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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014831/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

REQUEST: For a project mapping temporal/ regional hate crime data across the UK, we write to request:

- the number of racist hate crimes and/or hate incidents reported***
- by month and year***
- where the victim(s) comprise of the Relevant Groups (see list below), broken down by each group where possible.***

And would like data for the following years, broken down by each month:

- 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 (for this year, up until the FOI response date or whatever are the most recent statistics).***

FORMAT: Please provide the data in an Excel spreadsheet.

If you can't provide a list of hate crimes by month/ year with individual details, please structure the summarised data with the following column headings:

- Month***
- Year***
- Number of hate crimes***
- Number of hate incidents***
- Ethnicity/ethnic appearance***

THE RELEVANT GROUPS: We are interested in the following 'relevant' ESEA groups. If, like Police Scotland, you can provide us with all your hate crime data for all ethnic groups, however, please do- it makes it easier to compare trends.

THE RELEVANT GROUPS:

- Chinese***
- East Asian***
- Southeast Asian***

- **"Oriental"**

- **Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Japan, Mongolia, North Korea, and South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Laos, Indonesia, Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia and Timor-Leste**

- **Or any that had such appearance (set out above)**

- **Asian (less useful as we need the granularity)**

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 hate crimes where the 'racial motivation' flag is ticked, with a created date between 1st January 2020 and 30th April 2025, 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
- 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.
- There are crimes in this response with no victim attached. These may be state based crimes (which do not need a victim), crimes where the victim has not been identified, or they may be system errors.
- We are aware of a system issue that allows more than one victim to be attached to a crime, which is incorrect as stated in the Home Office Counting Rules.

Please see the attached spreadsheet for the data requested.