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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Total number of non-crime hate incidents recorded by Police Scotland, per month since January 2021.

In response to the question above, please see the table below. Please note the caveats at the bottom of the table.

Recorded Non-Crime Hate Incidents

Period - 1st January 2021 - 30th April 2024 (Calendar Year and Month)

|  | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024\*** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| January | 33 | 60 | 80 | 85 |
| February | 36 | 60 | 94 | 109 |
| March | 48 | 99 | 114 | 133 |
| April | 64 | 74 | 104 | 110 |
| May | 94 | 112 | 128 | - |
| June | 101 | 106 | 123 | - |
| July | 56 | 110 | 87 | - |
| August | 79 | 100 | 94 | - |
| September | 84 | 103 | 107 | - |
| October | 90 | 94 | 128 | - |
| November | 84 | 86 | 105 | - |
| December | 75 | 73 | 131 | - |
| **Total** | **844** | **1077** | **1295** | **437** |

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 14th May 2024.

1.All records relating to Non-Crime Hate Incidents have been extracted from the Interim Vulnerable Persons Database (iVPD).

2.Non-Crime Hate Incidents are extracted from iVPD where ‘Crime Occurred’ equals ‘No’. 3.Please note, the data is extracted using the ‘incident created’.

4. Please note, each record will need to be read to confirm the circumstances.

## Total number of reports of potential hate crimes received by Police Scotland, per month, since January 2021.

In response to the question above, please see the tables below where the number of recorded hate crimes has been provided. Please note the caveats at the bottom of the tables.

Recorded Hate Crime (iVPD)

Period - 1st January 2021 - 31st March 2024 (Calendar Year and Month)

|  | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024\*** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| January | 371 | 470 | 471 | 442 |
| February | 427 | 479 | 410 | 493 |
| March | 562 | 548 | 490 | 479 |
| April | 558 | 581 | 483 | - |
| May | 635 | 644 | 627 | - |
| June | 643 | 622 | 601 | - |
| July | 689 | 531 | 520 | - |
| August | 661 | 529 | 561 | - |
| September | 644 | 512 | 529 | - |
| October | 596 | 492 | 488 | - |
| November | 522 | 506 | 512 | - |
| December | 480 | 487 | 650 | - |
| **Total** | **6788** | **6401** | **6342** | **1414** |

Recorded Hate Crime (National Unifi)

Period - 1st April 2024 - 30th April (inclusive)

|  | **2024\*** |
| --- | --- |
| April | 891 |

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 14th May 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, the tables display 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.

7. Please note, each record would need to be read to confirm the circumstances.

## Total number of staff, as of today, who are assigned to work primarily on hate crime

## Total number of staff, as of January 2024 and January 2023, who were assigned to work primarily on hate crime

In response to the two questions above, in terms of Section 17 of the Act, I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by Police Scotland.

By way of explanation, no officers are assigned to work primarily on hate crime. Tackling hate crime is a focus for all officers regardless of their position.

To be of some assistance, I can advise that Police Scotland have 516 Hate Crime Champions across the organisation. The hate crime champion role is a voluntary position, in addition to typical policing duties.

## Total expense per month, since January 2023, of Police Scotland on hate crime

In response to this question, please see the table below.

The table provides the complete technology spend, along with staff costs to implement the system upgrade in relation to the introduction of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2023 | Total Expense Non-Pay | Total Expense Pay | Total Budget |
| January | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| February | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| March | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| April | £0.00 | £0.00 | £50,000.00 |
| May | £0.00 | £0.00 | £50,000.00 |
| June | £0.00 | £3,950.00 | £50,000.00 |
| July | £77,119.00 | £13,301.95 | £50,000.00 |
| August | £0.00 | -£4,126.95 | £50,000.00 |
| September | £34,127.00 | £64,114.14 | £50,000.00 |
| October | £0.00 | £40,321.03 | £50,000.00 |
| November | £0.00 | £25,714.60 | £50,000.00 |
| December | £0.00 | £25,172.11 | £50,000.00 |
| 2024 | Total Expense Non-Pay | Total Expense Pay | Total Budget |
| January | £67,098.00 | £6,213.85 | £50,000.00 |
| February | £3,348.00 | £41,083.38 | £50,000.00 |
| March | £0.00 | £23,683.06 | £50,000.00 |
| April | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Total | £181,692.00 | £239,427.11 | £60,000.00 |

## Total budgeted expense per month, up to April 2025, for Police Scotland on hate crime

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by Police Scotland.

By way of explanation, budgets are not devolved to the level where they focus on a specific crime type.

## Total annual expense, since January 2021, on compensation by Police Scotland, from both in- and out-of court settlements, for claims from people who were accused of, charged with, or suspected of hate crimes.

Your question has been interpreted to mean the total expense of all claims made for wrongful arrest/unlawful detention by those who have been accused of, charged with, or suspected of hate crimes since January 2021.

I can advise that since January 2021, 40 claims have been made for wrongful arrest/unlawful detention and none of those have related to individuals who have been accused of, charged with, or suspected of hate crimes, as such the total expense is £0.00.

## For all members of staff who, since January 2024, have been moved to work on hate crime from another department/subject area, the department/subject area they were moved from/previously assigned to

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request and I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, there is no central record of role movement for staff member and officers. Each personnel record would need to be manually assessed to determine if any positional changes had taken place.

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.