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2026/1150 - cannabis arrests and search warrants since March 2020

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.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide the following counts for 1 March 2020 to the date of this request, 26 October 2026, covering everyone regardless of nationality or citizenship and all locations, not just vehicles.
Please break the figures down by financial year: 1-31 March 2020 separately; 2020/21 to 2025/26 separately; and 1 April 2026 to 26 October 2026 (or the latest available date, which please identify).
1. Arrests, separately for:
a) possession of cannabis;
b) possession of cannabis with intent to supply;
c) cultivation of cannabis and production of cannabis. Please show cultivation and production separately if recorded separately, or identify a combined category.
These are requests for arrest figures, rather than recorded crimes, charges or convictions. Please identify whether the figures count arrest events or unique people, and explain any overlap where an arrest can appear in more than one category. Please identify the offence codes or recorded categories used.

Arrest Reason	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27+A10A1A1:I14
Attempt to permit/suffer to take place production on premises of cannabis a class B controlled drug (recordable)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Attempt to possess a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis / Cannabis Resin (recordable)	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
Attempt to possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis (recordable)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Concerned in making of an offer to supply to another a controlled drug of Class B - cannabis (recordable)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Concerned in production by another of a controlled drug of Class B - cannabis resin (recordable)	0	3	3	0	1	0	0	0
Concerned in production of a controlled drug of Class B - cannabis (recordable)	3	9	9	5	8	5	7	1
Concerned in the supply of a controlled drug of Class B - cannabis (recordable)	7	70	32	49	47	48	32	29
Concerned in the supply of a controlled drug of Class B - cannabis resin (recordable)	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Conspire to produce a controlled drug of Class B - cannabis resin	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

(recordable)								
Conspire to produce cannabis a class B drug (recordable)	0	0	1	3	5	7	0	1
Conspire to supply a controlled drug of Class B - cannabis resin (recordable)	0	5	4	4	9	0	5	7
Cultivate cannabis plant a class B controlled drug (recordable)	0	4	30	27	27	30	17	5
Offer to supply a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis (recordable)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Permit production / attempted production on premises of a controlled drug of Class B - cannabis (recordable)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Permit the use of premises for the supply of a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis (recordable)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Possess a controlled drug of Class B - cannabinoid receptor agonists (recordable)	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Possess a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis / Cannabis Resin (recordable)	28	360	326	304	322	329	314	189

Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis (recordable)	9	120	88	82	70	66	63	50
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis Resin (recordable)	0	17	18	13	10	10	2	1
Produce a controlled drug of Class B - cannabis resin (recordable)	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Produce controlled drug of Class B - cannabis (recordable)	2	28	8	13	8	3	2	1
Supply a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis (recordable)	0	2	0	0	0	2	6	0
Supply a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis Resin (recordable)	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0

2. Search warrants relating to suspected possession of cannabis with intent to supply, and to suspected cannabis cultivation/production:
a) number granted/issued;
b) number executed, separately from the number granted/issued.
Please show the two offence groups separately where held. Include relevant recorded warrant powers, not only one statutory power. Count warrants rather than applications or addresses searched, and identify any overlap for warrants covering both offence groups. If only executed-warrant figures are held, please provide those and say that granted/issued figures are not held. If cannabis cannot be separated from other drugs in the recorded warrant data, please explain this rather than reporting all-drug figures as cannabis figures.

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.

1. **Arrests AND cautions: provide separate counts of arrests and formal cautions for each of the original cannabis categories: possession; possession with intent to supply; and cultivation/production. If your force records cannabis warnings or equivalent warning disposals separately from formal cautions, please provide those separately where held, identifying the disposal type. Do not combine arrests and cautions into one total, as one person or incident may appear in both.**

Caution Disposals

		02. Youth Caution / Conditional Caution	03A. Alternate Offence Adult Caution / Conditional Caution	03. Adult Caution /Conditional Caution	07. Cannabis / Khat Warning	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2019/20	Possession of Cannabis (class B drug)	1	0	9	2	31
	Possession with intent to supply Cannabis (class B drug)	0	0	0	0	1
	Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	0	0	2	0	0
2019/20						

2020/21	Possession of Cannabis (class B drug)	7	0	46	8	284
	Possession with intent to supply Cannabis (class B drug)	2	0	0	0	0
	Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	0	1	1	0	2
	Supplying or offering to supply Cannabis (class B drug)	0	0	1	0	0
2020/21						

2021/22	Possession of Cannabis (class B drug)	7	0	37	1	165

	Possession of synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists (class B drug)	0	0	0	0	1
	Possession with intent to supply Cannabis (class B drug)	1	0	0	0	0
	Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	0	0	4	0	0
2021/22						
2022/23	Possession of Cannabis (class B drug)	7	0	16	0	170

	Possession of synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists (class B drug)	0	0	1	0	0
	Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	1	0	0	0	0
2022/23						
2023/24	Possession of Cannabis (class B drug)	3	0	8	0	161
	Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	0	0	0	0	2

2023/24						
2024/25	Possession of Cannabis (class B drug)	7	0	9	0	188
	Possession with intent to supply Cannabis (class B drug)	1	0	2	0	1
	Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	0	0	2	0	3
2024/25						
2025/26	Possession of Cannabis (class B drug)	5	0	17	1	316
	Possession with intent to supply Cannabis (class B drug)	0	0	1	0	0

	Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	0	0	2	0	3
	Supplying or offering to supply Cannabis (class B drug)	1	1	1	0	0
2025/26						
2026/27	Possession of Cannabis (class B drug)	2	0	7	0	238
	Possession with intent to supply Cannabis (class B drug)	0	0	0	0	1

	Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	0	0	1	0	0
2026/27						

Please see above for arrests.

2. Warrants regardless of outcome: the warrant figures must include ALL relevant warrants granted/issued for suspected cannabis possession with intent to supply or cannabis cultivation/production, whether or not they were executed, whether or not cannabis or other evidence was found, and whether or not anyone was arrested, cautioned, charged or convicted. Please do not restrict the counts to successful searches, seizures or proven offences.
Please continue to show granted/issued and executed warrant counts separately. Where already recorded and readily retrievable, please also give the number of executed warrants where no cannabis was found/seized, identifying the recorded measure used. If that outcome breakdown is not held, please still provide the overall warrant counts.
The original period remains 1 March 2020 to 26 October 2026, with the same financial-year and partial-year breakdowns. This covers everyone regardless of nationality or citizenship.

Please see the answer to Q2 above.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 12/11/2026