



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 21/08/2025

2025/851 - Child abduction and kidnapping

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I'm writing to you to request data on police recorded offences of child abduction and kidnapping for the latest financial year 2024/25.

Specifically, I'd be very grateful if you could supply the following information:

- 1. From 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, how many crimes¹ of child abduction by a parent (Home Office classification² 13/01) were recorded in North Wales Police?**
- 2. From 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, how many crimes¹ of child abduction by other persons (Home Office classification² 13/02) were recorded in North Wales Police?**
- 3. From 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, how many crimes¹ of kidnapping (Home Office classification² 36/01) – when the victim was aged under 18 at the time of the offence – were recorded in North Wales Police? Please note: I only want to collect data on 36/01 offences; not the other 36 sub-categories (36/02, 36/03, 36/04 etc.).**

For each of these three figures (questions 1, 2 and 3 above) please can you indicate how many of the offences were flagged as Child Sexual Abuse, and how many were flagged as Child Sexual Exploitation³.

¹I'm looking for information on crimes recorded rather than 'incidents'.

²Home Office classification number refers to the Counting Rules:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime>

³As per Home Office Counting Rules (2024/25), page 26:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67ee9b2a199d1cd55b48c769/crime-recording-rules-for-frontline-officers-and-staff-2025_26-april-2025-update.pdf

HO Description	Crime Count
Abduction of a child by parent	3
Abduction of child by other persons	3
Kidnapping	8

None have a Child Sexual Abuse or Child Sexual Exploitation flag.

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