

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1022
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

We seek the following information on racist hate crimes and/or hate incidents towards the following ethnic groups:

Chinese

East Asian

South East Asian

Asian

"Oriental"

Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Japan, Mongolia, North Korea, and South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Laos, Indonesia, Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia and Timor-Leste

Or any that had such appearance (set out above)

(The "Relevant Groups")

And would like data for the following years, broken down by each month:

2019

2020

2021

2022 (for this year, up until the FOI response date or whatever are the most recent statistics).

Request:

Provide the number of racist hate crimes and/or hate incidents reported where the victim(s) comprise of the Relevant Groups, broken down by each group where possible.

In accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By way of explanation, I can only provide crimes where the recorded aggravator is race. I can provide the number of hate concern nominals where the hate concern is "Asian (other)" or "Chinese" and I can also provide hate concern nominals by ethnicity (Chinese and Other Asian). I am unable to provide figures for all ethnic groups as requested above.

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To provide all the requested information, I would need to physically examine every recorded incident to identify the ethnic group of the victim.

If I was to use the example that it took 5 minutes to check each incident then calculations show that it would take approximately 138 hours to individually check the 1663 recorded incidents of racial hate crime where victim is Asian or Asian other over the 4 years. This would cost approximately £2078 to carry out this task. This is in excess of the £600 prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

To be of assistance however I have attached separately tables providing the number of Hate Concern recorded incidents where victim is Asian other or Chinese.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management – Glasgow at foi@scotland.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.