



# **Stop and Search Bulletin**

**July - September 2018**  
(Quarter 2)

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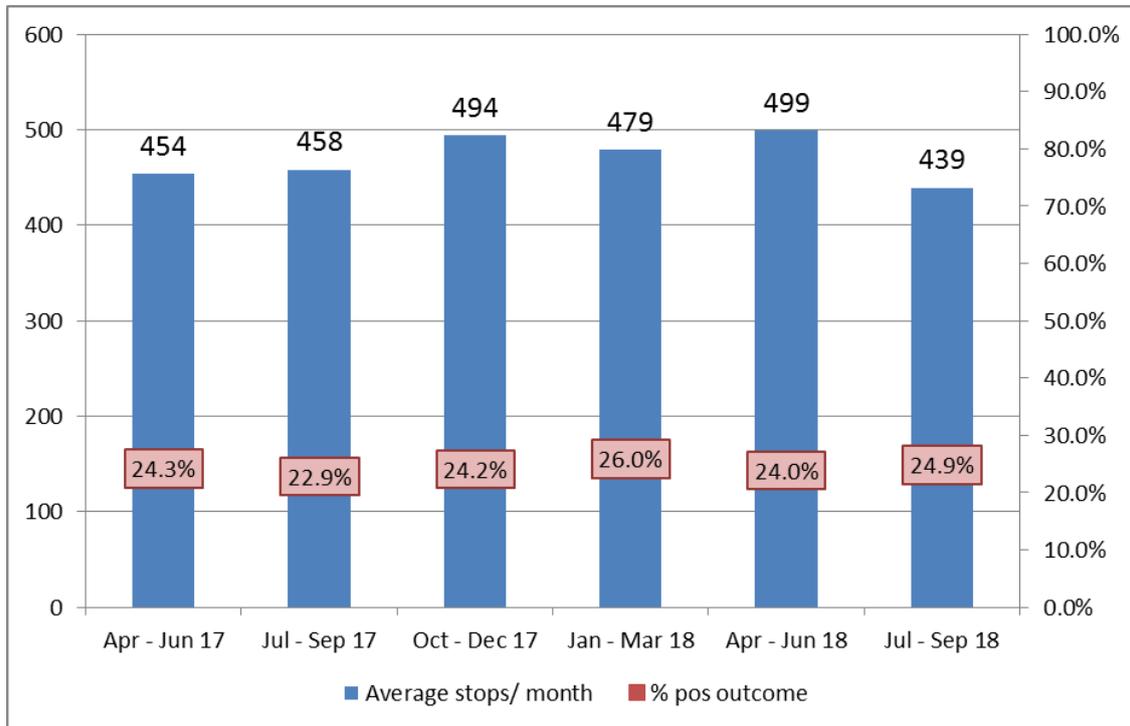
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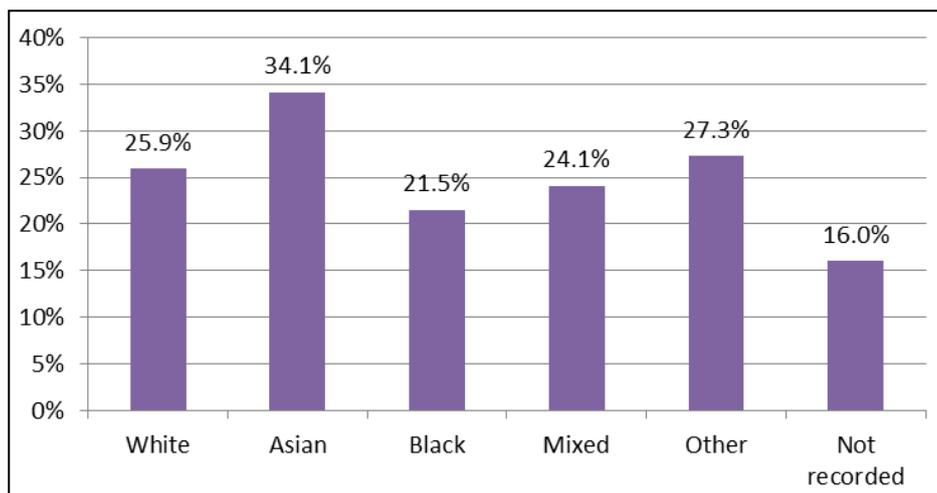
## Total Number of People Searched and Positive Outcomes

April 2017 – September 2018



The above chart shows the total number of searches force-wide for this quarter; overall the figure has remained stable since April 2017.

Although the total number of searches is the lowest since April 2017, the positive outcomes percentage has increased since the last quarter and remained on par with the national average.

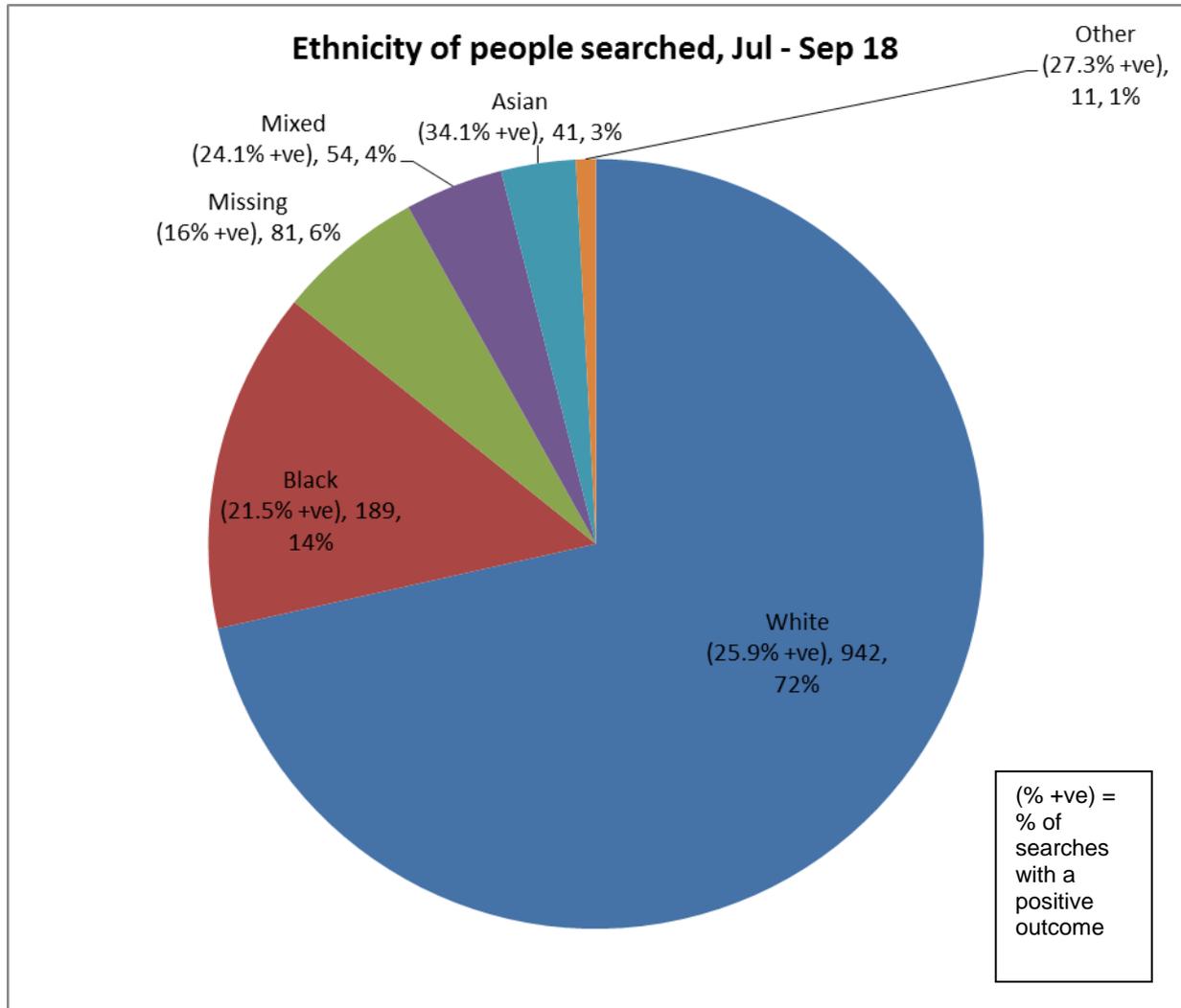


The above chart shows the ethnicity breakdown of this quarter's positive outcomes. As per the previous quarter, the positive outcomes percentage is highest for those searched of asian ethnicity, although this figure has decreased when compared to last quarter.

The positive outcome percentage is lowest for those searched of black ethnicity, although this figure has increased when compared to last quarter.

## People Searched by Ethnicity

### Force-wide



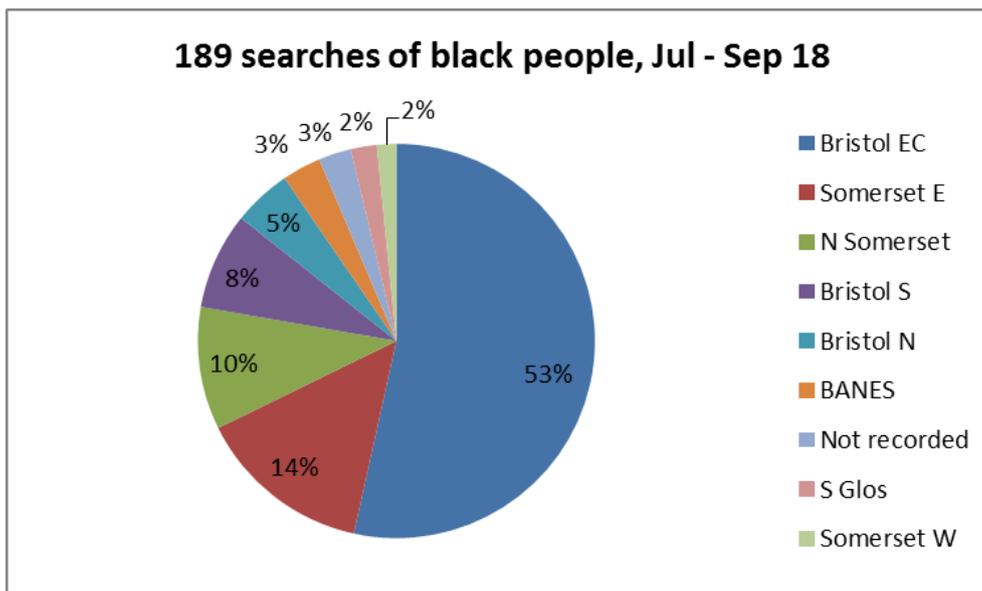
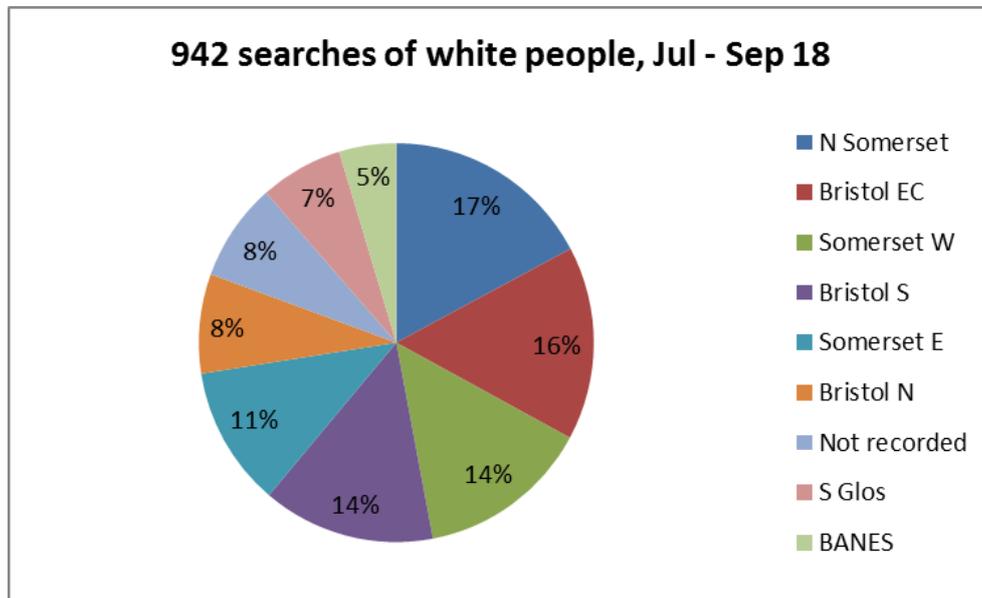
The percentages for people searched force-wide broken down by ethnicity has remained consistent to last quarter's figures. There are nominal differences between the figures:

- Increase of white ethnicity searches from 70% to 72%;
- Increase of black ethnicity searches from 13% to 14%;
- Increase of asian ethnicity searches from 2% to 3%;
- The percentage of mixed ethnicity searches has remained the same at 4%; and
- Other ethnicity searches has also remained the same at 1%.

Records where the ethnicity information is missing has decreased from 10% to 6% when compared to last quarter. We should continue to see a decrease with the use of Qlik and improved data quality initiatives being undertaken.

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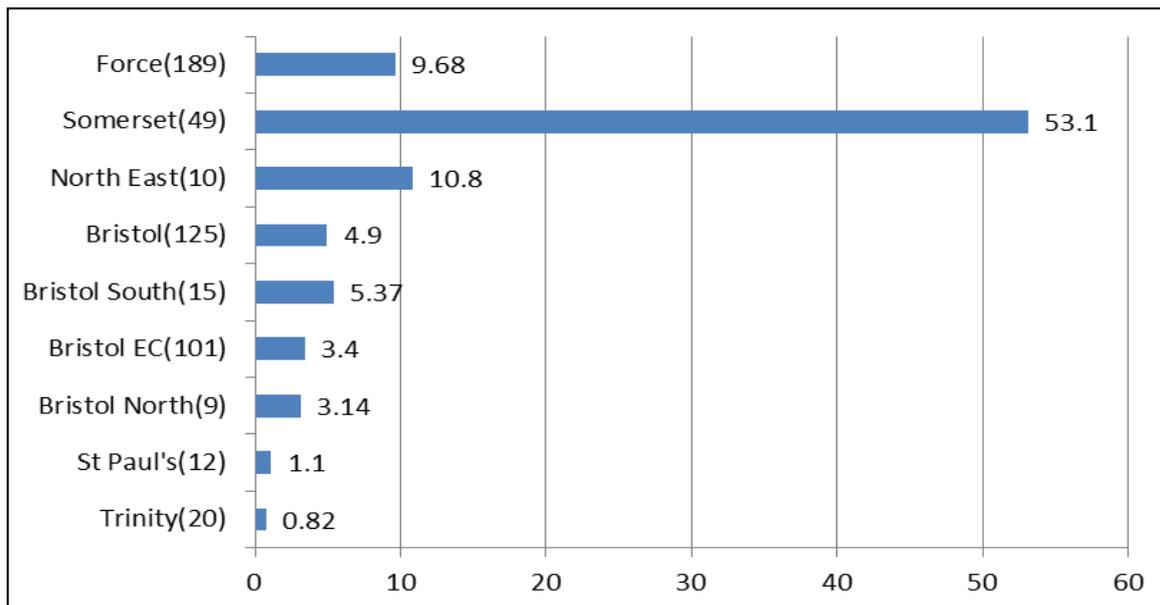
### By Location



When compared to last quarter's figures, this 3 month period sees a decreased number of white searches (from 1041 to 942) and a minor decrease in number of black searches (from 194 to 189).

The above charts shows that of the 942 white searches force-wide, these are fairly well spread across the different policing localities. Of the 189 black searches force-wide, over half took place in Bristol East & Central (53%); this has decreased on last quarter's 65%. As reported before, this reflects a mixture of demographics and operational context.

## **Black Disproportionality Rate**



As previously mentioned, by using Qlik for the recording and scrutiny of the data, we are seeing less 'not recorded' ethnicities in our stop and search data, improving the accuracy of our data.

The above chart shows that force-wide, black people are 9.68 times more likely to be stopped than white people, but when viewed through different lenses, as above, the same total figure can be seen differently through disproportionality rates according to geographic location.

The chart is based on total population statistics, and does not take into account the breakdown of specific beats, the disparity between ethnicity changes according to geographical location or that people are stopped away from their home locality.

With this in mind, Somerset is still clearly standing out with concerning disparity; showing as 50 times more likely to be stopped and searched. It is worth noting that past research into this disparity has been conducted for the Quarterly Stop and Search Bulletin's; where during the previous two quarters Somerset's disproportionality figures have been comparatively high. The research conducted found that of those individual's searched, the vast majority (approximately 75%) did not permanently reside in Somerset. Many of the non-residents searched were involved in County Lines Drugs Operations, and residing from large urban centres throughout England.

## **Wider issues for reporting on in the future:**

- Analysis of the number of officers carrying searches in different volumes and locations.
- Data on searches of under 18s.