



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

Can you please provide the details of the number of Domestic Abuse Victims reporting to your Police Authority broken down as follows:

For the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024 inclusive by Age, Ethnic Origin and Gender.

For ease of reference, please incorporate a summary total by Age, Ethnic Origin and Gender both Force Wide and by Police Division.

****REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION 09/01/25****

Please may the requester clarify their question.

Are they requesting data on the total number of domestic abuse crimes with a victim attached (regardless of who reported) or the number of victims reporting a domestic abuse crime?

For context, an offence can be reported by the victim, third party, or other/anonymous. However, the requester may only want to know the total number of domestic crimes with a victim attached regardless of who reported the crime.

****CLARIFICATION RECEIVED ON 10/01/25****

Kindly provide the information within scope as per your previous response (FOI 2024 26938) which is attached for your ease of reference.



RESPONSE

The data provided is based on the number of victims linked to an occurrence with a 'Domestic Abuse' local qualifier attached in 2024. Please note that the data may include one or more victim attached to each Crime or Incident and may also include repeat offences.

Reported Month	Number of Domestic Abuse Victims
Jan	1372
Feb	1245
Mar	1412
Apr	1350
May	1489
Jun	1345
Jul	1563
Aug	1448
Sep	1414
Oct	1400
Nov	1354
Dec	1374
Total	16766

The table below provides a breakdown of the victims age by age group.

Please note under new legislation a new Domestic Abuse involvement type was introduced to capture when children were present at domestic incidents involving adults (over 16) which is DA Child present/DA Child not present. They are therefore considered to be victims in accordance with the new legislation but only in terms of safeguarding and victim support.

However, there is no filter to identify if there is a Child Victim under the new legislation. In order to find this information, a manual trawl would have to be completed on each offence within this time period. There are **649** such offences. It would take **4 minutes** to look through each record. This would take over **43+ hours** to complete. Therefore, the following Section 12 exemption will apply.

Section 12 – Excess Cost

The exemption applicable to the information you have requested for this question can be found at Section 12(1) of the Act and this refusal notice is issued under Section 17.



Section 12(1) “does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.”

In the case of a police force, the appropriate limit is set at £450, which is calculated at £25 per hour (i.e. 18 hours). Gwent Police would have to conduct a manual search to find and extract the information for this question. This would take more than 18 hours of staff time therefore we are unable to answer this question and the exemption is engaged.

We appreciate that you may be disappointed on this occasion that we are unable to provide the requested information. However, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we have a duty to assist you in relation to refining your request, where we may be able to answer some of your questions.

To avoid an exemption based on time being applied we advise that the age categories ‘Under 10 years’ and ‘10-17 years’ may include incidents of a child being present at a Domestic Abuse Incident.

Victim age group	
Under 10 years	88
10-17 years	561
18-25 years	2825
26-35 years	4978
36-45 years	4172
46-55 years	2108
56-65 years	1199
Over 65	711
Unknown	124
Total	16766

The table below provides a breakdown of the victims by self-defined ethnicity.

Victim's Self-Defined Ethnicity	
A1 ASIAN INDIAN	18
A2 ASIAN PAKISTANI	53
A3 ASIAN BANGLADESHI	31
A9 OTHER ASIAN BACKGROUND	55
B1 BLACK CARIBBEAN	26
B2 BLACK AFRICAN	59
B9 OTHER BLACK BACKGROUND	28
M1 WHITE/BLACK CARIBBEAN	38



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M2 WHITE/BLACK AFRICAN	3
M3 WHITE/ASIAN	6
M9 OTHER MIXED BACKGROUND	39
O1 CHINESE	2
O2 ARAB	5
O9 ANY OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	25
W1 WHITE BRITISH	9409
W2 WHITE IRISH	15
W9 OTHER WHITE BACKGROUND	170
11. GYPSY OR IRISH TRAVELLER	7
NS NOT STATED	2054
UNKNOWN	4723
Total	16766

The table below provides a breakdown of the victims by gender.

Victim's Gender	
Female	12553
Male	4088
Indeterminate	4
Unknown	121
Total	16766

Data correct as of 28/01/2025.

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



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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:

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.