

Follow up information from Police Scotland - Criminal Justice Committee evidence session on 14 May 2025 on the Challenges facing Business and Vulnerable Individuals in Scotland from Cybercrime

Gender data on sextortion

Friday 4 July 2025

Good morning all,

Please find attached the requested information regarding gender split for sextortion crimes.

I hope this information will suffice. If you need anything else, please let me know.

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| Table 1 | | | |
| Title: Recorded Sextortion Crimes, Police Scotland | OFFICIAL | | |
| Period: 1st January 2023 to 30th April 2025 (Inclusive) | | | |
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| Crime | 2023 | 2024 | 2025* |
| Threats and Extortion | 2234 | 1333 | 462 |
| Sexual Coercion – F (16+) | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Threatening to disclose an intimate image | 30 | 192 | 77 |
| Disclosure of an intimate image | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| Communications Act 2003 (sexual) | 5 | 9 | 1 |
| Procurator - excluding homosexual acts | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud - Including Statutory Fraud | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| General post office telecommunications offences | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Computer Misuse Act 1990 (unauthorised access only) | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Total | 2280 | 1542 | 551 |
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| All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 1/7/2025. | | | |
| 1. The data was extracted using the crime's raised date. | | | |
| 2. Please note - Table 1 contains data that was individually analysed to meet Sextortion criteria, this is in addition to the MO Detail - "Sextortion" | | | |

| Table 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Title: Victims linked to Recorded Sextortion Crimes, Police Scotland | | OFFICIAL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Period: 1st January 2024 to 30th April 2025 (Inclusive) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2025 | | | |
| Crime | Gender | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr |
| Threats and Extortion | Female | 14 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 9 | 15 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 11 | 6 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 19 |
| | Male | 107 | 98 | 86 | 84 | 108 | 105 | 110 | 91 | 87 | 90 | 97 | 87 | 88 | 105 | 102 | 76 |
| | (blank) | 11 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 6 |
| Sexual Coercion – F (16+) | Female | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Threatening to disclose an intimate image | Female | 11 | 19 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 14 | 10 | 15 | 14 | 10 | 10 | 17 | 20 | 14 | 11 | 12 |
| | Male | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| | (blank) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Disclosure of an intimate image | Female | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Communications Act 2003 (sexual) | Female | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Male | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Procuration - excluding homosexual acts | Female | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Fraud - Including Statutory Fraud | Female | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| | Male | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Computer Misuse Act 1990 (unauthorised access only) | Female | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
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| 1. The data was extracted using the crime's raised date. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Please note - Table 2 contains data that was individually analysed to meet Sextortion criteria, this is in addition to the MO Detail - "Sextortion" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Table 2 is a count of nominals, a nominal can be the victim of more than one crime. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |