



Freedom of Information request 01/FOI/24/2388
We received your request on the 20/01/2024.

Request

You asked us:

You kindly last provided us with data for 2020.

We are updating our records.

We would like to know about antisemitic crimes and non-criminal antisemitic incidents recorded by British Transport Police, with numbers of crimes and incidents individually broken down for each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

We will use the data to publish a crime audit to provide a valuable insight into the prevalence of antisemitic crimes and non-criminal antisemitic incidents in the United Kingdom.

If any of the information that we have requested is already in the public domain, please direct us to it with website links, as appropriate.

Request Question 1a

If British Transport Police flags antisemitic crimes separately, please provide us with:

The total number of antisemitic crimes recorded in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023;

The total number of antisemitic violent crimes recorded, in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023, which fell into the Home Office categories of "homicide", "violence with injury" and "racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury";

The total number of antisemitic crimes, in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023, that resulted in charges being brought; and

The total number of antisemitic non-criminal incidents recorded in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Question 1b If British Transport Police does not flag antisemitic crimes separately, please search for crimes and non-criminal incidents in your CRIS using the following whole keywords (i.e. not parts of words, but whole words, so that when you search for "Jew", entries containing "jewellery" are not returned).

Since use of all the keywords might prevent you from answering this FOI request due to excessive cost, please only use the keywords (starting at the top) that can be used without incurring excessive cost.

The keywords are:

Jew/Jews/Jewish/Judaism

Semite/Semitic/Semitism Antisemite/Antisemitic/Antisemitism

Yid/Yids/Yiddo/Yiddish

When responding to Q1 or Q1a, please use the following table format, with the following headings:

Month

Number of antisemitic crimes recorded

Number of antisemitic crimes involving allegations of violence*

Number of antisemitic crimes resulting in charges being brought

Number of antisemitic incidents reported

***For the purpose of this request, antisemitic crimes involving allegations of violence are those antisemitic crimes which fell into the Home Office categories of “homicide”, “violence with injury” and “racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury”.**

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

Our response:

British Transport Police has a dedicated flag on our crime recording system identifying antisemitic crimes.

Columns 2, 3 and 4 on the below table are therefore based on searches for crimes with this flag applied recorded in England and Wales between 01/01/2021 and 31/12/2023. Crimes recorded in Scotland are not included as the Home Office crime groups referenced are not applicable to Scotland.

It should be noted that crime data is dynamic and constantly updated. In particular, there may be some lag between a crime being recorded and an outcome being applied. Data in column 4 is correct as of 22/01/2024, but some crimes will still be under investigation and therefore not yet have an outcome, especially those that have been reported more recently.

‘Incidents’ which are not recorded as a notifiable crime are recorded on British Transport Police’s Controlworks system. This system is primarily for the command and control of police resources deployed in response to calls for service and does not have a dedicated code to distinguish antisemitic hate incidents from other hate incidents. To retrieve data for column five, we have therefore conducted a keyword search on the ‘Inc Details’ field (which contains the initial information supplied when the log is created) for keywords containing %jew%, %semit% or %yid% (% being a wildcard) which covers all the keywords mentioned. It is not possible within the cost limits of FOI to examine the context in which the keyword appears and this search is limited by being dependent on what the initial caller has said and what the calltaker has recorded in the Inc Details field. This data should therefore be treated with caution.

Recorded Date Month Year	BTP N. of Notifiable Anti Semitic Hate Crime in England & Wales	BTP N. of Notifiable Anti Semitic Hate Crime in England & Wales that fall into Home Office Groups for i) Homicide, ii) Violence with injury or iii) Racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury	BTP N. of Notifiable Anti Semitic Hate Crime in England & Wales that have led to an Outcome indicating a charge as of 22/01/2024	BTP N. of Incidents in England & Wales that did not lead to a notifiable crime being recorded where the Inc Details field contained %jew% (but not %jewellery%), %semit% or %yid%. % being a wildcard.
Jan-21	2	1		3
Feb-21	5		1	2

Mar-21	5			4
Apr-21	6		1	4
May-21	10	1		9
Jun-21	3			5
Jul-21	11		1	5
Aug-21	5			8
Sep-21	5			7
Oct-21	11			7
Nov-21	3			3
Dec-21	5			7
Jan-22	4			5
Feb-22	7	1		2
Mar-22	5			3
Apr-22	8	2		4
May-22	13	3		3
Jun-22	6			2
Jul-22	2			3
Aug-22	6			5
Sep-22	5			4
Oct-22	4			8
Nov-22	6			3
Dec-22	4			7
Jan-23	6			7
Feb-23	4	1		4
Mar-23	4			4
Apr-23	9			10
May-23	8			9
Jun-23	5		1	4
Jul-23	7	1	1	8
Aug-23	7			9
Sep-23	9			2
Oct-23	59	2		24
Nov-23	70	6	2	24
Dec-23	30	2		19