



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 would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please could you provide me with data on the number of individuals arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving in the full calendar years 2023 and 2024, broken down by the following:

- (i) Nationality
- (ii) Ethnicity (both ethnic description and ethnicity appearance)
- (iii) For each arrest, specify in which neighbourhood the alleged offence took place and the date when it took place

As well as this breakdown, I would be grateful if you could provide an overall arrest figure for each year broken down by (i) nationality and (ii) ethnicity.

If the provision of this data looks likely to exceed the cost limit, then please prioritise the ethnicity and nationality data over the neighbourhood area in which the offence allegedly occurred.

RESPONSE

Please find below five tables for individual arrested of Dangerous Driving for the years 2023 and 2024.

Please note if someone was arrested for multiple offences relating to dangerous driving they have only been counted once.



To provide this data we have searched Custody data and filtered to 'driving' & 'danger' within the offence title.

Offence	2023	2024	Total
Aggravated vehicle taking and dangerous driving	1	3	4
Aid / abet dangerous driving	0	1	1
Cause death by careless / inconsiderate driving	1	0	1
Cause death by dangerous driving	4	2	6
Cause serious injury by careless / inconsiderate driving	4	0	4
Cause serious injury by dangerous driving	6	5	11
Causing danger to road users	0	1	1
Drive a motor vehicle dangerously	22	17	39
Total	38	29	67

(i) Nationality

(ii) Ethnicity (both ethnic description and ethnicity appearance)

To provide this data we have searched Custody data and filtered to Nationality and Self-Defined Ethnicity of the offender. We are unable to provide the nationality or self-defined ethnicity of the offender, as providing the nationality or self-defined ethnicity of the offender could potentially identify the victim/offender due to low numbers along with other information already available in the public domain, please find S.40 exemption applied below.

(iii) For each arrest, specify in which neighbourhood the alleged offence took place and the date when it took place.

To provide this data we have searched Custody data and filtered to Local Policing Unit. We are unable to provide the specific dates of the offence as this could potentially identify the victim/offender along with other information already available in the public domain, please find S.40 exemption applied below.

Local Policing Unit	2023	2024	Total
BLAENAU GWENT	2	1	3
CAERPHILLY	8	8	16
MONMOUTHSHIRE	7	0	7
NEWPORT	18	16	34
TORFAEN	3	4	7
Total	38	29	67

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"

As well as this breakdown, I would be grateful if you could provide an overall arrest figure for each year broken down by (i) nationality and (ii) ethnicity.

Please see above tables.

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.



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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.

ICO Contact Details:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.