| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1066  Responded to: 06 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I’m getting in touch to make a formal FOI request regarding anti-transgender hate crimes recorded by this police force, and the number of attempted prosecutions for those recorded hate crimes, in the past 10 years. Please can I request the data for the following for the dates 01.01.2014 to 31.12.2024 inclusive:**

1. **The number of transgender hate crimes reported per year from 2014 to 2024 inclusive**

For the period 1 January 2014 until 31st March 2024 please refer to table 1.

The Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland Act 2021) commenced on 1st April 2024 and related crimes are now recorded on the National Crime Unifi Database. Data from 1st April 2024 is provided in Table 2.

Please note, due to the different sources of data being used, any comparison of the two datasets should be carried out with caution.

Please also note the caveats below the tables.

*Table 1: Recorded Hate Crimes with Transgender Aggravator – 01 January 2014 - 31 March 2024 (Calendar Years)*

| **Crime/Offence** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2022** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Hate Crime | 22 | 40 | 49 | 64 | 64 | 127 | 114 | 165 | 164 | 180 | 30 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as of 20th May 2025.  
The data prior to the 1st April 2024 has been extracted from the Interim Vulnerable Persons Database (iVPD) using the ‘incident created’ date where a Transgender aggravator is present.

*Table 2: Recorded Hate Crimes with Transgender Aggravator – 01 April 2024 – 31 December 2024 (Inclusive)*

| **Crime/Offence** | **2024** |
| --- | --- |
| Hate Crime | 144 |

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Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as of 20th May 2025  
The data from the 1st April 2024 has been extracted from the National Crime Unifi database using the ‘date raised’.   
Please note, the data from National Unifi Crime has been extracted based on crimes/offences which include a Transgender hate aggravator.

1. **The number of transgender hate crimes referred to the COPFS for prosecution, per year from 2014 to 2024 inclusive**
2. **The number of transgender hate crimes that resulted in no further action, reported per year from 2014 to 2024 inclusive**

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.

As previously stated, due to the changes in recording, Table 3 provides data from 1 January 2014 - 31 March 2024*.* Table 4 provides data from 1 April 2024 – 31 December 2024.

*Table 3: Detected Hate Crimes with Transgender Aggravator - 01 January 2014 - 31 March 2024 (Calendar Years)*

| **Crime/Offence** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2022** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Hate Crime | 16 | 30 | 30 | 40 | 42 | 77 | 60 | 85 | 79 | 76 | 16 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as of 20th May 2025.  
The data prior to the 1st April 2024 has been extracted from the Interim Vulnerable Persons Database (iVPD) using the ‘DETECTED DATE’ date where a Transgender aggravator is present.

*Table 4: Detected Hate Crimes with Transgender Aggravator - 01 April 2024 – 31st December 2024*

| **Crime/Offence** | **2024** |
| --- | --- |
| Hate Crime | 56 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as of 20th May 2025  
The data from the 1st April 2024 has been extracted from the National Crime Unifi database using the ‘Date Detected’.   
Please note, the data from National Unifi Crime has been extracted based on crimes/offences which include a Transgender hate aggravator.

1. **The details of any police policies or initiatives to increase the detection and/or prosecution of hate crimes against transgender people in Scotland**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, there are no specific policies or initiatives in place with regards to increasing detection rates of hate crimes for any protected characteristics.

The following standard operating procedures are in place to assist officers with their investigation of all crime and responding to hate:

[Crime Investigation SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/uwwcamlx/crime-investigation-sop.pdf)

[Responding to Hate SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/rfwdhysd/responding-to-hate-psos-sop-publication-scheme.docx)

**5. The details of any police policies or initiatives involving outreach to transgender communities or trans advocacy groups in Scotland**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, there are no policies in place involving outreach with any specific group at present. Local Policing are encouraged to engage with the following communities where appropriate:

* Black & African Communities
* LGBTIQ+ Communities
* Jewish Communities

The above communities have been identified as priority areas of engagement for Police Scotland based on various factors such as:

* Current ongoing threat, risk, or harm to the relevant community
* Local, national and or international incidents which disproportionately impact a specific community
* Identified engagement gaps
* An identified lack of trust and confidence in police from a specific community

Policing Together will action engagement with these communities via the national Equality, Diversity and Inclusion SPOC`s network who will in turn feedback to the national team on levels of ongoing engagement.

This is not to be detrimental to any local engagement or with other communities based on local need but designed to address the needs and concerns of communities based on the above factors.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.