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The Greater Manchester

Avon & Somerset

Total of recorded hate crime from police forces in England, Wales and Northern Ireland during the calendar year 2011

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Total: 38,311, 2,007, 4,035, 387, 1,588, 48,127, 488

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CAVEATS TO DATA

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