



HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:21/09/2026

2026/936 - Police non-fatal strangulation and suffocation offences

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide data relating to offences of non-fatal strangulation and suffocation (Home Office offence code 8/77 or equivalent classification used by your force).

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2023 to the most recent date for which complete data is available.

1. Recorded offences

For each calendar year (2023, 2024, 2025 and year-to-date 2026), please provide:

- Total number of recorded non-fatal strangulation and suffocation offences**

Calendar Year	Recorded Crime
2023	552
2024	587
2025	670
2026	479

HO Description
Assault Emergency Worker - Non-fatal strangulation or suffocation
Assault Police Officer - Non-fatal strangulation or suffocation
Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation

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2. Victim demographics

For the same period, please provide the number of offences broken down by:

- Victim sex/gender
- Victim age group
- Victim ethnicity

Please provide counts rather than individual-level data.

Victim Details

Gender	2023	2024	2025	2026
Female	410	430	479	326
Intersex	2	0	1	1
Male	126	144	171	142
Not Recorded	3	8	13	7

Age Group	2023	2024	2025	2026
1. Under 18	93	119	119	94
2. 18-25	100	88	97	70
3. 26-35	145	151	178	113
4. 36-45	94	121	140	111
5. 46-55	68	63	78	55
6. 56-65	29	23	31	22
7. Over 66	12	11	14	8
8. DOB not recorded	1	7	8	4

Self Defined Ethnicity	2023	2024	2025	2026
A1. Asian - Indian	0	2	1	0
A2. Asian - Pakistani	0	3	0	3
A9. Any other Asian background	1	1	0	1
Arab	1	0	0	0
B1. Black Caribbean	0	0	1	1
B2. Black African	2	1	1	3
B9. Any other Black background	0	0	1	1
M1. White & Black Caribbean	0	0	1	0
M3. White & Asian	0	1	2	0
M9. Any other mixed background	0	0	1	0
Not Recorded	103	67	20	16

Not Stated	75	85	115	47
O9. Any other ethnic group	3	10	8	11
W1. White British	349	394	499	376
W2. White Irish	1	3	5	3
W9. Any other white background	7	13	7	11
White Gypsy	0	1	2	0

Officer Defined Ethnicity	2023	2024	2025	2026
Arabic or North African	1	1	2	0
Asian	2	6	4	4
Black	2	3	3	5
Chinese Japanese SE Asian	0	0	0	2
Not Recorded	93	67	22	15
Unknown	39	43	58	34
White - North European	404	461	571	410
White - South European	1	0	3	2

3. Suspect demographics

For the same period, please provide the number of identified suspects broken down by:

- **Sex/gender**
- **Age group**
- **Ethnicity**

Suspect Details

Gender	2023	2024	2025	2026
Female	45	79	87	77
Male	403	426	540	352
Not Recorded	1	6	1	1
Unknown	0	0	1	0

Age Group	2023	2024	2025	2026
1. Under 18	24	53	51	37
2. 18-25	55	54	62	42
3. 26-35	151	141	192	103
4. 36-45	109	138	187	132

5. 46-55	74	84	80	67
6. 56-65	24	22	45	28
7. Over 66	13	13	17	17
8. DOB not recorded	0	3	0	2

S+H1:L23elf Defined Ethnicity	2023	2024	2025	2026
A1. Asian - Indian	2	2	0	0
A2. Asian - Pakistani	0	0	1	1
A3. Asian - Bangladeshi	0	1	0	0
A9. Any other Asian background	3	0	2	1
Arab	1	0	0	0
B1. Black Caribbean	1	2	2	1
B2. Black African	4	1	3	3
B9. Any other Black background	0	1	1	1
M1. White & Black Caribbean	2	1	2	3
M2. White & Black African	1	0	0	0
M3. White & Asian	1	1	1	0
M9. Any other mixed background	0	0	1	0
Not Recorded	37	39	15	8
Not Stated	67	80	89	34
O1. Chinese	0	0	0	2
O9. Any other ethnic group	4	4	9	6
W1. White British	303	364	475	348
W2. White Irish	2	1	4	4
W9. Any other white background	19	10	20	18
White Gypsy	1	2	4	0

Officer Defined Ethnicity	2023	2024	2025	2026
Arabic or North African	4	1	3	0
Asian	4	3	2	4
Black	6	6	7	8
Chinese Japanese SE Asian	1	0	0	0
Not Recorded	34	41	20	9
Unknown	24	26	47	25
White - North European	373	426	547	381

White - South European	0	0	1	3

4. Domestic abuse

Please provide:

- Number of offences flagged as domestic abuse-related.
- Number not flagged as domestic abuse-related.

Domestic Abuse?	2023	2024	2025	2026
No	151	185	205	191
Yes	401	402	465	288

5. Outcomes

Please provide the final recorded outcome for offences recorded during the period, including counts for:

- Charged/summonsed
- Caution
- Community resolution
- Evidential difficulties
- Victim does not support action
- Investigation complete with no suspect identified
- Under investigation
- Any other outcome categories used by the force

Outcome	2023	2024	2025	2026
01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summonsed / Postal Requisition	33	14	31	10
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02. Youth Caution / Conditional Caution	0	1	0	0
03A. Alternate Offence Adult Caution / Conditional Caution	1	1	0	1
03. Adult Caution /Conditional Caution	0	0	2	0
05. Offender Has Died	1	0	1	0
08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	2	5	5	9
09. CPS Prosecution Not In Public Interest	7	0	0	1
10. Police Formal Action Not In Public Interest	3	0	1	1
11. Named Suspect Below Age of Criminal Responsibility	1	8	5	3
12. Named Suspect Too Ill To Prosecute	3	1	0	3
13. Named Suspect but Victim / Key Witness Deceased or Too Ill	0	0	1	1
14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	7	3	7	15
15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	40	33	31	9
15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	88	194	206	95
16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	204	164	225	149
17. Suspect Identified but Prosecution Time Limit Expired	3	1	4	2

18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	15	23	19	10
20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	44	35	41	21
21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	0	2	0	1
22. Checkpoint	2	5	4	4
Outcome Not Yet Assigned	0	7	15	107

6. Repeat victims

Where recorded and retrievable within cost limits, please provide:

- Number of unique victims.

Unique Victims
2108

- Number of victims linked to two or more recorded non-fatal strangulation offences during the period.

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7. Children

Please provide:

- Number of victims aged under 18.
- Number of suspects aged under 18.

Calendar Year	Victim Count	Suspect Count
2023	92	24
2024	117	55
2025	117	45
2026	94	42

Please note:

1. Q2 and Q3 are based on a count of occurrences, not a count of Victims/Suspects.
2. Suspect details are based solely on nominals classified as "Suspect" in the occurrences; this can be poorly populated and may therefore not be exhaustive.

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 16/09/2026