| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-3044  Responded to: 06 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1. Broken down by month and type of hate offence (e.g. disability, Christianity, Islam, Judaism, sexual orientation, transgender identity, alternative subculture, and any other listed category), every hate crime and non-crime hate incident recorded by your force in the following years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (up until 31 October).   
3. For each recorded offence in the same period, the action taken by police and outcome of the offence (e.g. £50 fine, no further action, et cetera, sent for prosecution, et cetera).**

You may be interested in our [Responding to Hate Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/rfwdhysd/responding-to-hate-psos-sop-publication-scheme.docx).

The information sought can be found in the attached spreadsheet.

The first tab details all Non-Crime Hate Incidents recorded.

The next 4 tabs details recorded and detected hate crimes. 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.

You should note that in accordance with our [Direct Measures SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/1yyffcgw/direct-measures-sop.pdf), Police Scotland do not issue Fixed Penalty Notices or Recorded Police Warnings for hate crimes.

The data is split between two systems - iVPD and UNIFI. UNIFI covers the latter period from 1 April 2024 and coincides with the coming into force of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021.

Due to the different sources of data and different methodology/ counting rules, comparison of recorded hates crimes from 1 April 2024 with recorded hate crimes prior to 1 April 2024 would not be advised. Any comparison of the two datasets should be carried out with caution.

The final two tabs are a breakdown, again by system, of the recorded religions associated with religious hate crimes - as per your reference to Christianity/ Islam etc.

2. For every recorded offence in the same period, (i) the exact nature of the actions or words used, (ii) where it was carried out (either a location such as school, workplace, street etc, or a specific social media platform/internet website), and (iii) the age of the perpetrator.

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) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation the only way to provide you with this information in an accurate and consistent manner would be to individually examine each crime report created on our systems to determine the information requested. Given the numbers involved, this is an exercise that clearly exceeds the cost limit set out within the Act.

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.