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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014441/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. The number of race hate crimes recorded by the force in 2022, 2023, 2024 and the first two months of 2025.
Can the information be categorised by month and the ethnic group of the victims please.**
- 2. The number of religious hate crimes recorded by the force in 2022, 2023, 2024 and the first two months of 2025.
Can the information be categorised by month and the religion of the victims please.**
- 3. From the figures provided in 1. and 2. how many were recorded as racially or religiously aggravated assault (including injury and without injury).
Can the information be categorised by month please.**
- 4. The three most common racially or religiously aggravated offences recorded by the force in 2022, 2023, 2024 and the first two months of 2025.**

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

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.

- This data contains crimes with a created date between 1st January 2022 and 28th February 2025, where the hate crime flag is ticked, as well as either the religious or racial motivation flag, excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about

cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

- We are aware of a system issue affecting migrated crimes with some crime flags. This issue caused flags to be lost i.e. change from Yes to blank incorrectly during the migration process. The following flags are affected:
 - Hate crime flag
 - Race hate motivation flag
 - Religion hate motivation flag
- Hate crimes may have more than one motivation e.g. race and religion.
- Analysis has suggested that GMP recorded hate crimes may be higher than the numbers reported. This appears to be owing to inconsistency in the use of hate crime flags and qualifiers on the recording system. As such we would advise caution in interpreting the level of hate crime reported. We are reassured that all crimes are being recorded, but some may not be flagged as hate which may affect counts and any analysis conducted on this data.
- Some offences may only be available for part of this time period i.e. they may have started or stopped being used during this period.

Please see the attached document.

You may also find this link useful for any future stats you may need.

[Hate crime performance data | Greater Manchester Police](#)