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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-00496

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Children Under 18 Arrested by PSNI

### Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

#### Question 1

How many children under the age of 18 were arrested by your police force in 2008, 2009 and 2010? Please provide the information for each year separately.

#### Answer

2008 – 4848 Children under the age of 18 arrested  
2009 – 4854 Children under the age of 18 arrested  
2010 – 4466 Children under the age of 18 arrested

#### Question 2

In addition, we would like a breakdown by age, gender and ethnicity.

#### Answer

Please see the tables provided below. Please note the terminology used for the ethnicity categories listed for 2008 and 2009 are no longer in use.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50

of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

ARRESTS 2008

Count of Count		dp_ethnicity									
dp_gender	AGE_at_time_of_initial_arrest	1White	Afro Caribbean	Arab	Asian	Dark Euro	Oriental	Unknown	White Euro	(blank)	Grand Total
Female	10								2		2
	11								9		9
	12								17		17
	13			1				2	62		65
	14		1			1			110		112
	15							1	174	1	176
	16				1		2	3	218		224
	17					2			201	1	204
Female Total			2		1	3	2	6	793	2	809
Male	10					1		1	6		8
	11		1						29		30
	12							1	59		60
	13			1		2		5	147		155
	14					2		1	378	1	382
	15		1			2	1	9	701		714
	16				2		1	13	1118		1134
	17			5	1	3	1	19	1526		1555
8								1		1	
Male Total		1	6	1	3	10	3	49	3965	1	4039
Grand Total		1	8	1	4	13	5	55	4758	3	4848

ARRESTS 2009

Count of Count		dp_ethnicity														Grand Total	
dp_gender	AGE_at	10Chinese	11 Oth Eth Grp	12Mixed	1White	2Irish Trvl	3Indian	4Pakistani	7Black Carib	8Black Afric	9Black Oth	Afro Caribbean	Unknown	White Euro	(blank)		
Female	10					2										2	
	11				8	4								1		13	
	12				16	1			1					4		22	
	13				42	2								2		46	
	14				151	1								18		170	
	15			2	145	6								16		169	
	16			1	141	8						1		24	2	177	
	17				197	7								26	1	231	
Female Total				3	700	31			1		1			91	3	830	
Male	10				5									1		6	
	11				14	1						1		3		19	
	12				1	47	2							3		53	
	13			4	99	2								19		124	
	14				2	381	8					1		54	1	447	
	15			2	614	16					1			72		705	
	16			1	1	937	13		1	1		1	1	164		1120	
	17			1	2	1340	6	3	1			4	2	2	187		1550
Male Total				4	7	5	3437	48	3	2	1	6	4	2	503	1	4024
Grand Total				4	10	5	4137	79	3	2	2	7	4	2	594	4	4854

ARRESTS 2010

Count of Count		dp_ethnicity										Grand Total
dp_gender	AGE_at_time_of_initial_arrest	10Chinese	11 Oth Eth Grp	12Mixed	1White	2Irish Trvl	5Bangladeshi	6Oth Asian	7Black Carib	8Black Afric	9Black Oth (blank)	
Female	10				1	1						2
	11			1	4							5
	12				18	1						19
	13				36	1			1			38
	14				93							93
	15	1	2	1	158	6					2	171
	16			1	180							181
	17		1		167	3			1			172
Female Total		1	3	3	657	12			2		2	681
Male	10				2	1						3
	11				19	4						23
	12				51	4						55
	13				121	2				1	3	127
	14	2		1	288	7			3			301
	15		2		664	7					2	675
	16			2	1036	12		3			1	1054
	17	1	3	3	1522	10	1			5	1	1546
8				1							1	
Male Total		3	5	6	3704	47	1	3	3	6	7	3785
Grand Total		4	8	9	4361	59	1	3	5	6	9	4466