| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1901  Responded to: 26th August 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Can Police Scotland please supply total number of people who have been charged under this new legislation since it took effect.

To provide some general context, Police Scotland defines a hate crime as, ‘any crime which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated (wholly or partly) by malice and ill-will towards a social group’.

Social groups are identified in accordance with the Lord Advocates guidelines on Aggravations of Offences against Prejudice i.e. race, sexual orientation, religion/faith, disability or transgender identity.

We have carried out a search of our crime recording system and I can confirm that this search identified 2,319 detected hate crimes for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st July 2024.

Detected crimes are those where an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings.

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
All data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as of 21/08/2024.  
Please note, due to the different sources of data being used, and the different methodology/counting rules, comparison of recorded hates crimes from 1st April 2024 with recorded hate crimes prior to 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.