

FOI/25/7680/D

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to ask that...

Can I have a count by year of recorded or alleged crimes where there is evidence that one or more perpetrators have multiple identities.

I want a count to estimate of the amount of “fake” identities that might be in circulation and used in crime.

CLARIFICATION:

I want a count to estimate of the amount of “fake” identities that might be in circulation and used in crime.

These crimes would fall under where a person was charged or suspected of one of the below. Surely that does not need any parsing of logs you just need to look up charging codes.

Let me know if that’s a issue.

Fraud Act 2006

- Fraud by false representation (Section 2).

Identity Documents Act 2010

- Possessing or making a false identity document (Section 4).

Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981

- Making or possessing a false instrument (e.g., a fake ID) with intent to deceive (Section 1).

Licensing Act 2003

- Using a fake ID to buy alcohol (Section 149).

Criminal Attempts Act 1981

- Attempting to use a fake ID (e.g., even if unsuccessful).

Theft Act 1968

- Obtaining services dishonestly (Section 11).

Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- Possessing or using a false identity document to deceive immigration authorities.

Road Traffic Act 1988

- Driving or obtaining a licence using a fake ID.

01/01/2017

20/11/2025



Count of Suspect/Offender Nominal ID

Stats Classification Concat	Count of Nominal ID
061/21/01 Make a false instrument with intent it be accepted as genuine - Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981	9
061/38/01 Possess identity documents with intent	3
078/07/01 Make false statement / representation re benefit - immigration	3
814/01/01 Use driving licence / counterpart with intent to deceive	16
814/01/02 Alter driving licence / counterpart with intent to deceive	1
814/01/03 Forge a driving licence / counterpart with intent to deceive	2
814/01/04 Possess driving licence / counterpart with intent to deceive	12
814/03/01 Forgery - vehicle licence / registration mark / document	68
Total	114

Count of Suspect/Offender Nominal ID with Outcome

Stats Classification Concat	Count of Nominal ID
061/21/01 Make a false instrument with intent it be accepted as genuine - Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981	9
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	1
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	6
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	2
061/38/01 Possess identity documents with intent	3
1: Charged	2
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1
078/07/01 Make false statement / representation re benefit - immigration	3
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	2
12: Named suspect identified but is dead or too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	1
814/01/01 Use driving licence / counterpart with intent to deceive	16
1: Charged	2
1: Summonsed/postal requisition	3
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	1
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	7
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	2
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	1
814/01/02 Alter driving licence / counterpart with intent to deceive	1
1: Summonsed/postal requisition	1
814/01/03 Forge a driving licence / counterpart with intent to deceive	2
1: Summonsed/postal requisition	1
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	1
814/01/04 Possess driving licence / counterpart with intent to deceive	12
Not Recorded	1
1: Charged	3
1: Summonsed/postal requisition	1
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	2
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	5
814/03/01 Forgery - vehicle licence / registration mark / document	68
Not Recorded	2
1: Charged	6
1: Summonsed/postal requisition	25
8: Community resolution	1
8: Youth restorative disposal	1
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	3
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	25
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	3
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	2
Total	114

Please note:

- Home Office Stats Classification code = 053/40, 061/38, 061/21, 053/46, 078/07, 814/01 used.
- Crime category used = Valid crime.
- Date range used = 01/01/2017 to 20/11/2025.
- Owning Agency = Derbyshire