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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014092/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

How many knife related crimes have been recorded so far in Greater Manchester in 2025.

I would also like to know how many knife related crimes were recorded in Greater Manchester in 2024 in total.

If the information could include the specific areas e.g. the numbers recorded for each district in Greater Manchester that would be great.

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 knife crimes (according to the Home Office definition of ADR 160) with a created date in 2024, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- We are aware of various system issues affecting committed at locations for new and migrated crimes (see below for details). These issues mean that data for a specific location may include crimes that did not happen in that location and/or exclude crimes that did.

- Some crimes do not have a beat code, which means that they cannot be mapped to other geographies e.g. districts.
- Some crimes have an incorrect beat code, which means that they are mapped to the wrong geographies.
- Some crimes do not have an address because e.g. the address has been recorded in a non-standard format or as map coordinates.
- We are aware of a system issue that allows more than one committed at address to be added to a crime, which is incorrect as stated in the Home Office Counting Rules. There are 7 crimes within this response that are counted within 2 different districts. The total number of unique crimes within this response is 4786.

Crime: District Name	Crime Number
Bolton	495
Bury	251
City of Manchester Central	502
City of Manchester North	591
City of Manchester South	378
Oldham	472
Rochdale	327
Salford	506
Stockport	332
Tameside	301
Trafford	223
Wigan	414
Unknown	1

Please note: Knife crimes are identified via a manual review. Currently only crime up to 31st December 2024 are available. Therefore, we have no confirmed records of knife crime on the system for 2025 yet. These are continuously reviewed, so data for January will be reviewed in February. If you would like to submit a new request in a few weeks we will be more likely to have some data, but for now the answer to this part of the request is 0.