| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0301  Responded to: xx January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**For the calendar year 2024, a breakdown by month of the number of Subject Access Requests received and the percentage of these that were answered within the statutory deadline.**

**For each month in the calendar year 2024, the running total of live Subject Access Requests (ie SARs that have not yet been answered).**

The figures below are accurate as of 13 February 2025.

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| **Month** | **SARs received** | **Compliance Rate** | **Outstanding** |
| January | 681 | 79% | 1 |
| February | 641 | 75% | 1 |
| March | 640 | 44% | 2 |
| April | 646 | 48% | 3 |
| May | 563 | 50% | 6 |
| June | 751 | 42% | 14 |
| July | 771 | 58% | 42 |
| August | 901 | 50% | 220 |
| September | 839 | 35% | 287 |
| October | 880 | 55% | 297 |
| November | 779 | 62% | 218 |
| December | 618 | 55% | 186 |
| Total | 8,710 | 79% | 1,277 |

**Details of how compliance with answering Subject Access Requests is monitored within Police Scotland (for instance, if performance reports go to certain committees on a quarterly or annual basis; or if there is an escalation process within Police Scotland's management structure if targets are not being met).**

Compliance is monitored on a weekly basis by the management team and is also thereafter reported to various wider groups within the division on a monthly and quarterly basis. It is also reported to the Information Commissioner’s Office (as the regulator for compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR).

It should be noted that the volume of Subject Access Requests received by Police Scotland has increased significantly over the past few years.

For example, in 2020 Police Scotland received 5,559 requests - meaning we have experienced an increase of 57% over a four-year period.

We continue to endeavour to meet the statutory calendar month deadline wherever possible.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.