| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-3163  Responded to: 21 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please will you send me a year-by-year report of the number of hate crimes or hate related incidents reported, from 1980 to 2024, within the town of Livingstone specifically.**

Due to record retention policies, Police Scotland only hold hate crime records from 1st April 2014 to date. Information prior to this date is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

Recorded hate crimes per year within the town of Livingston, for the period of 1st April 2014 – 31st December 2024\*, can be found in tables 1 and 2 below.

**Please could you aggregate these figures into the type of discrimination they relate to e.g. LGBT+, ethnicity, etc. I am aware that personal/identifying details cannot be shared about specific individuals.**

Due to record retention policies, Police Scotland only hold hate-crime records from 1st April 2014 to date. Information prior to this date is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

Please see tables 3 and 4 below for the requested information.

Please note that due to the new Hate crime laws commencing on the 1st April 2024, hate crimes are recorded differently so a direct comparison of the tables is not an accurate comparison of the data between the years.

**Table 1**

Recorded hate crimes within the town of Livingston, per year, for the period of 1st April 2014 – 31st March 2024\*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | 2014\* | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024\* |
| Number of recorded hate crimes | 33 | 45 | 49 | 61 | 61 | 57 | 84 | 89 | 59 | 81 | 21 |

**Table 2**

Recorded hate crimes within the town of Livingston, for the period of 1st April 2024 – 31st December 2024\*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Year | 2024 |
| Number of recorded hate crimes | 96 |

**Table 3**

Recorded hate crimes within the town of Livingston, per year, for the period 1st April 2014 – 31 March 2024, broken down by aggravator.

| **Hate Crime Aggravator Summary** | **2014\*** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024\*** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Race | 23 | 25 | 22 | 39 | 44 | 34 | 43 | 53 | 36 | 44 | 12 |
| Religion | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Race & Religion | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Other Multi Aggravator (incl. Race or Religion) | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Disability | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 1 |
| Sexual Orientation | 6 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 7 | 7 | 24 | 18 | 15 | 21 | 4 |
| Transgender | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Other Multiple Aggravators (excl. Race or Religion) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **33** | **45** | **49** | **61** | **61** | **57** | **84** | **89** | **59** | **81** | **21** |

**Table 4**

Recorded hate crimes within the town of Livingston, for the period 1st April 2024 – 31 December 2024 (inclusive), broken down by aggravator.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Hate Crime Aggravator Summary** | **2024** |
| Race | 59 |
| Religion | 2 |
| Disability | 13 |
| Sexual Orientation | 17 |
| Transgender | 1 |
| Age | 4 |
| Variations in Sex Characteristics | 0 |
| **Total** | **96** |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as of 15/01/2025.

Recorded Crimes (for the period up to April 2024) are extracted using the incident's raised date and extracted from iVPD by selecting hate crime aggravators. It must be noted that more than one hate aggravator can be attributed to a crime, therefore cannot be added up to the actual number of crimes.   
Police Scotland does not retain any information for statistical purposes once a record has been weeded from iVPD.  When a record is weeded, it is removed from the system, and there is no retention of data outside the weeding and retention policy.  Please note, the weeding and retention policy states that if a person is recorded as "no concern / not applicable" then this will only be retained for 6 months.

Please note that these data are collated from the Police Scotland iVPD system, which has an automated weeding and retention policy built on to it.

Recorded Crimes (for the period since April 2024) are extracted using the raised date and extracted from National Unifi Crime Database by selecting hate crime aggravators. It must be noted that more than one hate aggravator can be attributed to a crime, therefore cannot be added up to the actual number of crimes.

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.

Livingston was identified by a keyword search on the town for Livingston.

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.