



Freedom of Information Request

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Request	Response
Would it be possible to get the total figures for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 of children kidnapped and taken by one of their parents to another country? Could you also provide just the gender of the parent and the country they took their children to?	Crimes are recorded in line with Home Office counting rules, therefore searches have been undertaken for all crimes recorded under the code 13/01 – Abduction by a parent from 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2017. The results have been manually reviewed to determine of the cases recorded, how many crimes related to a child being taken out of the UK. The results include cases whereby a parent has taken a child on holiday without the other parents' consent and cases of dual national parents who reside in different countries where there are disputes over child custody. The information supplied will also include cases whereby children were returned to the UK following a holiday or visit to family abroad. There are 24 occurrences which are valid for the purposes of your request. Please note some crimes will be duplicates relating to cases of multiple children. The additional information relating to gender and country have been supplied below:

Country	2015	2016	2017	Total
Afghanistan		1	1	2
France	1	2		3
Germany	3			3
Ireland	1		1	2
Latvia		1		1
Morocco		1		1
Not removed from UK		1	1	2
Poland		1	5	6
Spain	1	3		4
Total	6	10	8	24

Gender	2015	2016	2017	Total
Female	6	8	4	18
Male & female			1	1
Male		2	3	5
Total	6	10	8	24

Information may also be available from the Ministry of justice international child abduction contact unit as follows:

http://www.reunite.org/pages/role_of_the_ministry_of_justice.asp

Further information as follows:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/icacu-referral-list-information-and-application-details/international-child-abduction-and-contact-unit-information-for-solicitors>