

6 October 2025

FOI Ref 21912

Request - You asked us the following:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. For each month from January 2022 to September 2025 inclusive (i.e. monthly figures), please state how many racial hate crimes were recorded by the police force
2. Please break down the monthly figures in question 1 by the recorded ethnicity of the victim (where applicable)
3. Please break down the monthly figures in question 1 by the recorded ethnicity of the accused offender (where known)
4. For each month from January 2022 to September 2025 inclusive (i.e. monthly figures), please state how many religious hate crimes were recorded by the police force
5. Please break down the monthly figures in question 4 by the recorded religion of the victim (where applicable)
6. Please break down the monthly figures in question 4 by the recorded ethnicity of the victim (where applicable)
7. Please break down the monthly figures in question 4 by the recorded ethnicity (not religion) of the accused offender (where known)
8. Please state whether, in its response to questions 1-7, the police force has classified anti-Semitic offences as racial hate crimes, religious hate crimes, or both

Duty to assist:

Unlike questions 1-7, question 9 does not ask for the disclosure of statistical data or information about specific offences. Instead, I am asking the police about what type of information it records, under the duty to assist:

9. Please could the police force outline what level/type of the following details it records/holds within its information systems in relation to racial and religious hate crimes, and how easily retrievable that information is:
 - a. Location of offences (for "offline" offences)
 - b. Outcomes of offences (convictions etc)
 - c. Specific dates of offences
 - d. Details of offences (i.e. "what happened")

We received your request on 01/10/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds/does not hold the requested information.

- 1. For each month from January 2022 to September 2025 inclusive (i.e. monthly figures), please state how many racial hate crimes were recorded by the police force – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21912 Hate Crime Data.xlsx'.**

- 2. Please break down the monthly figures in question 1 by the recorded ethnicity of the victim (where applicable) – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21912 Hate Crime Data.xlsx'.**
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- 8. Please state whether, in its response to questions 1-7, the police force has classified anti-Semitic offences as racial hate crimes, religious hate crimes, or both – **Disclosed, as per the national guidelines, the recording will depend on what the victim's perception of the offender's motivation is.**

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- a. Location of offences (for "offline" offences) – **Partially disclosed, yes this is held within our information systems in relation to racial and religious hate crimes. Information is not held relating to whether or not this is retrievable as it depends on each individual Freedom of Information request relating to this information and the limitations of the FOI Act.**
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- d. Details of offences (i.e. “what happened”) – **Partially disclosed, yes this is held within our information systems in relation to racial and religious hate crimes. Information is not held relating to whether or not this is retrievable as it depends on each individual Freedom of Information request relating to this information and the limitations of the FOI Act.**

Please note that the FOI Act 2000 only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to create information to answer questions generally; only if the information is already held in recorded form. The Act does not extend to requests for information about policies or their implementation, or the merits or demerits of any proposal or action - unless, of course, the answer to any such request is already held in recorded form.

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/incidents 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.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Staffordshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Information Access Team
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Information Access Team within two months of the Force's response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by a Supervisor who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Information Access Team will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The independent Supervisor will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following link:
<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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Information Access Team