| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2903  Responded to: 22 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

This FOI request Is a follow up to your previous request of 24-2268 where you have since asked:

**Total number of charges levelled by Police Scotland under the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995 Section 49(1) against any individual living in Scotland at the time of the charge from year 2017-2019 and 2022 to 2024 (inclusive) with breakdown by ethnic groups. Ethnic groups should be identified as per contemporary Census categories. Alternatively, where data by Census categories is not available, please provide data aggregated as White British vs. other White vs all other ethnic groups. Where this is not available, provide data for White vs all other ethnic groups.**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

Please note, as advised previously, to provide you with the number of individuals charged and their ethnicity would require a manual search through all relevant crime reports to determine the information you are requesting and this would cost well over the threshold set out within the act.

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.