



**Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/25/3856
We received your request on the 26/11/2025.**

Request

You asked us:

The total number of arrests made by your police force for the year ending 31 March 2025.

The total number of arrests made by your police force for the year ending 31 March 2025 for the following offence categories: - Sexual offences - Violence against the person - Drug offences - Theft

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

It should be noted that 'arrest' is a procedural process stage in an investigation where necessary (as set out in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act) and is not an outcome or performance indicator. Someone may be investigated, prosecuted and convicted of an offence without an arrest at any point being necessary. Conversely someone may be arrested during an investigation, but subsequently be eliminated from any suspicion.

There is not necessarily an one-to-one-to-one relationship between i) crime, ii) named suspect(s) and iii) arrest(s). British Transport Police is a national police force covering England and Wales and Scotland, which has a separate legal system.

From 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025 (by Arrest Date Time) BTP has records of 8944 arrests in England and Wales.

573 link to sexual offences (by BTP Business Force Crime Group), 2344 to violence, 445 to drugs and 379 to theft of passenger property.

From 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025 (by Arrest Date/Time) BTP has records of 827 arrests in Scotland.

41 link to sexual offences (by BTP Business Force Crime Group), 175 to violence, 27 to drugs and 4 to theft of passenger property.