



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

I am writing to request the following dataset showing the number of Violence Against the Person and Sexual Crimes (both sub-categorised by the Home Office Counting Rules reference, as opposed to the code number) against the racial classification of those arrested. If possible please also show the gender of those the crime was committed against if not immediately obvious by the classifications.

Would you please be able to show these figures in full for 2023 and a second table for 2024 please? Thank you

17.01.25 Query to requestor :

Do you require a separate total of recorded crimes and then all arrests, which would be sperate data sets, or do you want all recorded crimes and then any crimes where an offender has been recorded?

17.01.25 Requestor responds:

Thank you for your reply - the latter of your reply would be great if possible thank you.

Which ever option is likely to result in a release of information within the available timescales would be great.



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RESPONSE

The following data has been provided using all crimes recorded in calendar years 2023 and 2024 under the following crime categories: Violence with injury, violence without injury, homicide, rape, and other sexual offences. This data is accurate as of the 17th January 2025.

2023	
Crime Category	Total
HOMICIDE	3
OTHER SEXUAL OFFENCES	1178
RAPE	538
VIOLENCE WITH INJURY	6694
VIOLENCE WITHOUT INJURY	17416
Grand Total	25829

2024	
Crime Category	Total
HOMICIDE	3
OTHER SEXUAL OFFENCES	1229
RAPE	737
VIOLENCE WITH INJURY	7023
VIOLENCE WITHOUT INJURY	17938
Grand Total	26930



The tables below provide the number of recorded offences under the above crime categories in the calendar years 2023 and 2024 where an offender was attached to the crime. Please note that any offenders unknown or not recorded won't be included in the total. This data is broken down by officer defined ethnicity.

2023						
Officer Defined Ethnicity	Crime Category					
	Homicide	Other Sexual Offences	Rape	Violence With Injury	Violence Without Injury	Grand Total
Not recorded	0	225	67	1021	2869	4182
0. Unknown	2	112	34	515	1502	2165
1. White - North European	2	524	317	4126	10545	15514
2. White - South European	0	8	3	55	169	235
3. Black	0	10	15	127	236	388
4. Asian	0	14	13	111	242	380
5. Chinese, Japanese, SE Asia	■	■	■	■	■	14
6. Arabic or North African	■	■	■	■	39	73
Grand Total	4	897	454	5987	15609	22951

2024						
Officer Defined Ethnicity	Crime Category					
	Homicide	Other Sexual Offences	Rape	Violence With Injury	Violence Without Injury	Grand Total
Not recorded	2	241	94	1101	3130	4568
0. Unknown	0	114	43	519	1505	2181
1. White - North European	3	528	395	4283	10778	15987
2. White - South European	0	12	3	73	203	291
3. Black	0	13	24	141	307	485
4. Asian	0	25	18	98	292	433
5. Chinese, Japanese, SE Asia	■	■	■	■	■	16
6. Arabic or North African	■	■	■	■	39	73
Grand Total	5	943	585	6238	16263	24034



Section 40(2) Personal Information

The exemption applicable to the information you have requested for this question can be found at Section 40(2) Personal Information, of the Act and this refusal notice is issued under Section 17.

Due to the low numbers, the chances of identification are extremely high.
Information of this nature is the personal sensitive information of that individual.

To make a disclosure here would be in breach of the first GDPR data protection principle (DPA Act 2018) which is for data to be processed lawfully, fairly and transparently. Also, it may lead to the identification of individuals concerned or permit further information to be gleaned around the circumstances of each case.

Gwent Police is withholding the information you have requested on the basis that the exemption contained in s 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act applies in that the information you have requested is personal data of third parties and the disclosure of the data would breach one of the principles contained in the Data Protection Act. The relevant principle is the first principle which states that:

Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully and in particular shall not be processed unless –

- (a) at least one of the conditions in Schedule 2 is met and
- (b) in the case of sensitive personal data, at least one of the conditions in Schedule 3 is met

It is only necessary to consider (a) in respect of the information requested. The relevant condition in Schedule 2 is condition 6 which states that:

"The processing is necessary for the purposes of legitimate interests pursued by the data controller or by the third party or parties to whom the data are disclosed, except where the processing is unwarranted in any particular case by reason of prejudice to the rights and freedoms or legitimate interests of the data subject"



The tables below provide the number of recorded offences under the above crime categories in the calendar years 2023 and 2024 where a Victim was attached to the crime. Please note that any victims unknown or not recorded won't be included in the total. This data is split down by Gender.

Crime Category	Gender				
	Female	Male	Indeterminate	Not recorded	Grand Total
Homicide	1	2	0	0	3
Other Sexual Offences	900	239	0	16	1155
Rape	478	60	0	3	542
Violence With Injury	3347	3239	5	49	6640
Violence Without Injury	10373	7039	8	122	17542
Grand Total	15099	10579	13	191	25882

Crime Category	Gender				
	Female	Male	Indeterminate	Not recorded	Grand Total
Homicide	0	3	0	0	3
Other Sexual Offences	935	276	2	8	1221
Rape	656	87	0	5	748
Violence With Injury	3430	3495	6	51	6982
Violence Without Injury	10605	7313	9	131	18058
Grand Total	15626	11174	17	195	27012

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



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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.

ICO Contact Details:

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.