

Reference: 2026-046

Thank you for your email in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

Please provide annual data, for each calendar year from 2007 to the most recent year available, concerning prosecutions and convictions under the Fraud Act 2006 in England and Wales. Specifically, I request:

- 1. The total number of prosecutions brought under the Fraud Act 2006, broken down by year.**
- 2. The total number of convictions secured under the Fraud Act 2006, broken down by year.**
- 3. A further breakdown, by year, of prosecutions and convictions for each specific offence under the Fraud Act 2006, including but not limited to:**
 - Section 1 – Fraud**
 - Section 2 – Fraud by false representation**
 - Section 3 – Fraud by failing to disclose information**
 - Section 4 – Fraud by abuse of position**
 - Section 6 – Possession of articles for use in frauds**
 - Section 7 – Making or supplying articles for use in frauds**
 - Section 9 – Participating in fraudulent business**
 - Section 11 – Obtaining services dishonestly.**

Response

Before reviewing the data, please take note of the following points:

- Our records are available from 2012 onwards.
- The figures shown represent the number of individuals or organisations prosecuted or convicted. A single prosecution or conviction can include multiple counts.
- Prosecutions and convictions frequently occur in different calendar years. A case prosecuted in one year may not conclude until a subsequent year.
- Defendants are often charged with multiple counts across different offences within the same proceedings. It is common for juries to return mixed verdicts, meaning a defendant could be found guilty on counts relating to offences other than Fraud within the indictment. As a result, conviction totals may not directly match the number of charges brought.
- Some cases recorded in the prosecution figures in the recent years will still be proceeding to trial and have not yet reached a verdict.

Question 1

Please see below table.

Year	Individuals or organisations prosecuted
2012	2

2013	2
2014	1
2015	6
2016	5
2017	15
2018	0
2019	3
2020	5
2021	1
2022	0
2023	4
2024	4
2025	0
2026	2

Question 2

Please see below table.

Year	Individuals or organisations convicted
2012	1
2013	0
2014	3
2015	2
2016	0
2017	0
2018	4
2019	0
2020	0
2021	0
2022	2
2023	0
2024	0
2025	0
2026	0

Question 3

Please see below tables for break down by year.

Please note that sections of the Act not shown in the tables are those under which no charges were brought during this period.

Charges brought under the relevant section

Year	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 7
2012	3	7	3	1	0

2013	6	0	0	0	0
2014	0	1	0	0	0
2015	0	11	0	0	0
2016	2	0	0	3	0
2017	7	14	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0	0	0
2019	9	0	0	0	0
2020	21	3	0	1	0
2021	2	0	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0	0	0
2023	0	20	0	0	4
2024	10	0	0	0	0
2025	0	0	0	0	0
2026	0	2	0	0	0

Convictions

Year	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4
2012	12	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0	0
2014	9	0	3	0
2015	3	2	0	1
2016	0	0	0	0
2017	0	0	0	0
2018	4	1	0	2
2019	0	0	0	0
2020	0	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0	3
2023	0	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0	0
2025	0	0	0	0
2026	0	0	0	0