



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

- 1. How many people has your force arrested on suspicion of arson in 2024 (up until the 31st September), and every year since 2014. Please can yearly figures be broken down by month.**
- 2. How many people have been charged with simple arson following an arrest by your force in 2024 (up until the 31st September), and every year since 2014. Please can yearly figures be broken down by month and ages of the persons charged.**
- 3. How many people have been charged with arson with intent to endanger life following an arrest by your force in 2024 (up until the 31st September), and every year since 2014. Please can yearly figures be broken down by month and ages of the persons charged.**

RESPONSE

Please note the system used for data extraction only goes back to 2020.

A person may be arrested under one offence but then it may be dealt with via another offence, therefore we have provided the final offence that is linked to the disposals.

The data below is based on arrest time for offences including the word "Arson" and includes attempted offences.



Please note that the data provided below 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 arrested for the same offence separate times they will be counted each time they came into custody.

1. How many people has your force arrested on suspicion of arson in 2024 (up until the 31st September), and every year since 2014. Please can yearly figures be broken down by month.

<i>Number of Arrests</i>					
Month / Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	9	4	3	4	10
February	5	4	1	3	3
March	5	2	5	7	6
April	5	2	7	7	2
May	5	2	11	2	8
June	3	3	2	7	9
July	3	9	10	3	7
August	5	8	5	8	2
September	4	6	3	5	6
October	7	2	4	5	0
November	4	5	6	6	0
December	3	10	6	5	0

2. How many people have been charged with simple arson following an arrest by your force in 2024 (up until the 31st of September), and every year since 2014. Please can yearly figures be broken down by month and ages of the persons charged.

Please note the below tables are based on the offences of arson excluding any for injury.

<i>Charges by Month</i>					
Month / Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	0	0	0	2	0
February	1	1	0	1	0
March	0	0	0	1	0
April	0	0	0	1	0
May	0	0	2	0	1
June	0	0	2	3	0
July	1	2	0	1	0
August	0	1	0	1	0



September	0	1	0	1	1
October	1	0	2	0	0
November	0	1	1	0	0
December	1	1	0	0	0

<i>Charges by Age Group</i>					
Age Group / Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Under 10 Years	0	0	0	0	0
10 - 17 Years	1	2	1	0	1
18 - 25 Years	0	1	0	0	0
26 - 35 Years	2	3	2	5	1
36 - 45 Years	0	1	0	1	0
46 - 55 Years	1	0	3	2	0
56 - 65 Years	0	0	1	3	0
Over 65 Years	0	0	0	0	0

3. How many people have been charged with arson with intent to endanger life following an arrest by your force in 2024 (up until the 31st September), and every year since 2014. Please can yearly figures be broken down by month and ages of the persons charged.

The below tables are based on offences with injury and excluding just arson.

<i>Charges by Month</i>					
Month / Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	0	1	2	0	0
February	0	1	1	0	2
March	1	0	1	1	0
April	2	1	2	1	0
May	0	0	1	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	1
July	1	0	1	0	0
August	1	0	2	0	1
September	1	0	2	2	0
October	0	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	2	0	0
December	0	0	0	1	0

<i>Charges by Age Group</i>					
Age Group / Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Under 10 Years	0	0	0	0	0
10 - 17 Years	1	0	1	1	0



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18 - 25 Years	0	0	1	0	1
26 - 35 Years	1	2	5	1	1
36 - 45 Years	1	1	3	1	2
46 - 55 Years	2	0	2	2	0
56 - 65 Years	1	0	2	0	0
Over 65 Years	0	0	0	0	0

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.