

PROPORTIONALITY OF STOP & SEARCH USE IN SUFFOLK - BME

Date Range 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023

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Suffolk BME population just under **7%** (2021 census)



Of all those subject to stop & search, BME accounted for **320 (11.9%)**

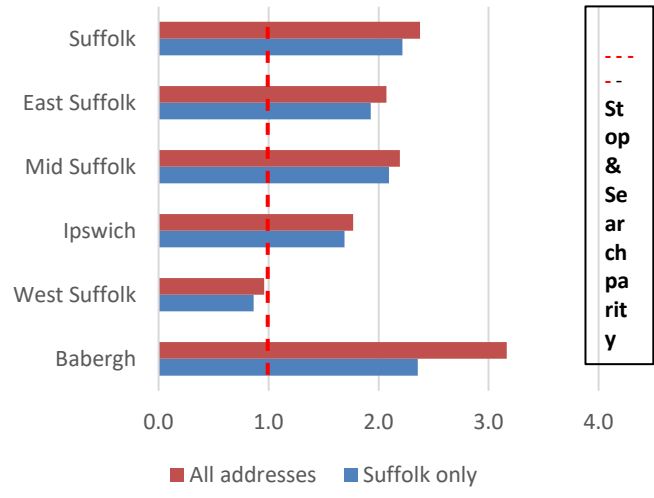
Disproportionality by ethnicity for Suffolk

Addresses	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other
Suffolk addresses	0.7	5.0	1.6	3.6
All addresses	0.7	5.6	1.6	3.7

Since the last reporting period, there has been a slight reduction in disproportionality in the Black ethnicity group. Slight increases have occurred within the Asian, Mixed and Other ethnicities. Disproportionality values are fairly similar to the last reporting period.
See comparisons in the two charts below:

Disproportionality by District

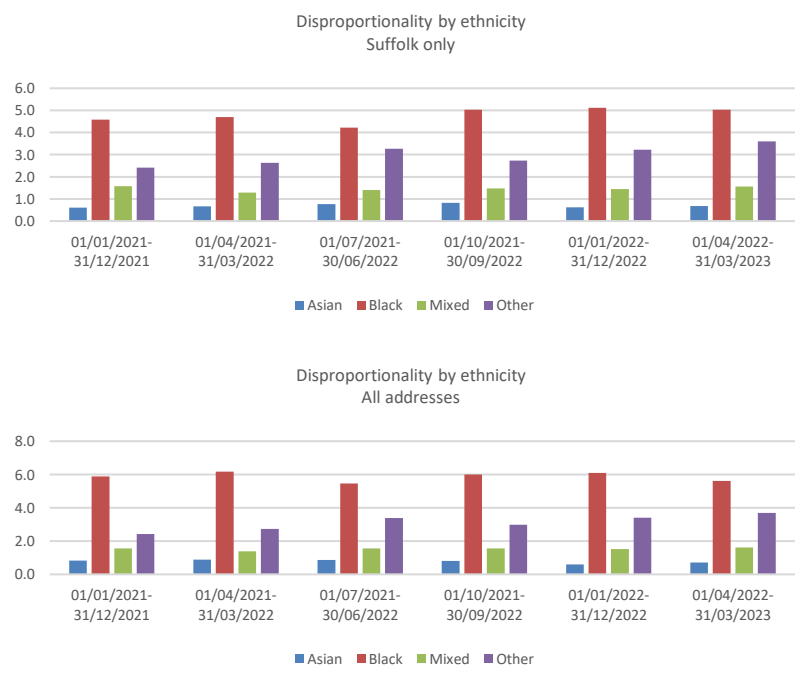
- Excluding subjects with addresses outside Suffolk, the **local BME** community is just over **2.2** times more likely to be subject of stop & search than white counterparts, increasing to **2.4** times when including **all subjects**. For Suffolk only, the disproportionality applies only to males – BME males are 2.4 times more likely to be subject of a stop search than white males, whereas for BME females, the disproportionality rate is 0.9.
- The highest disproportionality was seen in **Babergh** for Suffolk only addresses.
- Searches in **West Suffolk** were, again, below the line of parity and therefore not disproportionate.
- Overall disproportionality for Suffolk only has increased slightly since the last reporting period (from 2.1 to 2.2).



The majority of persons subject to stop & search are male (84.0%). Males are **5.6 times more likely to be subject of stop search than female counterparts.**

Of all U18s subject to stop & search, BME=11.8%

Reviewing the U18 population, BME subjects are **1.4 times more likely to be stop searched than white peers (Suffolk only).**

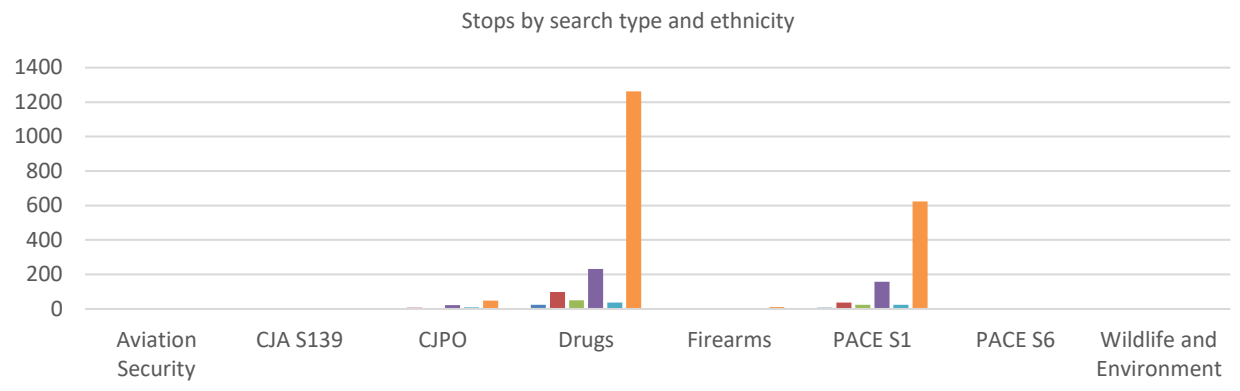
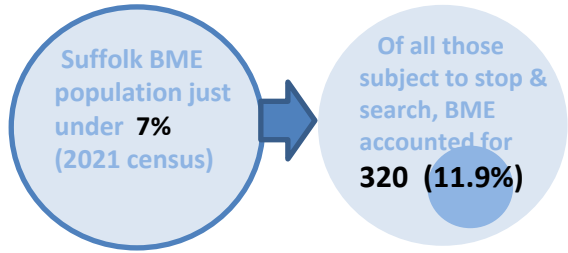


District	Suffolk addresses		All addresses	
	BME	White	BME	White
All	320	1950	485	2757
East Suffolk	39	507	55	666
Mid Suffolk	6	88	9	126
Ipswich	225	716	335	1019
West Suffolk	38	491	64	744
Babergh	12	148	22	202

The table to the left displays the counts of stop searches conducted on persons split by White/BME and District.

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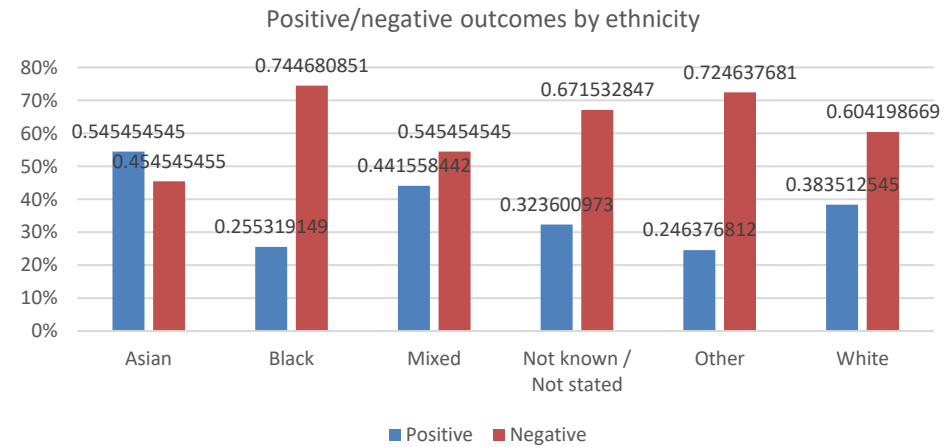
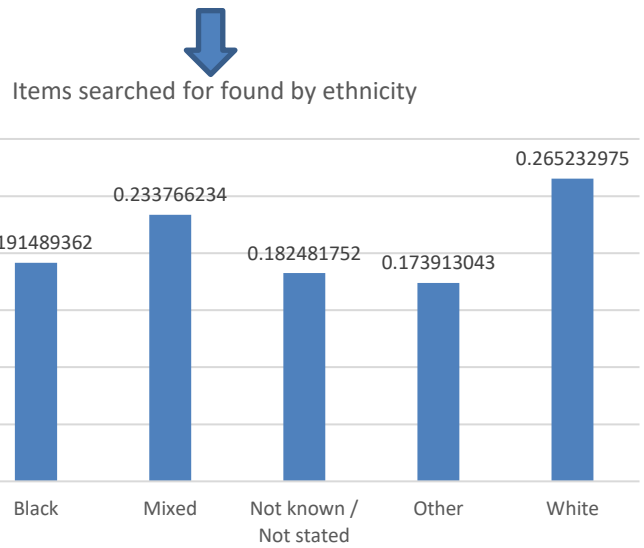
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The most prevalent reason for search is Drugs (S23 Misuse of Drugs Act). This has remained stable since previous reporting periods.

Find rates for items that have been searched for irrespective of ethnicity have slightly decreased this quarter, by 0.7p.p (24.6%). Find rates have reduced within Asian, Black, Mixed and Other ethnicities. Find rates for White and Not known/Not stated groups have remained consistent.

The Find rate is higher for females (25.6%) than males (24.4%).



The percentages in the graph above are the percentages of each ethnicity total rather than a percentage of all stops in Suffolk. Negative relates to NFA and positive is all other outcomes excluding No Category.

Positive outcome rate increased for the Asian, Other and Not Stated ethnicity groups, but decreased for the Black and Mixed groups. The positive outcome rate remained the same in the White group.

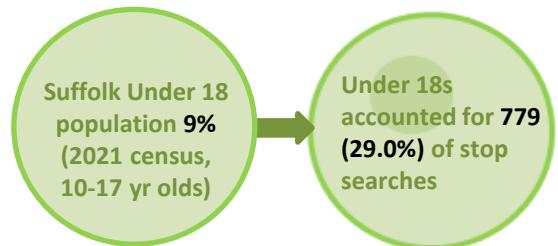
The overall positive outcome rate has increased slightly since the last reporting period to 36.8% (up 0.3p.p). Positive outcomes were higher amongst females (38.6%) than males (36.4%).

PROPORTIONALITY OF STOP & SEARCH USE IN SUFFOLK - AGE

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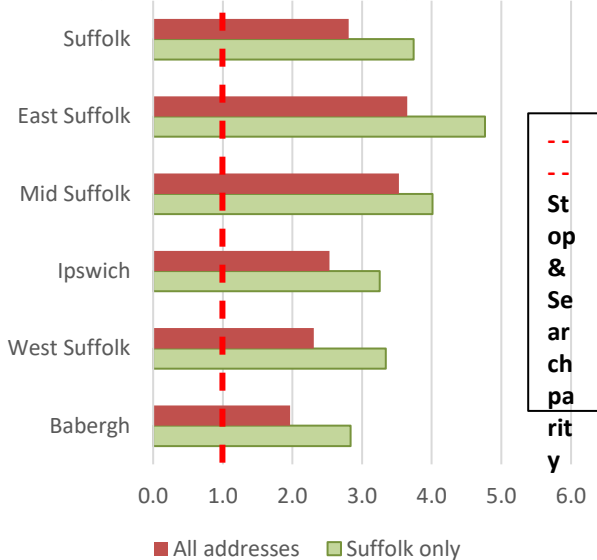


Disproportionality by ethnicity for Suffolk for Under 18s

Addresses	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other
Suffolk addresses	0.3	4.2	0.8	3.0
All addresses	0.3	5.4	0.8	3.3

Amongst under 18s, all ethnicities experience lower disproportionality than when all ages are reviewed together. However, disproportionality still affects the Black ethnicity group the most.

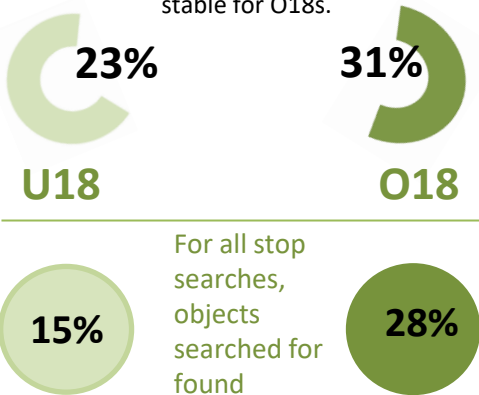
Age Disproportionality by District



- The Suffolk U18 community is just over **3.7** times more likely to be subject of stop/search than over 18 counterparts, decreasing to **2.8** times when including all subjects indicating that the majority of external subjects are aged over 18.
- This age disproportionality is equal for both males (3.6) and females (3.6).
- These rates are consistent with Age disproportionality rates reported in the previous quarter.

Items Searched for by reason for search

Drugs were the most common items searched for, over 63% of stops gave Drugs as reason for search. Find rates for drugs have reduced in U18s, but remained stable for O18s.

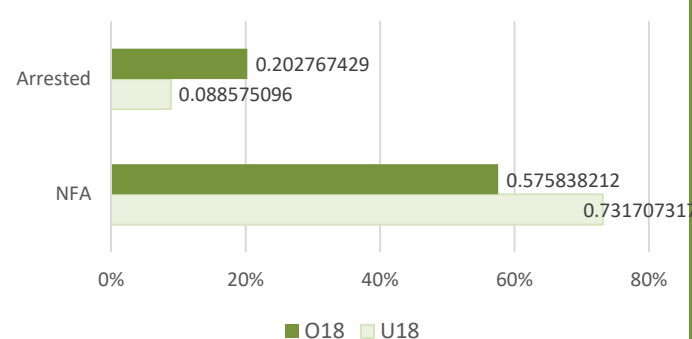


The percentage of objects searched for found has reduced slightly for both age groups since the last reporting period.

Under 18 Disproportionality within Suffolk's BME communities:

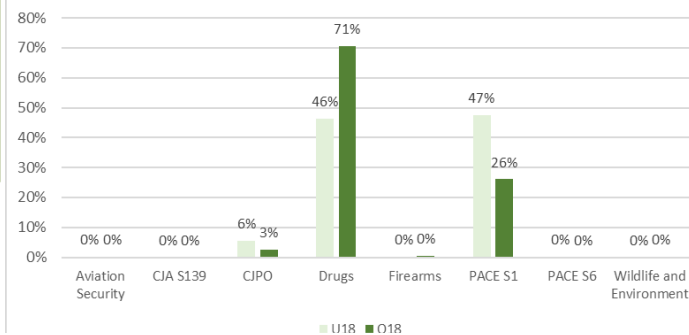
Looking only at Suffolk's BME communities, under 18s are twice as likely to be subject of stop and search than over 18s with a disproportionality rate of **2.0**. This is lower than the overall Age Disproportionality value.

Outcome by age



- Following stop search under 18s are subject to NFA more often than over 18s
- Under 18s are subject to arrest less often than over 18s

Stop by search type and age



Drugs and PACE S1 are the most common reason for stop searches. Under 18s saw a slight increase in the proportion of PACE S1 searches compared with the last reporting period. Over 18s had a small increase in drug searches.

PROPORTIONALITY OF HANDCUFF USE IN SUFFOLK STOP SEARCHES

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The below figures refer to a subset of Stop & Search data, as only Optik records have been matched with handcuffing data.

3,527 Optik records showing whether or not handcuffs were used during the Stop Search:

Handcuffs used	All addresses	%	Suffolk only	%
Yes	2009	57%	1290	55%
No	1518	43%	1051	45%
Total	3527	100%	2341	100%

Overall Disproportionality by ethnicity for Suffolk (records including handcuffing information)

Addresses	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other
Suffolk addresses	0.7	5.1	1.5	3.8
All addresses	0.7	5.7	1.5	3.9

Disproportionality where handcuffs were used:

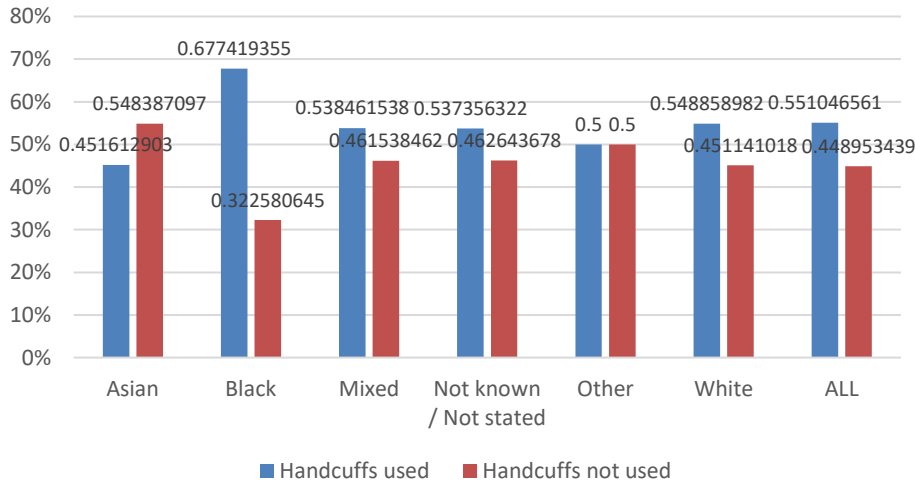
Addresses	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other
Suffolk addresses	0.6	6.2	1.5	3.5
All addresses	0.7	7.0	1.7	3.5

Disproportionality where handcuffs were not used:

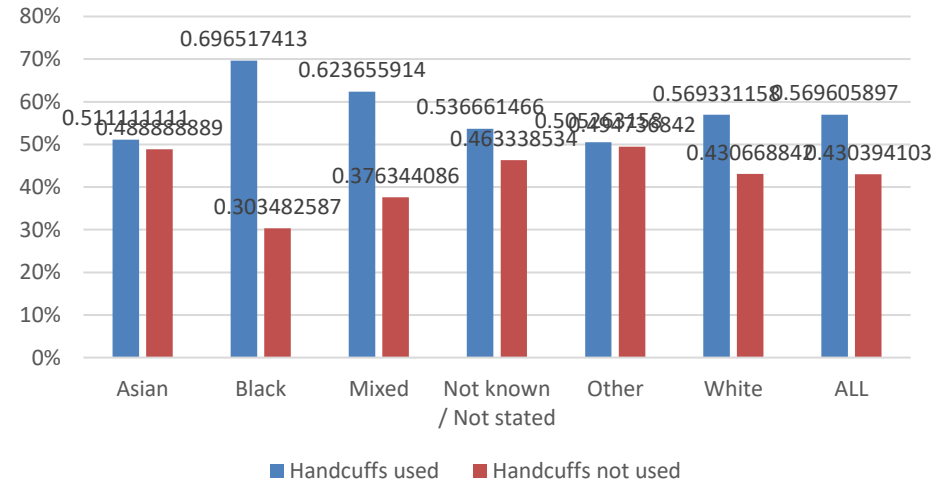
Addresses	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other
Suffolk addresses	0.9	3.6	1.5	4.2
All addresses	0.8	4.0	1.3	4.5

Comparing the disproportionality values shows higher disproportionality for Black persons when handcuffs were used than when handcuffs were not used. This value increases for persons not local to Suffolk.

Proportion of handcuffs used by ethnicity - Suffolk addresses only



Proportion of handcuffs used by ethnicity - All addresses



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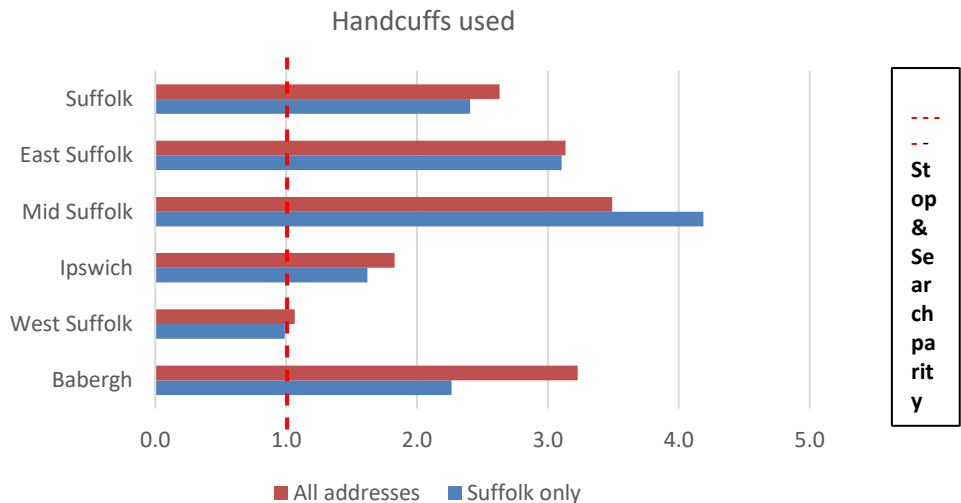
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District	Suffolk addresses					All addresses				
	Total stop-searches	Using handcuffs	(%)	Total BME stop-searches	% BME stop searches using handcuffs	Total stop-searches	Using handcuffs	(%)	Total BME stop-searches	% BME stop searches using handcuffs
East Suffolk	524	252	48%	34	74%	735	373	51%	45	78%
Mid Suffolk	92	50	54%	4	75%	136	71	52%	7	71%
Ipswich	1060	556	52%	203	53%	1592	856	54%	306	57%
West Suffolk	526	341	65%	33	73%	807	548	68%	55	75%
Babergh	135	90	67%	10	60%	217	138	64%	18	67%
All*	2337	1289	55%	284	58%	3487	1986	57%	431	62%

Handcuffing Disproportionality by District

- Excluding subjects with addresses outside Suffolk, the local BME community was **2.4** times more likely to be subject of a stop search where handcuffs are used. When including **all subjects** regardless of their address, BME subjects were **2.6** times more likely to be subject of a stop search with use of handcuffs.
- West Suffolk** was the only district where searches involving use of handcuffs was below the line of parity and therefore not disproportionate (for Suffolk addresses).
- The disproportionality rate for stop searches using handcuffs was highest in **Mid Suffolk**.
- Where there are smaller volumes of data, each record has more impact on the overall disproportionality rate.



* Where District is shown as Out Of Force, these records have been excluded