

Surrey County Council Racist Incidents in Schools (2003-2006)

Explanatory Note

Surrey County Council uses the definition of a racist incident recommended by the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry, i.e. "any incident which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person". It includes incidents involving staff members and school visitors as well as pupils.

Reporting time frames for September 2003 to 2004 were by academic year. This changed in March 2005 to financial year therefore the figures shown in brackets show the same measure for Sept 2003 – March 2005, comparing an 18-month timeframe with a 12 month timeframe of April 2005 – March 2006. From April 2007 year on year comparison can be made. The data for April 2005 to March 2006 sets a baseline.

Surrey schools' reporting of racist incidents between September 2003 – March 2006

	Return		Nil return		No return		Primary Schools		Secondary Schools		Special Schools	
Sept 2003 – Mar 2005	101	25%	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	66	65%	32	32%	3	3%
Apr 2005 – Mar 2006	121	30%	278	69%	6	1%	79	66%	35	29%	7	6%

Nb. Sets of figures for both periods based on 401 schools

Racist incidents by borough.

Borough % of County total	Sept 03 – Mar 05 %	Apr 05- Mar 06 %	+ / -
Elmbridge	7.4	7.8	+ 0.4
Epsom and Ewell	6.2	5.0	- 1.2
Spelthorne	18.5	20.2	+ 1.7
North-East Area Total	32.1	33.0	+ 0.9
Runnymede	3.6	7.4	+ 3.8
Surrey Heath	13.6	13.1	- 0.5
Woking	7.4	5.9	- 1.5
North-West Area Total	24.6	26.4	+ 1.8
Mole Valley	6.0	3.6	- 2.4
Reigate and Banstead	9.4	10.0	+ 0.6
Tandridge	11.5	9.5	- 2.0
South-East Area Total	26.9	23.1	- 3.8
Guildford	10.9	12.6	+ 1.7
Waverley	5.5	5.0	- 0.5
South-West Area Total	16.4	17.6	+ 1.2