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2025/307 - Knife offences at schools

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Q1: For the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and 2024 the number of offences involving a knife committed at schools?

Q2: For the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and 2024 the number of offences involving a knife at school broken down by offence subgroup as per the Home Office counting rules?

Q3: For the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and 2024 the number of suspects for offences involving a knife committed at schools broken down by age and sex of the suspect?

Q4: For the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and 2024 involving a knife committed at schools broken down by how the suspect knows the victim?

Q5: For the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and 2024 the number of suspects for offences involving a knife committed at schools broken down by age and sex of the victim?

Q6: For the questions above, what method did you use to filter offences down to those committed at schools?

We have searched for offences 008/27 and 008/62 (already located within school premises) as well as HO codes 008/26;008/64;008/76A;008/76B, where Location Subtype is "School" and Weapon Used matches "Bladed used".

The below data provides counts of occurrences by year, which is also broken down by crime type or HO description. Also, a breakdown of Offender/Victim Relationship is provided with occurrence counts also broken down by year.

Calendar Year	Crime Count (All Crime)
2020	6
2021	19
2022	40
2023	15
2024	15

Offender/Victim Relationship by Calendar Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Acquaintance	2	6	18	9	6
Not known/No current suspect	0	0	0	0	1
Not Recorded	0	0	1	0	1
Stranger	0	1	1	0	1
Victimless/crime against state	4	12	20	6	6

Crime Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Assault with injury	0	1	7	2	1
Assault with intent to cause serious harm	0	1	4	0	0
Assault Without Injury	0	0	0	0	1
Criminal Damage To A Building Other Than A Dwelling	0	0	1	0	0
Criminal Damage To A Vehicle	0	0	1	0	1
Harassment	1	0	0	0	0
Malicious communications	0	0	0	1	0
Possession of Article with Blade or Point	5	13	23	11	12

Possession of Other Weapons	0	0	1	0	0
Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	0	3	1	0	0
Sexual Assault On A Female Aged 13 And Over	0	0	1	0	0
Threats to Kill	0	1	1	1	0
Total	6	19	40	15	15

HO Description	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	0	1	1	0	0
Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	0	0	0	0	1
Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	0	1	0	0	0
Harassment	1	0	0	0	0
Harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 5)	0	1	0	0	0
Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	4	11	18	7	7
Malicious Comms - Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety	0	0	0	1	0
Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (Under £5000.00 damage)	0	0	1	0	0
Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5000.00 damage)	0	0	1	0	1
Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	0	1	4	0	0
Sec 20. Malicious wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm (without intent)	0	0	2	0	0
Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	0	1	5	2	1
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over	0	0	1	0	0
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article in a public place	0	0	0	0	1
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	1	2	5	4	4

Threaten with an offensive weapon on school / further education premises	0	0	1	0	0
Threats to kill	0	1	1	1	0
Sum:	6	19	40	15	15

The "Suspect" and "Victim" data both include a breakdown of Suspect/Victim information, but counts are also broken down based on Suspect ID where it is not null, as the question asks for the "number of suspects" for questions 3 and 5.

Suspect Age by Calendar Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
10	0	2	0	0	0
11	0	1	3	2	0
12	3	4	4	3	2
13	0	1	4	2	6
14	0	4	5	1	2
15	0	2	7	0	1
16	1	1	3	1	1
17	0	1	2	0	0
18	0	0	1	0	0
20	0	2	0	0	0
24	0	2	0	0	0
41	0	0	0	1	0
43	0	0	0	0	0
49	0	0	1	0	0
53	1	0	0	0	0
No suspect recorded	0	0	0	0	0

Suspect Gender by Calendar Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
F	1	5	5	2	2
M	4	11	25	7	7
No suspect recorded	0	0	0	0	0
Suspect Gender not recorded	0	0	0	1	1

Victim Age by Calendar Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
11	0	0	0	1	0
12	1	0	0	2	2
13	0	0	0	1	0
14	0	3	1	1	0
15	0	0	1	0	0
16	0	0	1	0	0
30	0	2	0	0	0
34	0	0	0	0	0
39	0	0	0	0	0
42	0	0	1	0	0
44	0	0	1	0	0
47	0	0	1	0	0
49	0	0	1	0	0
50	1	0	0	0	0
54	0	0	0	1	0

No DOB recorded	3	10	18	5	9
Not victim recorded	0	1	6	0	0

Victim Gender by Calendar Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
F	0	1	3	3	1
M	2	4	4	3	2
No gender recorded	3	10	18	5	8
Not victim recorded	0	1	6	0	0

Please note: Although the location has been logged on our system as a particular school, it does not mean that every incident relates to that school. The information provided includes incidents reported at or in the vicinity of school premises, both during and outside school hours and will include crimes reported about members of the public who are in no way connected with the school. It includes incidents where it may be found after investigation that there was actually no crime committed. The classification afforded by North Wales Police is in accordance with the Home Office Counting Rules, and consequently incidents may not actually be as serious as the classification title may suggest. It is therefore not a true reflection of the school, the pupils or the staff. Consequently, this data is not suitable to be used in the formulation of league tables as the data in the format provided is not necessarily comparable.

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