



Freedom of Information request 01/FOI/24/2372
We received your request on the 16/01/2024.

Request

You asked us:

For the calendar years: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019:

How many violent incidents and assaults were recorded – broken down by train operating company? (Can you please supply me with violence against the person offences please?)

Would it be possible to list the number of violent incidents and assaults towards train staff and British transport police officers – broken down by TOC? (Can you please supply me with violence against the person offences please?)

For the same time period above – how many people were charged for violent incidents and assaults in relation to question 1 and question 2? (I'm aware people may be charged in a different year than the offence was recorded, which I will explain on presentation of the figures)

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

Our response:

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It should be noted that crime data is dynamic and constantly being updated. In particular, cases may still be under investigation and outcomes may lag the recording of crimes by some time. There are 2914 records in the dataset above which are still awaiting outcomes.

Question 1

The British Transport Police crime system was searched for notifiable crimes using the Business Force Crime Group 01A Violence (England, Scotland and Wales) and filtered by recorded date of 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2023. This produced 56,757 records. These are shown on the table below, broken down by the recorded business sector.

No. of Recorded 01A Violence Offences in Calendar Years 2019 to 2023 (Count of Offences)						
Train Operating Company	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
AKIL		1	1			2
Alstom UK				1		1
Avanti West Coast	216	166	181	292	269	1,124
Bakerloo Line	282	132	132	166	193	905
British Transport Police	76	84	125	130	205	620
C2c	269	173	177	296	242	1,157
Central Line	476	235	224	313	405	1,653
Chiltern Railways	124	67	86	95	120	492

CrossCountry	74	32	42	61	86	295
District Line	328	196	194	273	370	1,361
Docklands Light Railways	165	131	101	159	182	738
East Coast Main Line	1					1
East Midlands Railway	181	136	199	234	278	1,028
Elizabeth Line			2	178	385	565
Emirates			1			1
Eurostar	4	3	8	14	17	46
Gatwick Express	11	6	12	19	30	78
Glasgow SPT Subway	3	2	6	8	12	31
Grand Central	1		2	1	6	10
Great Northern	166	87	115	145	141	654
Great Western Railway	362	273	330	386	427	1,778
Greater Anglia	353	298	334	445	477	1,907
Hammersmith & City Line	180	83	92	163	173	691
Heathrow Express	6	3	3		8	20
Hull Trains	2		1	7	3	13
Island Line Limited	4	3	2	4	4	17
Jubilee Line	556	302	326	498	529	2,211
London North Eastern Railway	228	116	208	289	262	1,103
London Overground	401	241	210	303	409	1,564
London Tramlink	84	53	45	67	102	351
Merseyrail	158	125	165	203	220	871
Metropolitan Line	288	146	156	254	309	1,153
Midlands Metro	22	25	18	15	33	113
Network Rail	7	4	10	26	8	55
Network Rail (Anglia)	138	63	111	111	90	513
Network Rail (High Speed)	92	66	68	101	133	460
Network Rail (London North East and East Midlands)	308	166	234	258	319	1,285
Network Rail (London North West)	451	290	339	417	504	2,001
Network Rail (Scotland)	93	64	92	100	113	462
Network Rail (South East)	401	255	239	291	312	1,498
Network Rail (Wales)	8		2	6	1	17
Network Rail (Wessex)	222	173	162	167	171	895
Network Rail (Western)	143	96	96	168	151	654
Nexus					1	1
Northern Line	445	220	216	333	495	1,709
Northern Rail	531	411	511	641	587	2,681
Piccadilly Line	366	154	150	202	262	1,134
Rail For Loondon Infrastructure					1	1
ScotRail	350	246	362	367	435	1,760
South Western Railway	708	495	578	613	760	3,154
Southeastern	1,005	703	732	962	1,122	4,524
Southern	755	559	590	651	768	3,323
Stansted Express	1	1	1			3
Stobart Rail					2	2
Tfl Rail	202	147	151	73		573
Thameslink	227	144	163	220	210	964
Transpennine Express	207	125	136	174	177	819
Transport For Greater Manchester				1	4	5
Transport for Wales	327	266	389	347	438	1,767
Tyne And Ware Metro	23	13	20	32	54	142

Victoria Line	495	243	285	360	484	1,867
Virgin Trans	2					2
Waterloo & City Line	4	1				5
West Coast Railways	1			2		3
West Midlands Trains	398	284	348	402	493	1,925
Total	12,931	8,308	9,483	12,044	13,991	56,757

Question 2

The dataset from question one was additionally filtered by victim category of staff on duty or BTP police officer. This produced a count of 17,095 aggrieved persons. It should be noted that some crimes may have more than one aggrieved on the record.

No. of Recorded 01A Violence Offences Where A Rail Staff or BTP Police Officer are the Aggrieved in Calendar Years 2019 to 2023 (Count per Aggrieved)						
Train Operating Company	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
AKIL			1			1
Alstom UK				1		1
Avanti West Coast	67	73	64	94	103	401
Bakerloo Line	67	48	40	37	57	249
British Transport Police	52	62	72	68	114	368
C2c	104	66	69	124	92	455
Central Line	75	34	34	41	84	268
Chiltern Railways	44	33	37	28	38	180
CrossCountry	25	10	14	13	25	87
District Line	70	50	56	71	87	334
Docklands Light Railways	51	30	19	34	31	165
East Midlands Railway	66	47	67	69	100	349
Elizabeth Line				41	91	132
Eurostar	3	2	5	5	12	27
Gatwick Express	2	4	7	13	19	45
Glasgow SPT Subway		1	4	6	4	15
Grand Central	1		1		1	3
Great Northern	47	28	40	30	36	181
Great Western Railway	107	93	100	101	111	512
Greater Anglia	95	93	67	106	138	499
Hammersmith & City Line	34	18	28	46	40	166
Heathrow Express	4	2	3		5	14
Hull Trains	1			2		3
Island Line Limited				1		1
Jubilee Line	94	69	79	84	118	444
London North Eastern Railway	86	35	74	79	98	372
London Overground	107	65	44	83	80	379
London Tramlink	21	9	9	19	25	83
Merseyrail	58	43	65	54	83	303
Metropolitan Line	60	30	44	39	75	248
Midlands Metro	10	14	12	7	18	61
Network Rail	2	2	3	11	2	20
Network Rail (Anglia)	38	27	50	44	32	191
Network Rail (High Speed)	34	31	35	40	56	196
Network Rail (London North East and East Midlands)	80	61	95	76	110	422
Network Rail (London North West)	165	112	137	155	204	773

Network Rail (Scotland)	35	37	40	44	51	207
Network Rail (South East)	131	89	105	100	114	539
Network Rail (Wales)	6		1	3	1	11
Network Rail (Wessex)	55	72	61	56	51	295
Network Rail (Western)	64	47	49	73	56	289
Northern Line	83	67	52	61	103	366
Northern Rail	176	171	167	187	218	919
Piccadilly Line	83	44	38	53	56	274
ScotRail	81	60	97	77	101	416
South Western Railway	214	164	161	156	213	908
Southeastern	380	262	253	317	438	1,650
Southern	245	176	168	194	208	991
Stobart Rail					1	1
Tfl Rail	67	41	47	25		180
Thameslink	64	48	36	56	45	249
Transpennine Express	63	31	31	56	47	228
Transport for Wales	121	90	138	98	122	569
Tyne And Ware Metro	2	5	6	10	21	44
Victoria Line	104	43	67	70	112	396
West Coast Railways	1					1
West Midlands Trains	154	83	110	112	155	614
Total	3,799	2,722	3,002	3,370	4,202	17,095

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5065 records had an outcome of charged.

No. of Recorded 01A Violence Offences in Calendar Years 2019 to 2023 that have a BTP Outcome of Charged (Count of Offences)						
BTP Outcome Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
1: Charged	809	677	633	670	677	3,466
1A: Alternate offence charged	429	309	157	123	173	1,191
DET2 Accused charged & released on a written undertaking to appear at court	19	17	43	25	41	145
DET5 Accused charged and detained in custody for court	73	39	35	45	71	263
Total	1,330	1,042	868	863	962	5,065

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There were 2842 records where the aggrieved was a member of rail staff or BTP officer with an outcome of charged.

No. of Recorded 01A Violence Offences Where A Rail Staff or BTP Police Officer are the Aggrieved in Calendar Years 2019 to 2023 that have a BTP Outcome of Charged (Count of Offences)						
BTP Outcome Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
1: Charged	407	357	387	372	427	1,950
1A: Alternate offence charged	254	212	92	66	106	730
DET2 Accused charged & released on a written undertaking to appear at court	3	6	19	10	14	52
DET5 Accused charged and detained in custody for court	26	18	19	23	24	110
Total	690	593	517	471	571	2,842