

Birmingham South LPU Stop & search Scrutiny Panel

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Stop & Search

2014 Monthly Figures – Birmingham South

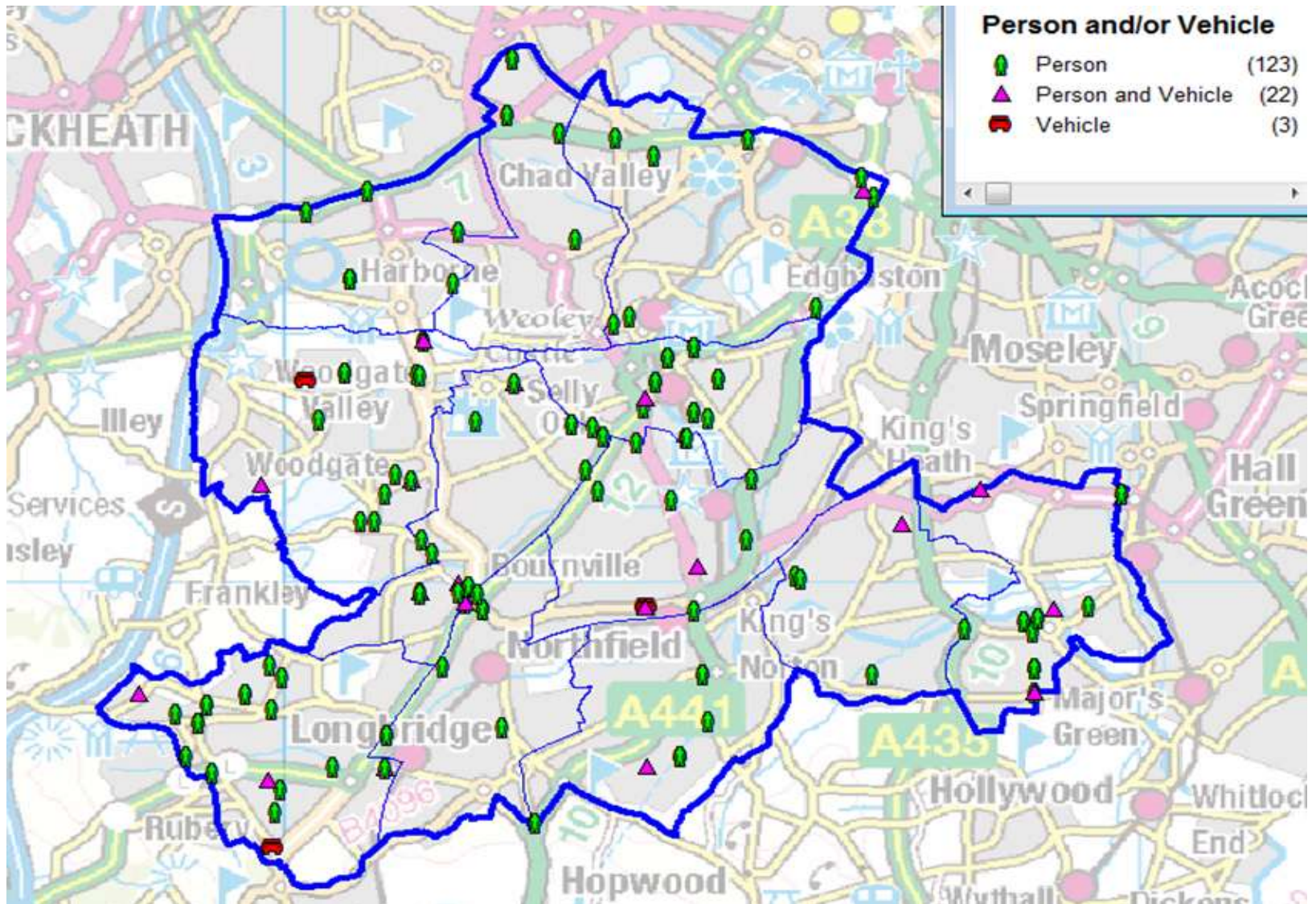
June – 128

July – 74

August – 68

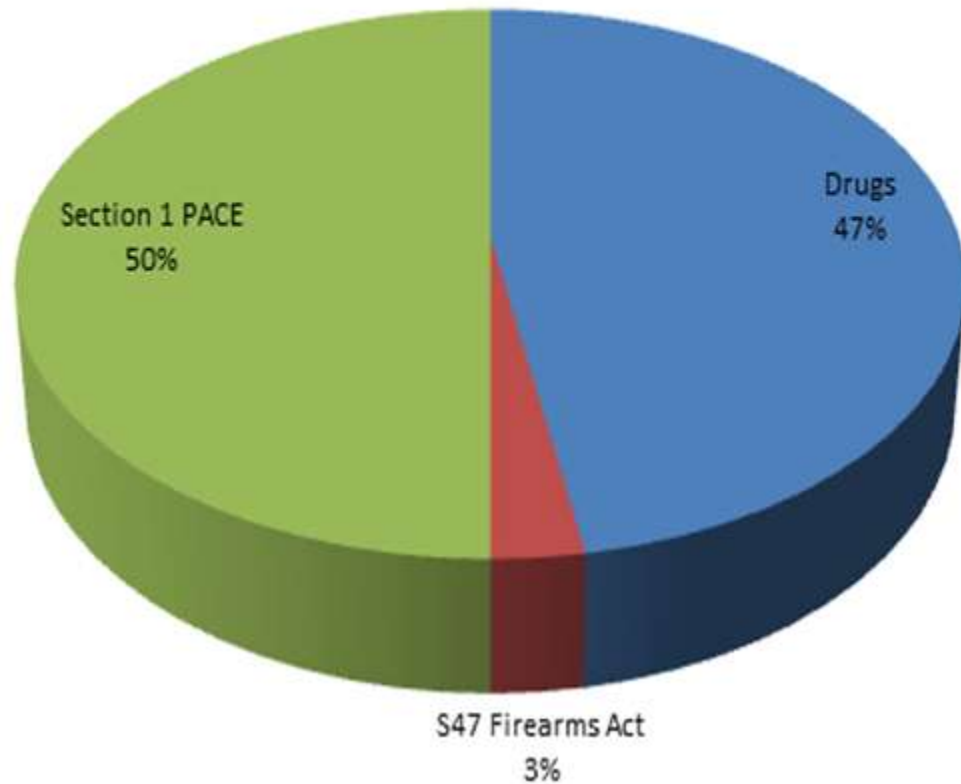
September – 111

October - 148



Power

Count of Power Description	
Power Description	Total
Drugs	70
S47 Firearms Act	4
Section 1 PACE	74
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Grand Total	148





Section 1 Police & Criminal Evidence Act 1984

A police officer may search any person or vehicle if he/she has reasonable grounds to suspect that he/she may find stolen or prohibited articles, and may seize any item recovered as a result.

The search may take place anywhere where the public have ready access, but not in a dwelling. (If in the garden of a dwelling, the officer must have reasonable grounds to believe the subject does not live there, or that a vehicle is not there with the permission of the owner of the dwelling).

Prohibited articles include:

Offensive weapons, or articles with a blade or point

Articles used to commit offences of Burglary; Theft; Taking a Vehicle; Fraud or Damage

Prohibited fireworks



Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971

If a police officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that a person is in possession of a controlled drug in contravention of the Act, he/she may –

- (a) search that person, and detain him for the purpose of searching him;
- (b) search any vehicle or vessel in which the constable suspects that the drug may be found, and for the purpose require the person in control of the vehicle or vessel to stop it;
- (c) seize and detain anything found in the course of the search, which appears to the officer to be evidence of an offence under the Act .

NB – search can be done anywhere, not limited to a public place.



Section 47 Firearms Act 1968

A police officer may require any person whom he/she has reasonable cause to suspect

- (a) of having a firearm or ammunition, with him/her in a public place; or
- (b) to be committing, or about to commit, elsewhere than in a public place, a relevant offence (possession of a firearm with criminal intent or trespassing with a firearm),

to hand over the firearm or any ammunition for examination by the officer.

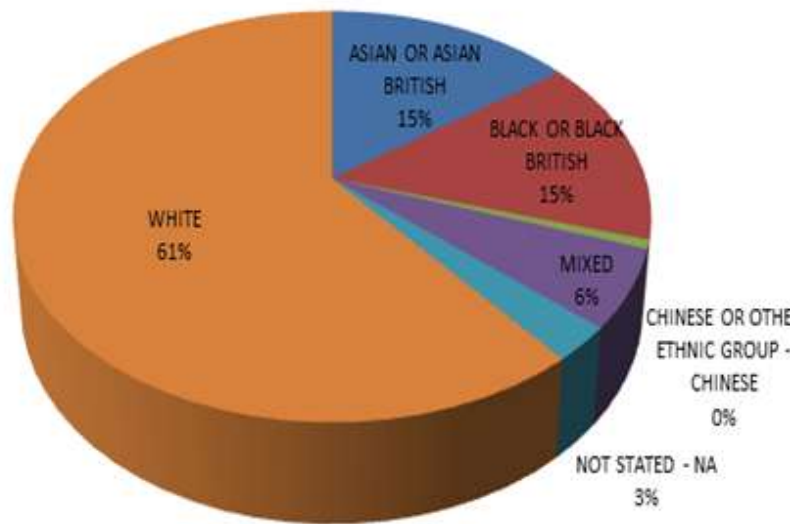
The police officer may search the person and may detain him/her for the purpose of doing so.

If a constable has reasonable cause to suspect that there is a firearm in a vehicle in a public place, or that a vehicle is being or is about to be used in connection with the commission of a relevant offence elsewhere than in a public place, he/she may search the vehicle and for that purpose require the person driving it to stop.

For the purpose of exercising the powers conferred by this section a police officer may enter any place.

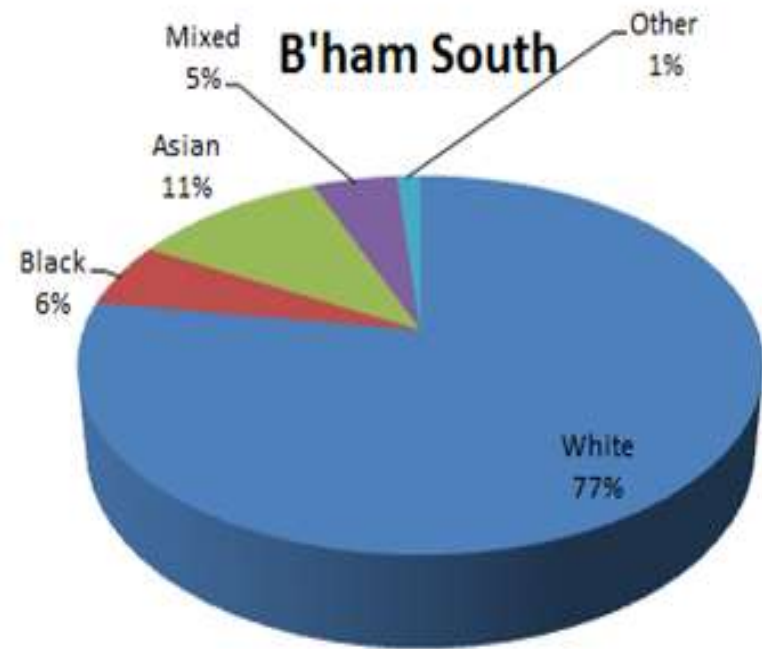


Ethnicity



ASIAN OR ASIAN BRITISH	22
BLACK OR BLACK BRITISH	22
CHINESE OR OTHER ETHNIC GROUP - CHINESE	1
MIXED	9
NOT STATED - NA	4
WHITE	90

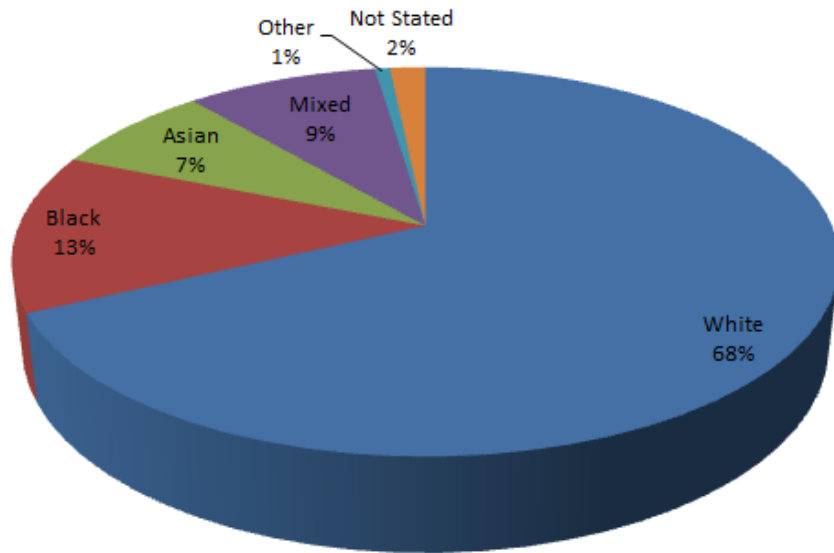
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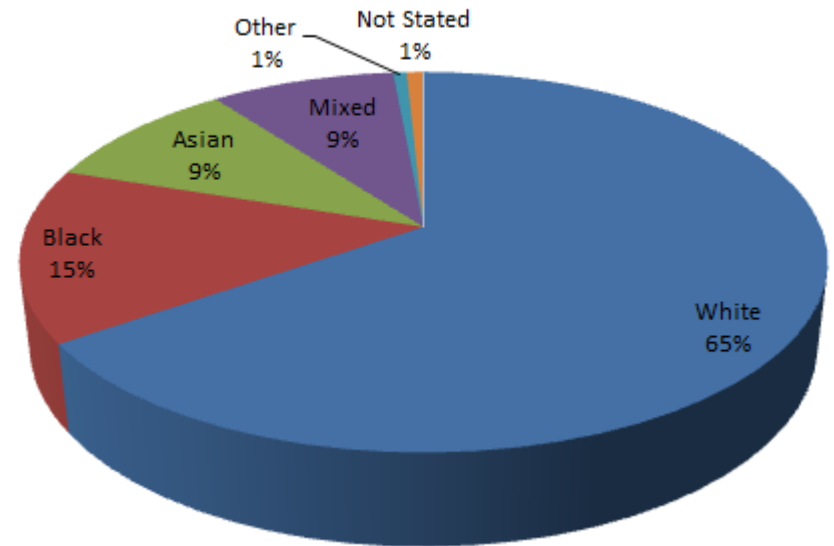
2011 Census Data - BS

Birmingham South – Year to Date

Ethnicity of People Charged or Cautioned

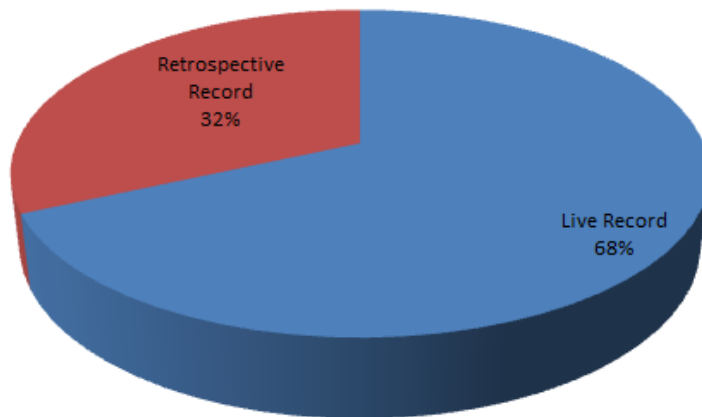


Ethnicity of All People Searched

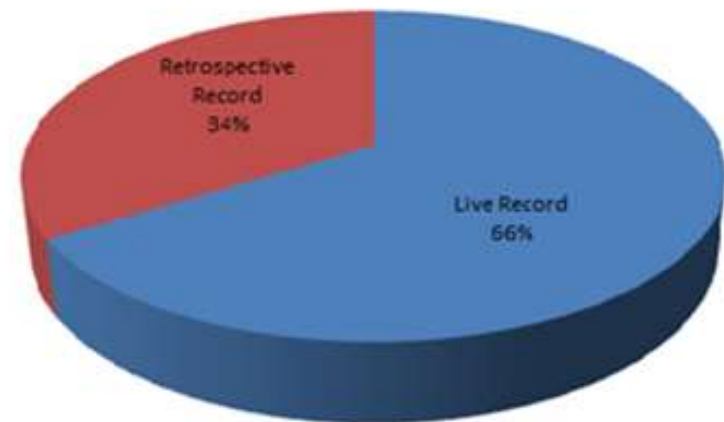


Live v Retrospective Records - October 2014

Birmingham South



Force



**42 Retrospective Records
106 Live Records**

(September– 38% Retrospective, 62% Live)

Stop & Search Outcomes – October 2014

Count of Outcome Description	
Outcome Description	Total
Arrested - Consequence of Stop and Search	17
Arrested - Unrelated Offence including Warrant / PNC	3
Cannabis Warning	7
Community Resolution	2
Conditional Bail	1
Fixed Penalty	2
NFA	116
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Grand Total	148

