



## 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 arrests were made for stalking and harassment in the past five years?
  - 1a. Please break this figure down by year, from April 1st to March 31st (e.g. 2019/20, 2020/21, etc.)
2. Of those arrested, how many had a prior arrest for stalking and/or harassment?
  - 2a. Please again break this figure down by financial year.
3. What were the ages of offenders? Please break this down by age group (e.g. Under 18, 18-24, 25-30, etc)
4. How many offenders were male, female, non-binary or other/unspecified?



## RESPONSE

Please note the system used for data extraction only goes back to 2020. Therefore, we have provided the full financial years from 2020/21 to 2023/24.

A person may be arrested under one offence but then it may be dealt with via another offence, therefore we have provided the offence that they were arrested under.

The data below is based on the arrest time and offences which include the words “harassment” and “stalking” in the title.

Please note that the data provided in this response 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 arrests were made for stalking and harassment in the past five years?

1a. Please break this figure down by year, from April 1st to March 31st (e.g. 2019/20, 2020/21, etc.)

1. & 1a.

<i>Number of Arrests</i>	
Financial Years	Total
2020/21	1106
2021/22	931
2022/23	1132
2023/24	1070

### 2. Of those arrested, how many had a prior arrest for stalking and/or harassment?

2a. Please again break this figure down by financial year.

The table below shows the number of persons that have been counted more than once from the table above.



2. & 2a.

<i>Number of Multiple Arrests</i>	
Financial Years	Total
2020/21	150
2021/22	109
2022/23	255
2023/24	150

3. What were the ages of offenders? Please break this down by age group (e.g. Under 18, 18-24, 25-30, etc)

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<i>Age of Arrested</i>	
Age Group	Total
Under 10 Years	0
10 - 17 Years	174
18 - 25 Years	688
26 - 35 Years	1463
36 - 45 Years	1149
46 - 55 Years	553
56 - 65 Years	160
Over 65 Years	51
Unknown	1

4. How many offenders were male, female, non-binary or other/unspecified?

4.

<i>Gender of Arrested</i>	
Gender	Total
Female	638
Male	3597
Unknown	4

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

However, it is important to note that data has been extracted from data sources used by this force for police purposes. The detail collected to respond specifically to your



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request is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale recording systems and information assets.

The figures provided therefore are our best interpretation of relevance of data to your request, but you should be aware that the collation of figures/data for any requests may have limitations, and this should be taken into account when those data are used.

**Please note, Police forces do not use generic systems or identical procedures for capturing the data. For these reasons the response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with responses you may receive from other police forces.**

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](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.**