

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

**Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters**
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 23rd October 2025

Our Ref FOI 2025-969

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14th October 2025, concerning suspect ethnicity breakdown for violent and sexual offences.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Business Intelligence department at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote and our response:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following data for violent offences (e.g., assault, grievous bodily harm) and sexual offences (e.g., rape, sexual assault, grooming) recorded in Wiltshire from January 2020 to October 2025:

A breakdown of suspects identified, arrests made, charges filed, and convictions secured by ethnicity (e.g., White, Black, Asian, Mixed, Other, or equivalent categories used in police recording).

Please see below table.

For each ethnic group, calculate the rate of suspects, arrests, charges, and convictions per 1,000 population, using Wiltshire's 2021 Census ethnic demographics as a baseline (or the most recent available).

There is not a requirement for a Public Authority to create data to furnish a request for information, where this data is not already held.

An analysis (if held) of overrepresentation, comparing each ethnic group's proportion in these offence outcomes to their proportion in Wiltshire's population (e.g., overrepresentation ratios or odds ratios).

No information held - Wiltshire Police do not hold an analysis of this information.

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Under our Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, you may be able to locate this information on the Office for National Statistics website, although I cannot be certain ([Home - Office for National Statistics](#)).

If county-level data is unavailable, please provide the closest equivalent (e.g., South West region) or national data with Wiltshire context, if held.

N/A

If certain data (e.g., birthplace or specific conviction breakdowns) is not recorded, please provide the nearest available metrics. I understand this request may involve estimates or partial data due to recording limitations.

N/A

Please note:

- ❖ The data provided is specific to Wiltshire.
- ❖ The data has been grouped by Primary Self-Defined Race types.
- ❖ Wiltshire Police do not hold conviction data, as this is Court data. Under our Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would suggest you contact HM Courts & Tribunals Service to see whether they can assist further.

Distinct Count of OccNo	Arab	Asian	Black	Mixed	Not Recorded	Other	White
1: Charged	1	41	57	34	93	2	738
1: Summoned/postal requisition	-	28	22	13	119	7	593
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	-	-	3	-	15	1	21
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	-	1	2	1	26	-	46
12: Named suspect identified but is dead or too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	-	5	6	2	756	2	486
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	-	1	1	-	37	-	33
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	1	1	2	2	20	-	17

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15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1	16	34	13	114	3	631
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	14	320	305	218	4582	68	7510
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	17	389	493	274	6330	90	10189
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	1	19	30	9	350	8	597
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	-	3	3	4	102	-	80
1A: Alternate offence charged	1	20	31	13	43	2	507
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	1	14	23	25	81	4	378
2: Youth caution	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
2: Youth conditional caution	-	-	1	1	2	-	7
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	1	69	91	52	1365	8	1119
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	-	1	5	1	126	-	135
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.	-	2	3	1	37	-	67
2A: Alternate offence youth caution	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
2A: Alternate offence youth conditional caution	-	-	-	1	1	-	3

3: Adult caution	1	11	10	5	23	2	171
3: Adult conditional caution	-	1	1	2	11	-	37
3A: Alternate offence adult caution	-	5	11	7	37	1	202
3A: Alternate offence adult conditional caution	-	2	1	2	8	-	57
5: Offender has died	-	-	-	-	4	-	7
6: Penalty notice for disorder	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
8: Community resolution	1	12	7	15	360	4	448
8: Youth restorative disposal	-	4	14	14	231	2	268
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	-	2	-	1	2	-	13
Crime related incident	-	-	-	-	2	-	4
New - Under Investigation	2	48	56	24	475	5	851
Grand Total	42	1015	1212	734	15352	209	25226

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

FDU Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire 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 to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk.

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 Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original Fol request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit 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 twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker 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 Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant 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 details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish to contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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