



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-00405

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Number of Race Hate Offences in 2013

Request and Answer:

Question

Can you detail the number of race hate offences against (a) the individual and (b) an individual's home in 2013 broken down by

- (i) month,
- (ii) nature of attack e.g. physical assault, sexual assault, verbal threats, criminal damage, theft etc,
- (iii) nationality of victim,
- (iv) policing district in which the offence occurred,
- (v) number of people charged with race hate offences in 2013.

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 number of racist motivated offences which occurred between 1st January 2013 and 31st December 2013. This has been broken down to show the number of racist motivated crimes against an individual and an individuals home by month, offence type, nationality of victim and policing district in which the crime occurred.

In relation to part (v) of your question, 46 people were charged with offences in connection with an incident reported to police in 2013 where a racist motivated crime was recorded. The offence that the person was charged with may not necessarily have been the crime which was identified as having a racist motivation.

Please note this information is based on data extracted from a live crime recording 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.

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.psni.police.uk

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

Racist motivated offences

1 Jan to 31 Dec 2013

Table 1 – Total racist motivated crimes by type, 2013

Type	Total racist offences recorded
Against an individual ¹	326
Against an individual's home ²	147
All other offences ³	148
Total race motivated offences	621

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

¹Includes violence against the person offences.

²Includes criminal damage – dwelling and burglary dwelling offences.

³Includes theft offences, criminal damage (non dwelling) offences, and other crimes against society.

Table 2 – Total racist motivated crimes by type and month, 2013

Month	Against an individual	Against an individual's home	All other offences	Total – all offences
Jan-13	22	12	8	42
Feb-13	23	5	7	35
Mar-13	20	6	7	33
Apr-13	29	12	11	52
May-13	32	8	16	56
Jun-13	26	8	18	52
Jul-13	31	11	7	49
Aug-13	30	10	16	56
Sep-13	18	20	17	55
Oct-13	42	31	16	89
Nov-13	34	12	10	56
Dec-13	19	12	15	46
Total - all months	326	147	148	621

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

Table 3 – Total racist motivated crimes by type and offence type, 2013

Type	Offence Type	Total racist offences recorded
Against an individual	Assault	234
	Threats to kill / harassment	92
	Total	326
Against an individual's home	Burglary - dwelling	6
	Criminal Damage - dwelling	141
	Total	147
All other offences	Criminal Damage (non dwelling)	118
	Theft (including burglary)	17
	All other offences	13
	Total	148

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

Table 4 – Total racist motivated crimes by type and nationality of victim, 2013

Type	Victim Nationality	Total racist offences recorded
Against an individual	Afghanistan	2
	Algeria	4
	Bangladesh	2
	Belgium	1
	Cape Verde	1
	China	6
	Congo	1
	Czech Republic	1
	East Timor	1
	Egypt	8
	England	6
	France	3
	Germany	2
	Hungary	10
	India	6
	Iran, Islamic republic of	2
	Ireland	7
	Italy	6
	Jamaica	1
	Jordan	1
	Kenya	2
	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	1
	Latvia	1
	Lithuania	8
	Morocco	1
	Netherlands	1
	New Zealand	1
	Nigeria	6
	Northern Ireland	54
	Other	4
	Pakistan	9
	Palestinian Territory, occupied	1
	Philippines	2
	Poland	38
	Portugal	16
	Romania	4
	Scotland	1
	Slovakia	6
	Somalia	4
	South Africa	3
	Spain	3
	Sudan	4
	Sweden	3
	Syrian Arab Republic	1
Tunisia	2	
Turkey	15	
United Kingdom	15	
United States of America	1	
Venezuela	1	
Zimbabwe	9	
Nationality missing	38	
All nationalities	326	

Against an individuals home	Afghanistan	2
	Albania	1
	Brazil	1
	Bulgaria	1
	China	9
	Czech Republic	1
	England	1
	France	2
	Ghana	1
	Guinea-Bissau	1
	Hungary	3
	India	2
	Ireland	1
	Italy	2
	Jamaica	1
	Latvia	5
	Lithuania	4
	Morocco	1
	Netherlands	1
	Nigeria	5
	Northern Ireland	26
	Pakistan	3
	Poland	21
	Portugal	3
	Romania	8
	Slovakia	10
	Slovenia	1
	Somalia	5
	Spain	1
	Sudan	1
	Thailand	1
	Turkey	2
	United Kingdom	5
Zimbabwe	2	
Nationality missing	13	
All nationalities	147	
All other offences	Albania	1
	China	3
	Czech Republic	1
	East Timor	1
	England	2
	France	1
	Hungary	3
	India	10
	Ireland	1
	Italy	2
	Latvia	1
	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1
	Lithuania	12
	Malta	1
	Netherlands	2
	Nigeria	2
	Northern Ireland	9
	Other	1
	Pakistan	3
	Philippines	1
Poland	26	
Portugal	4	
Romania	4	

	Scotland	1
	Slovakia	1
	Somalia	1
	South Africa	1
	Turkey	2
	United Kingdom	5
	United States of America	1
	Zimbabwe	4
	Nationality missing	40
	All nationalities	148

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

Table 5 – Total racist motivated crimes by type and Policing District, 2013

Policing District	Against an individual	Against an individual's home	All other offences	Total – all offences
A	32	36	20	88
B	106	57	56	219
C	17	4	12	33
D	30	12	13	55
E	39	12	18	69
F	25	10	15	50
G	58	5	6	69
H	19	11	8	38
Total - all Districts	326	147	148	621

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch