| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-0998  Responded to: 27 June 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would be grateful if you could provide information on details of those charged with Hate Crimes in Scotland – either under the new act or legacy acts. I’m keen to understand the relative age groups, gender and ethnicity.

## Would you be able to provide this information for years 2021, 2022 and 2023.

In response to your request, please see the tables below. Please note the caveats at the bottom of the tables.

Please note the information provided has been extracted from the interim Vulnerable Persons Database (iVPD). iVPD is the formal means by which Police Scotland record police contact with adults, children and young people who are, or are perceived to be, experiencing some form of adversity and / or situational vulnerability, which may impact on their current or future wellbeing; or where force policy dictates e.g. domestic abuse, hate crime, youth offending or to record details of victim’s rights under Section 8 and 9 of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014.

The iVPD is a dynamic database which is constantly being updated and changed.

“Data within iVPD is subject to a nominal based weeding and retention policy and is not incident based. Nominals on iVPD are categorised according to their Vulnerability Person (VP) Type and a weeding date applied according to that type and weeding rules. These rules are published on the Police Scotland website here:   [Standard Operating Procedures P-S - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/policies-and-procedures/standard-operating-procedures/standard-operating-procedures-p-s/). Once all the nominals associated with an incident (Concern Report) are weeded, the Concern Report itself also weeds from iVPD.

Additionally, it is important to note that more than there can be more than one perpetrator linked to a single recorded crime.

Recorded iVPD Hate Crimes, Police Scotland

Period: 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2023

|  | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Recorded Hate Crimes | 6788 | 6401 | 6342 |

Recorded iVPD Incident Nominal Perpetrators, linked to a Hate Crime, broken on Age Group, Police Scotland

Period: 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2023

| **Age Group** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 0 to 15 | 883 | 694 | 716 |
| 16 to 24 | 932 | 829 | 793 |
| 25 to 34 | 1171 | 1007 | 909 |
| 35 to 49 | 1262 | 1268 | 1184 |
| 50 to 64 | 620 | 608 | 570 |
| 65 and over | 127 | 145 | 119 |
| Invalid Date of Birth | 103 | 101 | 100 |
| No Date of Birth | 1716 | 1626 | 1617 |
| **Total** | **6814** | **6278** | **6008** |

Recorded iVPD Incident Nominal Perpetrators, linked to a Hate Crime, broken on Gender, Police Scotland

Period: 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2023

| **Gender** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Male | 3732 | 3501 | 3271 |
| Female | 1290 | 1082 | 1063 |
| Indeterminate | 9 | 14 | 5 |
| Not Specified | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Unknown | 1782 | 1680 | 1666 |
| **Total** | **6814** | **6278** | **6008** |

Recorded iVPD Incident Nominal Perpetrators, linked to a Hate Crime, broken on Ethnicity, Police Scotland

Period: 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2023

| **Ethnicity** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| African | 37 | 29 | 28 |
| Any Mixed Ethnic group | 21 | 23 | 21 |
| Arab | 13 | 11 | 9 |
| Bangladeshi | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Black Scottish or Other Black | 16 | 20 | 21 |
| Caribbean | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Chinese | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Indian | 8 | 10 | 13 |
| Other African, Caribbean or Black | 15 | 10 | 16 |
| Other Asian | 28 | 33 | 22 |
| Other Ethnic Group | 25 | 23 | 37 |
| Other White | 57 | 72 | 55 |
| Pakistani | 34 | 26 | 36 |
| Unknown | 251 | 204 | 200 |
| White British | 848 | 802 | 819 |
| White English | 85 | 90 | 71 |
| White Gypsy/Traveller | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| White Irish | 19 | 22 | 23 |
| White Northern Ireland | 12 | 13 | 4 |
| White Polish | 43 | 55 | 42 |
| White Scottish | 3489 | 3129 | 2897 |
| White Welsh | 10 | 10 | 9 |
| Not Specified | 1777 | 1677 | 1665 |
| **Total** | **6814** | **6278** | **6008** |

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 24/5/2024.

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. A copy of the retention policy is available on the Police Scotland internet site.

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.