| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0131  Responded to: 24 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The number of hate crimes reported to Police Scotland since the the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 was implemented in April 2024. please provide a breakdown the figure by month.

## **The number of hate crime reports that Police Scotland investigated.**

## **The number of those investigations that resulted in a case that was referred to Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.**

The information requested is detailed in the table below.

In accordance with the [Scottish Crime Recording Standard](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/p0nfjj2c/scottish-crime-recording-standard-crime-recording-and-counting-rules-april-2021.pdf?view=Standard) all recorded crimes are investigated. You may also be interested in our [Responding to Hate SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/rfwdhysd/responding-to-hate-psos-sop-publication-scheme.docx).

Please note that 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.

| **Month** | **Recorded Crimes** | **Detected Crimes** |
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| Apr | 847 | 543 |
| May | 932 | 648 |
| Jun | 842 | 564 |
| Jul | 787 | 530 |
| Aug | 937 | 584 |
| Sep | 819 | 551 |
| Oct | 732 | 487 |
| Nov | 703 | 466 |
| Dec | 682 | 453 |
| Jan | 674 | 397 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as of 24/02/2024  
Data from 1 April 2024 has been extracted from the National Crime Unifi database using the ‘date raised’ and based on crimes/ offences which include at least one of the hate aggravators and/ or are one of the following offences:

* Racially aggravated harassment
* Racially aggravated conduct
* Stirring up hatred: Racial
* Stirring up hatred: Other Group
* Race Relations Legislation (Public Order Act)

The data is a count of unique hate crimes, and not a count of aggravators. Multiple aggravators can be added to one hate crime.  
Please note, due to the different sources of data being used and different methodology/ counting rules, comparison of recorded hates crimes from 1 April 2024 with recorded hate crimes prior to 1 April 2024 would not be advised. Any comparison of the two datasets should be carried out with caution.

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.