

Firearms Licensing

2025/26 Quarter 4



Guidance Notes

- This data was drawn from the National Firearms Licensing Management System (NFLMS) on Monday 23rd March 2026.
- This is 'point in time data' and will change daily as NFLMS is updated by individual forces.
- NPCC Firearms Licensing expects all forces to place firearm, shotgun and registered firearms dealer (RFD) grant and renewal applications onto NFLMS a short time after receipt to ensure accurate recording of data. Equally, NFLMS should only be updated to show 'granted' when the new certificate is ready for print and onward forwarding to the applicant.
- A national project is underway to design and development a new system for firearms licensing. This will significantly improve the production and delivery of management information. That said, we continue to review what we currently use and for the next release, which will be the Q1 (2026/27) June 2026 release, we will split the Grant & Renewal information data, which should make it easier to understand individual force data performance.
- The table below shows the total number of applications received in the last 12 months, the total applications completed in the last 12 months and of those completed the number that were completed within NPCC / Home Office aspiration, which is 80% within 4 months from point of receipt. In addition, the number of licence holders who possess a temporary permit.



Headlines

Application Force Name	Total Certificate Holders	Total Shotgun, Firearms and RFD Certificates	Number of Applications Received in 12 Months	Number Completed in Last 12 Months	Number Completed within SLA	Percentage Completed within SLA	Temporary Permits
Avon & Somerset	19825	25410	5810	5657	5070	89.62%	5
Bedfordshire	4592	5286	1587	1227	413	33.66%	476
Cambridgeshire	8954	10562	3080	2613	923	35.32%	779
Cheshire	9598	11934	2241	2293	2264	98.74%	2
City of London	30	35	12	13	9	69.23%	0
Cleveland	2794	3759	726	719	686	95.41%	0
Cumbria	7984	10818	2347	2506	2399	95.73%	2
Derbyshire	10900	13849	3019	3066	2960	96.54%	0
Devon & Cornwall	25320	34346	7789	7938	6587	82.98%	0
Dorset	8467	11211	2574	2160	706	32.69%	1
Durham	5198	7273	891	935	456	48.77%	2
Dyfed-Powys	12172	16358	3207	3380	3135	92.75%	0
Essex	18011	22192	3929	3419	2915	85.26%	27
Gloucestershire	9560	11870	2336	2449	1960	80.03%	4
GMP	6012	7632	1498	1430	1179	82.45%	0
Gwent	4392	5691	1514	1141	900	78.88%	2
Hampshire	18782	22905	4165	3701	2851	77.03%	38
Hertfordshire	7470	8783	2492	2181	813	37.28%	506
Humberside	8251	10526	2255	2328	663	28.48%	424
Kent	18348	23074	4773	4709	4337	92.10%	10
Lancashire	10500	13285	2667	2504	2066	82.51%	0
Leicestershire	10078	12211	2571	2450	2056	83.92%	0
Lincolnshire	11820	15229	3499	2904	2811	96.80%	10
Merseyside	2786	3515	728	749	735	98.13%	0
Met Police	19151	22054	4930	4625	2979	64.41%	10
Norfolk	17503	21698	4997	4699	2302	48.99%	8
North Wales	9055	11479	2547	2645	2253	85.18%	1
North Yorkshire	17054	22977	4565	4853	4392	90.50%	12
Northamptonshire	8593	10661	2071	2041	1410	69.08%	87
Northumbria	7841	10803	2531	1953	498	25.50%	6
Nottinghamshire	7199	8828	2063	1953	1866	95.55%	0
South Wales	5237	6936	1549	1666	1206	72.39%	0
South Yorkshire	7354	9330	1876	1825	1712	93.81%	0
Staffordshire	12608	15363	3359	2972	1834	61.71%	110
Suffolk	13734	17385	3840	3441	937	27.23%	29
Surrey	10704	12005	2671	2068	538	26.02%	184
Sussex	16611	21600	4658	4257	1079	25.35%	108
TVP	22253	27099	5448	5619	5209	92.70%	12
Warwickshire	7484	9505	2028	1375	901	65.53%	4
West Mercia	22914	29333	5559	6798	4624	68.02%	27
West Midlands	7164	8483	1894	1540	636	41.30%	202
West Yorkshire	9396	11882	2474	2338	761	32.55%	1
Wiltshire	12380	15547	3225	3529	2665	75.52%	3

