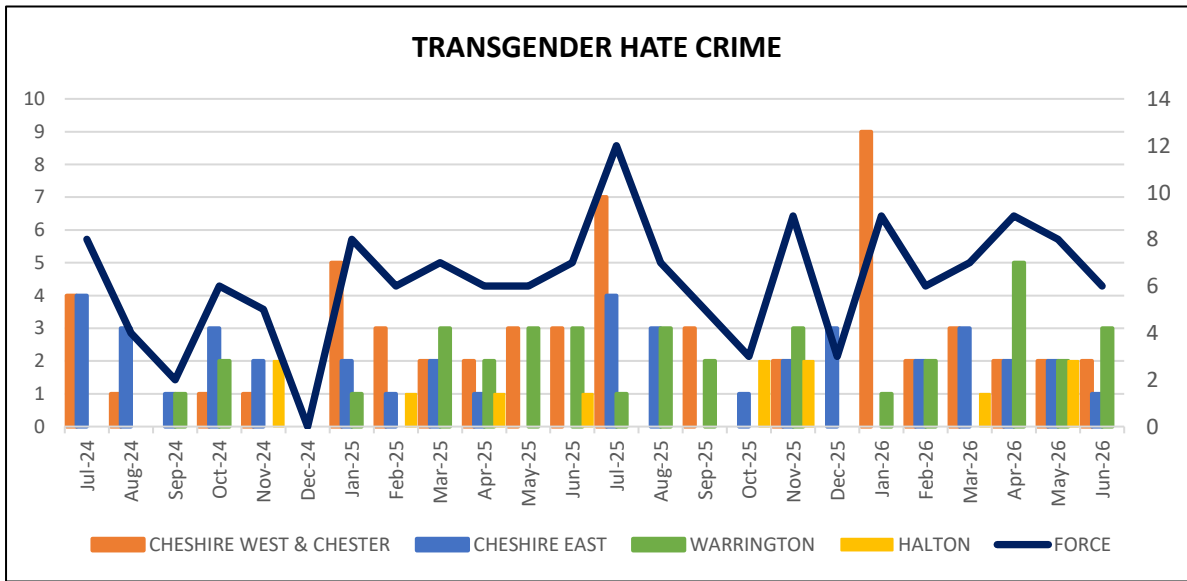
- There is a higher proportion of White North European victims (47% vs. 62%).
- The proportion of Male victims has decreased (77% vs. 63%), and the proportion of Female victims has increased (21% vs. 33%).
- There was a higher proportion of victims aged 11-17 (9% vs. 17%) and a lower proportion of victims aged 35-44 (20% vs. 15%).

TRANSGENDER HATE CRIME



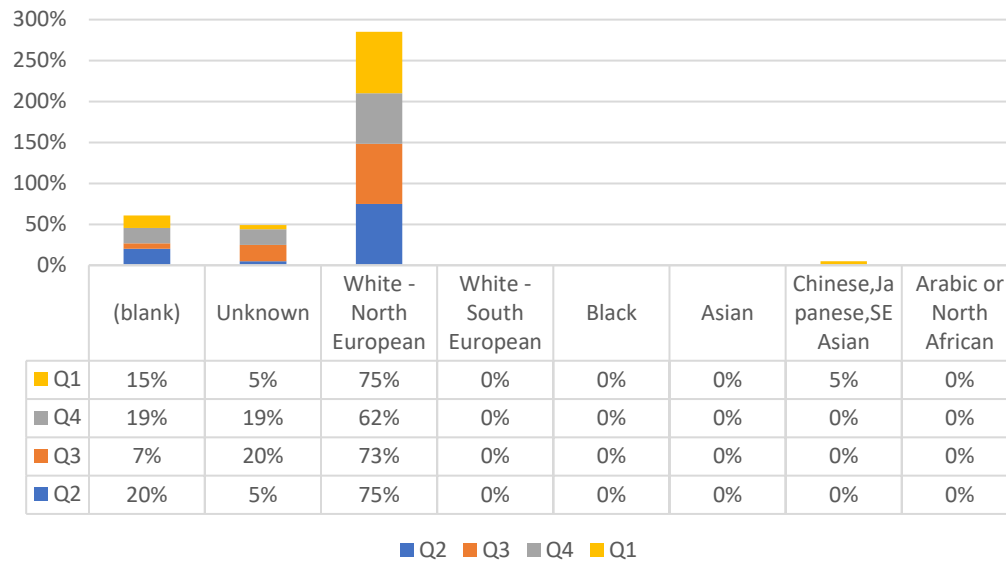


- Monthly volumes of Transgender Hate Crimes range from 3 to 12 with an average of 7 a month being recorded over the 12-month period ending 30th June 2026.
- **84** Transgender Hate Crimes have been recorded in the past 12-months (ending June 2026) – this is an **increase of 29.2%** (19 more offences) when compared to the previous 12-month period.
- **23** Offences were recorded in Q1 2026/27, a **4.5% increase** (1 more offence) compared to Q4 2025/26. Cheshire West & Chester recorded the only quarterly decrease (-57.1%, -8) whereas Cheshire East recorded no change. Warrington recorded the largest quarterly increase (+233.3%, +7).



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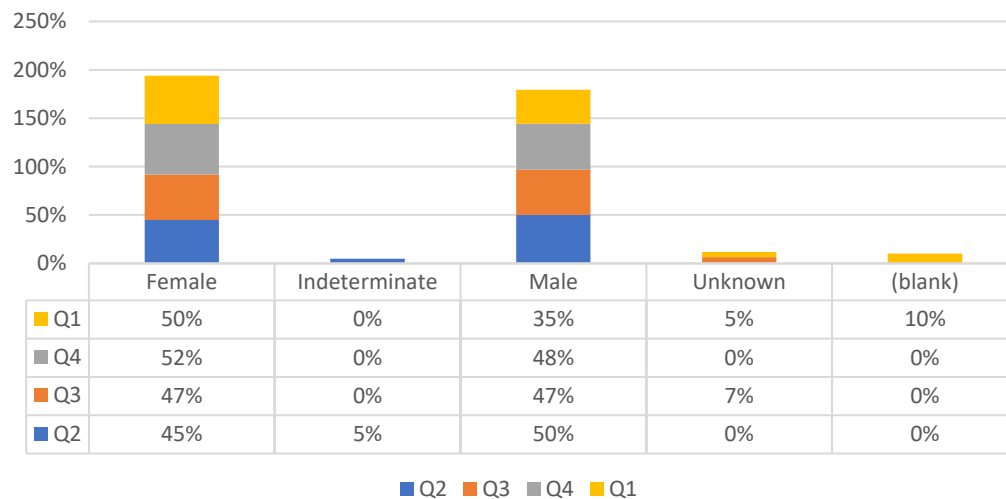
ETHNICITY PROFILE - TRANSGENDER HATE CRIME



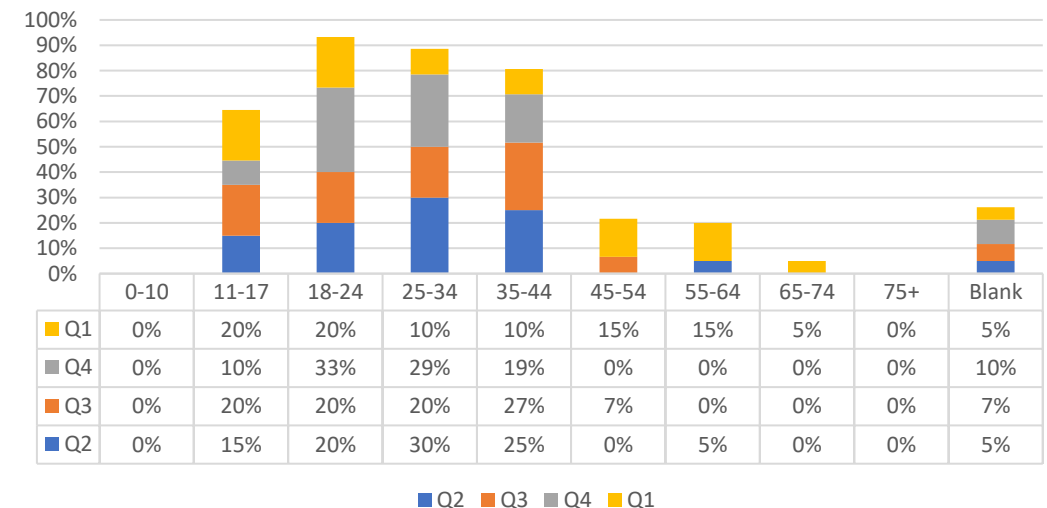
Notable differences in the profile of victims of Transgender Hate Crimes in Q1 2026/27 when compared to Q4 2025/26 are;

- There has been an increase in White Northern European victims (62% vs. 75%) and Chinese, Japanese, SE Asian victims (0% vs. 5%).
- There is a lower proportion of Male victims (48% vs. 35%) and a higher proportion of victims whose gender was left blank (0% vs. 10%).
- There is a lower proportion of victims aged 18-24 (33% vs. 20%) and 25-34 (29% vs. 10%) and a higher proportion of victims aged 45-54 (0% vs. 15%) and 55-64 (0% vs. 15%).

GENDER PROFILE - TRANSGENDER HATE CRIME



AGE PROFILE - TRANSGENDER HATE CRIME



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HATE CRIME AGAINST POLICE WORKERS



Over the past 12 months a total of **158 Police Workers** have been identified as being the Aggrieved Person during the course of their duty in **232 Hate Crimes**. 45 (28.5%) of these have been the victim in more than one offence during this period.

A review of the Hate Crime flags indicates that 57.6% (140 offences) are for Sexual Orientation Hate Crime, 34.2% (83 offences) relate to Racial Hate Crime, 4.1% (10 offences) relate to Disability Hate Crime, 2.9% (7 offences) relate to Transgender Hate Crime and 1.2% (3 offences) relate to Religion/Belief Hate Crime. Please note that more than one Hate Crime flag can be attributed per offence.

37.9% (88) occurred across the Eastern Area, 36.2% (84) occurred across the Western Area and 25.4% (59) across the Northern Area (Warrington – 33 (14.2%); Halton – 26 (11.2%)). 1 offence (0.4%) could not be attributed to an Area.

The Outcomes (to date) of these offences are:

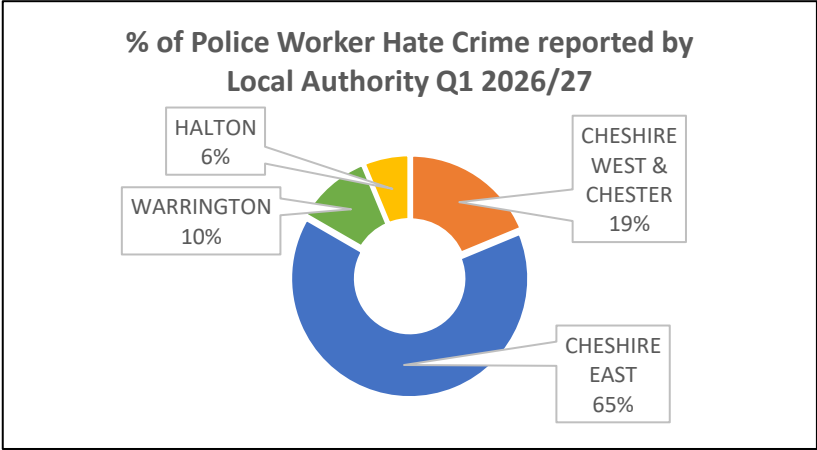
Offences Brought to Justice:

- 165x OC1 Charged / Summonsed
- 6x OC8 Community Resolution

Other Outcomes:

- 14x OC15 Named Suspect Identified – Victim Supports Police Action but Evidential Difficulties
- 7x OC16 Named Suspect Identified – Victim Does Not Support Police Action and Evidential Difficulties
- 3x OC98 Cancelled / Transferred
- 2x OC12 Named Suspect Identified But Is Dead or Too Ill to Prosecute
- 1x OC14 Evidential Difficulties – Named Suspect not Identified

A further 34 offences are actively under Investigation.



Caveat – This data refers to Hate Crimes where a Police Worker is the Aggrieved, they may/may not be a Cheshire Officer/Worker.



Repeat victims in the 12 months ending June 2026:

- 3 Police Officer / Staff were the victims of 6 Hate Crimes
- 1 Police Officer / Staff was the victim of 5 Hate Crimes
- 2 Police Officer / Staff were the victims of 4 Hate Crimes
- 10 Police Officer / Staff were the victims of 3 Hate Crimes
- 29 Police Officer / Staff were the victims of 2 Hate Crimes

During Q1 2026/27, 40 Police Workers have been identified as being the Aggrieved Person in **49** Hate Crimes with 5 repeat victims during the quarter.

With the exception of 12 Police Workers, all Aggrieved Persons have been Police Officers within the last 12 months.

Caveat – This data refers to Hate Crimes where a Police Worker is the Aggrieved, they may/may not be a Cheshire Officer/Worker.