



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 27/02/2026

2026/210 - Marital rape

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- **How many reports of marital rape did your force receive for the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?**
- **How many reports of rape in domestic settings did your force receive for the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?**
- **How many reports of sexual assault in domestic settings did your force receive for the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?**
- **How many reports of rape by a partner or ex partner in domestic settings did your force receive for the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?**
- **How many reports of marital rape did your force receive from January 2025 - January 2026?**
- **How many reports of rape in domestic settings did your force receive from January 2025 - January 2026?**
- **How many people were charged with marital rape for the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?**
- **How many people were charged with rape related to a spouse or partner or the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?**

Clarification requested

Please could you clarify if you mean domestic abuse related? Or, just based on address type when referring to "domestic setting"?

Clarification received

When I refer to a domestic setting, I mean rape that's been reported to have occurred in a domestic abuse case.

I'm trying to understand the prevalence of rape within relationships, marital or partners.

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There is no separate way to record marital rape therefore we have provided a breakdown by offender/victim relationship.

Rape occurrences are based on reported date, however rape charges are based on status date.

Calendar Year	Rape Count
2021	333
2022	343
2023	356
2024	367
2025	366

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Ex-partner: Heterosexual	145	166	141	174	170
Ex-partner: Non-heterosexual	3	0	5	2	3
Ex-partner: Not known	0	1	0	0	2
Other sexual relationship	0	1	1	2	3
Partner: Heterosexual	131	136	152	125	152
Partner: Non-heterosexual	5	2	1	1	2
Partner: Not known	0	1	0	1	2

Count of Offenders Charged - Based on Status Date	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Sum:
Brother (incl. step/half/adopted)	0	0	1	0	0	1
Ex-partner: Heterosexual	0	2	2	3	3	10
Hist - Spouse/partner	0	1	0	1	0	2
Not known/No current suspect	0	0	0	2	0	2
Other relative	0	1	0	0	0	1
Parent (incl. step/adopted)	0	2	0	0	3	5
Partner: Heterosexual	3	4	5	2	6	20
Partner: Not known	0	0	0	0	1	1
Son (incl. step/half/adopted)	0	0	1	0	0	1
Sum:	3	10	9	8	13	43

Sexual assault occurrences

Calendar Year	SA Count
2021	106
2022	133
2023	133
2024	132
2025	149

Jan 25 to Jan 26 counts. This date range reported date from 01/01/25 to 31/01/26.

Offender/Victim Relationship	Rape Count
Acquaintance	9
Brother (incl. step/half/adopted)	6
Ex-partner: Heterosexual	188
Ex-partner: Non-heterosexual	3
Ex-partner: Not known	2
Not known/No current suspect	5
Other relative	4
Other sexual relationship	3
Parent (incl. step/adopted)	7
Partner: Heterosexual	159
Partner: Non-heterosexual	2
Partner: Not known	2
Son (incl. step/half/adopted)	2
Stranger	1

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 24/02/2026