



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

- The total number of arrests the force made each year for the possession of cannabis for the last five years.
- The total number of arrests the force made each year for the cultivation of cannabis for the last five years.
- The total number of times cannabis was seized each year for the last five years.



RESPONSE

The below data is based on the arrest date of 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024 for the offences relating to cultivation and possession of cannabis.

Please note that the data provided in this table is based on custody footfall, this means that if someone was arrested for multiple offences they will only be counted once as they were arrested once. If they were arrested on separate occasions, they will be counted each time they were brought to custody.

Possession of Cannabis Arrests

Year	Total
2020	502
2021	400
2022	440
2023	468
2024	399
Grand Total	2209

Cultivation of Cannabis Arrests

Year	Total
2020	6
2021	15
2022	24
2023	32
2024	31
Grand Total	108

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.

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.