

## United Kingdom Imprisonment Quick Stats

The United Kingdom consists of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. People of African descent (Black people) are classified as African, Caribbean, and Black British, ethnic groups on the [2011 U.K. Census](#).<sup>1</sup> **Black people account for 3%**, or 1,904,604, of the [U.K. population](#),<sup>1</sup> consisting of 1,846,614 in [England](#),<sup>2</sup> 36,178 in [Scotland](#),<sup>3</sup> 18,276 in [Wales](#),<sup>4</sup> and 3,616 in [Northern Ireland](#).<sup>5</sup>

- **Prisons are overused for non-violent offences**<sup>7</sup>
- **Black people serve the greatest portion of their original sentence in custody**<sup>8</sup>
- **Black people are stopped and searched at the highest rates among ethnic-racial groups**<sup>6</sup>
- **Stops and searches are highest in London which has the highest Black population**<sup>6</sup>

Scotland, England, and Wales have the highest imprisonment rates in Western Europe<sup>8</sup>

Black people\* are about 10 times more likely to be stopped and searched by police.<sup>6</sup>

Black people\* are 13% of the prison population.<sup>8</sup>

Black people\* are about 53% more likely to be imprisoned for indictable offenses.<sup>7</sup>

\*Note: The above statistics are for England and Wales.

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