

# The Strategic Review of Policing in England and Wales

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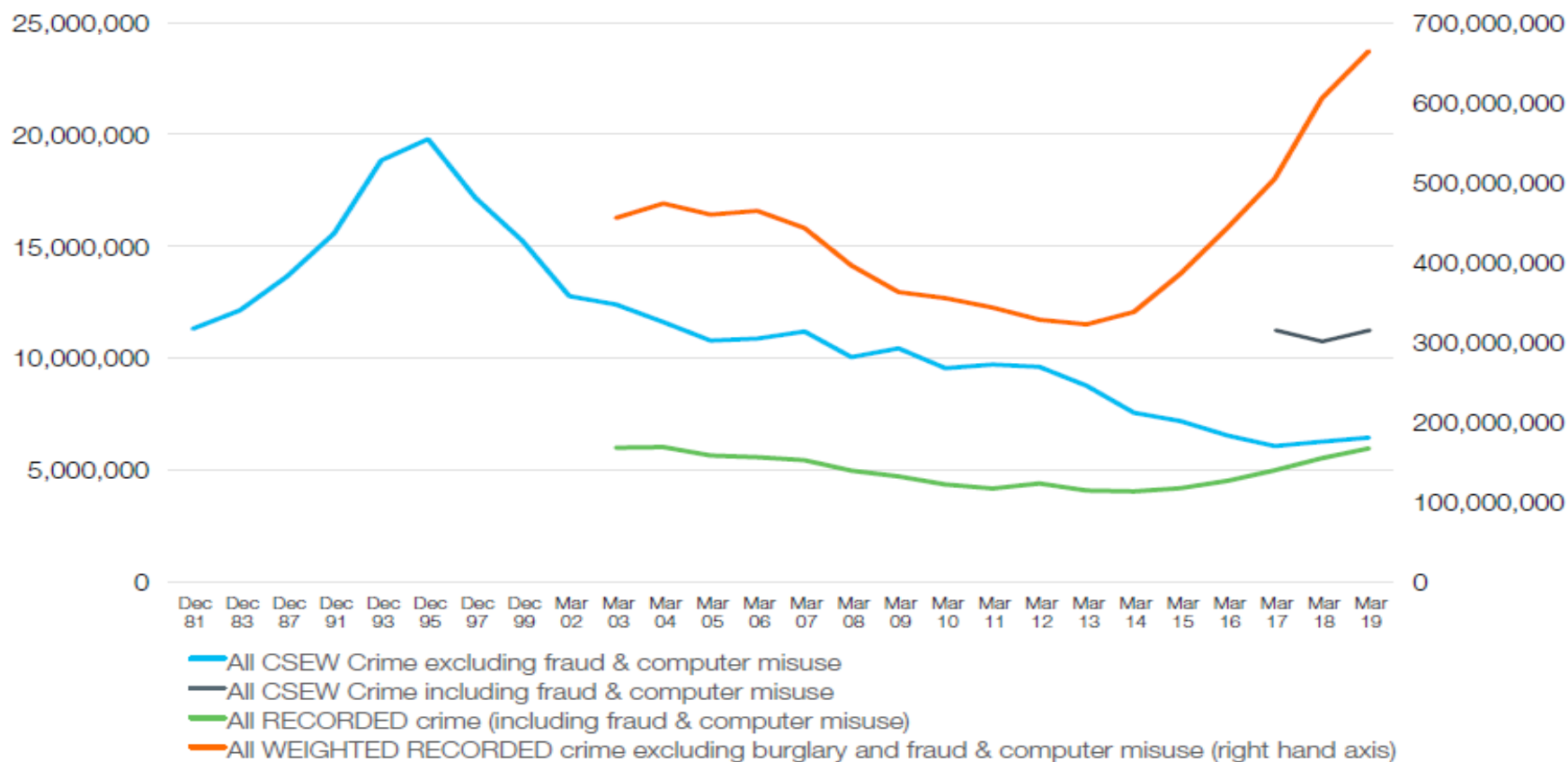
- The Strategic Review of Policing in England and Wales is a major independent review of policing chaired by Sir Michael Barber and hosted by the Police Foundation
- So far we have concluded **Phase 1** which explores **the challenge facing policing**
- **Phase 2** will go on to look at **how we should respond to that challenge**: role and purpose, collaboration, legitimacy, workforce, resources, organisation and governance

# 1. Phase 1 findings

# Traditional crime has fallen by 70%

**Figure 2.1** Crime in England and Wales 1981 to 2019

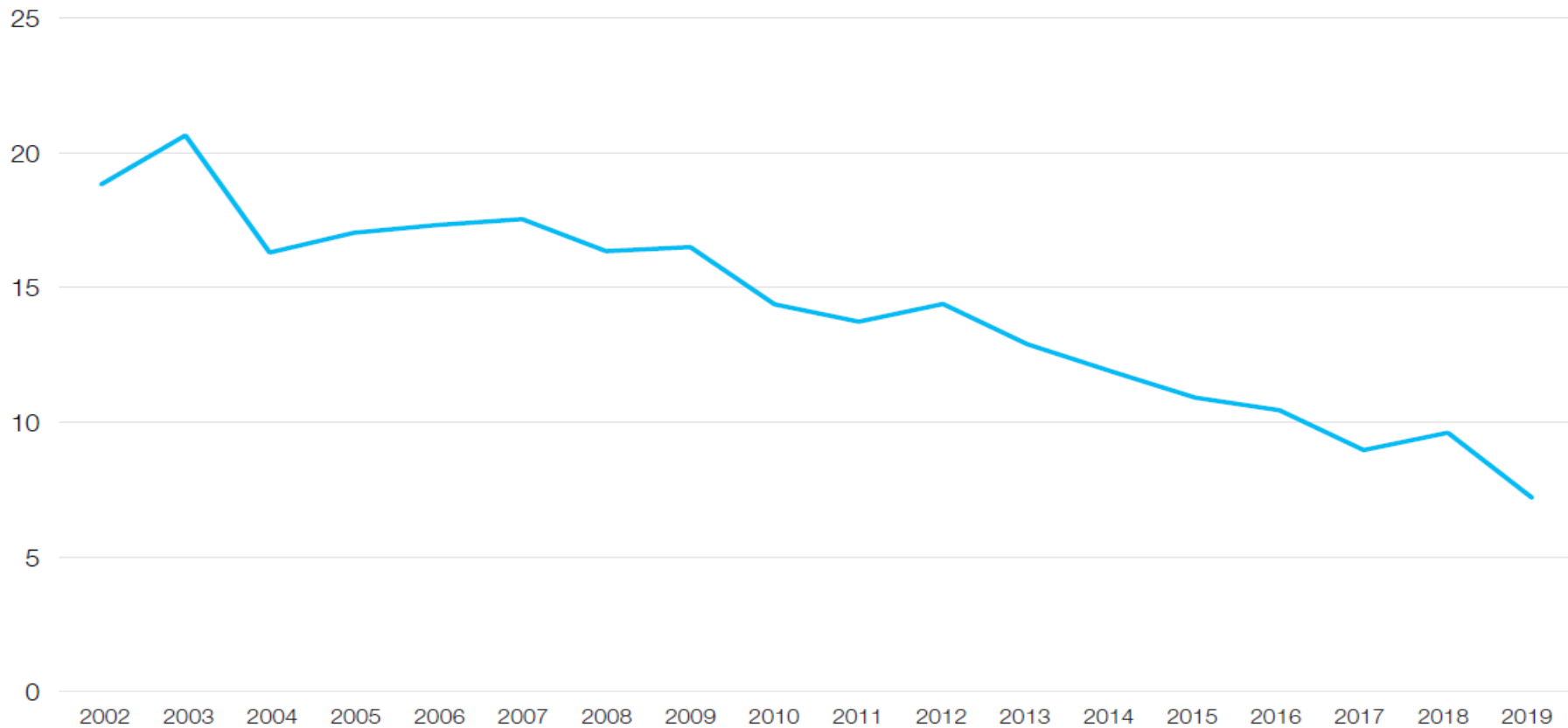
Source: ONS, 2020a



# The perception of ASB as a problem has declined

**Figure 2.2** Levels of perceived anti-social behaviour (% of respondents)

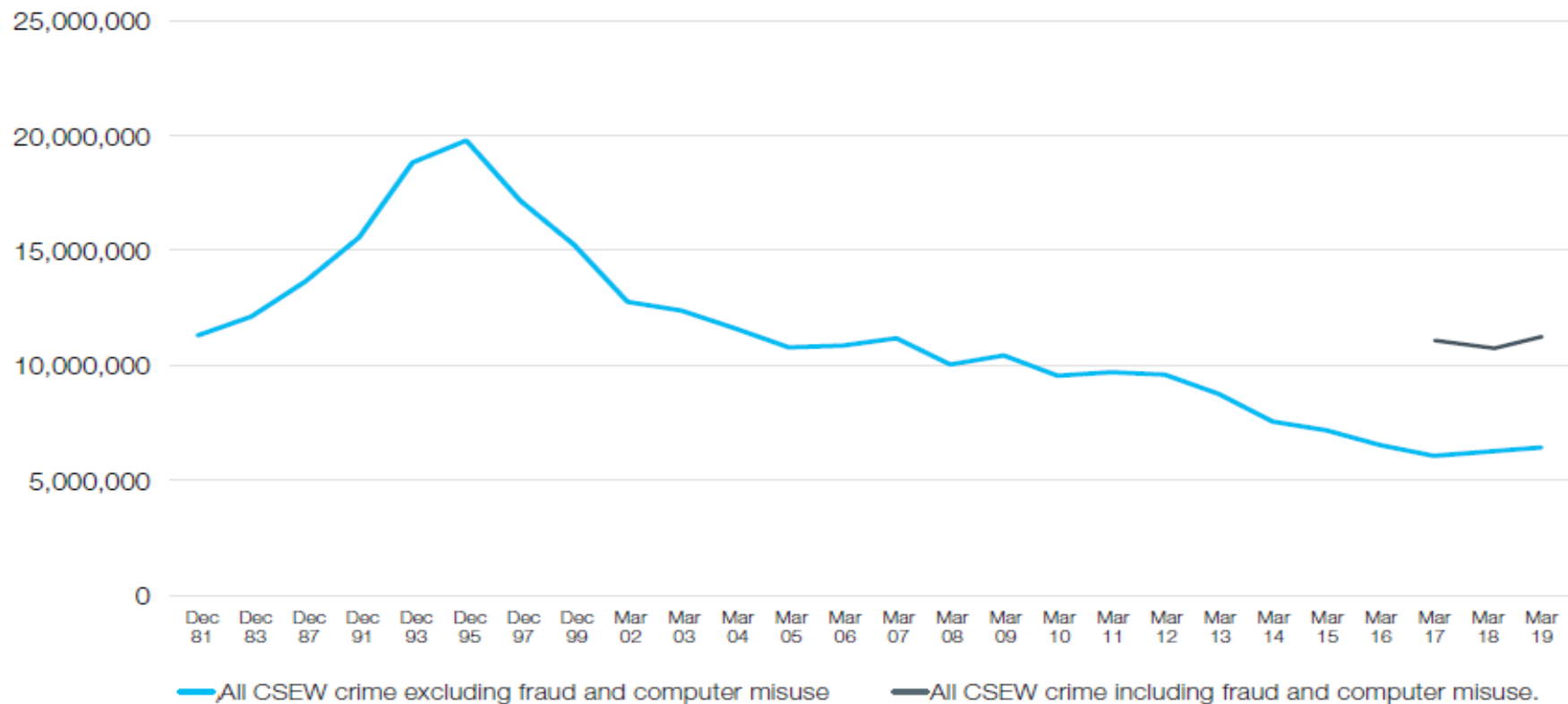
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# Cyber crime and fraud now make up 44% of all crime

**Figure 2.4** CSEW crime excluding fraud and computer misuse up to March 2019 and then including fraud and computer misuse

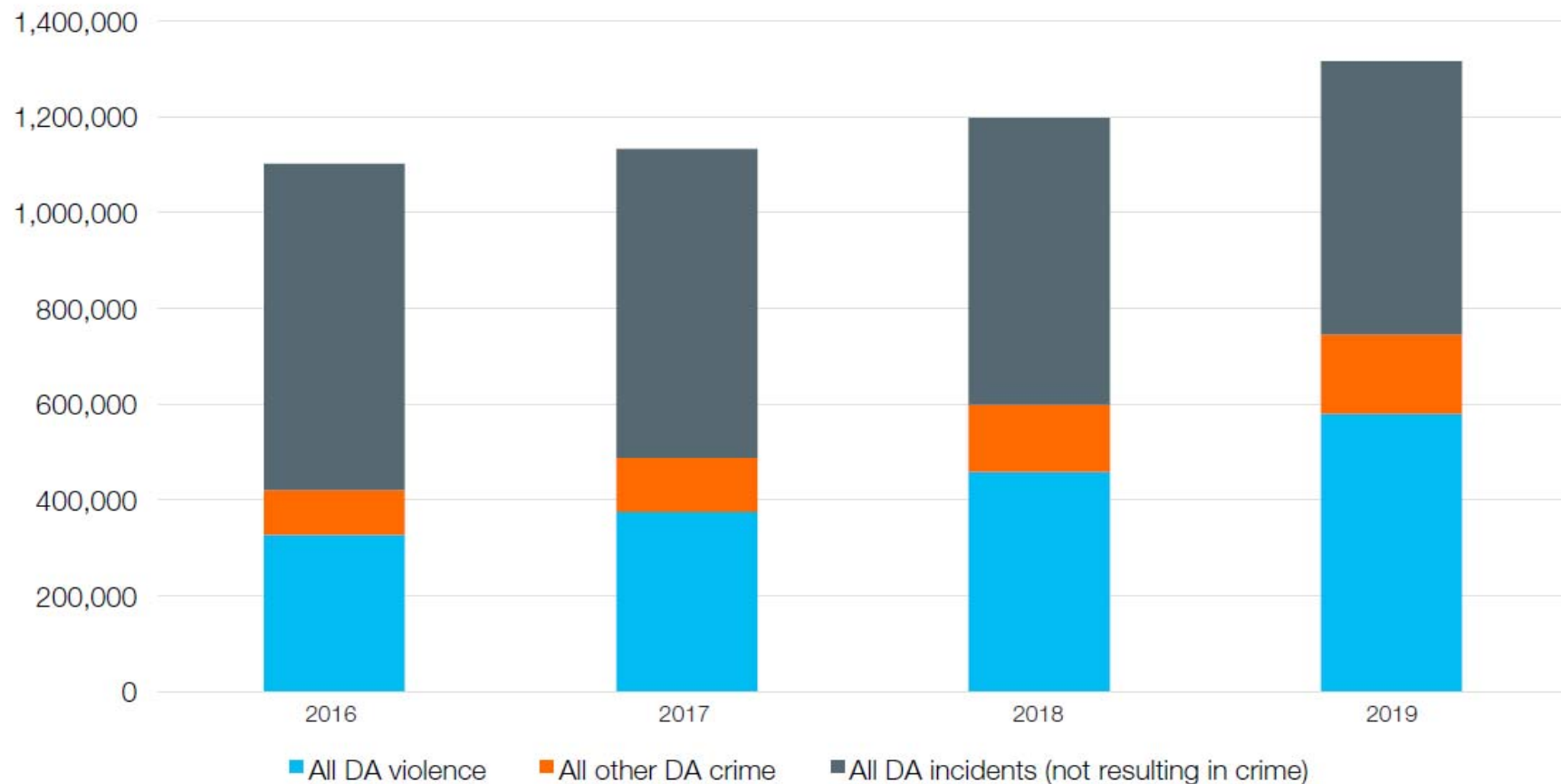
Source: ONS, 2020a



# Crimes that take place in homes and private settings are now reported in larger numbers

**Figure 2.15** Police recorded domestic abuse: violence, other crime and incidents.

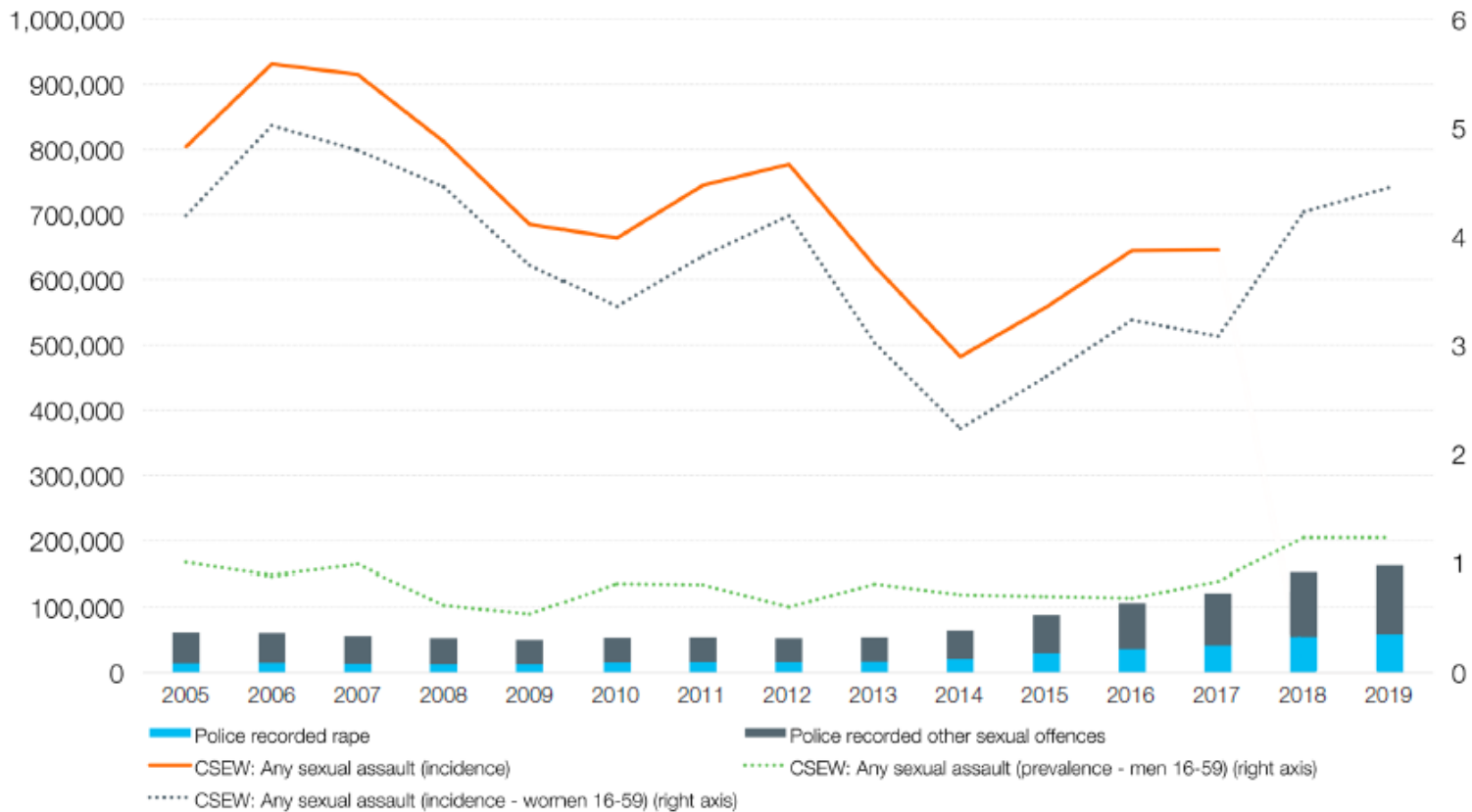
Source: ONS 2019c



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**Figure 2.16** CSEW sexual assault and police recorded rape and sexual assault from March 2005 to March 2019

Source: ONS, 2019b

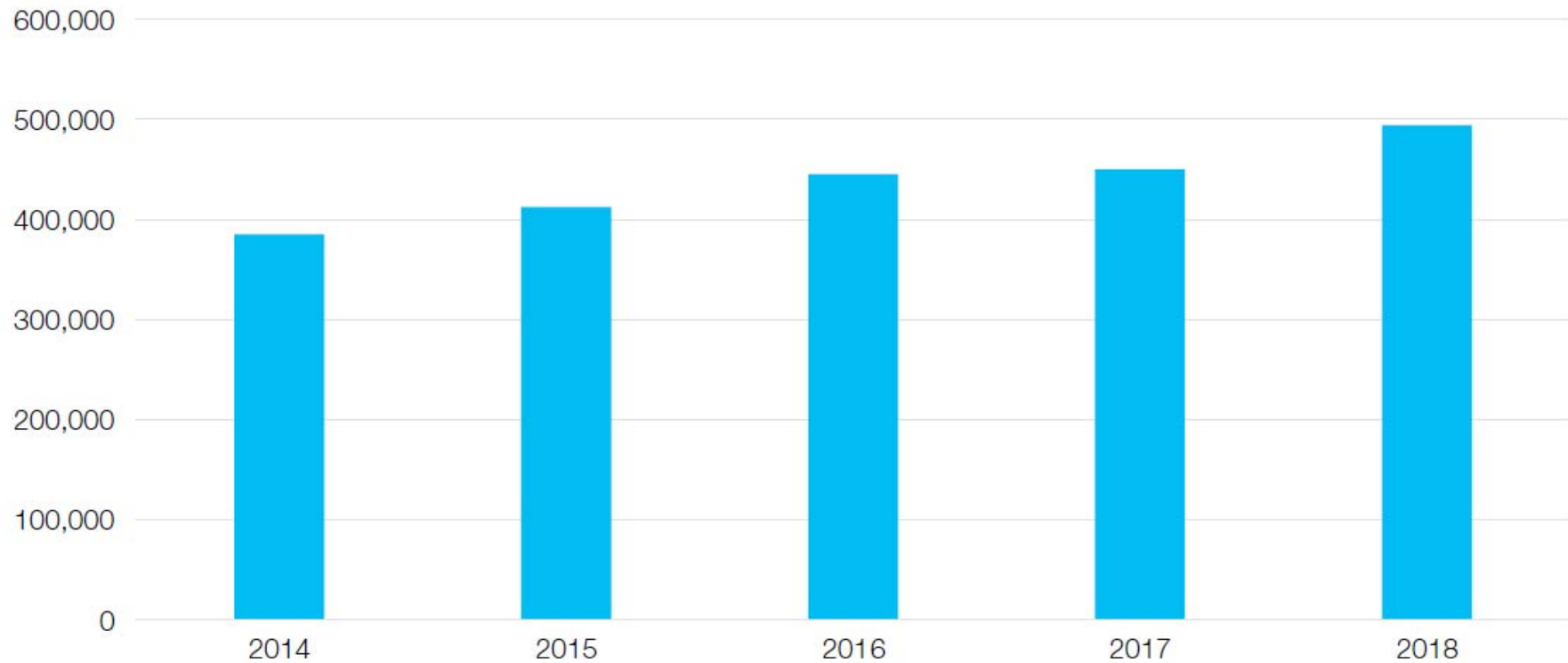




# The police are being asked to respond to more vulnerability related incidents

**Fig 2.19** Police flagged mental health incidents

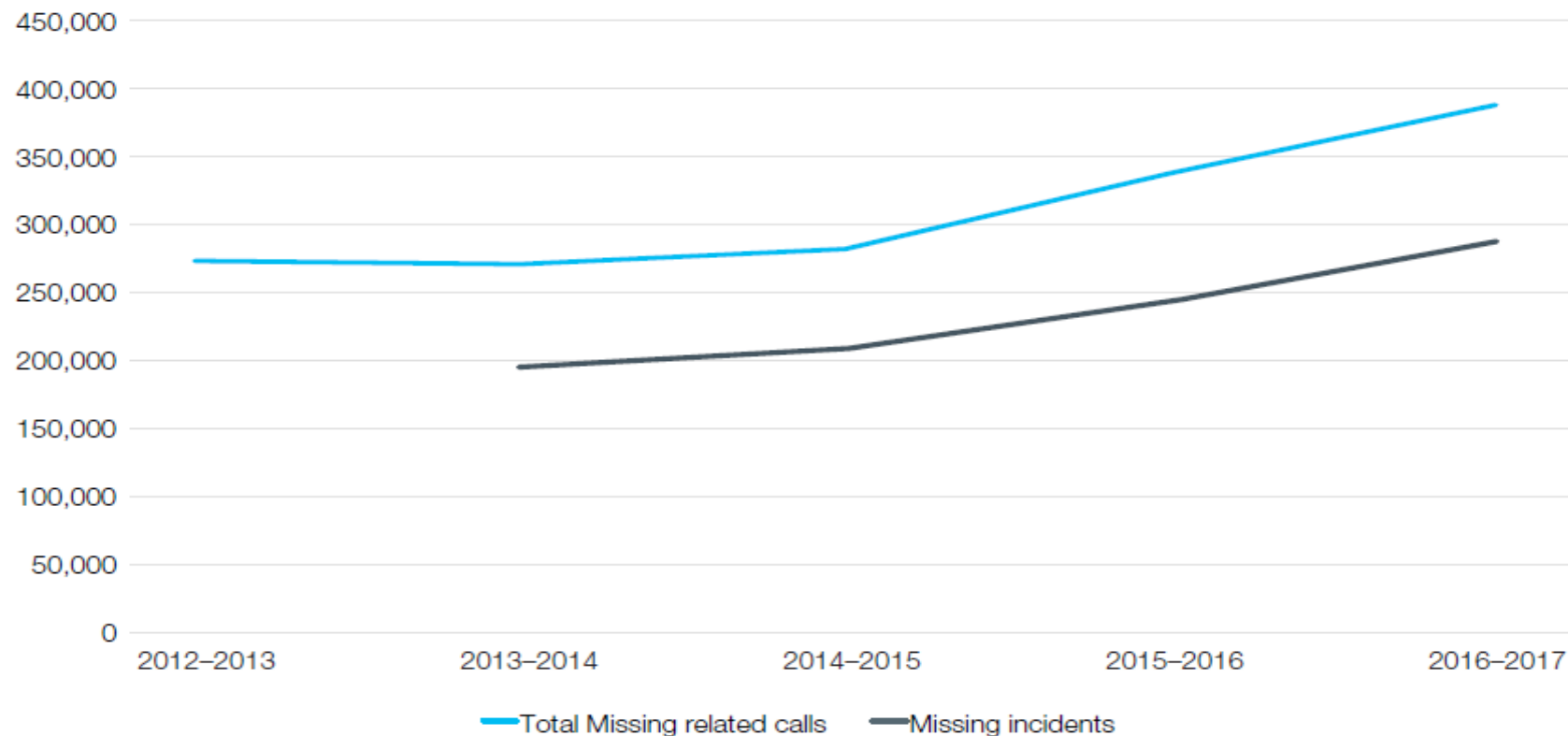
Source: Jones, 2019: 36 forces



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**Figure 2.19** Missing related calls and missing incidents between 2012/13 and 2016/17

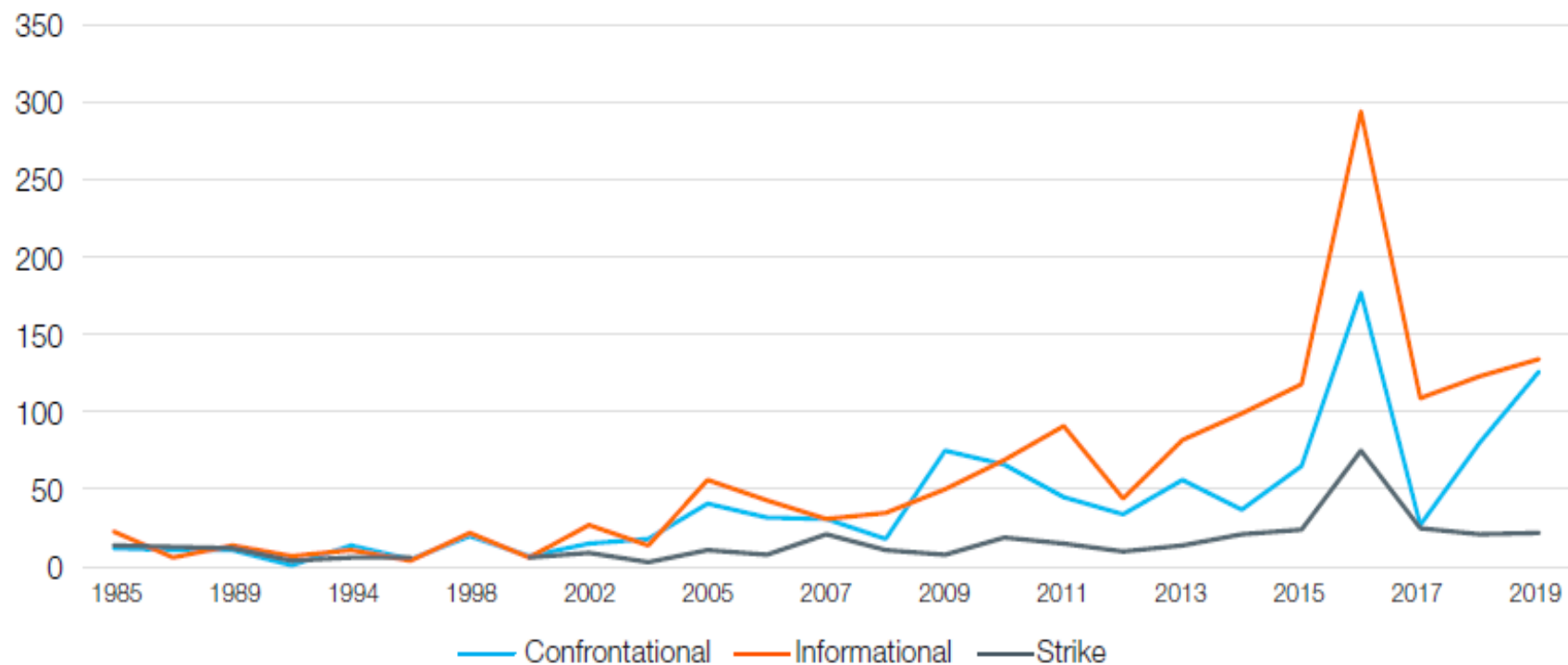
Source: NCA, 2019c



# The challenges of maintaining public order and social cohesion are becoming greater

**Figure 2.20** Frequency of types of protest action since 1985

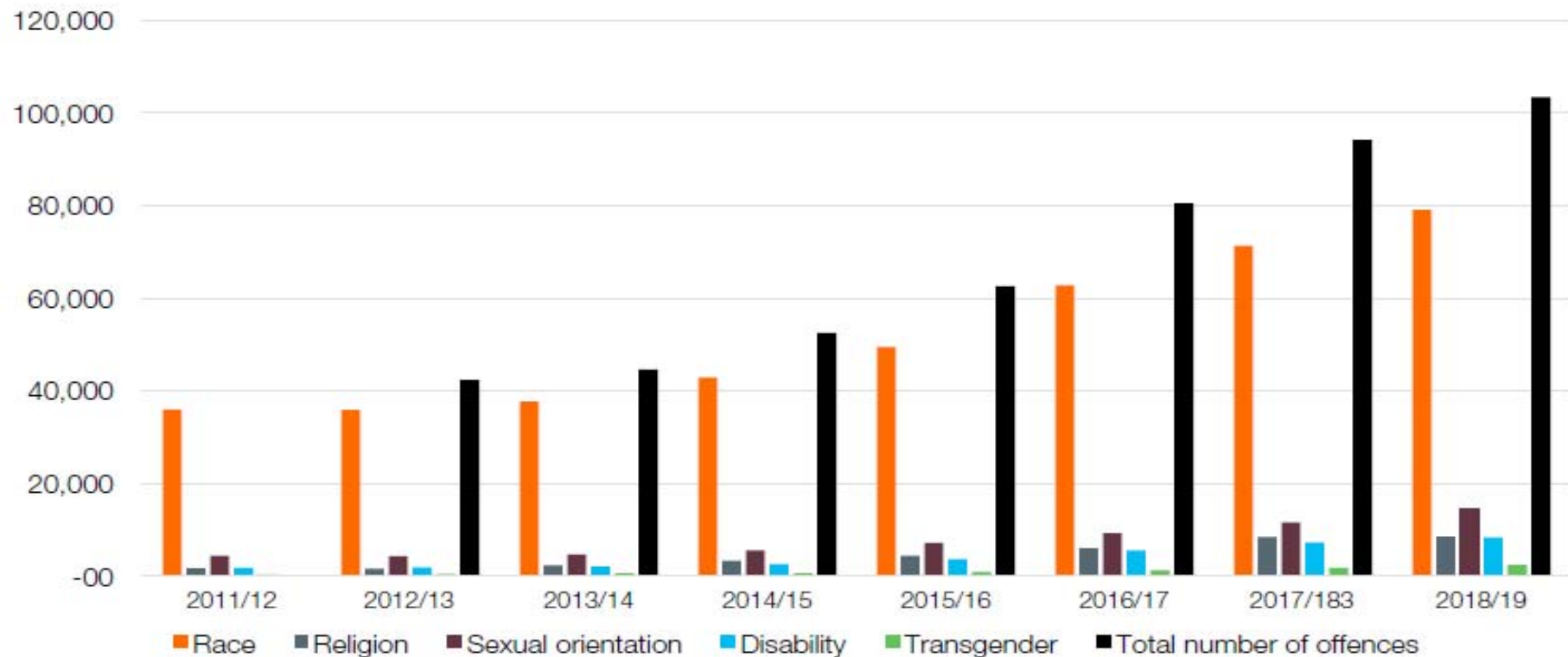
Source: Bailey, 2020



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**Figure 2.21** Hate crimes recorded by the police, by monitored strand 2011/12 to 2018/19

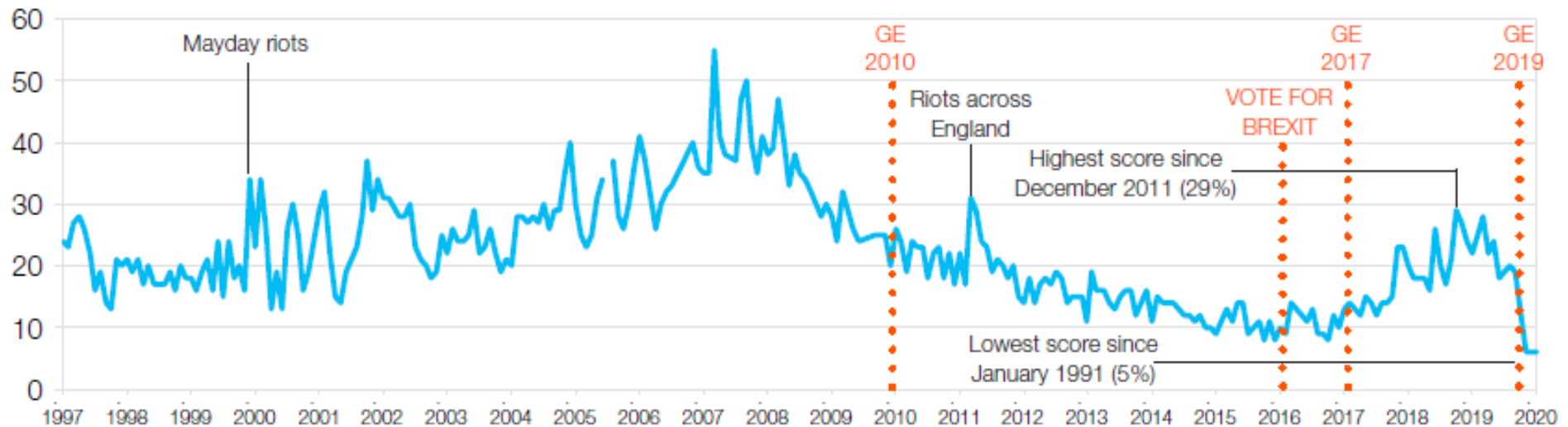
Source: Home Office, 2019e



# Crime has been rising in public salience

**Figure 3.1** Ipsos Mori Issues Index: How the public see Crime/Law and Order/Anti-Social Behaviour as an issue facing the country

Source: Ipsos MORI, 2020

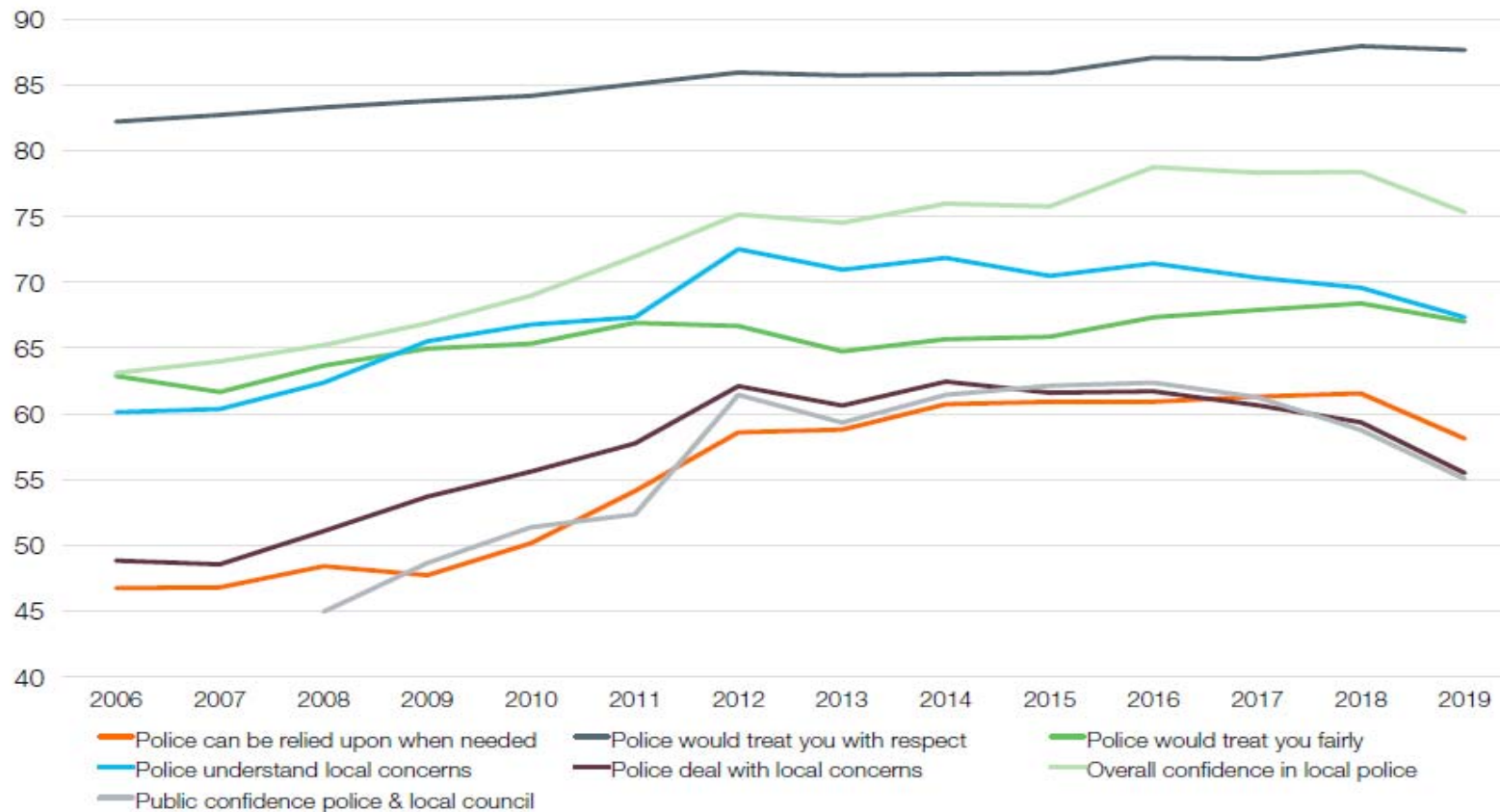




# Public confidence in the police is high but has declined in the last year

**Figure 3.7** Public confidence in the police

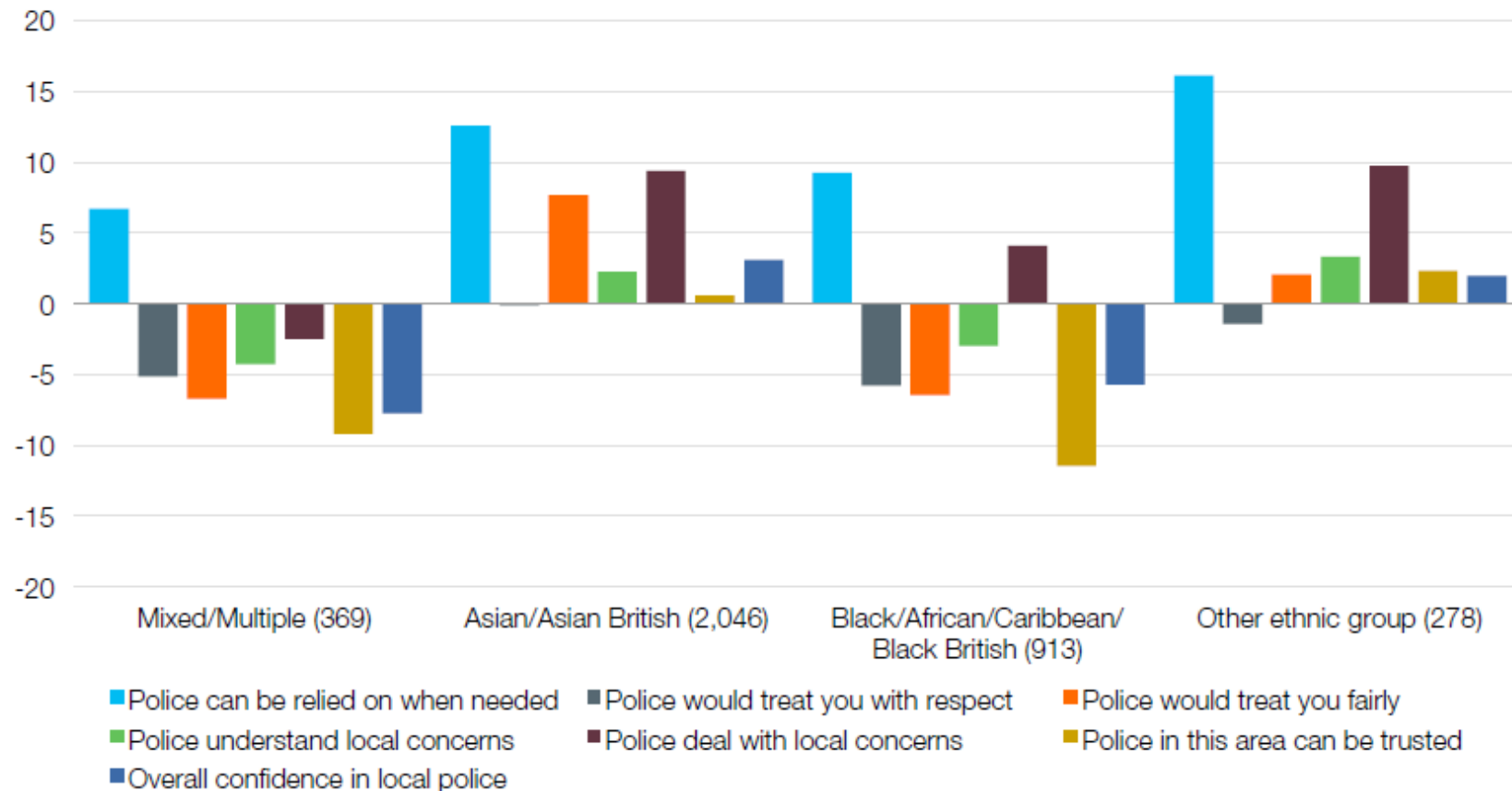
Source: ONS 2019d



# Confidence is lower among black people and people of mixed ethnicity

**Figure 3.9** Perceptions of the police by ethnicity

Source: ONS, 2019b





- As digital devices become more powerful, numerous and interconnected citizens' exposure to cybercrime, already high, will increase further.
  - How to regulate and police the information space will be one of the preeminent political questions.
  - As the ability to surveil citizens increases policing will need to find ways of protecting privacy and acting proportionately.
- Police organisations will need to be sufficiently agile to respond to major disruptive events.
- Policing will need to strengthen its legitimacy to appropriately manage social and political tensions.
- As age related expenditures grow and as the public finances recover from the pandemic, the resources available to policing are likely to remain constrained. The tension between tackling hidden harm and providing visibility and a universal service will become more acute. The need to organise preventative public safety systems to reduce crisis demand will become more pressing.
- As police work continues to diversify so too must the police workforce.

## 2. Phase 2

- What should be the role of the police?
- What should be the relationship between the police service and other agencies and actors involved in public safety and security?
- How can the legitimacy of policing be strengthened, particularly with those parts of our community among whom confidence in the police is low?
- What should the future police workforce look like?
- How should the public police service be resourced?
- How should it be organised, locally, regionally and nationally?
- How should it be governed and held to account?

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