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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0755

On 07/08/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide me the following information for the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

- 1) How many crimes have been recorded by your force which are suspected to have been committed by children aged under 10 (below the age of criminal responsibility)
- 2) A breakdown of the crimes suspected to have been committed by children aged under 10 (below the age of criminal responsibility)
- 3) A breakdown of ages and genders of suspects aged under 10 (below the age of criminal responsibility) associated with committing crimes

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

In response to the questions you asked, a search was conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording data base for all substantiated crimes between 01/01/2015 and 31/12/2025, after which offender sex and age was filtered. The relevant and recorded information can be found below.

Data quality note:

The results have been broken down by the offence and the recorded age of the victim. Please note that due to recording practices there are some anomalies within the data.

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.

Breakdown by year

Year	Count
2015	67
2016	82
2017	76
2018	63
2019	109
2020	139
2021	233
2022	494
2023	370
2024	353
2025	346
Total	2332

Breakdown by Home Office Classification

Home Office Classification	Count
Administer poison w/i injure	1
Affray	10
Arson endangering life	2
Arson not endangering life	8
Assault occasioning ABH	432
Assault of an emergency worker	9
Attempted rape of a male -13 by a male	1
Attempted rape of female -13 by a male	1
Breach restraining order	1

Burglary dwelling	9
Burglary non dwelling	8
Cause / incite child prostitution/pornography child -13	1
Cause / incite female -13 to engage in sex act	4
Cause / incite female -13 to engage in sex act no penetration	11
Cause / incite female -13 to engage in sex act offender -18	3
Cause / incite female -13 to engage in sex act offender -18 no penetration	9
Cause / incite female -16 to engage in sex act no penetration	1
Cause / incite female -16 to engage in sex act offender -18 no penetration	4
Cause / incite male -13 to engage in sex act	2
Cause / incite male -13 to engage in sex act no penetration	17
Cause / incite male -13 to engage in sex act offender -18 no penetration	11
Cause / incite male -16 to engage in sex act offender -18	5
Cause / incite male -16 to engage in sex act offender -18 no penetration	2
Cause child -13 to watch sex act offender -18	2
Cause child -16 to watch sex act offender -18	1
Cause danger to road users	2
Cause male to engage in sex act without consent no penetration	1
Causing, permitting or failing to prevent unnecessary suffering of protected animal	6
Committing or conspiring to commit an act outraging public decency	3
Common assault&battery	476
Crim damage £5000+	18
Criminal damage to £5000	160
Cruelty to/neglect of children	3
Dog out of control -injury public place	2
Engage in controlling/ coercive behaviour in an intimate/family relationship	10
Engage in sex act in presence of child -13 offender -18	1
Engage in sexual communication with a child	2
Exposure	6
False imprisonment	1
Fear/ provocation of violence	33
Harassment etc	5
Harassment no violence	90
Harrassment of a person in his home	1

Have article blade/point -public place	5
Have article blade/point -school premises	4
Import class B drug	1
Incite female family member -13 to engage in sex act offender -18	3
Incite female family member -13 to engage in sex act offender -18 - penetration	2
Incite male family member -13 to engage in sex act offender -18	3
Intent harassment etc	74
Intentional strangulation	7
Intimidate witness etc	1
Make false representation for gain	4
Make off w/o payment	1
Malicious communications	42
Murder victim over 1 yr	4
Poss grp1 f/arm w/i cause fear of violence	3
Poss grp3 f/arm w/i cause fear of violence	2
Possess cannabis class B	1
Possess cannabis w/i supply class B	1
Possess class A drug Other	1
Possess class A drug w/i supply general	1
Possess cocaine class A	1
Possess indecent/pseudo photo of child	2
Possess offensive weapon -school premises	2
Possess weapon w/out lawful excuse	1
Possession of an offensive weapon in a private place	1
Pursue a course of conduct in breach of S1 (1) which amounts to stalking	3
Put people in fear of violence	74
Rape of female -13 by a male	43
Rape of female -16	6
Rape of female 16+	4
Rape of male -13 by a male	44
Rape of male -16	8
Robbery	12
RORA assault/assault occ. ABH	4
RORA common assault/beating	11

RORA Criminal Damage	2
RORA harassment/alarm/distress	10
RORA harassment/alarm/distress w. intent	22
RORA harassment/stalking w. fear of violence	5
RORA harassment/stalking w.o. violence	6
Send communication threatening death or serious harm	1
Sending photograph etc or film of genitals	1
Sex act with female -13 offender -18	6
Sex act with female -13 offender -18 no penetration	16
Sex act with female -16	3
Sex act with female -16 offender -18	1
Sex act with female -16 offender -18 no penetration	1
Sex act with female family member 13 - 17 offender -18	1
Sex act with female family member -13 offender -18	7
Sex act with female family member -13 offender -18 -penetration	1
Sex act with male -13 offender -18	2
Sex act with male -13 offender -18 no penetration	14
Sex act with male -16 offender -18	1
Sex act with male -16 offender -18 no penetration	7
Sex act with male family member -13 offender -18	6
Sexual assault of female -13	79
Sexual assault of female -13 by penetration	27
Sexual assault of male -13 by penetration	10
Sexual assault of male 13+ by penetration	1
Sexual assault on female 13+	34
Sexual assault on female 13+ by penetration	1
Sexual assault on male -13	29
Sexual assault on male 13+	15
Stalking involving fear of Violence	3
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	3
Supply/offer cannabis class B	1
Take/make indecent photo of children	112
Theft by employee	2
Theft from m/v	5

Theft from shop	37
Theft from the person of another	1
Theft in dwelling not m/c ,meter	14
Theft of p/cycle	4
Theft -unclassified	21
Threat to destroy / damage property	4
Threaten Person With Offensive Weapon / Bladed Article / Corrosive Substance In Private	13
Threaten with a blade/pointed article in public	6
Threaten with a blade/pointed article on school premises	1
Threaten with an offensive weapon in public	12
Threats to kill	13
Use words/behav/display writt mat to stir up Rac Hate	2
Voyeurism	2
Wound / inflict GBH	5
Wound w/intent GBH	11
Grand Total	2332

Breakdown by age

Age	Count
0	27
1	15
2	17
3	21
4	44
5	74
6	140
7	218
8	340
9	529
10	907
Total	2332

Breakdown by Sex

Sex	Count
Female	509
Male	1745
Not recorded	78
Total	2332

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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Yours sincerely,

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