



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05286

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Assaults On Taxi Drivers 2004 - 2013

Request and Answer:

Question

For each of the calendar years 2004 to 2013:

1. The count of all assault offences where the victim occupation was recorded as 'Taxi'.

Including the following information:

2. The offence title (e.g. assault occasion ABH).
3. The recorded ethnicity of the victim and (if possible) offender.

Clarification received from requester - occupation to include 'taxi driver' and 'mini cab driver'

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.

Please find attached at the end of this correspondence the requested information for the number of recorded offences of assault where the victim's occupation was 'taxi driver' or 'mini cab driver' per calendar year from 1st April 2007 to 31st December 2013. Unfortunately, the current crime recording system used by the PSNI only came into effect on 1st April 2007 and as a result of this we do not hold the requested data for the years prior to this date.

¹Figures for 2007 cover the period 1st April 2007 to 31st December 2007.

²'Unknown' refers to cases where the Ethnicity information was not actually recorded on the system.

³Ethnicity was extracted from the existing system's classifications. 'Hist' stands for classifications that were previously setup but are now historical.

This information is based on data extracted from a live system and is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.

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.

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.

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

Number of recorded offences of assault where the victim's occupation was 'taxi driver' or 'mini cab driver' per calendar year from 1st April 2007 to 31st December 2013

From 1st April 2007 to 31st December 2013, there were **764** offences of assault recorded in Northern Ireland where the occupation of the victim was listed as 'taxi driver' or 'mini cab driver'. The breakdown by type of assault and calendar year is shown below:

Offence Type	2007 ¹	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Assault without injury	44	52	42	31	32	41	42
Assault with intent to cause serious harm	4	5	4	2	5	4	3
Assault with injury	66	68	77	60	68	55	59
<i>of which 'Assault occasioning actual body harm (AOABH)'</i>	65	57	71	53	62	51	57
TOTAL	114	125	123	93	105	100	104

Of those 764 recorded crimes, the victim's ethnicity was as follows:

Victim's Ethnicity ³	2007 ¹	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
11 Oth Eth Grp	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
1White	23	25	64	61	65	65	51
3Indian	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
5Bangladeshi	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
8Black Afric	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hist - Asian	4	2	0	2	0	0	0
Hist - Black	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
Hist - Unknown	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Hist - White - North European	82	92	48	26	34	28	46
Hist - White - South European	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<i>Unknown</i> ²	2	4	7	3	6	4	5

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