



Freedom Of Information

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information, received by West Yorkshire Police on 11/05/2026.

You requested the following information:

Sexual offences proceeded against in 2025, broken down by nationality and recorded nationality category.

Please provide the following information for the calendar year 2025, from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

If full-year 2025 data is not yet available, please provide the latest available 2025 data and state the date range covered.

For sexual offences where an individual was charged, summonsed, postal requisitioned, or otherwise proceeded against, please provide:

1. The total number of cases/offences/proceedings recorded.
2. A breakdown by nationality as recorded by the force.
3. A summary breakdown showing:
 - a. British national;
 - b. foreign national;
 - c. unknown / not recorded / refused.
4. Where held, a breakdown by detailed offence type or Home Office offence classification.
5. A short explanation of the counting basis used, for example whether the figures count individuals, arrests, offences, custody records, charges, proceedings, or another category.

Where any nationality has fewer than 5 results, please suppress the exact figure and mark it as "<5".

Please see the attached document in relation to your request.

Crimes relating to sexual offences are taken very seriously by West Yorkshire Police. Specially trained officers are responsible for the investigation of these offences and are situated within both

District Safeguarding Units and Protective Services (Crime), a specialist department which deals with complex investigations.

West Yorkshire Police like all forces nationally has adopted Operation Soteria, the national operating model for Rape and Serious Sexual offence investigations and is committed to its transformation to the principles of suspect focus – victim centred – context led.

Over the last 5 years there has been an increase in sexual offences recorded, some of which will be as a result of improved crime recording but also due to recent, well publicised national cases which have given victims the confidence to report crimes knowing that their reports will be taken seriously. These offences may have taken place many years before the survivor of abuse feels able to report the matter to the police. Any non-recent reports receive the same level of investigation and response from specialist officers in West Yorkshire Police as recent reports do.

West Yorkshire Police recognises all victims as individuals and tailors our response to their needs, ensuring they receive the best possible care from our officers and staff. All investigations involving victims of sexual offences under the age of 18, are dealt within a multi-agency setting, involving our statutory safeguarding partners. This approach allows not only for an effective investigation but ensures appropriate safeguarding measures are considered for any person deemed to be at risk. All victims of sexual offences are signposted for support from third sector agencies.

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are not satisfied with how this request has been handled or with the information provided, please read the advice notice attached to this letter. If you do wish to take up your right of complaint, please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Fawcett
Data and Information Sharing Officer

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of West Yorkshire Police, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a written complaint to have the decision internally reviewed.

A West Yorkshire Police internal review of your decision will be carried out by an alternative member of staff who is fully trained in interpreting Freedom of Information legislation. The review will be independently conducted, regardless of the original decision made.

Complaints will only be treated as valid if they are received by West Yorkshire Police within a 60-day timeframe from the date of the decision letter. They must include the original FOI Reference Number and can only be submitted in writing, by using the following contact details:

foi@westyorkshire.police.uk

Or

West Yorkshire Police
FOI Internal Reviews
PO Box 9
Laburnum Road
Wakefield
WF1 3QP

In all possible circumstances, West Yorkshire Police will aim to complete and respond to your internal review within 20 working days. However, this date may be extended in exceptional circumstances by another 20 working days.

The Information Commissioner

If you are still dissatisfied with the internal review decision made by West Yorkshire Police, you can then make an application to the Information Commissioner, for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [FOI and EIR complaints | ICO](#)

Alternatively, you can phone their helpline or write to them at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
FOI Help Line: 0303 1231113

Charge/summons/postal requisition for sexual offences, 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025

Notes

Information represents the number of arrests (not individuals) which resulted in one or more charge, summons or postal requisition during the period for a Sexual offence

- one arrest can result in multiple charges for multiple offences

Crime classifications based on Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime>

Nationality	Total arrests	Arrests including one or more specific offences																			
		17A	17B	19C	19D	19E	19F	19G	19H	20A	20B	21	22A	22B	23	70	71	73	88A	88C	88E
AFGHANISTAN	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALBANIA; FRANCE	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUSTRALIA	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BANGLADESH	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRAZIL; PORTUGAL	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BULGARIA	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0
BURMA	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHINA	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CZECH REPUBLIC	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
ECUADOR	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EGYPT	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ENGLAND	51	2	1	13	1	3	0	0	1	15	4	6	2	8	0	0	1	1	10	3	6
ENGLAND; JAMAICA	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5
ENGLAND; ZIMBABWE	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ERITREA	6	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ESTONIA	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0
ETHIOPIA	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GAMBIA	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GHANA	<5	<5	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GREECE	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GUINEA	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HUNGARY	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0
INDIA	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0
IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
IRAQ	5	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IRELAND	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0
ITALY	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JAMAICA	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JORDAN	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KUWAIT	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LATVIA	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LITHUANIA	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0
NEPAL	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0
NETHERLANDS	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0
NIGERIA	7	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORWAY	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PAKISTAN	25	0	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	8	1	4	0	3	0	0	2	0	8	1	1
POLAND	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PORTUGAL	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
ROMANIA	7	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SAUDI ARABIA	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5
SCOTLAND	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SLOVAKIA	7	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOMALIA	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5
SOUTH AFRICA	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5
SOUTH SUDAN	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SRI LANKA	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUDAN	6	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SWITZERLAND	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UK	494	9	2	117	41	10	1	2	2	137	38	54	10	62	1	3	5	1	105	31	49
UK; ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UK; ENGLAND	59	3	0	18	3	3	1	0	1	15	4	4	1	12	0	0	0	0	14	2	4
UK; GERMANY	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
UK; INDIA	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5
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UK; NETHERLANDS	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UK; NIGERIA	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UK; NORTHERN IRELAND	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UK; PAKISTAN	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
UK; SCOTLAND	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0
UK; SIERRA LEONE	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UK; SLOVAKIA	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UK; SOUTH AFRICA	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0
UK; SRI LANKA	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0
UK; TURKEY	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UK; TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIETNAM	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WALES	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ZAMBIA	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ZIMBABWE	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not recorded	29	0	0	5	1	2	0	0	0	8	1	3	1	6	0	0	0	0	7	5	4
Total arrests	810	17	5	207	53	21	5	3	5	240	59	77	17	108	2	3	8	2	161	49	77