

Firearms Licensing

2025/26 Quarter 1



Guidance Notes

To support with the reading and your understanding of the headlines and individual force dashboards, please take note of the following:

- This data was drawn from the National Firearms Licensing Management System (NFLMS) on 24th July 2025.
- 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 within a brief time of 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. Most achieve this but we are aware of a few forces who still have delays to add new applications to the system such as Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Hertfordshire.
- The release of quarterly national firearms licensing data in this format remains new so readers may experience some variation as we progress.
- A national project is underway to design and development a new system for firearms licensing. This will significantly improve on the production and delivery of management information as opposed to the current system, which is not as intuitive as more modern platforms.

HEADLINES

- This shows the total of applications received in the last 12 months – not received and completed as this detail is highlighted within the individual force dashboard.
- The % of applications completed within 4 months are figures taken from applications received and completed – not just those received and is again highlighted within the individual force dashboard.

INDIVIDUAL FORCE DASHBOARD

This seeks to show more detail around individual force data.

- This breaks down all firearm, shotgun & RFD grant and renewal applications received in the last 12 months.
- A further breakdown is made of those not just received in the last 12 months but also completed.
- Of the completed applications within 12 months, a percentage is offered of those applications that were actually completed in 4 months.



Headlines

Application Force Name	Total Certificate Holders	Total Applications Received in Last 12 Months	% Completed Within 4 Months	Temporary Permits
Avon & Somerset	20556	5889	96%	2
Bedfordshire	4854	1766	49%	268
Cambridgeshire	9415	3266	45%	453
Cheshire	9846	2529	99%	0
City of London	30	11	100%	0
Cleveland	2901	862	98%	0
Cumbria	8399	2532	97%	9
Derbyshire	11230	3079	98%	1
Devon & Cornwall	26889	8300	86%	0
Dorset	8864	2727	53%	0
Durham	5304	1469	85%	8
Dyfed-Powys	12793	3682	95%	2
Essex	18549	4423	98%	9
Gloucestershire	9942	2738	96%	5
GMP	6268	1622	86%	1
Gwent	4623	1227	97%	0
Hampshire	19454	4724	95%	5
Hertfordshire	7893	2602	43%	374
Humberside	4613	2381	64%	530
Kent	18865	5286	96%	11
Lancashire	10707	2680	97%	0
Leicestershire	10552	2705	92%	2
Lincolnshire	12250	3294	100%	5
Merseyside	2916	731	98%	2
Met Police	20259	5272	82%	12
Norfolk	18471	5208	68%	8
North Wales	9341	2522	93%	7
North Yorkshire	17553	5047	94%	13
Northamptonshire	8937	2145	72%	48
Northumbria	8251	2411	42%	1
Nottinghamshire	7515	2004	97%	0
South Wales	5433	1685	84%	1
South Yorkshire	7634	2117	98%	0
Staffordshire	12956	3561	83%	97
Suffolk	14475	3915	52%	11
Surrey	11635	3030	65%	13
Sussex	17338	5072	56%	6
TVP	22811	7080	95%	12
Warwickshire	8003	2202	95%	0
West Mercia	23568	6677	81%	18
West Midlands	7499	2038	73%	67
West Yorkshire	9780	2794	80%	0
Wiltshire	12640	3369	87%	3



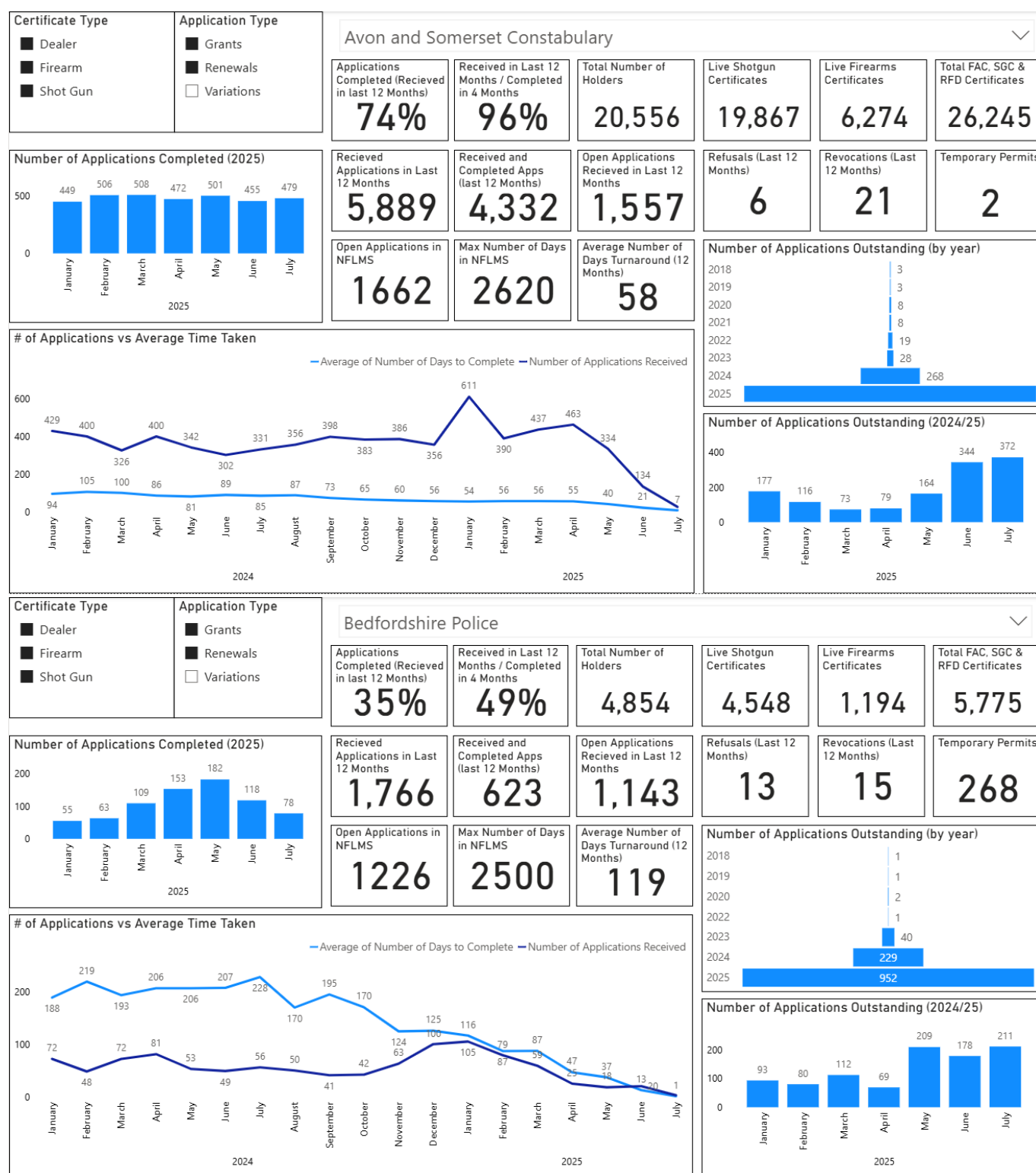
Appendix:

Force Dashboards

Regional dashboards for all application types. Data extracted 24th July 2025



Below are the regional dashboards for all application types. Data extracted 24th July 2025:



Certificate Type

- Dealer
- Firearm
- Shot Gun

Application Type

- Grants
- Renewals
- Variations

Bedfordshire Police

Applications Completed (Recieved in last 12 Months)	Received in Last 12 Months / Completed in 4 Months	Total Number of Holders	Live Shotgun Certificates	Live Firearms Certificates	Total FAC, SGC & RFD Certificates
35%	49%	4,854	4,548	1,194	5,775

Recieved Applications in Last 12 Months	Received and Completed Apps (last 12 Months)	Open Applications Recieved in Last 12 Months	Refusals (Last 12 Months)	Revocations (Last 12 Months)	Temporary Permits
1,766	623	1,143	13	15	268

Open Applications in NFLMS	Max Number of Days in NFLMS	Average Number of Days Turnaround (12 Months)
1226	2500	119

Number of Applications Completed (2025)

Month	Applications Completed
January	55
February	63
March	109
April	153
May	182
June	118
July	78

Number of Applications Outstanding (by year)

Year	Applications Outstanding
2018	1
2019	1
2020	2
2021	1
2022	1
2023	40
2024	229
2025	952

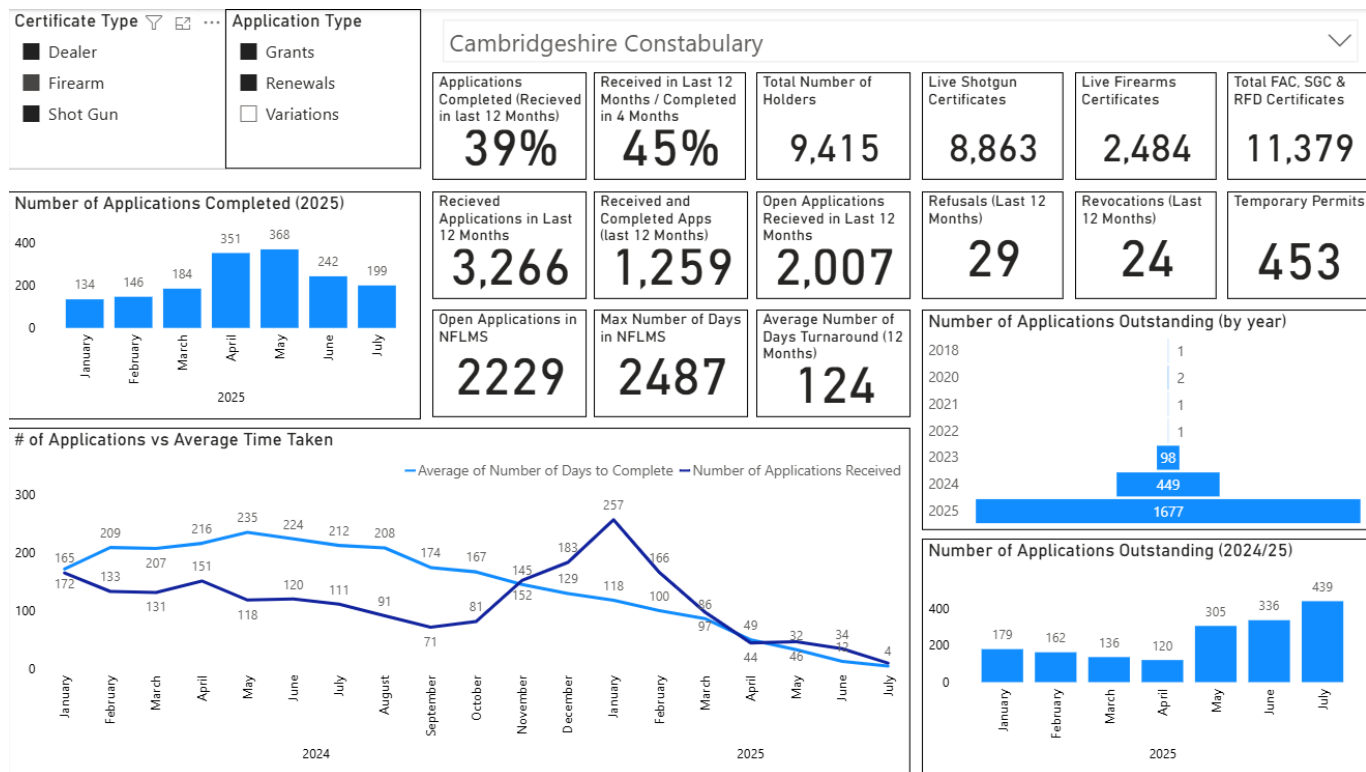
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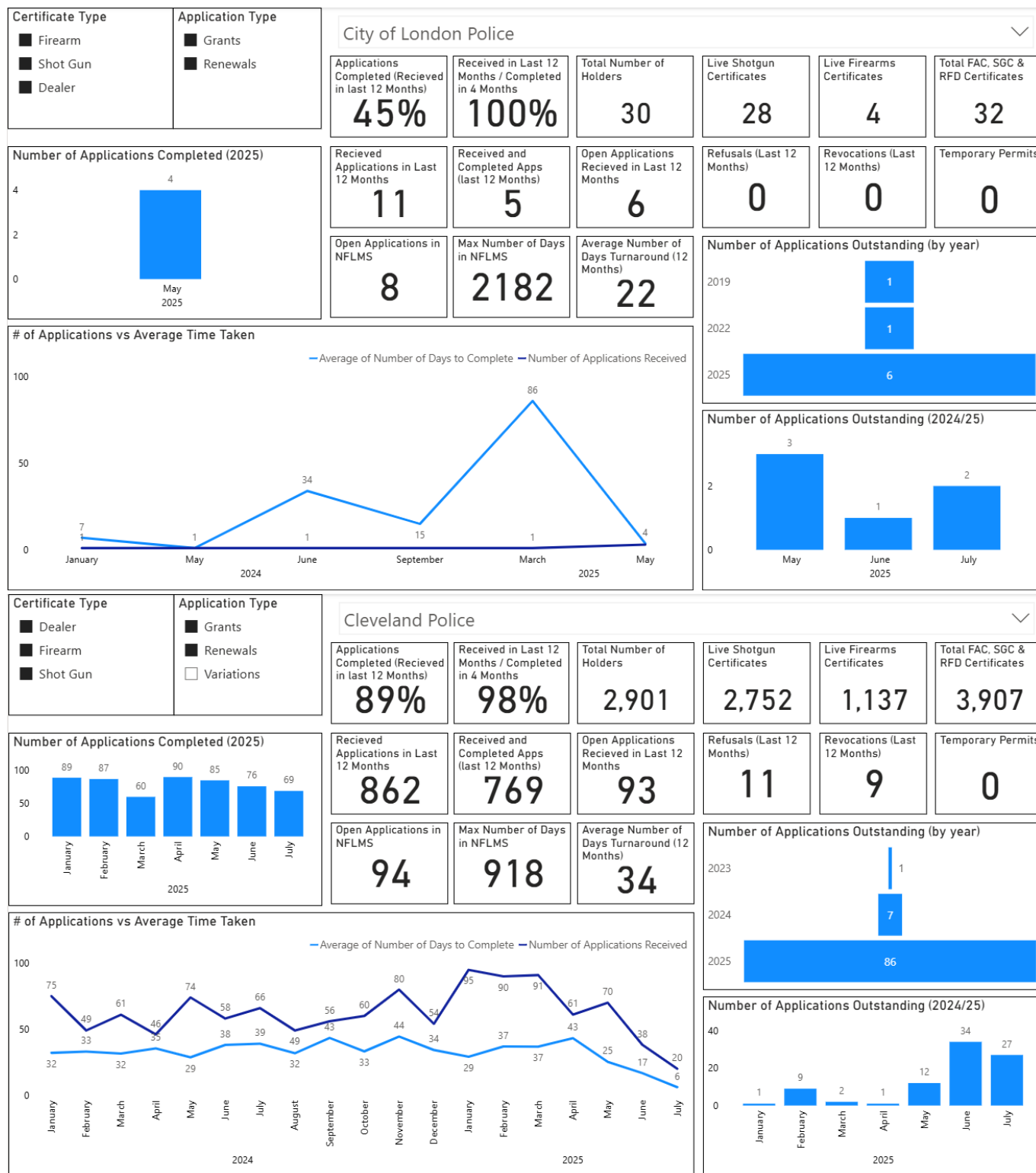
Month	Applications Outstanding
January	93
February	80
March	112
April	69
May	209
June	178
July	211

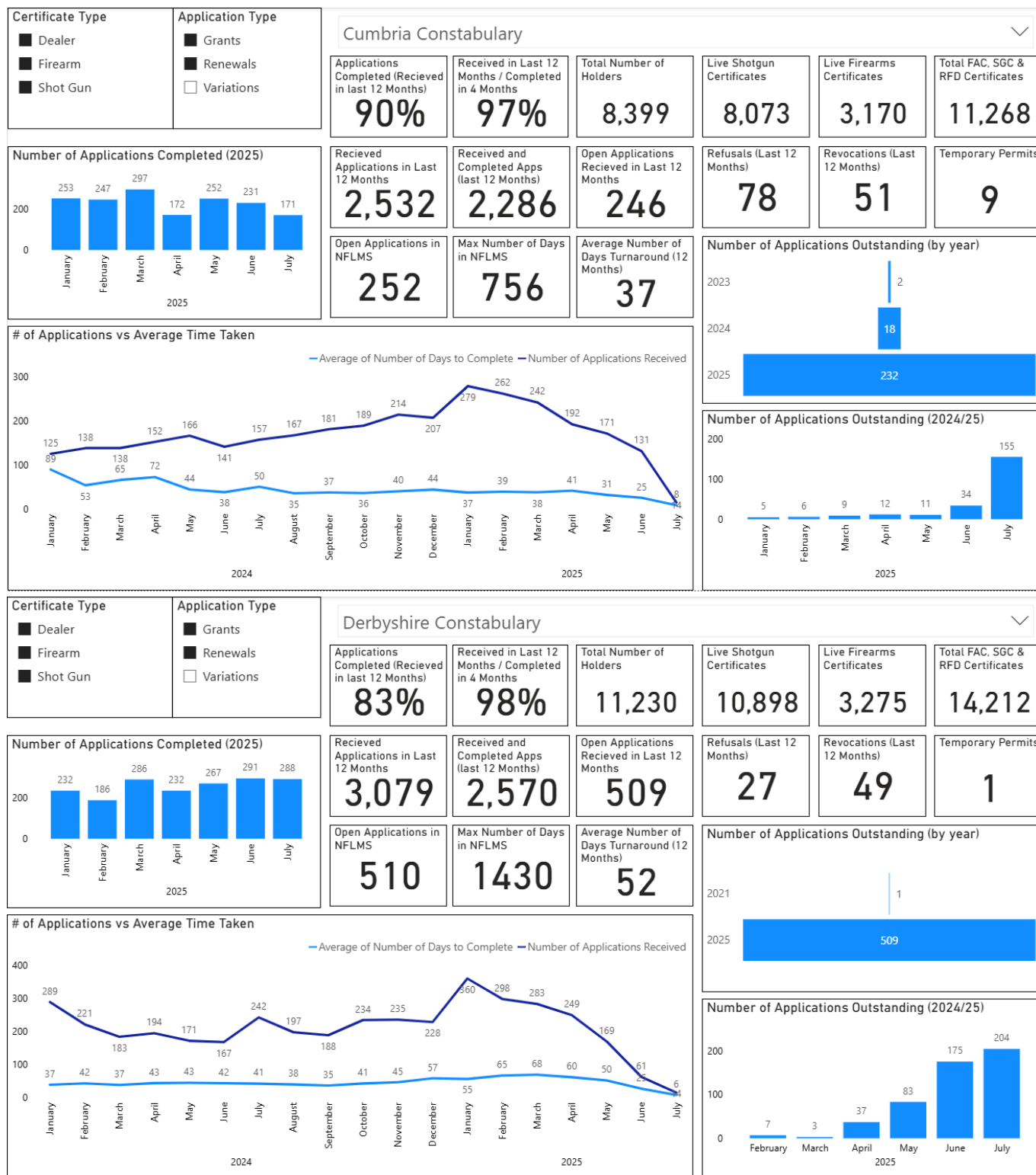
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Month	Number of Applications Received	Average of Number of Days to Complete
Jan 2024	188	72
Feb 2024	219	48
Mar 2024	193	72
Apr 2024	206	81
May 2024	206	53
Jun 2024	207	49
Jul 2024	228	56
Aug 2024	170	50
Sep 2024	195	41
Oct 2024	170	42
Nov 2024	124	63
Dec 2024	125	100
Jan 2025	116	105
Feb 2025	79	87
Mar 2025	87	59
Apr 2025	47	25
May 2025	37	18
Jun 2025	13	13
Jul 2025	1	1









Derbyshire Constabulary

Applications Completed (Recieved in last 12 Months)

83%

Received in Last 12 Months / Completed in 4 Months

98%

Total Number of Holders

11,230

Live Shotgun Certificates

10,898

Live Firearms Certificates

3,275

Total FAC, SGC & RFD Certificates

14,212

Number of Applications Completed (2025)

Recieved Applications in Last 12 Months

3,079

Received and Completed Apps (last 12 Months)

2,570

Open Applications Recieved in Last 12 Months

509

Refusals (Last 12 Months)

27

Revocations (Last 12 Months)

49

Temporary Permits

1

Open Applications in NFLMS

510

Max Number of Days in NFLMS

1430

Average Number of Days Turnaround (12 Months)

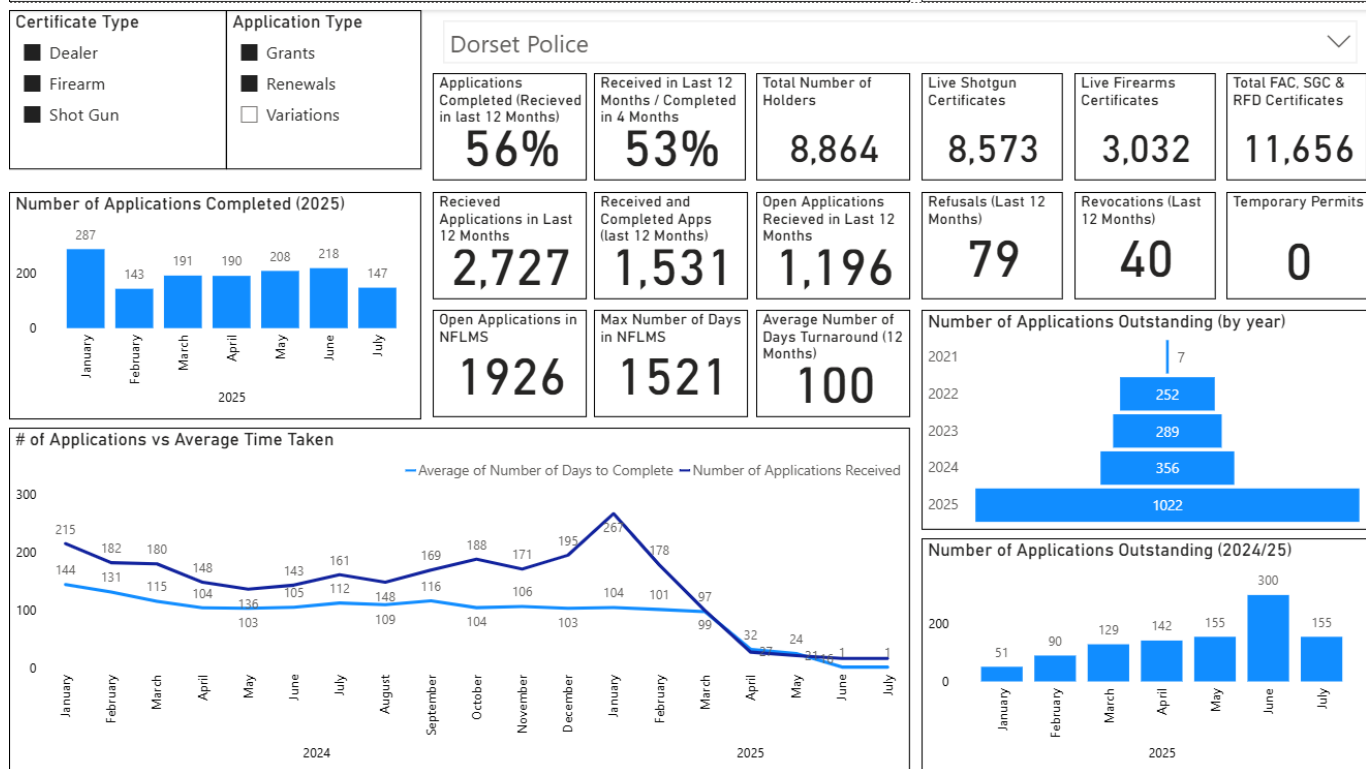
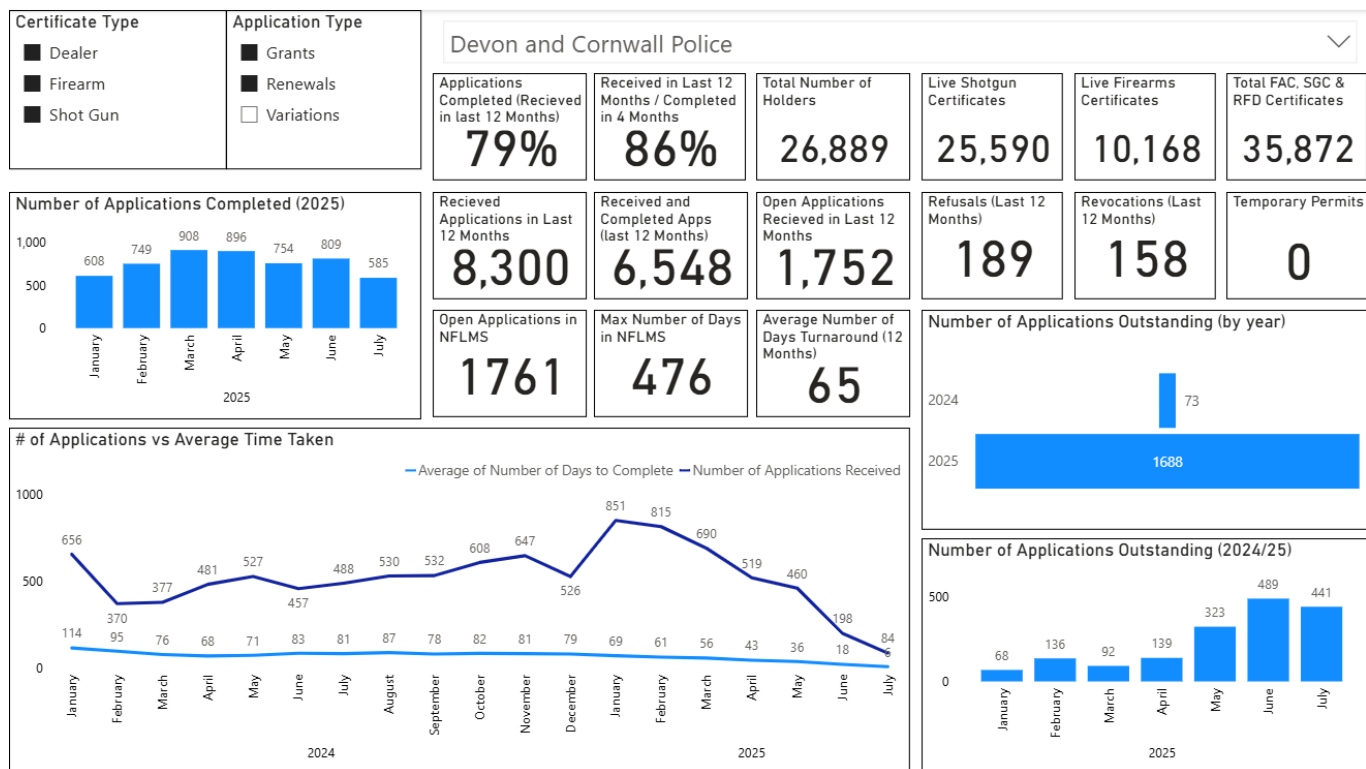
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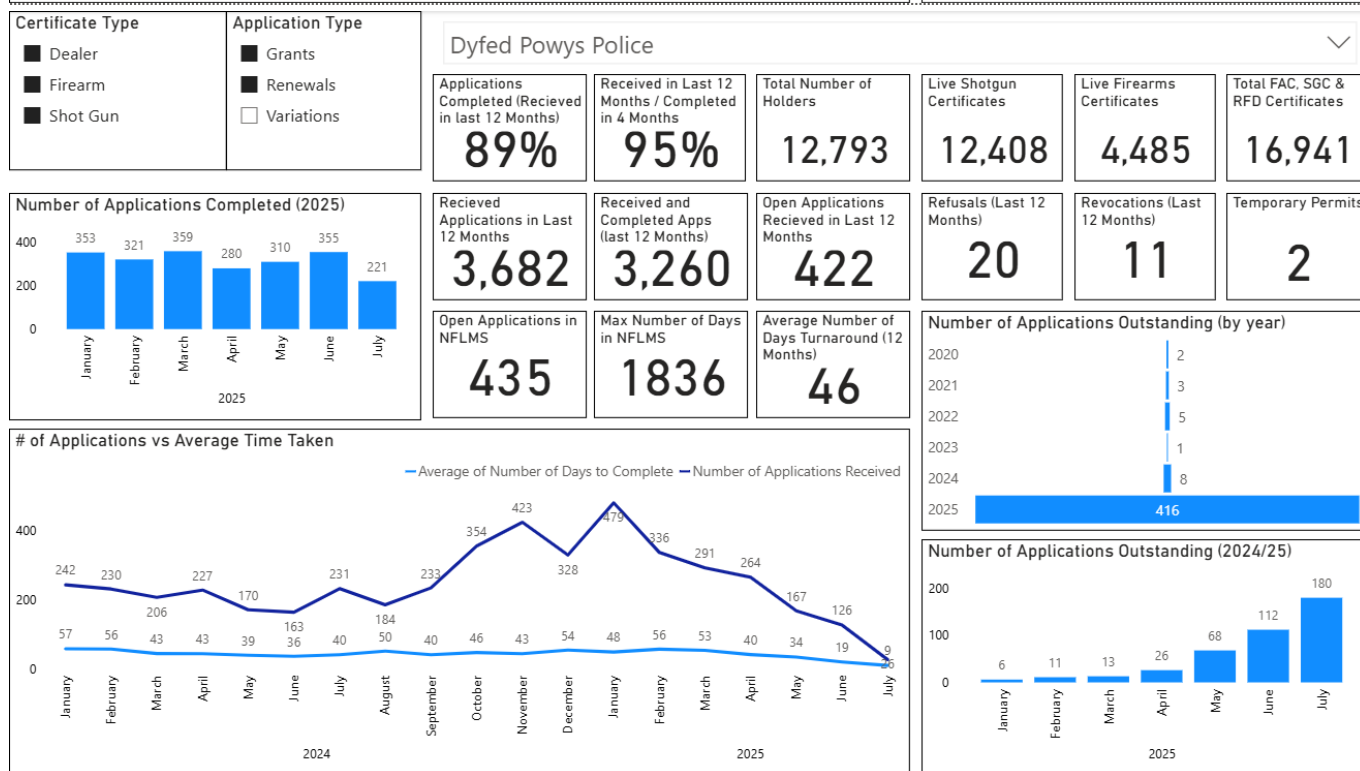
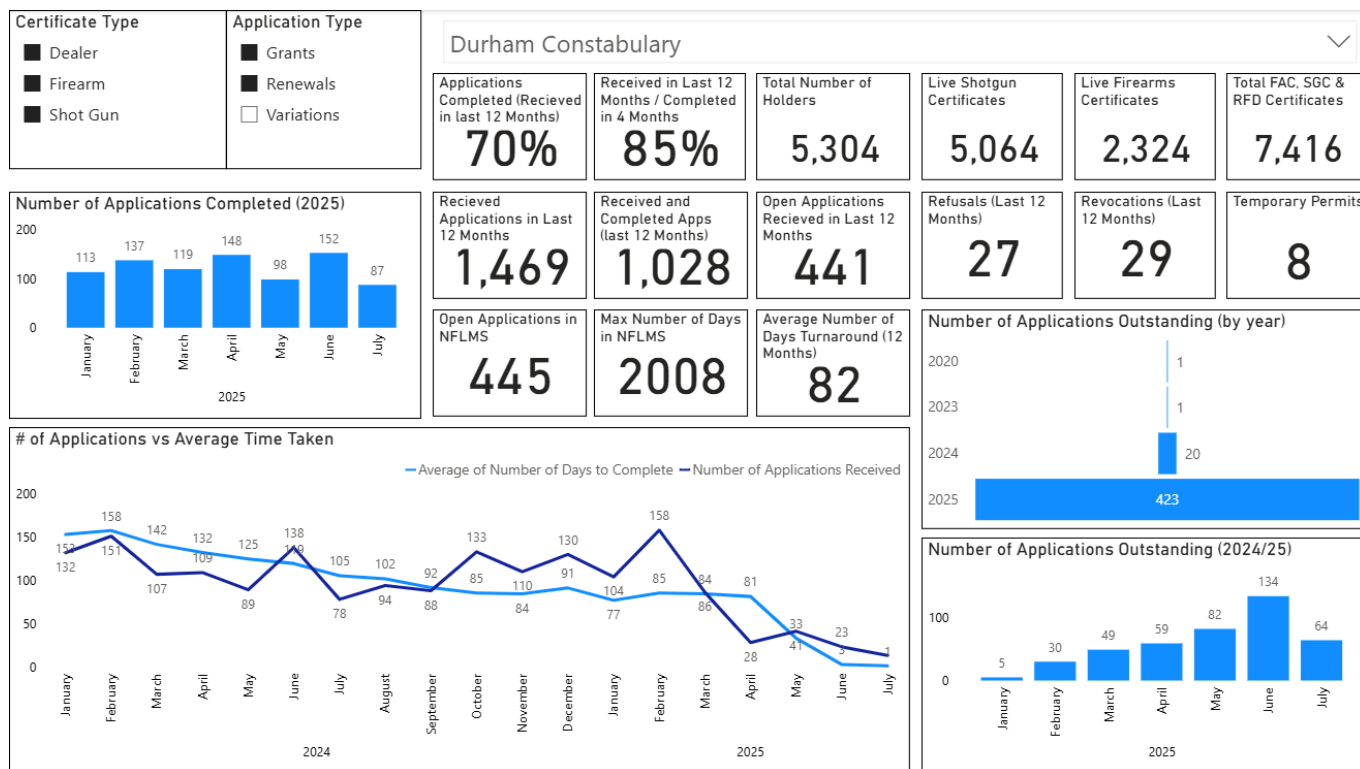
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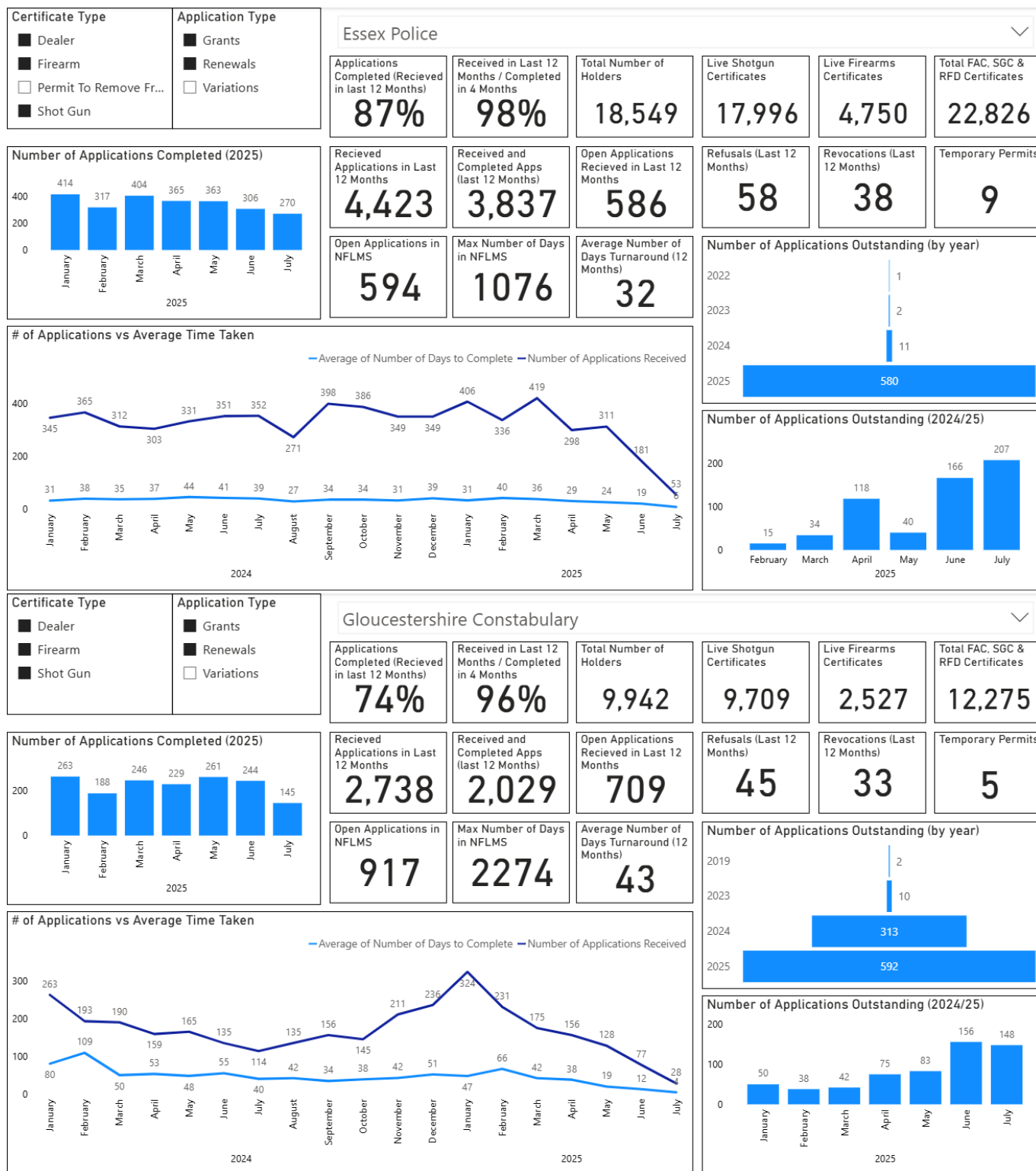
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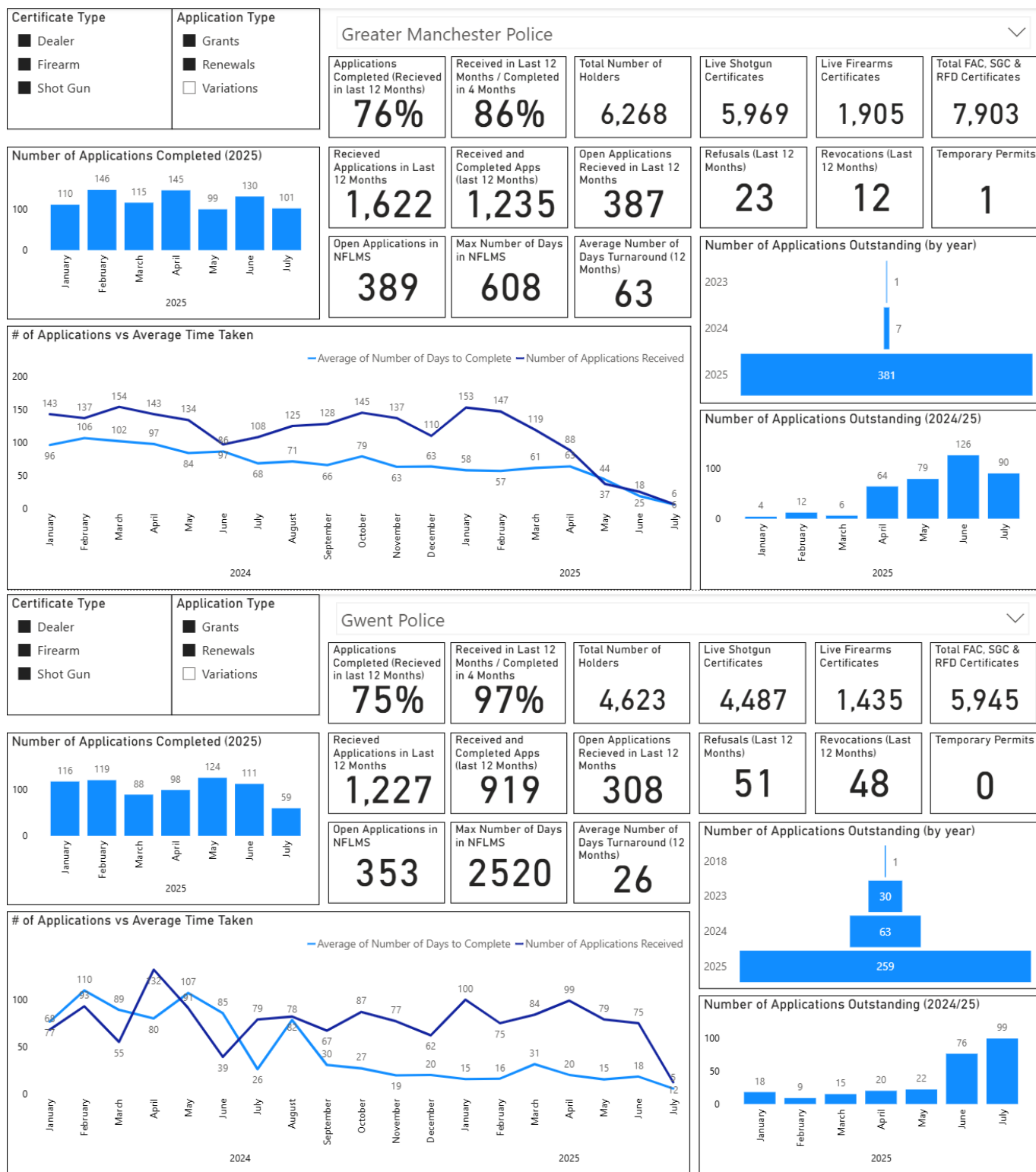
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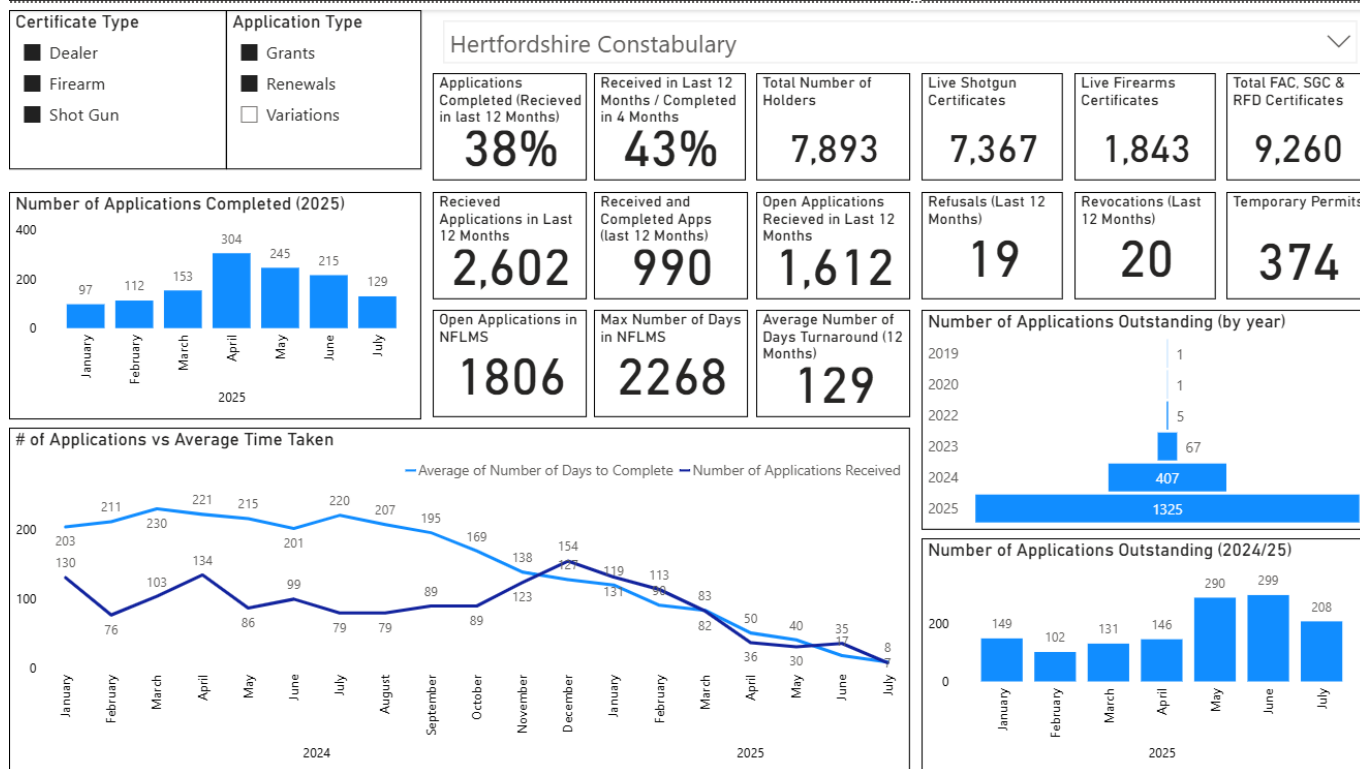
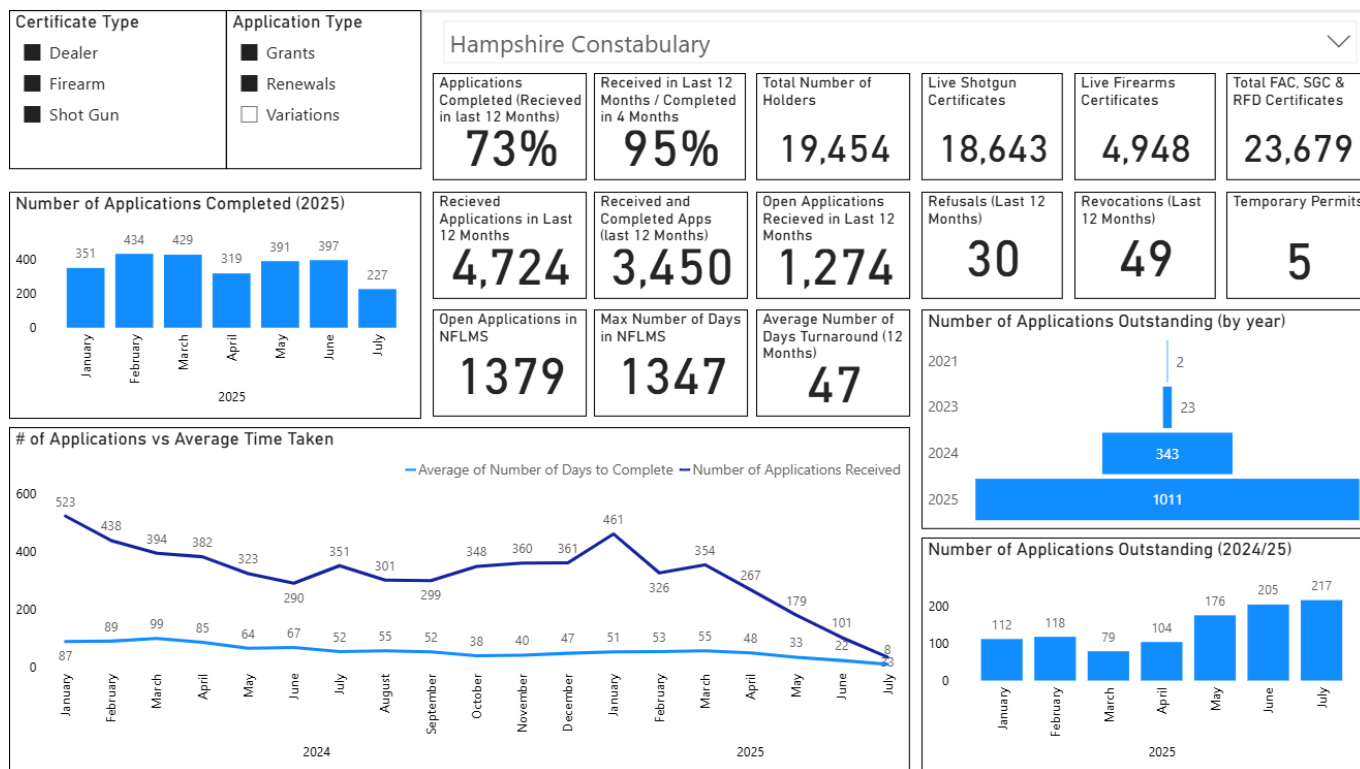


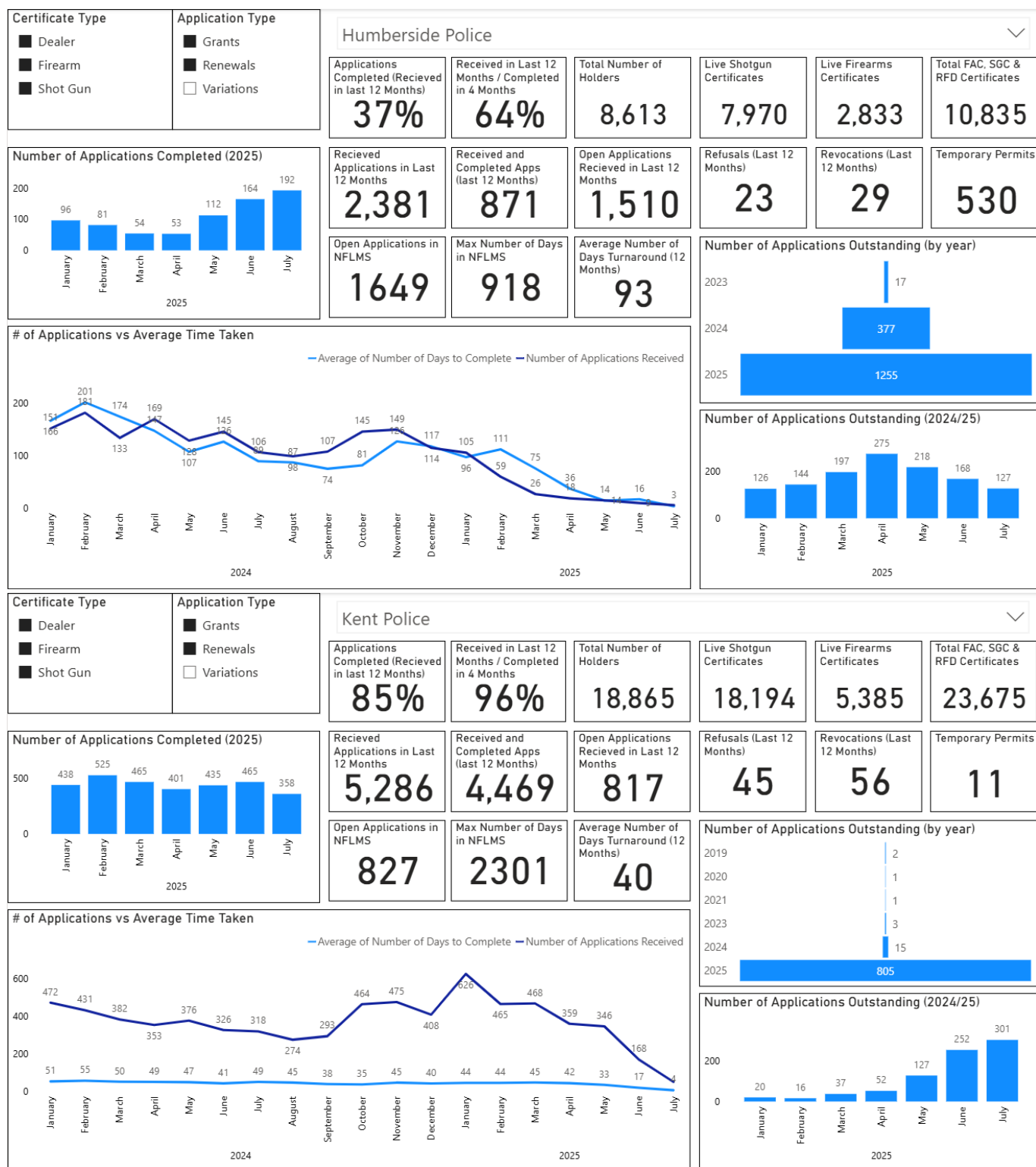


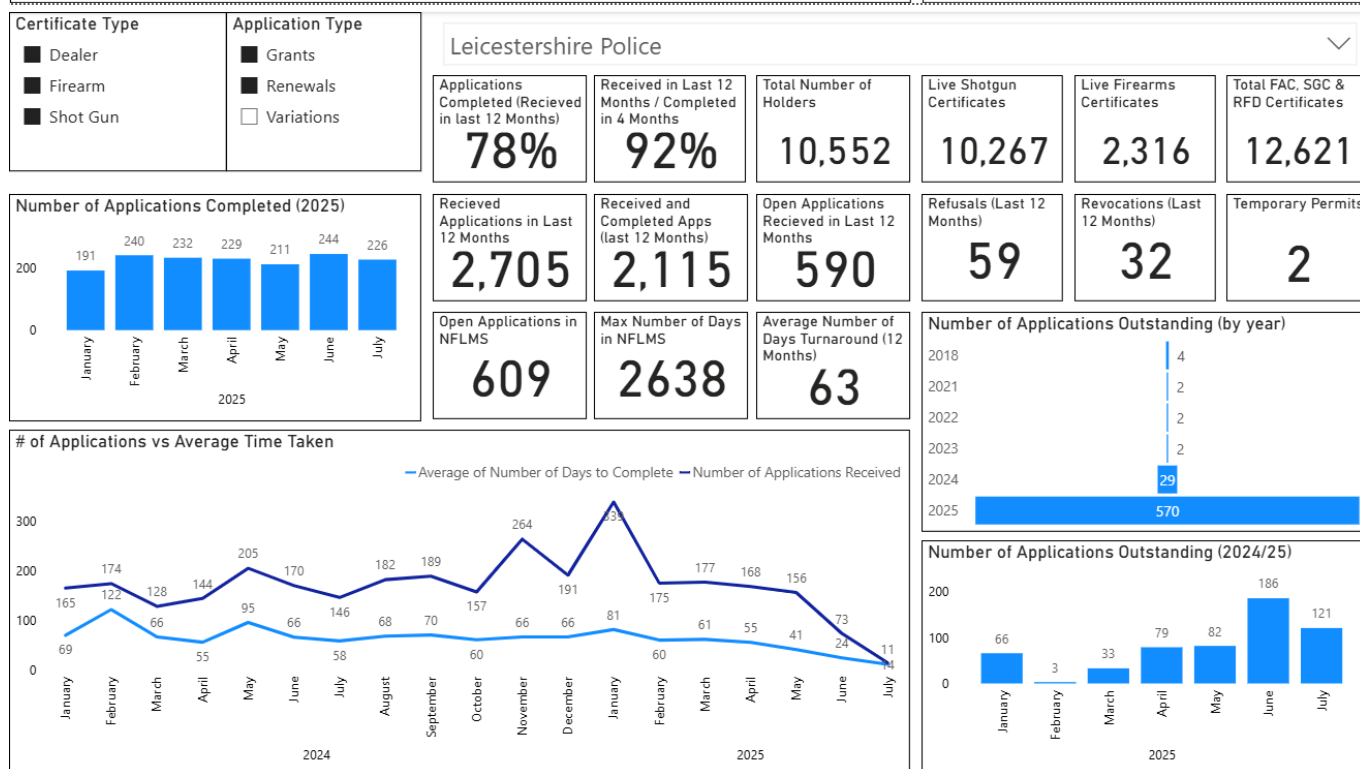
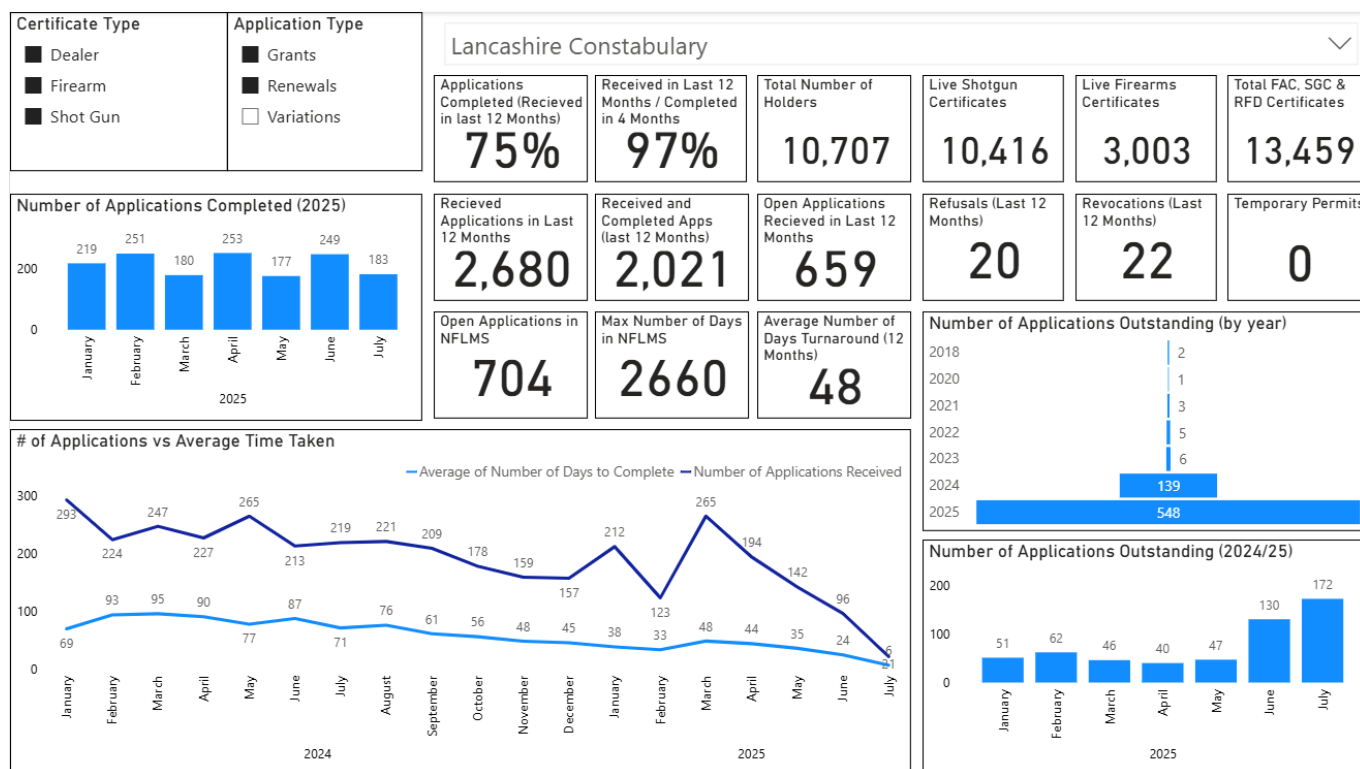


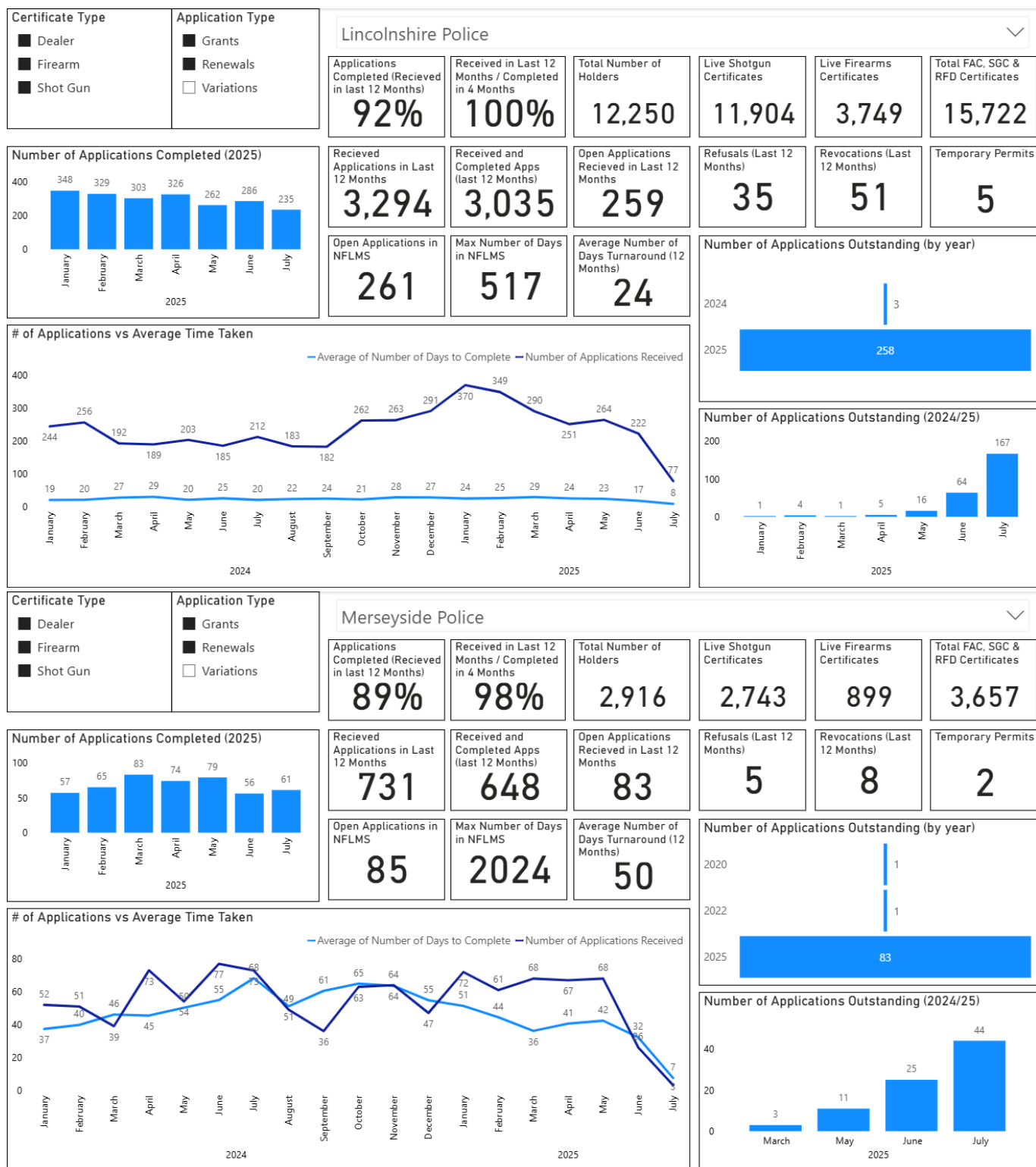


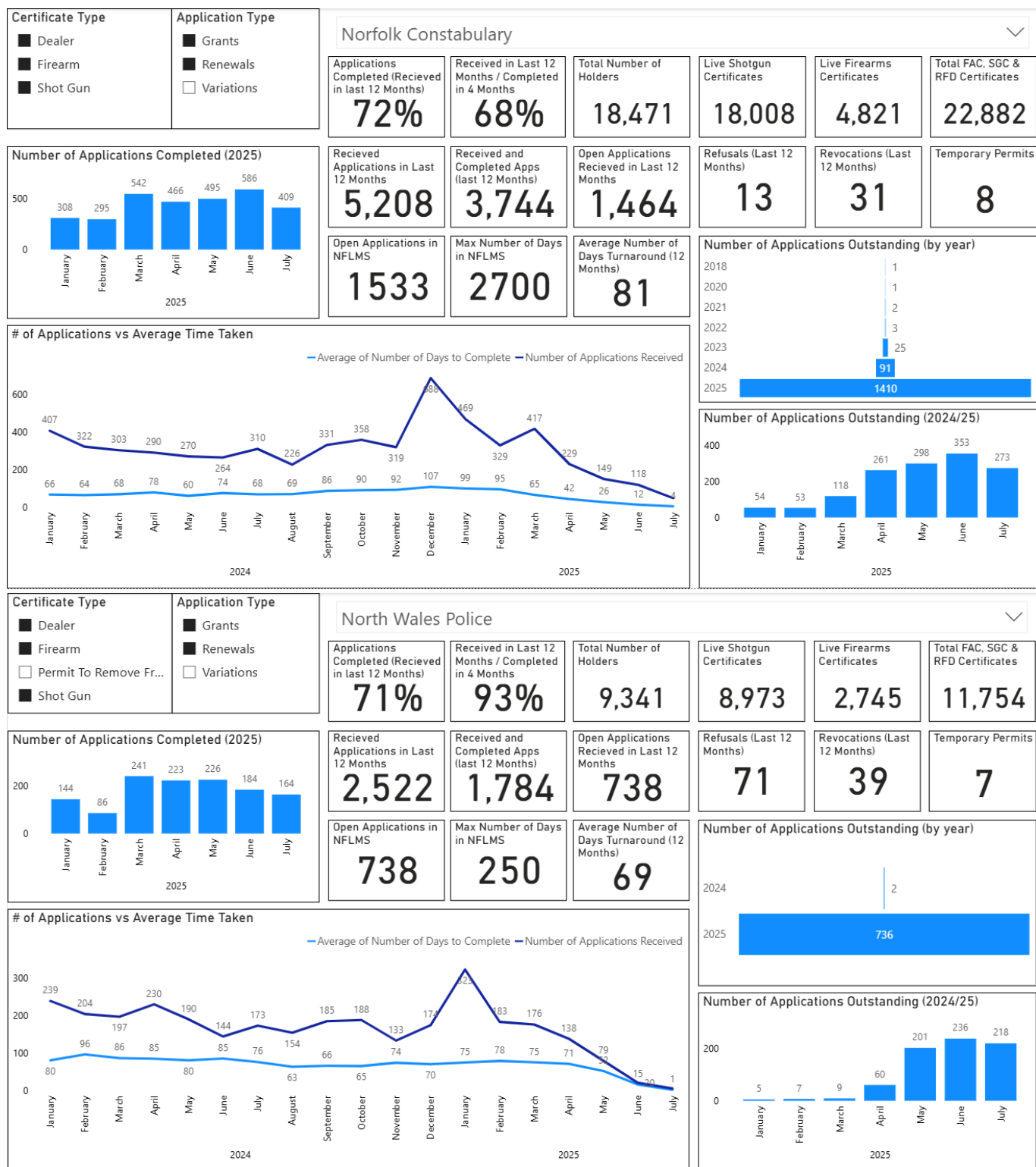


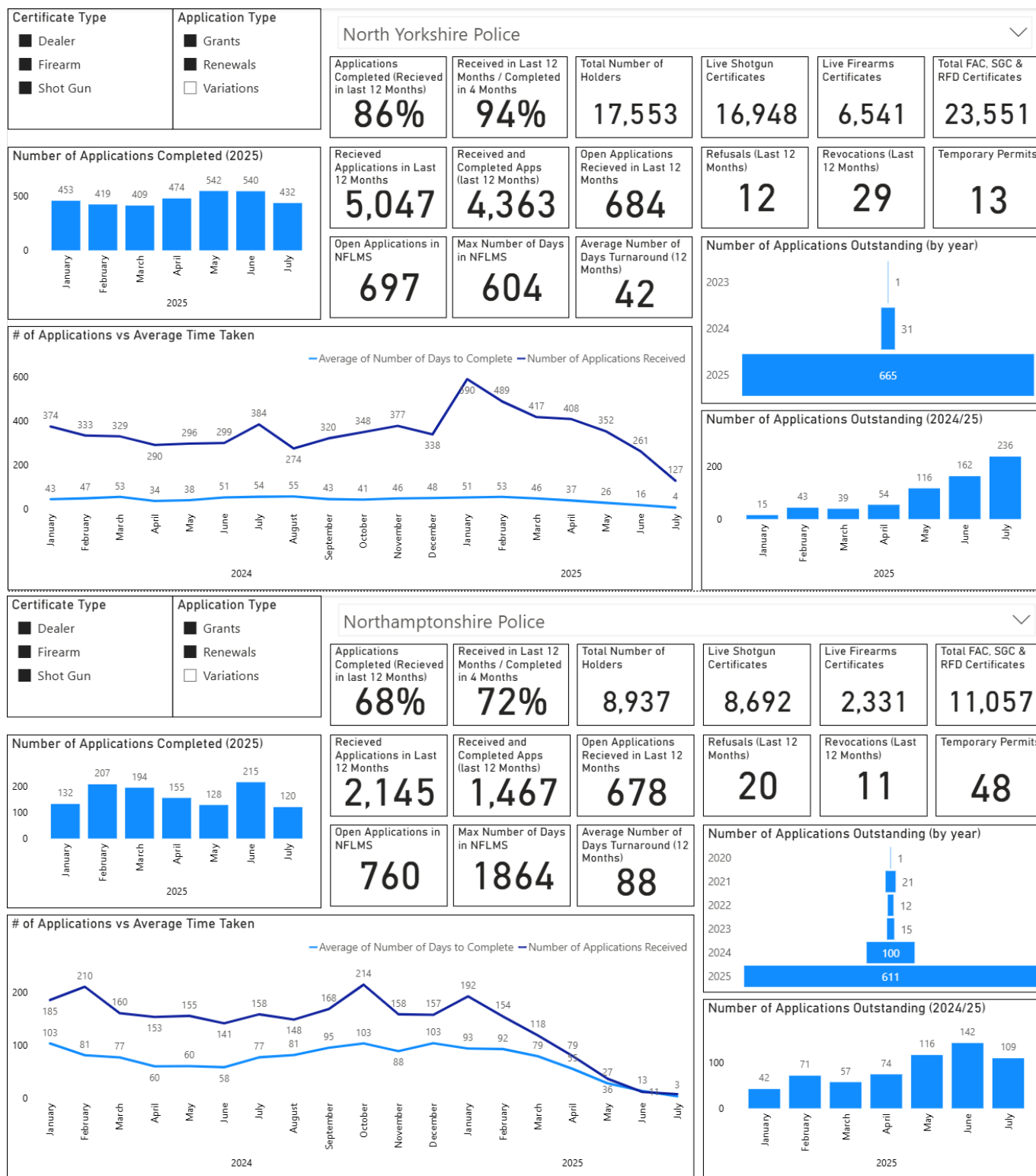


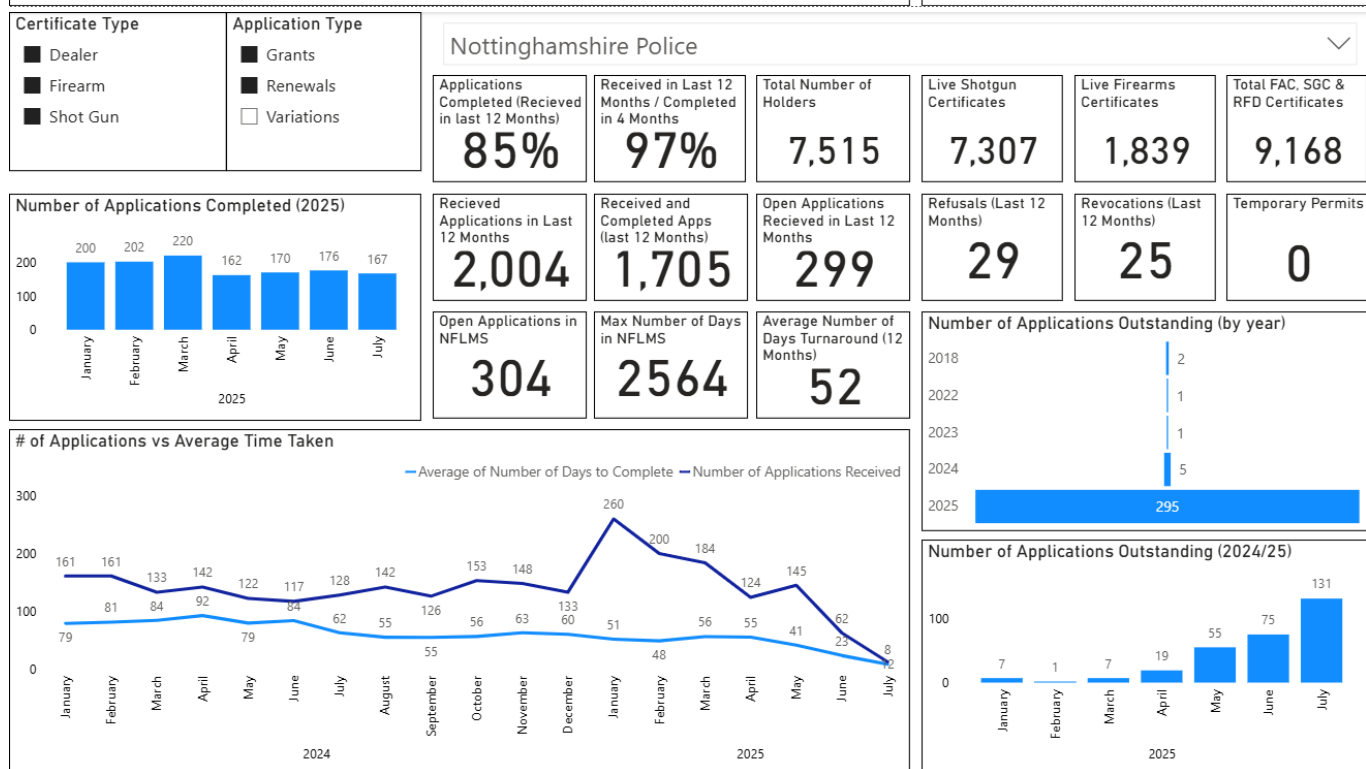
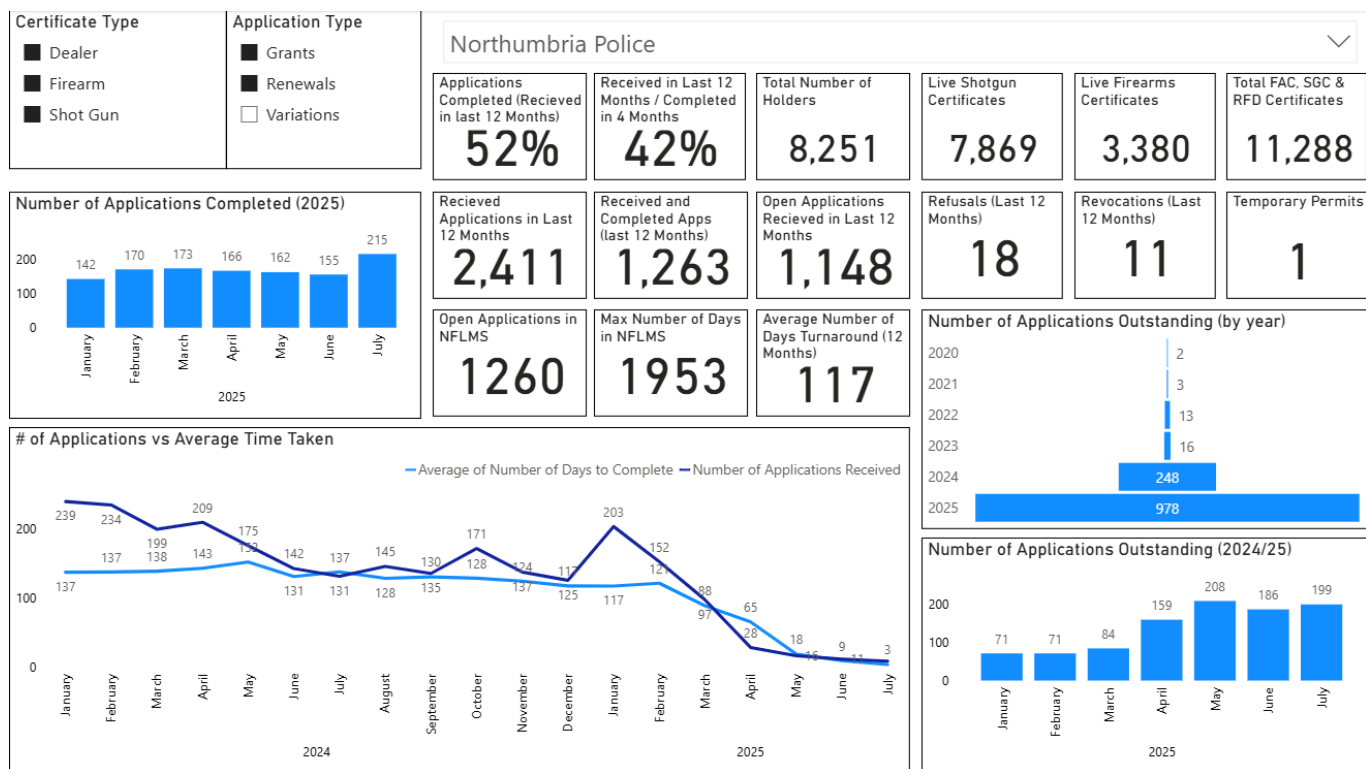


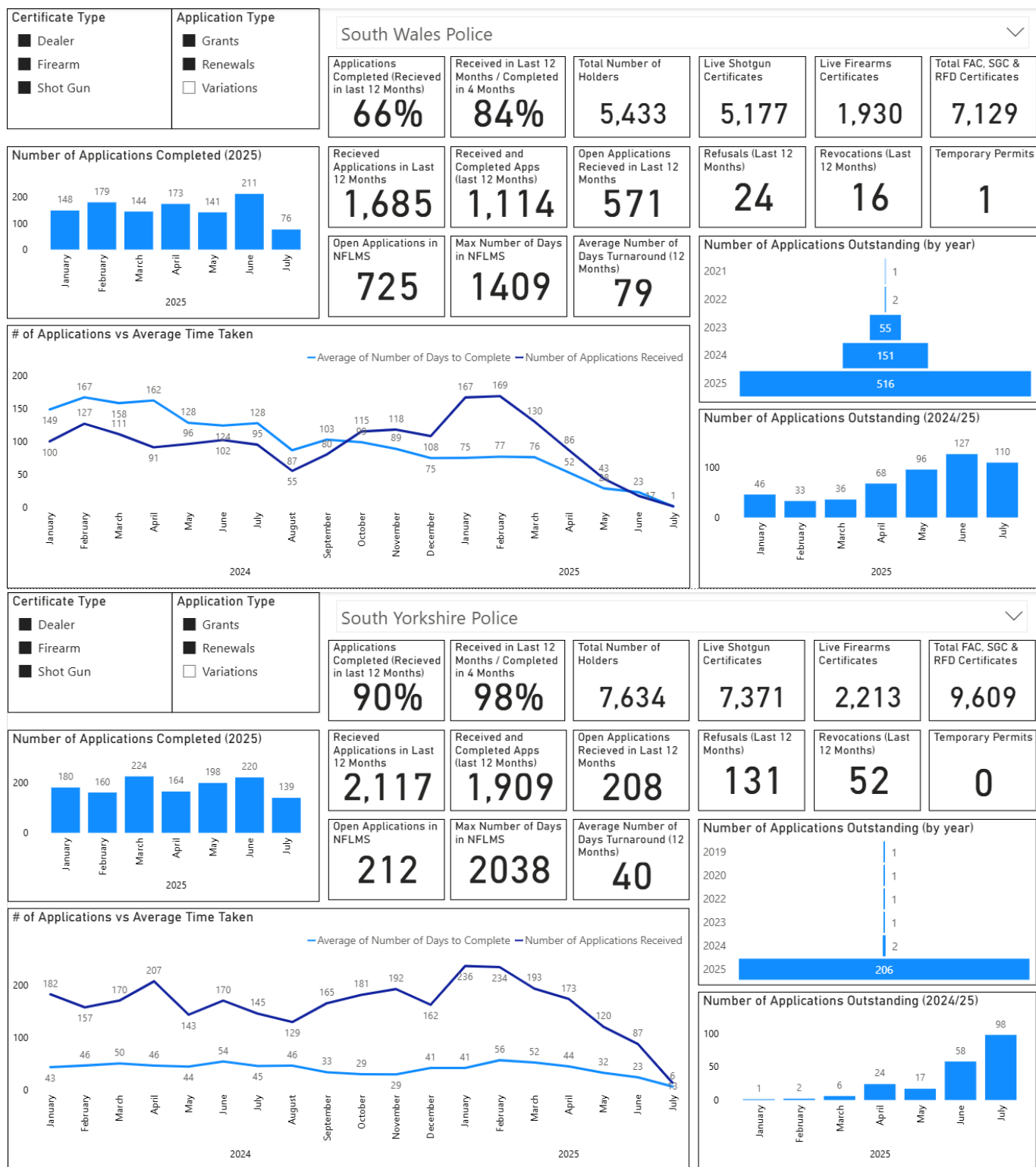


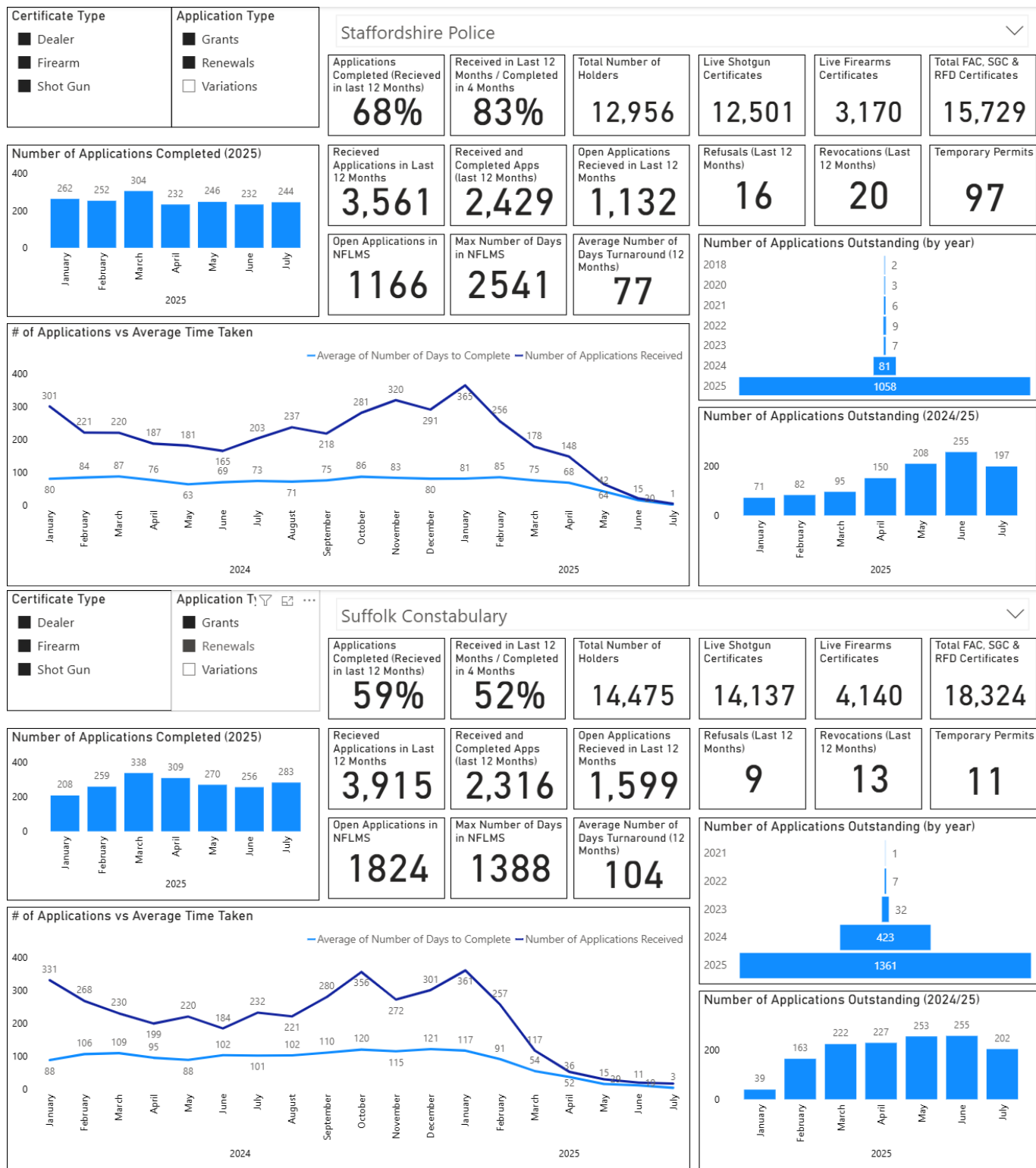


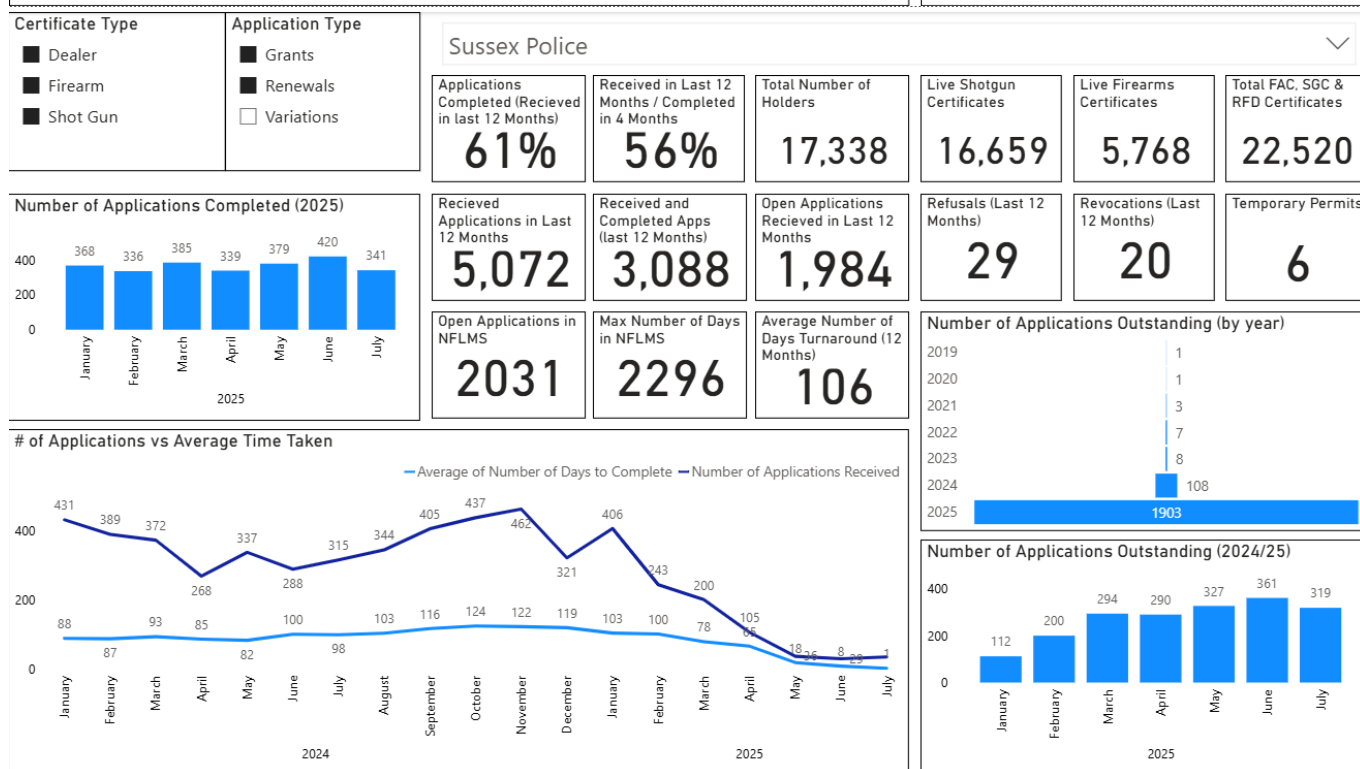
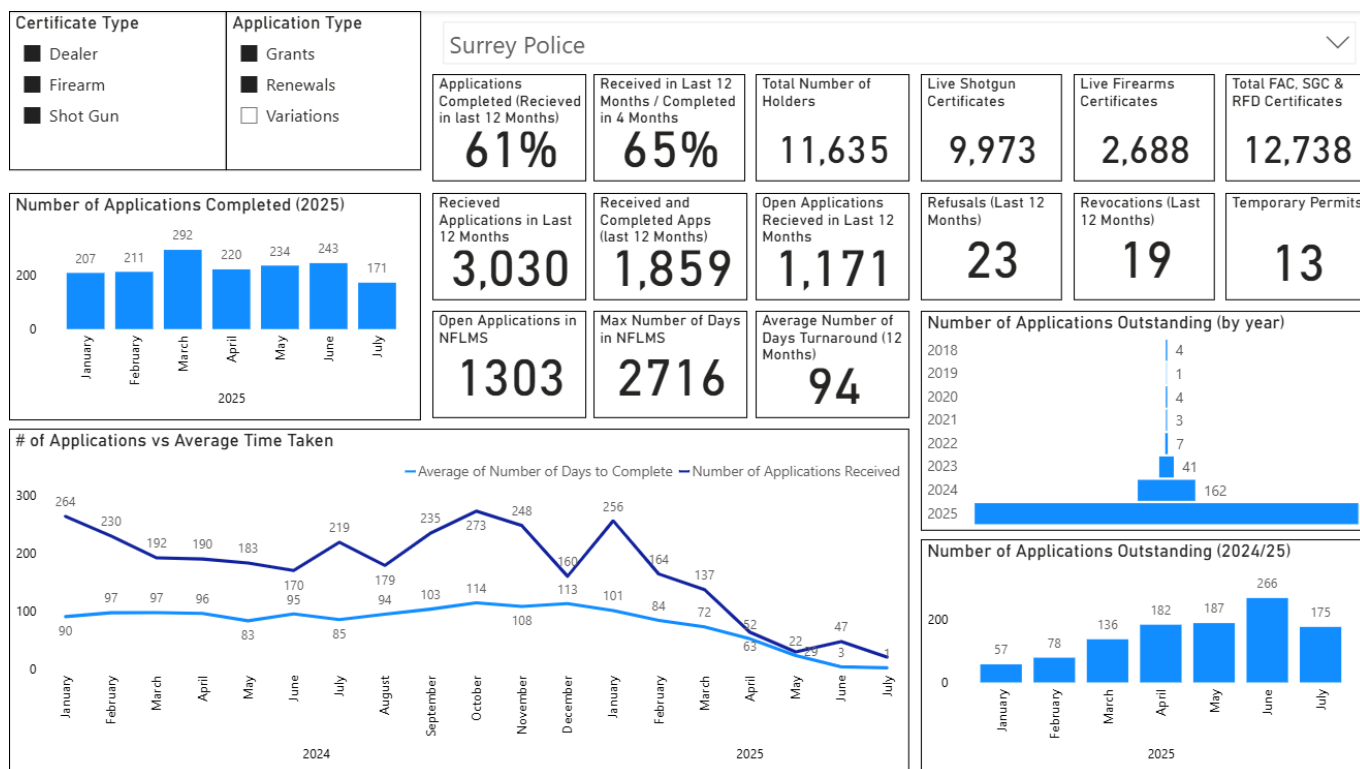


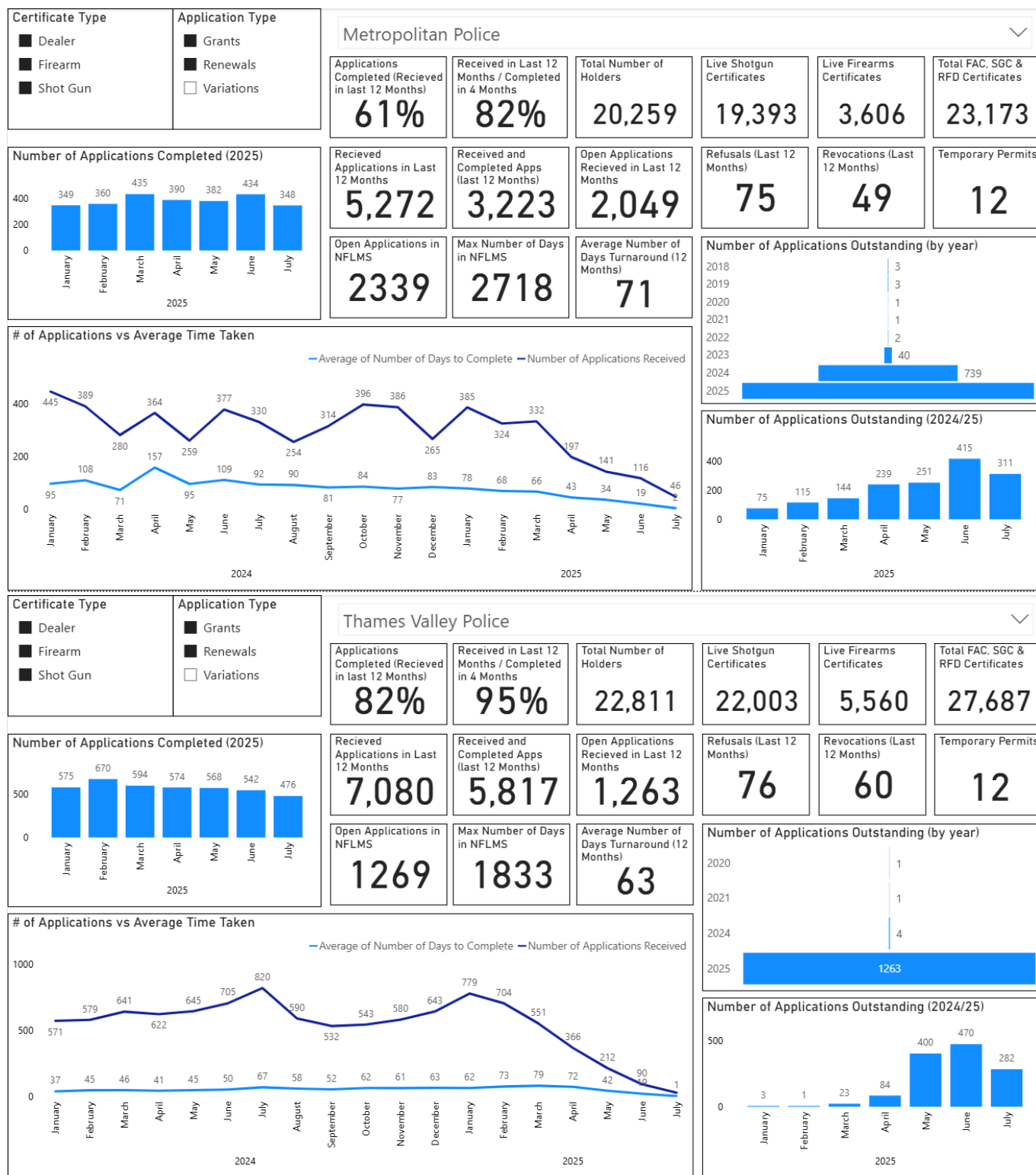












Thames Valley Police

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Applications Completed (Recieved in last 12 Months)

82%

Received in Last 12 Months / Completed in 4 Months

95%

Total Number of Holders

22,811

Live Shotgun Certificates

22,003

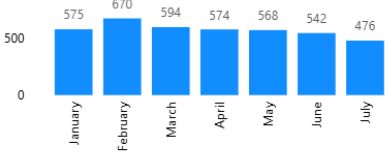
Live Firearms Certificates

5,560

Total FAC, SGC & RFD Certificates

27,687

Number of Applications Completed (2025)



Recieved Applications in Last 12 Months

7,080

Received and Completed Apps (last 12 Months)

5,817

Open Applications Recieved in Last 12 Months

1,263

Refusals (Last 12 Months)

76

Revocations (Last 12 Months)

60

Temporary Permits

12

Open Applications in NFLMS

1269

Max Number of Days in NFLMS

1833

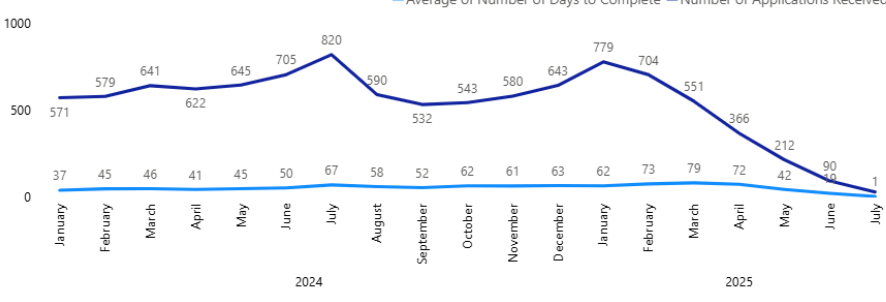
Average Number of Days Turnaround (12 Months)

63

Number of Applications Outstanding (by year)



of Applications vs Average Time Taken



Number of Applications Outstanding (2024/25)

