

FOI 281/11 Offences Outraging Public Decency

Q1. The number of incidents where people have been arrested for having sexual relations in public, therefore committing an offence under the Home Office description of 'Act of outraging public decency', in the last three years – 2008, 2009 and 2010. If two or more people are arrested at the same time, this should count as once incident.

Year	Number of Incidents
2008	33
2009	45
2010	33

Q2. For each incident, details should be given of the number of people involved, including their age and sex.

2008

Sex	Age
Female	20
Female	31
Female	46
Male	68
Male	33
Male	49
Male	34
Male	34
Male	41
Male	20
Male	36
Male	45
Male	42
Male	42
Male	66
Male	31
Male	54
Male	58
Male	36
Male	38
Male	32
Male	28
Male	32
Male	38
Male	18
Male	31
Male	16
Male	19
Male	46
Male	61
Male	38
Male	42
Male	58
Male	31

2009

Sex	Age
Female	37
Female	17
Female	17
Female	58
Male	38
Male	48
Male	56
Male	38
Male	27
Male	49
Male	18
Male	48
Male	21
Male	41
Male	47
Male	43
Male	36
Male	39
Male	43
Male	34
Male	22
Male	15
Male	38
Male	49
Male	34
Male	43
Male	25
Male	28
Male	62
Male	63
Male	33
Male	43
Male	37
Male	26
Male	22
Male	38
Male	58
Male	31
Male	24
Male	30
Male	44
Male	46
Male	30
Male	24
Male	47
Male	30
Male	57

2010

Sex	Age
Female	22
Female	29
Female	37
Male	36
Male	69
Male	45
Male	28
Male	60
Male	69
Male	25
Male	18
Male	19
Male	53
Male	49
Male	46
Male	46
Male	29
Male	31
Male	60
Male	51
Male	24
Male	35
Male	48
Male	28
Male	24
Male	47
Male	40
Male	31
Male	54
Male	18
Male	31
Male	61
Male	25
Male	52

Q3. For each incident, details should be given of where the incident took place, i.e. car park, public toilet, woods.

Location	2008	2009	2010
Garden	1	1	1
Shop	4	1	5
On Street	10	9	5
In car on road	4	6	5
Cycle track	1		
Changing room	1		
Park	4	5	5
Window	1	5	1
On railway bridge		1	
Subway		1	
Farm		1	
Cemetery		3	

Woodland		1	
Bank		1	
Canal path		1	
Train		1	2
Cricket Pitch			1
Pub			2
Lift in hotel			2
Public toilet			1
Not stated	7	8	3
Total	33	45	33

Q4. For each incident, details should be given to the reasons of the arrest(s) and the charge(s) that each person faced.

Please note that the recording system for arrests records 'arrest reasons', not specific offences therefore for these type of offences quite often the arrest reason appears as "other". You will also note that some arrest reasons don't appear to relate to the offences you have requested. This is due to the individual being arrested for an alternative reason, but the offences you requested are also relevant.

This system records the disposal of these arrests, not the offences for which were charged, therefore the information has been provided as such.

2008

Incident	Arrest Reason	Disposal
1	Other	No Further Action
2	Other	No Further Action
	S.5 Public Order Act 1986	No Further Action
3	Assault ABH	No Further Action
	Criminal Damage	No Further Action
	Other	No Further Action
4	Other	Charged and Bailed To Court
5	Other	No Further Action
6	Other	No Further Action
7	Drunk & Incapable	Charged and Bailed To Court
	Other	Charged and Bailed To Court
	S.5 Public Order Act 1986	Charged and Bailed To Court
8	Other	No Further Action
9	Other	No Further Action
10	Other	Simple Caution
11	Possession with Intent to Supply Controlled Drug	No Further Action
	Theft shop	No Further Action
12	Other	Simple Caution
13	Other	No Further Action
	S.5 Public Order Act 1986	No Further Action
14	Other	Simple Caution
15	Other	No Further Action
16	S.5 Public Order Act 1986	Charged and Bailed To Court
17	Other	Charged and Detained For Court
18	S.5 Public Order Act 1986	No Further Action
	Theft shop	No Further Action
19	Sexual Offence	Charged and Bailed To Court
20	Other	No Further Action

21	Common Assault	Simple Caution
22	Other	No Further Action
23	Other	No Further Action
24	Other	No Further Action
25	Other	No Further Action
	Possession of Controlled Drug	No Further Action
26	Sexual Offence	No Further Action
27	Other	Simple Caution
28	Other	No Further Action
29	Other	No Further Action
	S.5 Public Order Act 1986	No Further Action
30	Other	Simple Caution
31	(blank)	No Further Action
32	Other	Simple Caution
33	Other	Charged and Bailed To Court
	Possess knife blade or sharply pointed article	Charged and Bailed To Court

2009

Incident	Arrest Reason	Disposal
1	Other	No Further Action
2	Other	Simple Caution
3	Criminal Damage	No Further Action
	Sexual Offence	No Further Action
4	Other	No Further Action
5	Other	Simple Caution
	Sexual Offence	Simple Caution
6	Other	No Further Action
7	Other	No Further Action
8	Other	Simple Caution
9	Other	Fixed Penalty Notice Issue
10	Other	No Further Action
11	Sexual Offence	No Further Action
12	Other	No Further Action
13	Other	Charged and Bailed To Court
14	Sexual Offence	No Further Action
15	Theft shop	No Further Action
16	Other	Reprimand
17	Other	Charged and Bailed To Court
18	Other	Charged and Bailed To Court
19	Other	No Further Action
20	Other	No Further Action
21	Obstruct Police	Reprimand
	Other	Reprimand
22	Other	Simple Caution
23	Other	No Further Action
24	Other	Simple Caution
25	Other	Simple Caution
26	S.5 Public Order Act 1986	No Further Action
	Sexual Offence	No Further Action
27	Other	No Further Action
28	Other	No Further Action

29	Sexual Offence	No Further Action
30	Sexual Offence	No Further Action
31	Sexual Offence	No Further Action
32	Sexual Offence	Simple Caution
33	Other	Simple Caution
34	Sexual Offence	Charged and Detained For Court
35	Other	Charged and Bailed To Court
36	Sexual Offence	Simple Caution
37	Other	Charged and Detained For Court
	Sexual Offence	Charged and Detained For Court
38	Other	Charged and Bailed To Court
39	Other	Charged and Detained For Court
40	Other	Simple Caution
41	Other	No Further Action
42	Other	Charged and Bailed To Court
43	Other	No Further Action
44	Other	No Further Action
	Theft shop	No Further Action
45	Other	Bailed To Police Station
		No Further Action

2010

Incident	Arrest Reason	Disposal
1	Other	No Further Action
2	Other	Simple Caution
	Possession of Controlled Drug	Simple Caution
3	S.5 Public Order Act 1986	No Further Action
	Sexual Offence	No Further Action
4	Other	No Further Action
5	Other	Simple Caution
6	Other	No Further Action
7	Other	No Further Action
8	Sexual Offence	Charged and Bailed To Court
9	Other	No Further Action
10	Assault Police	Charged and Bailed To Court
	S.5 Public Order Act 1986	Charged and Bailed To Court
11	S.5 Public Order Act 1986	No Further Action
12	Fail to surrender to bail	No Further Action
	Other	No Further Action
13	Other	No Further Action
14	Other	Simple Caution
15	Other	No Further Action
16	Other	Charged and Bailed To Court
17	Other	Charged and Bailed To Court
18	Other	Charged and Detained For Court
19	Other	Simple Caution
	Possession of Controlled Drug	Simple Caution
20	Other	Charged and Bailed To Court
	Possession of Controlled Drug	Charged and Bailed To Court
21	Other	Charged and Detained For Court
22	Other	No Further Action
23	Other	Simple Caution

24	Other	Charged and Detained For Court
25	Other	No Further Action
26	Other	Simple Caution
27	Other	Simple Caution
28	S.5 Public Order Act 1986	No Further Action
29	Sexual Offence	Bailed To Police Station
30	Other	No Further Action
31	Sexual Offence	Charged and Detained For Court
32	Other	Charged and Detained For Court
33	Other	Fixed Penalty Notice Issue

Q5. For each incident, details should be given as to which area within the force's area that the offence occurred.

District	2008	2009	2010
Bristol	17	21	18
South Glos	7	5	3
Bath	7	11	4
Somerset East	2	3	2
Somerset West		3	3
North Somerset		2	3