| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-3008Responded to: 23 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**That is the information that I would like to be provide: the nationality of those brought into police custody as well as the offence type for which they were arrested.**

The above is a follow-up to request 24-2756 – the date specified was from 1 January 2024.

I can advise that nationality is not a mandatory or easily searchable field within our custody recording system and unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request.

I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To be of assistance, the table below provides the ethnicity declared by those brought into police custody between 1st January 2024 and 30th November 2024.

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 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 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.

Please note the caveats at the bottom of the table.

*Custody Nominals – Ethnicity – 01/01/2024 – 30/11/2024*

| **Ethnicity** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** |
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| African | 75 | 73 | 89 | 87 | 67 | 77 | 92 | 106 | 99 | 88 | 115 |
| Any Mixed Ethnic Group | 43 | 43 | 38 | 30 | 46 | 37 | 37 | 63 | 45 | 41 | 48 |
| Arab | 31 | 32 | 45 | 34 | 53 | 43 | 44 | 47 | 45 | 50 | 50 |
| Bangladeshi | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| Black Scottish or Other Black | 28 | 38 | 55 | 43 | 46 | 27 | 43 | 29 | 40 | 36 | 53 |
| Caribbean | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 1 |
| Chinese | 11 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 17 | 16 | 21 | 16 | 22 | 29 |
| Indian | 29 | 32 | 35 | 30 | 28 | 30 | 21 | 31 | 21 | 37 | 28 |
| NULL | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other African, Caribbean or Black | 36 | 30 | 32 | 30 | 33 | 35 | 36 | 31 | 44 | 36 | 31 |
| Other Asian | 104 | 95 | 76 | 88 | 103 | 111 | 95 | 128 | 126 | 129 | 111 |
| Other Ethnic Group | 122 | 104 | 113 | 119 | 98 | 98 | 118 | 113 | 102 | 105 | 133 |
| Other White | 244 | 241 | 262 | 259 | 179 | 276 | 250 | 268 | 271 | 253 | 269 |
| Pakistan | 65 | 39 | 58 | 78 | 64 | 60 | 70 | 76 | 75 | 63 | 72 |
| Unknown | 61 | 71 | 66 | 69 | 64 | 68 | 77 | 71 | 71 | 73 | 74 |
| White British | 1,872 | 1,866 | 2,083 | 1,941 | 2,177 | 2,069 | 2,108 | 2,168 | 2,070 | 1,925 | 1,984 |
| White English | 173 | 175 | 171 | 190 | 218 | 204 | 185 | 185 | 209 | 158 | 168 |
| White Gypsy/ Traveller | 2 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| White Irish | 41 | 39 | 46 | 35 | 38 | 35 | 40 | 36 | 52 | 43 | 39 |
| White Northern Ireland | 5 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 4 | 14 | 8 | 10 |
| White Polish | 113 | 126 | 123 | 155 | 154 | 123 | 155 | 147 | 151 | 123 | 142 |
| White Scottish | 4,750 | 4,582 | 4,619 | 4.906 | 5,277 | 4,819 | 5,200 | 5,017 | 4,768 | 4,808 | 4,618 |
| White Welsh | 4 | 11 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 12 | 7 |
| **Total** | **7,820** | **7,628** | **7,952** | **8,129** | **8,789** | **8,148** | **8,615** | **8,564** | **8,235** | **8,025** | **7,995** |

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| *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 at 20/12/2024.* |
| *1. The data was extracted using the Custody start date.* |  |  |  |  |  |
| *2. Statistics exclude Sequential custody records and custody types of S23, Voluntary Attendees and Transits* |  |  |  |