



Response Date: 03/02/2026

2026/111 - Crimes connected to dating apps

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

For question one, please structure the worksheet with column headings as follows:

Dating platform, No of offences 2019, No of offences 2020, No of offences 2021, No of offences 2022, No of offences 2023, No of offences 2024, No of offences 2025.

For question two, please structure the worksheet with the following column headings:

Date, dating platform, offence description, outcome, victim age, victim gender, suspect age, suspect gender

1.) Between January 1 2019 and December 31 2025 inclusive, what was the total number of offences recorded involving the terms Grindr, Tinder, Hinge, Bumble?

Please provide a breakdown of the total number of offences for each keyword, anonymised as necessary to protect the identity of individuals. (Note: I am aware that Grindr and Tinder are often misspelled so I have provided a list of typos below to include in your search for those platforms)

2.) For each recorded incident, please provide the following details: date of offence, dating platform/keyword linked to crime, offence description, victim age, victim gender, suspect age, suspect gender and crime outcome where possible, anonymised as necessary to protect the identity of individuals.

According to Google search data these are common typos often used by users searching for these apps, so please include these typos in your searches for these apps to capture common misspellings.

Grindr: Grinder, Grindr

Tinder: Tindr

Hinge: Hing

Bumble: Bumbl

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Offences recorded 2019-2025 with KW search of occ summary for tinder/hinge/bumble/grindr:

Calendar Year	Offence HO Group1	Victim Gender	Victim Age	Suspect Gender	Suspect Age	Outcome	Summary
2019	01. VAP	F	39		No DOB Recorded	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Caller reporting that unknown person/s have created multiple fake Tinder accounts in her name. Using her pictures and personal details.
2019	01. VAP	M	32	M	25	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	IP is being harassed via the app GRINDER by a known male.
2019	01. VAP	M	19		No DOB Recorded	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Victim has been receiving unwanted messages from a male from the Grindr Website.
2019	02. Sexual Offences	F	25		No DOB Recorded	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Offender contacted the IP through Tinder and has arranged to attend her home address...

2019	02. Sexual Offences	M	23		No DOB Recorded	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	IP used a dating app called Grinder and arranged to meet a male at the location address...
2020	02. Sexual Offences	F	31	M	31	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	IP wanting to make a complaint against a male she has met on tinder after he has reported her for harassment...
2020	01. VAP	F	21	F	23	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	IP IS BEING HARASSED BY HER EX-PARTNERS EX. SHE HAS SET UP A FAKE TINDER AND INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT IN IP'S NAME...
2020	01. VAP	F	22		No DOB Recorded	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	The IP is reporting being harassed by the suspect ... whom she met on the dating website Tinder approximately 5 years ago.
2020	01. VAP	F	21		No DOB Recorded	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	UNKNOWN OFFENDERS HAVE SENT VIDEO'S OF MALES MASTERBUATING ON IP'S SNAPCHAT. ALSO STTS THAT SHE IS ON TINDER AND HAS SENTING NUDE PICTURES OF HERSELF.

2021	06. Theft	M	28		No DOB Recorded	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	IP reporting that he had started talking to a female on TINDER and they had a video call on skype together where the female was naked on a bed masturbating, and the IP was also masturbating, the call then ended. He has then received a messaged from the female stating she knew who is friends were and was going to ruin his reputation and career...
2021	01. VAP	M	54		No DOB Recorded	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Victim reporting that there is a fake grinder profile of him. Appears that people are talking to person who created the fake profile and then sending them to his home address or they continually contact him and when this people turn up they are unhappy with the victim but has nothing to do with him.
2021	06. Theft	M	25		No DOB Recorded	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Victim has contacted NWP wishing to report whilst using the app Grinder he has been in conversation with a female profile, which has included exchanging nude pictures of each other. Victim has since received threats to share the images / conversation unless he pays £300.
2022	06. Theft	M	22		No DOB Recorded	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	THE VICTIM HAS MET THE SUSPECT ON TINDER AND THEY HAVE EXCHANGED MESSAGES . THE VICTIM HAS SENT MORE EXPLICIT PHOTOS AND VIDEOS HIMSELF. THE SUSPECT HAS THEN DEMANDED MONEY ...
2022	06. Theft	M	24	F	53	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Parent has contacted police reporting his son has been suicidal / depressed as he has been threatened with violence and blackmailed online. Victim has been speaking to an unknown person on Tinder and has initially sent them £200 to assist with rent and when he has refused he has received threats.

2022	02. Sexual Offences	F	6	M	26	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	On Grindr user ...engaged online with a 13 year old male child...
2022	01. VAP	F	35	F	26	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Informant reporting that a fake tinder profile has been made using her details and that she suspect a known female to be responsible.
2022	01. VAP	M	42		No DOB Recorded	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Aggrieved reporting that over the course of around 3 months both he and his partner have been receiving numerous unwanted texts and whatsapp messages from unknown persons. Suspects have also been creating fake grinder accounts and leaking their address on line...
2022	01. VAP	F	25		No DOB Recorded	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	ip reporting that she met a male through tinder and they were messaging each other and met up once or twice. IP then stated that he she made it clear she didnt want to be anything other than friends...
2022	06. Theft	M	20		No DOB Recorded	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	Victim has matched with the suspect on tinder and have engaged in conversation via whatsapp, during which the victim had sent images of himself to the suspect who has then blackmailed him.

2023	01. VAP	M	31	M	33	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	HE SUSPECT HAS BEEN HARASSING THE IP SINCE HE ENDED THEIR RELATIONSHIP 4 WEEKS AGO. THE SUSPECT HAS MADE FAKE GRINDR PROFILES AND HAS POSTED ABUSE ABOUT THE IP ON FACEBOOK PUTTING HIS EMPLOYMENT AT RISK .
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2023	01. VAP	M	31	F	27	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	IP met a girl on Tinder and they started talking, he then told her he just wanted to be friends and since then IP has received constant messages and threats via Whats App and calls.
2023	01. VAP	M	31	F	27	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	IP met a girl on Tinder and they started talking, he then told her he just wanted to be friends and since then IP has received constant messags and threats via Whats App and calls.
2023	02. Sexual Offences	F	20		No DOB Recorded	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	IP started talking to the suspect on Tinder and met up for sex...

2025	06. Theft	F	20		No DOB Recorded	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	IP reporting that she has met a male online last year on tinder which they have been talking , she has sent him intimate images and suspect is now saying that if she doesn't send more images of herself he will send the ones he has to her family, IP has then sent further images of herself, this is causing IP distress.
2025	06. Theft	M	22		No DOB Recorded	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	IP HAS MET SOMEONE ON HINGE .. THEY HAVE SENT IMAGES OF A SEXUAL NATURE TO IP AND HE HAS THEN IMAGES OF HIMSELF IN HIS BOXERS AND ALSO NAKED TO THE NUMBER. HE IS NOW BEING BLACKMAILED TO SEND MONEY OR THEY WILL SEND THE IMAGES TO HIS FAMILY
2025	06. Theft	M	24		No DOB Recorded	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	IP IS BEING BLACKMAILED BY UK PERSON WHO HE MET ON BUMBLE THEY HAVE RECORDED HIM NAKED AND THREATENING TO SEND TO HIS CONTACTS.
2025	01. VAP	M	30	F	28	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Adult male meets a female on Tinder and has a 6 week relationship before deciding to finish it. Following this the female continually phones the male and attends at his house and on the last occasion puts her foot inside his door and refuses to leave...
2025	06. Theft	M	24		No DOB Recorded	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Ip reporting he has sent naked images of himself to a male on grinder and the male is demanding money or he will make the images public

2025	01. VAP	F	46	M	42	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	IP reports that she was talking to a male from Tinder and he has then started threatening her by saying "I'm going to seriously hunt you down and cut you horrendous fucking whore"
2025	06. Theft	M	25		No DOB Recorded	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	IP HAS MET UK PERSON ON GRINDER AND THEY HAVE MADE THREATS TO RELEASE HIS NUDES UNLESS HE PAYS. THE IP BLOCKED PERSON AND IMAGES WERE SENT TO THE IPs FAMILY

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