



## 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 information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please could you provide me with the following data?

1. The total number of new shotgun and firearm licences granted to an applicant for the first time each year for the last five years.
2. The total number of shotgun and firearm licences that were successfully renewed each year for the last five years.
3. The total number of first-time applicants who had an application for a firearm or shotgun licence refused each year for the last five years.
4. The total number of applications for the renewal of a firearm or shotgun licence that were refused, each year for the last five years.

I would be grateful if this is able to include data for 2024, year to date, if possible. Please could you also list data for shotgun licences and firearms licences separately?



## RESPONSE

1. The total number of new shotgun and firearm licences granted to an applicant for the first time each year for the last five years.

**2020- 107 Shotgun licences and 51 firearm licences**  
**2021- 88 shotgun licences and 73 firearm licences**  
**2022- 53 shotgun licences and 36 firearm licences**  
**2023- 123 shotgun licences and 68 firearm licences**  
**2024 so far- 115 shotgun licences and 63 firearm licences**

2. The total number of shotgun and firearm licences that were successfully renewed each year for the last five years.

**2020- 1088 shotgun licences and 297 firearm licences**  
**2021- 777 shotgun licences and 270 firearm licences**  
**2022- 824 shotgun licences and 330 firearm licences**  
**2023- 284 shotgun licences and 198 firearm licences**  
**2024 so far- 242 shotgun licences and 166 firearm licences**

3. The total number of first-time applicants who had an application for a firearm or shotgun licence refused each year for the last five years.

**2020- 2 shotgun licences and 2 firearm licences**  
**2021- 4 shotgun licences and 4 firearm licences**  
**2022- 1 shotgun licences and 2 firearm licences**  
**2023- 8 shotgun licences and 7 firearm licences**  
**2024 so far- 3 shotgun licences and 3 firearm licences**

4. The total number of applications for the renewal of a firearm or shotgun licence that were refused, each year for the last five years.

**2020- 2 shotgun licences and 0 firearm licences**  
**2021- 0 shotgun licences and 0 firearm licences**  
**2022- 1 shotgun licences and 1 firearm licences**  
**2023- 4 shotgun licences and 3 firearm licences**  
**2024 so far- 7 shotgun licences and 2 firearm licences**

***\*\*Please note, the data provided does not include revocations\*\*.***

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

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Please direct any internal review requests to [FOI@gwent.police.uk](mailto: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.**