WILTSHIRE POLICE

Via Email

Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 16/11/2026 **Our ref: FOI 2026/1037**

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/11/2026 concerning Arrest Nationality Recording and 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.

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

You wrote:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following aggregate recorded information concerning nationality in your force's custody or arrest- recording systems.

Period: 1 January to 31 December 2025.

Please provide, where electronically retrievable:

1\. The total number of arrest or custody records created during the period.
2\. The number with a populated nationality field.
3\. The number where nationality is blank, unknown, not stated, refused, unspecified or otherwise unrecorded, using the categories your force actually holds.
4\. If already available through an existing report or routine query, the breakdown by individual recorded nationality.
5\. Any existing written recording guidance identifying whether nationality is self-declared, verified or obtained from another source, and whether subsequent changes to a person's record affect historical arrest extracts.

Please identify whether the counting basis is custody records, arrest events or unique people.

Response:

Please note: Period: 1 January to 31 December 2025

Nationality / Arrest Month Year	Jan-2025	Feb-2025	Mar-2025	Apr-2025	May-2025	Jun-2025	Jul-2025	Aug-2025	Sep-2025	Oct-2025	Nov-2025	Dec-2025
Totals	**810**	**754**	**785**	**778**	**818**	**873**	**875**	**834**	**775**	**805**	**777**	**798**
-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Afghanistan	1	5	1	3	3	1	4	6	8	3	1	8
Åland Islands	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Albania	9	6	-	2	4	4	5	4	9	1	5	6
Algeria	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
American Samoa	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andorra	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Angola	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguilla	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Australia	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Bahrain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	5	3	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	1	-	3
Barbados	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belarus	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Belize	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	7	13	10	10	6	23	17	18	11	18	12	14
Brunei Darussalam	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bulgaria	2	2	1	5	1	2	2	1	4	3	-	-
Burundi	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cameroon	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Canada	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-

China	1	2	3	-	2	9	-	1	-	1	1	3
Colombia	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Congo	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Côte d'Ivoire	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Croatia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
East Timor	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Egypt	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	3	1	-
El Salvador	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
England	79	64	71	51	74	62	86	78	77	61	72	49
Eritrea	6	1	2	-	1	2	1	4	1	2	1	2
Eswatini	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Faeroe Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Fiji	-	2	-	-	5	2	2	-	-	6	-	1
Finland	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gambia	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany	-	1	1	-	3	-	1	3	1	-	-	1
Ghana	1	2	3	2	6	1	7	-	-	2	4	2
Greece	2	-	1	-	1	2	1	-	1	1	-	-
Grenada	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	-
Guinea	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guyana	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honduras	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Hungary	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	3
India	7	15	11	12	7	11	15	10	13	8	9	22
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Iran, Islamic republic of	1	1	1	3	4	4	-	2	3	-	5	1
Iraq	3	2	-	2	-	3	1	-	2	1	1	2
Ireland	4	2	4	4	3	4	2	5	6	9	4	12
Israel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Italy	2	4	4	1	2	3	4	2	2	3	1	-
Jamaica	-	1	3	-	1	3	2	1	2	2	1	2
Jordan	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Kenya	2	-	3	1	-	3	1	3	-	2	2	4
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Korea, Republic of	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kosovo	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kuwait	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Latvia	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-
Lebanon	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Liberia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Libya, State of	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	2	3	3	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	1
Malawi	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	1
Malaysia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Moldova, Republic of	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

Morocco	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	2	-	-	1
Namibia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Nepal	1	1	1	1	-	1	4	1	2	1	2	3
Netherlands	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Nigeria	3	1	-	4	6	1	3	6	3	3	1	2
Northern Ireland	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	3	3	2	-	1
NULL	21	18	21	38	38	44	20	27	38	41	38	40
Other	-	1	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	2	1	1
Pakistan	-	1	-	3	2	6	-	1	8	6	-	2
Palestinian Territory, occupied	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Paraguay	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philippines	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Poland	16	17	13	21	18	12	22	13	18	11	10	13
Portugal	7	6	4	6	9	6	5	9	6	7	3	6
Romania	14	16	27	8	24	17	16	13	27	8	14	10
Russian Federation	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Rwanda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	-	1	-	-	2	-	3	-	2	-	-	-
Scotland	2	-	1	1	5	3	-	1	3	-	2	1
Sierra Leone	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Slovakia	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Slovenia	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somalia	-	-	1	-	-	3	6	2	-	1	-	2
South Africa	4	2	1	2	2	6	2	1	4	-	1	2
Spain	-	-	2	-	3	-	1	3	2	-	2	-

Sri Lanka	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	2	1	-	3
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	2
Sudan	-	1	6	2	3	4	2	1	3	2	1	-
Sweden	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Tajikistan	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Thailand	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Tonga	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Trinidad and Tobago	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
Tunisia	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Turkey	1	2	5	4	3	3	6	4	6	2	4	4
Uganda	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
UK	611	546	567	589	574	612	637	615	505	594	563	559
Ukraine	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	-	2
United Arab Emirates	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States of America	2	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	2	2	2
Uruguay	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uzbekistan	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Venezuela	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Viet Nam	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	3	-	-	1	1
Wales	-	-	4	1	2	2	1	2	6	2	4	1
Yugoslavia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	7	6	1	4	7	3	5	3	6	3	7	3

Above is the only way nationality is recorded (by birth country)

It is self declared by the arrested person.

This data represents the number of arrests within the time period - if an individual is arrested multiple times, it will be listed in this data.

The unknown birth country data included as null or a hyphen.

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

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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

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

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 FoI 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 you contact them, please visit https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/