



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05582

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Crimes During Christmas Period and Arrests On December 25th

Request and Answer:

Question

How many crimes were committed in the following time period: 25th December to 31st December in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013? Please give a breakdown for the different types of crime.

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.

Attached below are the recorded offences committed between the 25th of December and the 31st of December for the years 2010 – 2013.

Question

How many people did your police force arrest on 25th December in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013?

Answer

Attached below are the numbers of arrests for the 25th of December. Unfortunately, the current crime recording system used by the PSNI came into effect at the start of 2007 and as a result of this we can only provide data for the requested dates for the years 2006 onwards.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psnj.police.uk

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

Recorded offences (25th Dec-31stDec)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Victim-based crime				
Violence against the person	582	715	672	700
Sexual offences	15	18	20	19
Robbery	20	25	17	14
Burglary	126	140	139	119
Theft offences	317	306	299	305
Criminal damage	354	416	394	307
Other crimes against society				
Drug offences	55	56	59	62
Miscellaneous crimes against society	25	24	28	16
Possession of weapons offences	11	17	10	9
Public order offences	25	25	30	31
<i>Other fraud</i>	13	11	31	13
Total recorded crime	1543	1753	1699	1595

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

Arrests¹ on 25th December

Year	Number of arrests
2006	38
2007	34
2008	51
2009	31
2010	40
2011	46
2012	34
2013	50

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

¹Arrested and processed through custody

Please note: This information is based on data extracted from a live system and may be subject to change.

It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.