| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1873  Responded to: 13 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1) For each month from January 2020, the number of hate crimes recorded, split by strand (such as: Race, Religion, Sexual Orientation, Disability, Transgender Identity)**

Figures are provided in tables below.

**2) For each month from January 2020, the number of hate crimes recorded, split by strand and category (such as: Violence against the person, stalking and harassment, public order offences, criminal damage and arson)**

Please see Applicant Data attached which breaks down hate crimes recorded by crime group and protected characteristics from 01/01/2020-31/07/2025.

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.

**Hate Crimes by Protected Characteristic for period 1st January 2020-31st December 2020**

| **Characteristic** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sept** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Racial | 340 | 342 | 342 | 290 | 374 | 439 | 468 | 505 | 411 | 333 | 376 | 274 |
| Religious | 43 | 39 | 46 | 34 | 61 | 52 | 60 | 49 | 40 | 60 | 42 | 32 |
| Transgender | 6 | 11 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 6 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 4 |
| Gender / Sexual Orientation | 122 | 131 | 137 | 98 | 161 | 150 | 164 | 176 | 161 | 146 | 127 | 163 |
| Disability | 40 | 33 | 20 | 30 | 33 | 42 | 55 | 33 | 42 | 28 | 39 | 33 |
| **Total** | **551** | **556** | **553** | **458** | **641** | **695** | **759** | **769** | **666** | **577** | **599** | **506** |

**Hate Crimes by Protected Characteristic for period 1st January 2021-31st December 2021**

| **Characteristic** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sept** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Racial | 245 | 267 | 335 | 346 | 377 | 430 | 432 | 404 | 395 | 362 | 324 | 298 |
| Religious | 32 | 41 | 75 | 52 | 61 | 40 | 42 | 52 | 44 | 33 | 24 | 29 |
| Transgender | 3 | 6 | 12 | 8 | 16 | 10 | 22 | 12 | 25 | 18 | 24 | 10 |
| Gender / Sexual Orientation | 99 | 109 | 133 | 133 | 177 | 154 | 176 | 192 | 165 | 178 | 128 | 133 |
| Disability | 19 | 35 | 46 | 48 | 54 | 41 | 52 | 47 | 47 | 36 | 49 | 42 |
| **Total** | **398** | **458** | **601** | **587** | **685** | **675** | **724** | **707** | **676** | **627** | **549** | **512** |

**Hate Crimes by Protected Characteristic for period 1st January 2022-31st December 2022**

| **Characteristic** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sept** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Racial | 292 | 272 | 331 | 323 | 405 | 367 | 318 | 314 | 316 | 304 | 292 | 304 |
| Religious | 35 | 39 | 26 | 61 | 59 | 45 | 29 | 39 | 44 | 36 | 42 | 35 |
| Transgender | 9 | 13 | 20 | 12 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 11 | 12 | 17 | 26 | 11 |
| Gender / Sexual Orientation | 130 | 132 | 155 | 162 | 162 | 183 | 154 | 145 | 115 | 126 | 127 | 127 |
| Disability | 37 | 51 | 46 | 51 | 48 | 67 | 57 | 44 | 51 | 44 | 56 | 47 |
| **Total** | **503** | **507** | **578** | **609** | **688** | **673** | **566** | **553** | **538** | **527** | **543** | **524** |

**Hate Crimes by Protected Characteristic for period 1st January 2023-31st December 2023**

| **Characteristic** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sept** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Racial | 266 | 261 | 296 | 307 | 391 | 373 | 304 | 367 | 316 | 296 | 329 | 433 |
| Religious | 45 | 33 | 33 | 27 | 44 | 31 | 30 | 25 | 34 | 38 | 29 | 108 |
| Transgender | 16 | 13 | 20 | 15 | 19 | 16 | 18 | 15 | 10 | 14 | 14 | 10 |
| Gender / Sexual Orientation | 125 | 94 | 123 | 107 | 142 | 145 | 145 | 135 | 151 | 117 | 114 | 108 |
| Disability | 53 | 40 | 49 | 49 | 63 | 62 | 52 | 69 | 43 | 56 | 58 | 47 |
| **Total** | **505** | **441** | **521** | **505** | **659** | **627** | **549** | **611** | **554** | **521** | **544** | **706** |

**Hate Crimes by Protected Characteristic for period 1st January 2024-31st December 2024**

| **Characteristic** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sept** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Racial | 280 | 299 | 318 | 500 | 551 | 482 | 425 | 576 | 478 | 438 | 385 | 373 |
| Religious | 37 | 52 | 48 | 82 | 83 | 53 | 43 | 48 | 44 | 29 | 36 | 52 |
| Transgender | 11 | 7 | 12 | 32 | 22 | 20 | 17 | 9 | 16 | 13 | 14 | 10 |
| Gender / Sexual Orientation | 98 | 131 | 98 | 174 | 186 | 205 | 204 | 197 | 166 | 168 | 163 | 163 |
| Disability | 47 | 49 | 39 | 113 | 108 | 98 | 87 | 105 | 80 | 67 | 96 | 79 |
| Age |  |  |  | 10 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 3 |
| Variations in Sex Characteristics |  |  |  | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Total** | **473** | **538** | **515** | **901** | **950** | **858** | **776** | **935** | **784** | **715** | **694** | **677** |

**Hate Crimes by Protected Characteristic for period 1st January 2025-31st July 2025**

| **Characteristic** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Racial | 353 | 381 | 427 | 446 | 498 | 528 | 521 |
| Religious | 33 | 38 | 49 | 54 | 67 | 50 | 66 |
| Transgender | 7 | 14 | 18 | 19 | 8 | 20 | 19 |
| Gender / Sexual Orientation | 157 | 133 | 164 | 157 | 191 | 187 | 207 |
| Disability | 97 | 95 | 86 | 90 | 123 | 108 | 124 |
| Age | 6 | 1 | 13 | 20 | 19 | 31 | 33 |
| Variations in Sex Characteristics | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Total** | **647** | **661** | **744** | **766** | **887** | **893** | **937** |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data has been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and is correct as at 28/07/2025.

As there can be multiple aggravators attached to a hate crime, the total number of aggravators will not reflect the number of unique hate crimes.

As of April 2024, there was a change in the recording of hate crimes - previously these were taken from the IVPD database. Since April 2024 the data has been taken from the national UNIFI crime system. Therefore, data from this point onwards cannot be compared to previous data from IVPD.

Data collated from the Police Scotland iVPD system, has an automated weeding and retention policy built on to it. A copy of the retention policy is available on the Police Scotland internet site [Record Retention SOP - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/policies-and-procedures/standard-operating-procedures/standard-operating-procedures-p-s/)).