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

## Do you have a figure please for racist or hate crimes towards people of colour or non-Christian faiths in Dumfries and Galloway over the past 2 years please?

Between 1 January 2022 and 31 March 2024, within Dumfries and Galloway division, 209 crimes were recorded with an aggravator of Race, Religion, Race and Religion or Other Multi Aggravator. It is important to note that multiple aggravators can be attached to a single crime. As such, some duplication may exist within the figure provided.

The table below provides the ethnicity of victims of Race and Religious hate crime incidents between the same time period and the same location.

Recorded Race and Religious Hate Crime Incident Nominal Victims, broken on Ethnicity, Dumfries and Galloway Division.

Period: 1st January 2022 to 31st March 2024, inclusive.

| **Ethnicity** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| African | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Any Mixed Ethnic group | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Arab | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Bangladeshi | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Black Scottish or Other Black | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| Chinese | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Indian | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Other African, Caribbean or Black | 2 | 6 | 5 |
| Other Asian | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| Other Ethnic Group | 1 | 8 | 1 |
| Other White | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| Pakistani | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Unknown | 19 | 16 | 3 |
| White British | 26 | 31 | 3 |
| White English | 6 | 7 | 0 |
| White Irish | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| White Northern Ireland | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| White Polish | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| White Scottish | 19 | 24 | 8 |
| Total | 101 | 127 | 25 |

With regards to the “non-Christian” aspect of your request, 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.

To identify if a victim identified as “non-Christian” each record would need to be manually assessed to determine if the information was recorded within the free text of the record.

Finally, with respect to the information provided above, all statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.

Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as of 7/8/2024.

Additionally, please note that data is collated from the Police Scotland interim Vulnerable Persons Database system, which has an automated weeding and retention policy built on to it, in line with our [Record Retention SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/nhobty5i/record-retention-sop.docx).

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.