

9 October 2024

FOI Ref 17268

Request - You asked us the following:

As a freedom of information request please provide for each month from April 2023 up until the most current date at the point of production:

- 1) The number of religious hate crimes you have recorded,
- 2) The number of religious hate crimes you have recorded, split by perceived target religion

Please provide such data electronically, ideally as a spreadsheet.

We received your request on 17/09/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

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Please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 17268 Religious Hate Crimes Data'.

Please be advised that the data provided has been obtained from our crime occurrence recording system for all offences where a 'Hate crime flag' has been applied, these have then been filtered for only those relating to religion.

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional offences may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.



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Next steps

You can ask us to review our response.

If you would like us to carry out a review of our response, please let us know within two months of the date of receipt of this email, review requests should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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