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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1222

On 24/12/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Consistent with the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide me with the following information between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2024:

1. The number crimes at Churches, broken down by type of crime (e.g., arson, theft, assault, etc.), location of the incident, and whether they were treated as hate crimes or religiously aggravated offences.
2. The number of crimes at Synagogues, broken down by type of crime (e.g., arson, theft, assault, etc.), location of the incident, and whether they were treated as hate crimes or religiously aggravated offences.
3. The number of crimes at Mosques, broken down by type of crime (e.g., arson, theft, assault, etc.), location of the incident, and whether they were treated as hate crimes or religiously aggravated offences.

REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: Consistent with the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide me with the following information from between 01/01/2010 and 30/11/2025:

1. The number of rape offences committed by multiple offenders, broken down by number of offenders and by each year.

2. The number of sexual assault offences committed by multiple offenders, broken down by number of offenders and by each year.

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.

Request 1

Following searches of the Constabulary's crime recording database, for substantiated crimes between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2024, we were able to search for the number crimes at churches, mosques and synagogues, broken down by type of crime and whether they were treated as hate crimes or religiously aggravated offences. Please note, to avoid disclosing information that may identify individuals, we have grouped together the data for mosques and synagogues.

Number of Crimes & Locations

Offence / Location	
CHURCH	
Administer poison w/i injure	1
Affray	4
Arson endangering life	1
Arson not endangering life	9
Assault occasioning ABH	16
Assault of an emergency worker	1
BRC	4
Burglary dwelling	14
Burglary non dwelling	60
Committing or conspiring to commit an act outraging public decency	6
Common assault & battery	14
Crim damage £5000+	20

Criminal damage to £5000	95
Cruelty to/neglect of children	1
Dog out of control -injury public place	1
Exposure	2
False imprisonment	1
Fear/ provocation of violence	8
Go equipped for stealing	1
Harassment etc	11
Harassment no violence	6
Have article blade/point -public place	1
Intent harassment etc	14
Interfere with m/v	3
Malicious communications	2
Other indictable offences not classified	1
Possess cannabis class B	11
Possess class A drug Other	1
Pursue a course of conduct in breach of S1 (1) which amounts to stalking	1
Robbery	7
RORA Criminal Damage	1
RORA harassment/alarm/distress	2
RORA harassment/alarm/distress w. intent	1
Sexual assault of female -13 by penetration	1
Sexual assault on female 13+	3
Sexual assault on female 13+ by penetration	1
Stalking involving fear of Violence	1
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	2
Theft from m/v	10
Theft from public places	1
Theft from the person of another	1
Theft of m/v	3
Theft of p/cycle	12
Theft -unclassified	79
Threat to destroy / damage property	1
Threats to kill	3

Use words/behav/display writt mat to stir up Rac Hate	1
Wound / inflict GBH	1
Wound w/intent GBH	1
MOSQUE & SYNAGOGUE	
RORA Criminal Damage	1
RORA fear/provocation of violence	1
Sexual assault of female -13	2
Theft of p/cycle	2
Theft -unclassified	1
Malicious communications	1
Total	450

Number of Crimes & Hate Crime Classification

Offence / Hate Crime Classification	Church	Mosque & Synagogue	Total
<i>Treated as a Hate Crime</i>			
Arson not endangering life	1		1
Burglary non dwelling	1		1
Crim damage £5000+	1		1
Criminal damage to £5000	9		9
Intent harassment etc	1		1
Malicious communications		1	1
RORA Criminal Damage	1	1	2
RORA fear/provocation of violence		1	1
RORA harassment/alarm/distress	2		2
RORA harassment/alarm/distress w. intent	1		1
Theft from public places	1		1
Theft -unclassified	3		3
Use words/behav/display writt mat to stir up Rac Hate	1		1
<i>Not Treated as a Hate Crime</i>			
Administer poison w/i injure	1		1
Affray	4		4
Arson endangering life	1		1
Arson not endangering life	8		8

Assault occasioning ABH	16		16
Assault of an emergency worker	1		1
BRC	4		4
Burglary dwelling	14		14
Burglary non dwelling	59		59
Committing or conspiring to commit an act outraging public decency	6		6
Common assault & battery	14		14
Crim damage £5000+	19		19
Criminal damage to £5000	86		86
Cruelty to/neglect of children	1		1
Dog out of control -injury public place	1		1
Exposure	2		2
False imprisonment	1		1
Fear/ provocation of violence	8		8
Go equipped for stealing	1		1
Harassment etc	11		11
Harassment no violence	6		6
Have article blade/point -public place	1		1
Intent harassment etc	13		13
Interfere with m/v	3		3
Malicious communications	2		2
Other indictable offences not classified	1		1
Possess cannabis class B	11		11
Possess class A drug Other	1		1
Pursue a course of conduct in breach of S1 (1) which amounts to stalking	1		1
Robbery	7		7
Sexual assault of female -13		2	2
Sexual assault of female -13 by penetration	1		1
Sexual assault on female 13+	3		3
Sexual assault on female 13+ by penetration	1		1
Stalking involving fear of Violence	1		1
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	2		2
Theft from m/v	10		10

Theft from the person of another	1		1
Theft of m/v	3		3
Theft of p/cycle	12	2	14
Theft -unclassified	76	1	77
Threat to destroy / damage property	1		1
Threats to kill	3		3
Wound / inflict GBH	1		1
Wound w/intent GBH	1		1
Total	442	8	450

Request 2

Following searches of the Constabulary's crime recording database, we were able to look for sexual assault and rape offences committed by multiple offenders between 01/01/2010 and 30/11/2025. We were able to break this down by the number of offenders, however, to avoid disclosing information that may identify individuals, we have grouped together the data for the entire date range requested.

Number of Offenders				
	2	3	4	Total
Total Sexual Assault Offences	18	4	1	23

Number of Offenders					
	2	3	4	7	Total
Total Rape Offences	19	5	9	1	34

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

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Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,

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