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Response Date:24/11/2026

2026/1155 - Arrests by nationality and immigration status

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

This request is being sent to every police force in the UK. Please answer it for your own force.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or, for Police Scotland, the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002), please provide the following for each financial year 2024-25 (1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025) and 2025-26 (1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026):

1. The number of people arrested, broken down by nationality as recorded in custody. Please include British nationals and a separate line for "nationality not recorded".

2. The number of arrested foreign nationals whose immigration status was checked with Home Office Immigration Enforcement (for example through the Immigration Enforcement National Command and Control Unit), and of those, how many were referred to or detained by Immigration Enforcement.

3. Where your custody or crime systems record it, the number of people arrested who were recorded as (a) asylum seekers and (b) having arrived in the UK by small boat or other irregular entry. If no such marker or field exists, please say so rather than searching individual records.

4. For question 3 only, a breakdown by the broad offence group of the main arrest offence (for example violence against the person, sexual offences, theft, drug offences, public order).

I am asking only for numbers, not for any information about individuals. If any figure is small enough to risk identifying someone, please show it as "fewer than 5" rather than withholding the answer.

If answering everything would exceed the cost limit, please answer questions 1 and 2 first, and give me advice and assistance under section 16 on how to narrow the rest. Spreadsheet format would be ideal.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Arrests by Nationality + Fiscal Yr	2024	2025
;Afghanistan;	11	8
;Albania;	10	22
;Albania;Greece;	0	1
;Algeria;	1	2
;Angola;	0	1
;Argentina;	0	1
;Australia;	1	2
;Bangladesh;	15	6
;Barbados;	1	0
;Belarus;	0	2
;Belgium;	0	1
;Botswana;	1	0
;Brazil;	3	5

;Bulgaria;	29	28
;Bulgaria;Ukraine;	0	1
;Cameroon;	1	0
;Canada;	0	1
;Central African Republic;	1	0
;China;	4	8
;Colombia;	3	0
;Cuba;	2	1
;Cuba;Romania;	1	0
;Cyprus;	0	2
;Czech Republic;	4	3
;Denmark;	1	0
;Egypt;	1	2
;England;	578	602
;England;Poland;	1	0
;England;South Africa;	1	0
;England;UK;	8	7
;Eritrea;	1	3
;Estonia;	0	2
;Ethiopia;	5	0
;France;	1	0
;Gambia;	2	2
;Georgia;	5	3

;Germany;	4	2
;Ghana;	4	1
;Guatemala;	1	0
;Honduras;	1	0
;Hungary;	3	5
;Iceland;	0	1
;India;	30	36
;Iran, Islamic republic of;	7	7
;Iraq;	23	18
;Ireland;	96	124
;Italy;	2	8
;Jamaica;	1	2
;Jordan;	1	0
;Kenya;	2	2
;Kosovo;	0	2
;Kuwait;	1	0
;Latvia;	12	5
;Lithuania;	21	23
;Luxembourg;	0	1
;Malaysia;	2	0
;Mauritius;	1	0
;Mexico;	1	3
;Moldova, Republic of;	2	1

;Morocco;	5	1
;Nepal;	2	3
;Netherlands;	2	1
;New Zealand;	0	1
;Niger;	0	2
;Nigeria;	26	33
;Nigeria;Ireland;	0	1
;Northern Ireland;	3	6
;Norway;	1	0
Not Recorded	56	49
;Other;	6	2
;Pakistan;	20	13
;Peru;	3	0
;Philippines;	0	3
;Poland;	169	144
;Portugal;	19	11
;Portugal;South Africa;	0	1
;Romania;	140	106
;Romania;Ireland;	0	1
;Romania;Spain;	1	0
;Russian Federation;	0	1
;Rwanda;Uganda;	0	1
;Scotland;	9	7

;Slovakia;	8	6
;Somalia;	0	1
;South Africa;	3	3
;South Africa;Ireland;	1	0
;Spain;	2	6
;Sri Lanka;	5	3
;Sudan;	3	2
;Switzerland;	5	2
;Syrian Arab Republic;	6	4
;Thailand;	2	0
;Turkey;	15	16
;Turkmenistan;	0	1
;UK;	10421	10778
;UK;Afghanistan;	0	1
;UK;Albania;	0	1
;UK;Australia;	0	2
;UK;Bangladesh;	2	1
;UK;Brazil;	1	0
;UK;Bulgaria;	3	10
;UK;Canada;	0	1
;UK;Central African Republic;	3	1
;UK;El Salvador;	1	0
;UK;England;	31	35

;UK;England;Wales;	0	1
;UK;Eritrea;	1	0
;UK;Germany;	3	0
;UK;Ghana;	1	0
;UK;Greece;	3	1
;UK;Hist - Bouvet Island;	0	1
;UK;India;	4	3
;UK;Iran, Islamic republic of;	1	1
;UK;Iraq;	2	7
;UK;Ireland;	9	12
;UK;Italy;	1	0
;UK;Jamaica;	0	1
;UK;Japan;	0	1
;UK;Kenya;	0	1
;UK;Latvia;	1	0
;UK;Lithuania;	2	3
;UK;Malaysia;	0	1
;UK;Nepal;	1	0
;UK;Netherlands;	0	1
;UK;New Zealand;	1	0
;UK;Nigeria;	1	1
;UK;Northern Ireland;	2	3
;UK;Other;	0	1

;UK;Pakistan;	1	3
;UK;Papua New Guinea;	2	0
;UK;Philippines;	0	1
;UK;Poland;	11	12
;UK;Portugal;	1	2
;Ukraine;	5	4
;UK;Romania;	11	10
;UK;South Africa;	2	2
;UK;Spain;	0	1
;UK;Sri Lanka;	1	0
;UK;Tunisia;	1	0
;UK;Turkey;	5	1
;UK;United Arab Emirates;	2	2
;UK;United States of America;	4	3
;UK;Viet Nam;	1	0
;UK;Wales;	41	28
;UK;Wales;Spain;	3	5
;UK;Zimbabwe;	2	0
;United States of America;	5	7
;Unknown;	3	1
;Viet Nam;	1	14
;Wales;	744	793
;Wales;UK;	2	0

;Zambia;	1	1
;Zimbabwe;	6	8

Arrests recorded where nominal has immigration other than null, British Citizen or EU Citizen - these may not be relevant at time of arrest and there these would require manually reviewing each individual to determine status at time of arrest.

Fiscal Year	Offence Group	Nationality.	Immigration Status
2024		;Zimbabwe;	;Working visa;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Romania;	;Other;
2024		;Romania;	;Other;
2024	11. Drug Offences	;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2024	13. Public Order Offences	;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2024		;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2024	06. Theft	;Bulgaria;	;Legal immigrant;
2024	07. Theft of Vehicle	;Bulgaria;	;Legal immigrant;
2024	08. Theft from Vehicle	;Bulgaria;	;Legal immigrant;
2024	11. Drug Offences	;Bulgaria;	;Legal immigrant;
2024	12. Possession of Weapons	;Bulgaria;	;Legal immigrant;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Bulgaria;	;Legal immigrant;
2024		;Bulgaria;	;Legal immigrant;
2024	01. VAP	;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2024		;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2024	01. VAP	;Iran, Islamic republic of;	;Other;
2024	06. Theft	;Romania;	;3 Not allowed to work;
2024		;Romania;	;3 Not allowed to work;

2024		;India;	;Student visa;
2024		;Romania;	;Other;
2024	01. VAP	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024	12. Possession of Weapons	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024	13. Public Order Offences	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024		;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024		;Pakistan;	;Student visa;
2024	12. Possession of Weapons	;India;	;Working visa;
2024	11. Drug Offences	;Lithuania;	;S Settlement;
2024	12. Possession of Weapons	;Lithuania;	;S Settlement;
2024		;Lithuania;	;S Settlement;
2024	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Other;
2024	11. Drug Offences	;Romania;	;Other;
2024	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Legal visitor;
2024	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Other;
2024	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Legal visitor;
2024	01. VAP	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024		;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024	11. Drug Offences	;Lithuania;	;S Settlement;
2024	12. Possession of Weapons	;Lithuania;	;S Settlement;
2024		;Lithuania;	;S Settlement;
2024		;UK;Eritrea;	;Illegal entry;

2024	01. VAP	;Poland;	;Other;
2024		;Poland;	;Other;
2024	11. Drug Offences	;Afghanistan;	;Legal visitor;
2024		;Poland;	;Other;
2024		;Ghana;	;Student visa;
2024	01. VAP	;Czech Republic;	;S Settlement;
2024	02. Sexual Offences	;Czech Republic;	;S Settlement;
2024	06. Theft	;Czech Republic;	;S Settlement;
2024	13. Public Order Offences	;Czech Republic;	;S Settlement;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Czech Republic;	;S Settlement;
2024		;Czech Republic;	;S Settlement;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Romania;	;Other;
2024		;Romania;	;Other;
2024		;Pakistan;	;Student visa;
2024	11. Drug Offences	;Lithuania;	;S Settlement;
2024	12. Possession of Weapons	;Lithuania;	;S Settlement;
2024		;Lithuania;	;S Settlement;
2024	01. VAP	;Poland;	;Other;
2024		;Poland;	;Other;
2024	01. VAP	;Poland;	;Legal immigrant;
2024	06. Theft	;Poland;	;Legal immigrant;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Poland;	;Legal immigrant;
2024		;Poland;	;Legal immigrant;

2024	#MULTIVALUE	;Poland;	;Legal immigrant;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Romania;	;Other;
2024		;Romania;	;Other;
2024		;Portugal;	;Expired status;
2024	01. VAP	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024		;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2024		;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2024	11. Drug Offences	;Lithuania;	;S Settlement;
2024	12. Possession of Weapons	;Lithuania;	;S Settlement;
2024		;Lithuania;	;S Settlement;
2024		;India;	;Other;
2024	01. VAP	;UK;Tunisia;	;3 Not allowed to work;
2024		;UK;Tunisia;	;3 Not allowed to work;
2024		;UK;Romania;	;Illegal entry;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2024		;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2024	Invalid Code	;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2024		;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2024		;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2024	01. VAP	;Poland;	;Legal immigrant;
2024	06. Theft	;Poland;	;Legal immigrant;

2024	11. Drug Offences	;Poland;	;Legal immigrant;
2024		;Poland;	;Legal immigrant;
2024	01. VAP	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024	12. Possession of Weapons	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024	13. Public Order Offences	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024		;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024	01. VAP	;Egypt;	;A Tier 1;
2024	02. Sexual Offences	;Egypt;	;A Tier 1;
2024		;Egypt;	;A Tier 1;
2024	01. VAP	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024		;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2024	06. Theft	;Nigeria;	;Asylum seeker;
2024	13. Public Order Offences	;Nigeria;	;Asylum seeker;
2024		;Nigeria;	;Asylum seeker;
2024	01. VAP	;Algeria;	;3 Not allowed to work;Asylum seeker;
2024		;Algeria;	;3 Not allowed to work;Asylum seeker;
2024	01. VAP	;Ukraine;	;E Tier 5;
2024		;Ukraine;	;E Tier 5;
2024		;Romania;	;S Settlement;
2024	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Legal visitor;
2024	01. VAP	;Bulgaria;	;S Settlement;
2024	02. Sexual Offences	;Bulgaria;	;S Settlement;

2024	06. Theft	;Bulgaria;	;S Settlement;
2024	13. Public Order Offences	;Bulgaria;	;S Settlement;
2024		;Bulgaria;	;S Settlement;
2024	01. VAP	;India;	;Expired status;
2024	13. Public Order Offences	;India;	;Expired status;
2024		;Romania;	;Other;
2024	01. VAP	;Poland;	;Other;
2024		;Poland;	;Other;
2024	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Other;
2024		;Romania;	;Other;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;India;	;Other;
2024		;South Africa;Ireland;	;Legal immigrant;
2024	02. Sexual Offences	;Pakistan;	;Student visa;
2024	06. Theft	;Cuba;Romania;	;Illegal immigrant;
2024		;Cuba;Romania;	;Illegal immigrant;
2024		;Nigeria;	;Other;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Georgia;	;3 Not allowed to work;Asylum seeker;
2024		;Georgia;	;3 Not allowed to work;Asylum seeker;
2024	06. Theft	;Georgia;	;3 Not allowed to work;Asylum seeker;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Georgia;	;3 Not allowed to work;Asylum seeker;
2024		;Georgia;	;3 Not allowed to work;Asylum seeker;
2024	06. Theft	;Georgia;	;3 Not allowed to work;Asylum seeker;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Georgia;	;3 Not allowed to work;Asylum seeker;

2024		;Georgia;	;3 Not allowed to work;Asylum seeker;
2024	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Georgia;	;3 Not allowed to work;Asylum seeker;
2024		;Georgia;	;3 Not allowed to work;Asylum seeker;
2024	13. Public Order Offences	;UK;Iraq;	;Asylum seeker;
2025		;Turkey;	;Student visa;
2025	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Other;
2025	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Other;
2025	01. VAP	;UK;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025		;UK;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025		;UK;Romania;	;5 Visitor does not have to reg;
2025		;Algeria;	;Asylum seeker;
2025	02. Sexual Offences	;India;	;Student visa;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;India;	;Student visa;
2025		;India;	;Student visa;
2025	01. VAP	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	02. Sexual Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	11. Drug Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	13. Public Order Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025		;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	01. VAP	;Nigeria;	;Other;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Nigeria;	;Other;

2025		;Nigeria;	;Other;
2025	01. VAP	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	13. Public Order Offences	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025		;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	#MULTIVALUE	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	01. VAP	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	02. Sexual Offences	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025		;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	#MULTIVALUE	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	01. VAP	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	02. Sexual Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	11. Drug Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	13. Public Order Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025		;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025		;Italy;	;5 Visitor does not have to reg;
2025	01. VAP	;Poland;	;Legal immigrant;
2025	06. Theft	;Poland;	;Legal immigrant;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Poland;	;Legal immigrant;
2025		;Poland;	;Legal immigrant;
2025	#MULTIVALUE	;Poland;	;Legal immigrant;
2025	01. VAP	;Iraq;	;Asylum seeker;

2025		;Iraq;	;Asylum seeker;
2025	01. VAP	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	13. Public Order Offences	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025		;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	#MULTIVALUE	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	01. VAP	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	02. Sexual Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	11. Drug Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	13. Public Order Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025		;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	01. VAP	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	02. Sexual Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	11. Drug Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	13. Public Order Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025		;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	01. VAP	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	02. Sexual Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	11. Drug Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;

2025	13. Public Order Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025		;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	01. VAP	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	02. Sexual Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	11. Drug Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	13. Public Order Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025		;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Nigeria;	;2 Work with consent of HO;
2025		;Nigeria;	;2 Work with consent of HO;
2025	01. VAP	;Poland;	;Legal visitor;
2025		;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025		;Turkey;	;Student visa;
2025	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Other;
2025		;Romania;	;Other;
2025	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Other;
2025	06. Theft	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	07. Theft of Vehicle	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	08. Theft from Vehicle	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	10. Arson & Criminal Damage	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	11. Drug Offences	;Poland;	;S Settlement;

2025	12. Possession of Weapons	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	13. Public Order Offences	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	Invalid Code	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025		;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	#MULTIVALUE	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	01. VAP	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025		;Poland;	;S Settlement;
2025	06. Theft	;Canada;	;Legal visitor;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Canada;	;Legal visitor;
2025	Invalid Code	;Canada;	;Legal visitor;
2025		;Canada;	;Legal visitor;
2025	13. Public Order Offences	;Bulgaria;	;S Settlement;
2025	Invalid Code	;Bulgaria;	;S Settlement;
2025		;Bulgaria;	;S Settlement;
2025	11. Drug Offences	;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2025	13. Public Order Offences	;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2025		;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2025		;Pakistan;	;Student visa;
2025		;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2025	#MULTIVALUE	;Nigeria;	;Student visa;
2025		;Romania;	;Deported;

2025	01. VAP	;Czech Republic;	;S Settlement;
2025	02. Sexual Offences	;Czech Republic;	;S Settlement;
2025	06. Theft	;Czech Republic;	;S Settlement;
2025	13. Public Order Offences	;Czech Republic;	;S Settlement;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Czech Republic;	;S Settlement;
2025		;Czech Republic;	;S Settlement;
2025	01. VAP	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	02. Sexual Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	06. Theft	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	11. Drug Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	13. Public Order Offences	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025		;Romania;	;Working visa;
2025	06. Theft	;Bulgaria;	;Legal immigrant;
2025	07. Theft of Vehicle	;Bulgaria;	;Legal immigrant;
2025	08. Theft from Vehicle	;Bulgaria;	;Legal immigrant;
2025	11. Drug Offences	;Bulgaria;	;Legal immigrant;
2025	12. Possession of Weapons	;Bulgaria;	;Legal immigrant;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Bulgaria;	;Legal immigrant;
2025		;Bulgaria;	;Legal immigrant;
2025	01. VAP	;Egypt;	;2 Work with consent of HO;
2025		;Egypt;	;2 Work with consent of HO;
2025		;UK;Pakistan;	;Student visa;

2025	01. VAP	;Nigeria;	;Other;
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	;Nigeria;	;Other;
2025		;Nigeria;	;Other;
2025	11. Drug Offences	;Poland;	;Legal visitor;EU citizen;
2025	01. VAP	;India;	;Student visa;
2025	01. VAP	;India;	;Other;
2025	06. Theft	;India;	;Other;
2025	10. Arson & Criminal Damage	;India;	;Other;
2025	13. Public Order Offences	;India;	;Other;
2025		;India;	;Other;

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 20/11/2026