

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)			
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
Procuration - 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
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																		
Period: 1st January 2024 to 30th April 2025 (Inclusive)																		

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Crime	Gender	2024												2025			
		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
	Female	11	19	13	9	9	14	10	15	14	10	10	17	20	14	11	12
Threatening to disclose an intimate image	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
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Disclosure of an intimate image	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
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Procuration - excluding homosexual acts	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
Fraud - Including Statutory Fraud	Male	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	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.