| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0613  Responded to: 05 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1) Please provide the number of 'non crime hate incidents' that have been recorded each month for the entirety of 2024 (Jan-Dec) (FOI response 24-1853 and 24-0893 already contain some of this data)

The table below details recorded Non-Crime Hate Incidents, for the period 1st January - 31st December 2024.

| **Calendar Month** | **Non-Crime Hate Incidents** |
| --- | --- |
| January | 102 |
| February | 121 |
| March | 167 |
| April | 124 |
| May | 103 |
| June | 110 |
| July | 95 |
| August | 106 |
| September | 101 |
| October | 92 |
| November | 64 |
| December | 70 |
| **Total** | **1255** |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as at 9th April 2025.

As there can be multiple hate concern types attached to a non-crime hate incident victim, the total number hate concern types will not reflect the number of unique hate incidents.   
All records relating to Non-Crime Hate Incidents have been extracted from the Interim Vulnerable Persons Database (iVPD).  
Non-Crime Hate Incidents are extracted from iVPD where ‘Crime Occurred’ equals ‘No’.  
These data are collated from the Police Scotland iVPD system, which has an automated [weeding and retention policy](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/nhobty5i/record-retention-sop.pdf) built on to it.

## 2) Please break down the total number of 'non crime hate incidents' for this period by the particular 'protected characteristic' that the complaints are related to (Being aware of course that an incident can relate to more than once characteristic at a time) (FOI response 24-0893 already contains some of this data)

Please see the table at the end of this document which sets out Non-Crime Hate Incidents by Hate Concern Type.

## 3) Please state how many non crime hate incidents in 2024 were specifically recorded against a named individual (and therefore would show up on an the accused's PVG disclosure check) and how many were 'anonymised' and collected solely for police data.

**Hate Crimes** are recorded on the national crime system. An Interim Vulnerable Person’s Database (iVPD) Concern Report will only be created where any person has an identified vulnerability.

**Non-Crime Hate Incidents** are recorded as a Concern Report on iVPD when it is proportionate and appropriate to do so. In those circumstances only the details of the reporter are recorded on the iVPD - unless there is a clear policing purpose to include information about other parties.

Enhanced Disclosure and PVG checks include conviction information and may include other relevant information (ORI). ORI is police information about the applicant that the Chief Constable reasonably believes:

* is relevant for the purpose of the disclosure
* ought to be included on the disclosure certificate

This may include reference to non-conviction matters.

We are unable to comment as regards what may or may not be disclosed as ORI in the future, as we would assess all of the information held in light of the applicant working with children and/ or vulnerable adults, and each application would be considered for relevance, accuracy, proportionality and passage of time, whilst taking into consideration the human rights of all relevant parties. However, I can advise you that information shared with Disclosure Scotland as ORI would need to identify the applicant as an accused, perpetrator or suspect. And as outlined above, for the vast majority of Non-Crime Hate Incidents, only the details of the reporter are recorded on the iVPD.

Details of alleged perpetrators are not routinely recorded for non-crime hate incidents. They are only recorded in exceptional circumstances where there is a real risk of significant harm to individuals or groups who are protected by the legislation, and/ or a real risk that a future criminal offence may be committed against those individuals or groups.

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

**Non-Crime Hate Incidents by Hate Concern Type, 1st January 2024 - 31st December 2024**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Hate Concern Type** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |
| Age |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Disability | 8 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Race | 64 | 71 | 118 | 77 | 66 | 66 | 53 | 72 | 70 | 59 | 36 | 46 |
| Religion / Belief | 5 | 12 | 10 | 18 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 14 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Sexual Orientation | 26 | 27 | 28 | 18 | 13 | 20 | 17 | 15 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 11 |
| Transgender | 7 | 7 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 4 |  |
| Variations in Sex Characteristics |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| **Total** | **110** | **128** | **176** | **134** | **112** | **112** | **103** | **117** | **105** | **100** | **67** | **72** |

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