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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_25\_0065**

On 20/01/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to request data on the number of arrests your police force has made in the calendar years 2015 to 2024, by nationality group and type of offence.

**Part 1**

Please provide the total number of arrests for British and foreign nationals in each calendar year. Where somebody has dual citizenship, please count them as a British national.

For example, one cell in the response would be the number of foreign nationals arrested in calendar year 2019.

**Part 2**

If possible, please also provide figures on arrests of British and foreign nationals broken down by the following offence types: violence; theft; robbery; drugs; sexual offences; fraud; immigration offences; other.

For example, one cell in the response would be the number of foreign nationals arrested for theft offences in the calendar year 2022.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

The primary function of the Constabulary's Arrest Recording System is to assist the Constabulary in adhering to Code C of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. As such, its reporting function is limited. The system does not record detentions under specific offences under the Home Office Crime Recording Rules; instead it uses Reason for Arrest (RFA) Categories.

I can confirm that a search has been conducted of all detentions recorded from 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2024. Please see the tables below for the figures broken down by year and nationality.

The RFA Categories as described above have then been sorted to best fit your offence types listed above of violence, theft, robbery, drugs, sexual offences, fraud, immigration offences and other.

Please see the tables below, also broken down by year.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer  
Gloucestershire Constabulary

# FOI\_25\_0065 - Arrests by Nationality

| Nationality                                                        | 2015         | 2016         | 2017         | 2018         | 2019         | 2020         | 2021         | 2022          | 2023          | 2024          | Total          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Total - England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, United Kingdom | 7,841        | 7,867        | 7,934        | 7,768        | 8,420        | 8,481        | 8,494        | 9,521         | 10,449        | 11,368        | 88,143         |
| Total - All others (excl Unknown and Blank)                        | 1,084        | 1,160        | 1,034        | 1,139        | 1,106        | 1,150        | 1,146        | 1,287         | 1,470         | 1,603         | 12,179         |
| Total - Unknown and Blank                                          | 73           | 81           | 88           | 57           | 91           | 75           | 71           | 99            | 127           | 118           | 880            |
| <b>Total</b>                                                       | <b>8,998</b> | <b>9,108</b> | <b>9,056</b> | <b>8,964</b> | <b>9,617</b> | <b>9,706</b> | <b>9,711</b> | <b>10,907</b> | <b>12,046</b> | <b>13,089</b> | <b>101,202</b> |

Nationality - United Kingdom, England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales

| Offence Category     | 2015         | 2016         | 2017         | 2018         | 2019         | 2020         | 2021         | 2022         | 2023          | 2024          | Total         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Drugs                | 518          | 605          | 673          | 629          | 762          | 774          | 693          | 655          | 677           | 630           | 6,616         |
| Fraud                | 77           | 97           | 91           | 82           | 74           | 77           | 63           | 62           | 71            | 77            | 771           |
| Immigration Offences | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2            | 2            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1             | 2             | 7             |
| Other                | 2,970        | 3,218        | 3,171        | 3,066        | 3,435        | 3,390        | 3,512        | 3,866        | 4,238         | 4,618         | 35,484        |
| Robbery              | 98           | 80           | 76           | 98           | 110          | 98           | 104          | 82           | 115           | 110           | 971           |
| Sexual Offence       | 290          | 219          | 259          | 197          | 244          | 271          | 297          | 346          | 415           | 414           | 2,952         |
| Theft                | 1,495        | 1,314        | 1,300        | 1,179        | 1,096        | 1,131        | 787          | 899          | 963           | 1,024         | 11,188        |
| Violence             | 2,393        | 2,334        | 2,364        | 2,515        | 2,697        | 2,740        | 3,038        | 3,611        | 3,969         | 4,493         | 30,154        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>7,841</b> | <b>7,867</b> | <b>7,934</b> | <b>7,768</b> | <b>8,420</b> | <b>8,481</b> | <b>8,494</b> | <b>9,521</b> | <b>10,449</b> | <b>11,368</b> | <b>88,143</b> |

Nationality - All others (excl Unknown and blank)

| Offence Category     | 2015         | 2016         | 2017         | 2018         | 2019         | 2020         | 2021         | 2022         | 2023         | 2024         | Total         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Drugs                | 56           | 66           | 100          | 90           | 97           | 107          | 111          | 103          | 106          | 166          | 1,002         |
| Fraud                | 26           | 28           | 31           | 17           | 16           | 16           | 23           | 16           | 37           | 24           | 234           |
| Immigration Offences | 116          | 102          | 120          | 126          | 109          | 57           | 49           | 66           | 62           | 76           | 883           |
| Other                | 343          | 378          | 338          | 385          | 406          | 483          | 434          | 474          | 554          | 602          | 4,397         |
| Robbery              | 12           | 9            | 8            | 13           | 5            | 4            | 6            | 4            | 7            | 8            | 76            |
| Sexual Offence       | 27           | 54           | 41           | 48           | 47           | 54           | 50           | 69           | 73           | 75           | 538           |
| Theft                | 254          | 238          | 158          | 154          | 160          | 143          | 102          | 160          | 175          | 168          | 1,712         |
| Violence             | 250          | 285          | 238          | 306          | 266          | 286          | 371          | 395          | 456          | 484          | 3,337         |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>1,084</b> | <b>1,160</b> | <b>1,034</b> | <b>1,139</b> | <b>1,106</b> | <b>1,150</b> | <b>1,146</b> | <b>1,287</b> | <b>1,470</b> | <b>1,603</b> | <b>12,179</b> |

Nationality - Unknown and Blank

| Offence Category     | 2015      | 2016      | 2017      | 2018      | 2019      | 2020      | 2021      | 2022      | 2023       | 2024       | Total      |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Drugs                | 7         | 11        | 9         | 6         | 9         | 10        | 11        | 5         | 6          | 17         | 91         |
| Fraud                | 1         | 3         | 1         | 2         | 1         | 1         | 2         | 1         | 0          | 3          | 15         |
| Immigration Offences | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1          | 1          | 4          |
| Other                | 29        | 32        | 31        | 27        | 37        | 34        | 37        | 42        | 58         | 49         | 376        |
| Robbery              | 2         | 0         | 2         | 3         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1          | 2          | 12         |
| Sexual Offence       | 5         | 3         | 7         | 0         | 2         | 1         | 5         | 8         | 4          | 3          | 38         |
| Theft                | 7         | 7         | 10        | 3         | 9         | 11        | 3         | 11        | 4          | 3          | 68         |
| Violence             | 21        | 25        | 28        | 16        | 31        | 18        | 13        | 31        | 53         | 40         | 276        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>73</b> | <b>81</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>75</b> | <b>71</b> | <b>99</b> | <b>127</b> | <b>118</b> | <b>880</b> |