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Dear Mr Lam

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 6 January in which you ask for information regarding the number and type of UK passports issued.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

**The number of passports issued each month (i.e. January, February, March...December) in 2021 split by passport type (British Citizen, Gibraltar Citizen, British Overseas Territories Citizens of Gibraltar, British Overseas Territories Citizens of other British Overseas Territories, British subjects with Right of Abode in UK, British Subjects without Right of Abode in UK, British Overseas Citizen, British National (Overseas) and British Overseas Territories Citizen.**

The table below provides the number of UK passports categorised into different nationality types which were approved for issue in 2021. The following data has been displayed in a monthly format.\*

Month	British Overseas Territories Citizen **	British National Overseas	British Overseas Citizen	British Protected Person	British Citizen	British Subject, with right of abode in UK	British subject, without right of abode
Jan	722	14,193	79	7	344,650	108	4
Feb	685	8,424	62	8	292,679	111	1
Mar	1,212	7,111	76	3	436,235	134	1
Apr	884	4,822	67	8	359,862	133	4
May	1,065	4,237	82	3	415,176	131	3
Jun	1,140	3,158	59	14	419,686	140	2
Jul	1,498	2,749	49	6	342,935	91	3
Aug	1,039	5,613	62	4	343,627	92	3
Sep	1,309	4,647	67	8	404,848	173	4
Oct	1,081	3,080	90	4	471,711	108	6

<b>Nov</b>	1,230	3,420	91	12	541,991	186	7
<b>Dec</b>	1,172	2,390	56	5	395,554	84	3

\*\* There is no specific nationality for citizens of Gibraltar separate from British Overseas Territories citizen, it is not possible to separate British Overseas Territories citizens into Gibraltar and non-Gibraltar citizens.

### **The number of valid British passports split by passport type as at 31 December 2021.**

The table below shows the total number of valid passports as of 31 December 2021. The following data has been split into different UK passport types. \*

<b>Passport Type</b>	<b>Number of Passports</b>
British Citizen	48,095,407
British National (Overseas)	679,787
British Overseas Citizen	10,797
British Overseas Territories Citizen	79,622
British Protected Person	1,063
British Subject, with right of abode in UK	26,682
British subject, without right of abode	681

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Yours sincerely

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\*These figures have been taken from a live operational database and as such, numbers may change as information on that database is updated.