



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Dear requester,

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at, **Section 1(1) (a)**, is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at, **Section 1 (1) (b)**, is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

The information that you are seeking is in relation to the following:

REQUEST

How many children were subject to Standard Searches, More Thorough Searches, Exposure of Intimate Parts Searches, or Intimate Searches from 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

Please provide a breakdown of the ethnicity of children, type of search, and breakdown by year

****REQUESTOR CLARIFIES ****

I am looking for all child strip search data, and all stop and search data, for both in custody and out of custody. I'd like the searches to be broken down by type of search, for example, whether or not it was a stop search.

RESPONSE

The following data has been obtained using all stop searches recorded in financial years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 where a child under 18 was recorded as the subject of the search. Please note, this contains both vehicle and person searches. This data is broken down by self-defined ethnicity. This data is accurate as of the 29th November 2024.



Stop Searches			
Self-Defined Ethnicity	Financial year		
	2021-22	2022-23	Grand Total
W1 WHITE BRITISH	346	330	676
W2 WHITE IRISH	0	2	2
W9 OTHER WHITE BACKGROUND	3	7	10
A2 ASIAN PAKISTANI	5	8	13
A3 ASIAN BANGLADESHI	2	0	2
O2 ARAB	1	0	1
B1 BLACK CARIBBEAN	3	4	7
A9 OTHER ASIAN BACKGROUND	4	4	8
B2 BLACK AFRICAN	1	6	7
B9 OTHER BLACK BACKGROUND	9	8	17
M1 WHITE/BLACK CARIBBEAN	1	3	4
M2 WHITE/BLACK AFRICAN	1	2	3
M3 WHITE/ASIAN	1	5	6
M9 OTHER MIXED BACKGROUND	7	4	11
11. GYPSY OR IRISH TRAVELLER	3	2	5
O9 ANY OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	0	3	3
NS NOT STATED	22	39	61
Not Recorded	58	33	91
Grand Total	467	460	927

Type of search	Financial year		
	2021-22	2022-23	Grand Total
FULL STRIP	1	1	2
NO CLOTHES REMOVED	297	319	616
OUTER CLOTHES ONLY	161	136	297
PARTIAL STRIP	0	1	1
NO VALUE	8	3	11
Grand Total	467	460	927

The below tables show the number of strip searches taken place within custody post arrest for the financial years 2021-2022 and 2022 – 2023 where the subject of the search is a child under 18. Please note this data is based on arrest time into custody.

This data is based on custody records, this means if someone is arrested for multiple offences they will only be counted once, however, if they were arrested on multiple occasions they will be counted multiple times for each separate stay in custody. Please note this data is based on age at time of arrest and is broken down by self-defined ethnicity This data is accurate as of the 29th November 2024. Please note that we are unable to break down strip searches in custody by type of search.



Strip searches in Custody 2022-2023	
Self-defined Ethnicity	Total
W1. White British	44
A9. Any other Asian background	1
B1. Black Caribbean	1
M1. White & Black Caribbean	2
M2. White & Black African	1
M3. White & Asian	2
NS. Not stated	2
Grand Total	53

Strip searches in Custody 2021-2022	
Self-Defined Ethnicity	Total
A9. Any other Asian background	1
B2. Black African	1
B9. Any other Black background	1
O2. Arab	1
W1. White British	30
W2. White Irish	1
Grand Total	35

Please note, every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete.

Freedom of Information Act is a public disclosure regime, not a private regime. Any information disclosed under the Act is thereafter deemed to be in the public domain, and therefore freely available to the public and will be published on the Gwent Police website.

If, upon receiving a response to a freedom of information request, you are unhappy with the outcome, you may request an internal review. **This should be made within 40 working days of the initial response.**

Please direct any internal review requests to FOI@gwent.police.uk

You have the right to request an appeal from the Information Commissioners Office about your Freedom of Information request, if you are dissatisfied with your internal review response.



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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.