



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05549

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Sex Crimes Against Males 2000

Request and Answer:

Question

How many reported sex crimes against males (where males have been victims) have there been from 2000 to the current date? Could the list be broken down in these ways:

By calendar year

With age ranges: Over 16, under 16, under 13 where applicable.

For each year could I have specific offences along with their locations?

Clarification Received: You do not need to provide me with the location. Would it be possible to simply provide me with the numbers?

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 see the tables below on pages numbered 1-2 below.

N.B. All data from 1st April 2014 is provisional and subject to change.

N.B. As per the clarification provided by the requester, the answer contains two tables: a distribution of all sexual offences where the victim was a male from 2000 to 2014 (up to 31st October 2014) broken down by the classifications used in our publications (minus the specific offences relating to female victims – this has been footnoted in the answer document and a distribution by age group of all sexual offences from 2000 to 2014 to date.

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.

Number of sexual offences recorded by PSNI where the victim was a male from 1st January 2000 to 31st October 2014^a by main classifications

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 to date ^a
All Sexual Offences	228	161	184	293	213	272	274	238	260	264	322	337	384	482	413
<i>Rape</i>	0	0	0	6	12	32	44	30	28	35	42	58	63	92	78
Rape	0	0	0	6	12	28	42	28	26	33	40	50	60	81	74
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	2	2	2	8	3	11	4
<i>Other Sexual Offences¹</i>	228	161	184	287	201	240	230	208	232	229	280	279	321	390	335
16 Buggery ^{2,3,4,5}	24	28	31	34	11	5	2	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	0
17 Indecent assault on a male ^{2,4,5}	164	91	106	190	135	157	168	143	152	57	15	0	0	0	0
17A Sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over ^{2,4,5}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	79	84	100	98	93
17B Sexual assault on a male child under 13 ^{2,4,5}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	93	104	111	140	110
18 Gross indecency between males ^{2,4,5}	17	5	9	17	7	16	10	9	18	5	0	0	0	0	0
21 Sexual activity involving a child under 13 ^{2,4,5}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	18	37	36	47	52
22A Causing sexual activity without consent ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
22B Sexual activity involving a child under 16 ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	25	22	37	40	38
23 Incest or familial sexual offences ²	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2
70 Sexual activity etc. with a person with a mental disorder ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2
71 Abuse of children through prostitution and pornography ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
72 Trafficking for sexual exploitation ^{2,6}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
73 Abuse of position of trust of a sexual nature ^{2,7}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	1	1
74 Gross indecency with a child ^{2,4,5}	8	6	9	11	7	23	16	17	20	9	1	0	0	0	0
88A Sexual grooming ^{2,7}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1
88C Other miscellaneous sexual offences ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
88D Unnatural sexual offences ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
88E Exposure and voyeurism ^{2,7}	15	31	28	35	41	39	34	38	38	35	45	30	33	55	34

^aFrom 1st January 2014 to 31st October 2014 – data from 1st April 2014 is provisional and subject to change.

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

¹Note that the offences of Indecent assault on a female, Sexual assault on a female aged 13 and over, Sexual assault on a female child under 13, Unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl under 14, Unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl under 17 and Abduction of a female have been removed from this table.

²The Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 was introduced in February 2009 and has altered the definition and coverage of sexual offences.

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³Up to 2003/04 the offence of rape could only be committed against a female. However the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 redefined the offence so that buggery without consent would constitute an offence of rape (i.e. rape could then be committed against a male).

⁴Offences classified as 17 Indecent assault on a male, 20 Indecent assault on a female, 21 Unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl under 14, 22 Unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl under 17, 74 Gross indecency with a child, 16 Buggery and 18 Gross indecency between males relate to legislation that existed prior to that introduced in February 2009. From April 2010 offences are no longer recorded using these classifications (see 13. below).

⁵Under the Home Office Counting Rules, offences which were reported to the police between February 2009 and March 2010 but which were committed prior to February 2009 were recorded under the previous legislation wherever possible. However in April 2010 this guidance was changed so that historic allegations committed under previous legislation should be recorded and detected as if committed today.

⁶Even though the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 was introduced in February 2009, Sections 57-59 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (trafficking for sexual exploitation) continue to apply.

⁷Offences were originally implemented through the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

Number of sexual offences recorded by PSNI where the victim was a male from 1st January 2000 to 31st October 2014^a by age groups

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 to date ^a
Male victim aged 12 or under	130	68	101	134	99	142	120	104	106	118	158	178	178	265	220
Male victim aged between 13 and 15	46	33	8	61	33	24	30	36	38	53	59	58	61	76	75
Male victim aged 16 or over	46	49	61	85	78	97	121	98	116	91	102	99	144	140	115
Male victim – age unknown	6	11	14	13	3	9	3	0	0	2	3	2	1	1	3

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