

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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

Date 18th February 2026

Our Ref FOI 2026-126

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30th January 2026, concerning missing persons data.

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:

For the period 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2026, please provide:

The total number of individuals reported missing and recorded by your force.

A breakdown of these missing persons by ethnicity, using the standard ethnicity categories recorded by the Missing Persons Unit (or the closest equivalent ie. any data held by your force).

Please provide the data: Broken down by calendar year (with January 2026 listed separately if annual totals are not yet finalised) In tabular format (CSV or Excel preferred)

Where ethnicity is not recorded for all cases, please also include: The number of cases where ethnicity was recorded as "unknown", "not stated", or equivalent.

Our response:

Please note:

- ❖ The data has been provided from 01.01.2021 to 01.01.2026
- ❖ The response is a distinct count of individuals, not a count of occurrences
- ❖ The Ethnicity in the response is the individual's Primary Self-Defined Race

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Distinct Count of Name	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (up to 01.01.2026)	Grand Total
A1. Asian Indian inc Asian British	4	2	6	4	6		19
A2. Asian Pakistani inc Asian British		1	1	3	2		7
A3. Asian Bangladeshi inc Asian British		3		3	3		8
A4. Asian Chinese inc Asian British	1	2					3
A9. Any other Asian background	3	9	6	8	9		31
B1. Black Caribbean inc Black British	6	11	16	8	7		34
B2. Black African inc Black British	8	14	13	9	8		44
B9. Any other Black background	3	9	10	3	7		29
M1. Mixed White & Black Caribbean	13	16	10	7	12		42
M2. Mixed White & Black African	3	5	3	6	5		14
M3. Mixed White & Asian		4	1	2	1		6
M9. Any other mixed	12	12	24	16	13		51
Not Recorded	269	345	401	289	236		1,372
NS. Not stated	105	138	98	93	60		460
O2. Arab			2	1	2		4
O9. Any other	2	5	2	6	10		24
W1. White British	595	741	694	554	711	4	2,611
W2. White Irish	6	7	5	5	5		25
W3. White Gypsy or Irish Traveller	2	2	1		1		6
W9. Any other white background	16	26	19	21	21	1	82
Grand Total	1,048	1,352	1,312	1,038	1,119	5	4,872

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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