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Dear Mr Lam

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 2 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).

**1. The number of passports issued each month (i.e. January, February, March...December) in 2022 split by passport type (British Overseas Territories Citizen, British National (Overseas), British Overseas Citizen, British Protected Person, British Citizen, British subjects with Right of Abode in UK and British Subjects without Right of Abode in UK).**

The table below provides the number of UK passports categorised into different nationality types which were approved for issue in 2022. 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	Total
Jan	1,045	2,129	62	7	425,826	73	3	429,145
Feb	1,089	2,280	62	8	723,700	129	4	727,272
Mar	1,314	2,231	88	15	1,018,774	180	7	1,022,609
Apr	1,360	2,034	72	8	882,516	135	9	886,134
May	1,277	2,651	81	18	1,058,149	137	10	1,062,323
Jun	1,448	3,365	52	16	887,246	152	6	892,285
Jul	1,546	3,008	53	20	729,299	220	10	734,156

<b>Aug</b>	2,183	3,216	94	19	608,205	283	10	614,010
<b>Sep</b>	1,355	4,914	90	12	553,036	204	5	559,616
<b>Oct</b>	2,158	7,277	107	9	521,817	184	5	531,557
<b>Nov</b>	2,159	5,191	88	11	505,480	147	2	513,078
<b>Dec</b>	1,203	3,913	73	12	310,838	68	3	316,110
<b>Total</b>	18,137	42,209	922	155	8,224,886	1,912	74	8,288,295

## 2. The number of valid British passports split by passport type as of 31 December 2022.

The table below shows the total number of valid passports as of 31 December 2022. The following data has been split into different UK passport types. \*

<b>Passport Type</b>	<b>Number of valid passports</b>
<b>British Citizen</b>	49,981,699
<b>British National (Overseas)</b>	708,838
<b>British Overseas Citizen</b>	10,456
<b>British Overseas Territories Citizen</b>	92,079
<b>British Protected Person</b>	1,090
<b>British Subject, with right of abode in UK</b>	24,385
<b>British subject, without right of abode</b>	657

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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