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Monday, 22 July 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012923/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/07/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

For January 2019 - December 2019, January 2020 - December 2020, January 2021 - December 2021, January 2022 - December 2022, January 2023 - December 2023, January 2024- June 2024

- 1. Please can I have the number of "people who were charged under the Firearms act 1968 for gun possession" Please can I have these broken down for:*
- 2. Please can I have the age of " people charged under the Firearms act 1968", Please can I have these broken down for:*
- 3. Please can you provide me with the number of people who were charged under the Firearms act 1968 "possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life". Please can I have these broken down for:*
- 4. Please provide the ages of people charged under the Firearms act 1968 for "possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life". Please can I have these broken down for:*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

Caveats

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

- The crime is counted based on the crime reference HO Codes on the 'HO Codes table' where an offender has been charged. The period considered is 01/01/2019-30/06/2024.
- The month relates to when the crime was created and not when the incident occurred.
- Where possible duplicates have been removed.

HO Code table

Class	Offence Category	Offence	Full HO Code
Possession of weapons	10A Possession of Firearms with intent	Setting spring guns etc to injure trespassers	008/03
Possession of weapons	10A Possession of Firearms with intent	Possessing firearm or imitation firearm while committing or being arrested for offence specified below	008/13
Possession of weapons	10A Possession of Firearms with intent	Possessing firearm or imitation firearm while committing or being arrested for offence specified below	008/14
Possession of weapons	10A Possession of Firearms with intent	Possessing firearm or imitation firearm while committing or being arrested for offence specified below	008/15
Possession of weapons	10A Possession of Firearms with intent	Possessing firearm or imitation firearm with intent to commit indictable offence or resist arrest	008/16
Possession of weapons	10A Possession of Firearms with intent	Possessing firearm or imitation firearm with intent to commit indictable offence or resist arrest	008/17
Possession of weapons	10A Possession of Firearms with intent	Possessing firearm or imitation firearm with intent to commit indictable offence or resist arrest	008/18
Possession of weapons	10A Possession of Firearms with intent	Possessing firearm or imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	008/23

Possession of weapons	10A Possession of Firearms with intent	Possessing firearm or imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	008/24
Possession of weapons	10A Possession of Firearms with intent	Possessing firearm or imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	008/25
Possession of weapons	10A Possession of Firearms with intent	Using someone to look after a dangerous weapon firearm	008/54
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Possessing etc. firearms or ammunition without firearm certificate	081/03
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Possessing etc. shotgun without certificate	081/04
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Possessing or distributing prohibited weapons or ammunition	081/17
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Purchase / acquire any device designed or adapted so that it becomes part of a prohibited weapon	081/17
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Purchase / acquire rifle with a chamber from which empty cartridge cases are extracted	081/17
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Carrying loaded firearm or any other firearm (whether loaded or not) together with ammunition suitable for use in that firearm in a public place etc	081/26
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Carrying loaded firearm or any other firearm (whether loaded or not) together with ammunition suitable for use in that firearm in a public place etc	081/27
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Trespassing with firearm or imitation firearm in a building	081/29
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Trespassing with firearm or imitation firearm in a building (Group II)	081/30
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Possession of firearms by persons previously convicted of crime (Group I)	081/35
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Possession of firearms by persons previously convicted of crime (Group II)	081/36

Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Possession of firearms by persons previously convicted of crime (Group III)	081/37
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Possessing or distributing prohibited weapons designed for discharge of noxious substances etc	081/70
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Possessing or distributing firearm designed as other object	081/71
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Possessing or distributing other prohibited weapons	081/72
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Carrying a loaded or unloaded or imitation firearm or air weapon in public place.	081/77
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Manufacture weapon / device / ammunition specified in section 5(1) of the Firearms Act 1968	081/85
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Sell / transfer prohibited weapon / ammunition	081/86
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Possess prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer	081/87
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Purchase / acquire prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer	081/88
Possession of weapons	10B Possession of Firearms Offences	Possession of articles for conversion of imitation firearms	081/90

Response

Parts 1 and 3

	Volume Charged with Possession of a Firearm	Volume Charged with Possession of a Firearm with intent to endanger life
2019	100	65
2020	122	67
2021	123	51

2022	82	53
2023	65	33
2024	20	16

Parts 2 & 4

The information has been exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.