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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014743/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The knife crime rates of each borough of Greater Manchester or the knife crime rates for each ward of Manchester in 2021.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have 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 as defined by the ADR 160 with a created date between 01/01/2021 and 31/12/2021, 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 various issues affecting **committed at locations for some crimes**. 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 an 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. This issue affects 2 crimes in this response, therefore there are a total of 4,450 crimes, with 2 double-counted in both Trafford and City of Manchester Central.

District Name	Crime Volume
City of Manchester North	559
City of Manchester Central	435
City of Manchester South	298
Salford	395
Tameside	332
Stockport	271
Bolton	433
Wigan	400
Trafford	259
Bury	279
Rochdale	405
Oldham	378
Unknown	8