| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2375  Responded to: 29 October 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## As a freedom if information request please provide for each month from April 2023 up until the most current date at the point of production:

## The number of religious hate crimes you have recorded,

Table 1 below shows the number of recorded religious hate crimes in the period 1st April 2023 – 30th September 2024 (inclusive) broken down by calendar month.

Table 1

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| Month/ Year | Number of recorded religious hate crimes |
| April 2023 | 27 |
| May 2023 | 44 |
| June 2023 | 32 |
| July 2023 | 30 |
| August 2023 | 25 |
| September 2023 | 34 |
| October 2023 | 38 |
| November 2023 | 29 |
| December 2023 | 108 |
| January 2024 | 37 |
| February 2024 | 52 |
| March 2024 | 49 |
| April 2024 | 77 |
| May 2024 | 84 |
| June 2024 | 52 |
| July 2024 | 49 |
| August 2024 | 48 |
| September 2024 | 39 |
| Total | 854 |

## 2) The number of religious hate crimes you have recorded, split by perceived target religion

For the number of recorded religious hate crimes in the period 1st April 2023 – 30th September 2024 (inclusive) broken down by religion of victim/ hate crime reason please see the tables below.

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| Victims religion/ hate crime reason | April 2023 | May 2023 | June 2023 | July 2023 | August 2023 | September 2023 |
| Appearance (clothes / football colours | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Catholic | 18 | 31 | 20 | 20 | 19 | 12 |
| Hinduism | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Judaism | 6 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Muslim | 9 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 15 |
| Christian | 2 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 10 | 5 |
| Protestant | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Sikh | 11 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 11 |
| Other | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |

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| Victims religion/ hate crime reason | October 2023 | November 2023 | December 2023 | January 2024 | February 2024 | March 2024 |
| Appearance (clothes / football colours | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Catholic | 21 | 13 | 20 | 8 | 28 | 17 |
| Hinduism | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Judaism | 20 | 19 | 10 | 4 | 12 | 9 |
| Muslim | 17 | 17 | 41 | 28 | 25 | 20 |
| Christian | 5 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 8 |
| Protestant | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Sikh | 9 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 8 |
| Other | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |

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| Victims religion/ hate crime reason | April 2024 | May 2024 | June 2024 | July 2024 | August 2024 | September 2024 |
| Catholic | 8 | 15 | 11 | 13 | 7 | 6 |
| Christian | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Protestant | 15 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Hinduism | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Islam | 15 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 2 |
| Judaism | 7 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Not applicable | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| None of the above | 2 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| Sikhism | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of 4th October 2024.

1. The data prior to the 1st April 2024 has been extracted from the Interim Vulnerable Persons Database (iVPD) using the 'incident created' date

2. The data from the 1st April 2024 has been extracted from the National Crime Unifi database using the 'date raised'.

3. Please note, the data from iVPD has been extracted based on crimes/offences which include at least one of the hate aggravators.

4. Please note, the data from National Unifi Crime has been extracted based on crimes/offences which include at least one of the hate aggravators and/or are one of the following offences:

•Racially aggravated harassment

•Racially aggravated conduct

•Stirring up hatred: Racial

•Stirring up hatred: Other Group

•Race Relations Legislation (Public Order Act)

5. Please note, Table 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 displays a count of unique hate crimes, and not a count of aggravators. Multiple aggravators can be added to the one hate crime.

6. Please note, due to the different sources of data being used, and the different methodology/counting rules, comparison of recorded hates crimes from the 1st April 2024 with recorded hate crimes prior to the 1st April 2024 would not be advised. Any comparison of the two datasets should be carried out with caution.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.