| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-2079  Responded to: 11 September 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to submit a Freedom of Information request regarding hate crimes in the Moray area.

## In the last 5 years, I would like to know the number of hate crimes recorded in the Moray area.

## I would like a breakdown of these recorded hate crimes by protected characteristic (race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation etc… )

## I would like to know the detection rate for this hate crimes, and also broken down by protected characteristic.

Firstly, I would like to provide some general context, Police Scotland defines a hate incident as ‘any incident which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated (wholly or partly) by malice and ill-will towards a social group but which does not constitute a criminal offence.’

Social groups are identified in accordance with the Lord Advocates guidelines on Aggravations of Offences against Prejudice i.e. disability, race, religion/faith, sexual orientation or transgender identity.

I have included at the bottom of this letter the information requested above.

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.

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| **Table 1.** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Title: Hate Crime, Moray, Aberdeenshire & Moray1,2** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Period: 1st January 2018 - 31st July 2023 (Calendar Years) | | | |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | **Aggravator Summary** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023\*** |  |
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| **Moray - Recorded** | Race | 42 | 39 | 43 | 23 | 45 | 14 |  |
|  | Religion | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | Race & Religion | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | Other Multi Aggravator (incl. Race or Religion) | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | Disability | 6 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 3 |  |
|  | Sexual Orientation | 14 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 7 | 5 |  |
|  | Transgender | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 1 |  |
|  | Other Multiple Aggravators (excl. Race or Religion) | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |  |
| **Total** |  | **68** | **57** | **67** | **51** | **63** | **24** |  |
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| **Moray - Detected** | Race | 35 | 30 | 33 | 10 | 31 | 8 |  |
|  | Religion | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | Race & Religion | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | Other Multi Aggravator (incl. Race or Religion) | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | Disability | 5 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 |  |
|  | Sexual Orientation | 14 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 3 |  |
|  | Transgender | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |  |
|  | Other Multiple Aggravators (excl. Race or Religion) | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |  |
| **Total** |  | **59** | **43** | **49** | **29** | **44** | **13** |  |
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| **Moray -** | Race | 83.3 | 76.9 | 76.7 | 43.5 | 68.9 | 57.1 |  |
| **Detection Rate** | Religion | 66.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | - | - |  |
|  | Race & Religion | - | - | - | 100.0 | - | - |  |
|  | Other Multi Aggravator (incl. Race or Religion) | 100.0 |  | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | - |  |
|  | Disability | 83.3 | 75.0 | 75.0 | 60.0 | 57.1 | 33.3 |  |
|  | Sexual Orientation | 100.0 | 77.8 | 69.2 | 88.9 | 85.7 | 60.0 |  |
|  | Transgender | 100.0 | - | - | 33.3 | 66.7 | - |  |
|  | Other Multiple Aggravators (excl. Race or Religion) | - | - | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |
| **Total** |  | 86.8 | 75.4 | 73.1 | 56.9 | 69.8 | 54.2 |  |
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| All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 29th August 2023. | | | |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. The Recorded Crimes are extracted using the incident's raised date and extracted from iVPD by selecting hate crime aggravators. | | | |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. The Detected Crimes are extracted using the detected date and extracted from iVPD by selecting hate crime aggravators. | | | |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Police Scotland does not retain any information for statistical purposes once a record has been weeded from iVPD.  When a record is weeded, it is removed from the system, and there is no retention of data outside the weeding and retention policy.*  *Please note, the weeding and retention policy states that if a person is recorded as "no concern / not applicable" then this will only be retained for 6 months* | | | |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Please note that these data are collated from the Police Scotland iVPD system, which 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.* | | | |  |  |  |  |  |
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