| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2764  Responded to: 22 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please can you supply me data on how many cases of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) were reported to you between 2000 and 2024.

In response to your request, I would advise that this crime classification and associated legislation has only been available since April 2005.

For the period 2000 to April 2005, section 17 of the Act therefore applies as the information sought is not held by Police Scotland.

A search of our crime recording system for Female Genital Mutilation offences shows there was 1 recorded offence in 2019, 2 recorded and 2 detected offences in 2020 and 1 recorded offence in 2022.

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 21/11/2024.

1. Data extracted using SGJD crime classification code '101107 - Female Genital Mutilation'.

2. Recorded Crimes are based on the date when they were raised. Detected crimes are based on the date that the crime was detected.

3. Data covers full calendar years (January to December) except 2005 which covers April to December only and 2024 which covers January to October only.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.