| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-3262  Responded to: 19th January 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many people were reported missing to Police Scotland from the years 2013-2023?  (if possible list by year, age and gender)

## How many people that were reported missing to Police Scotland from the years 2013-2023 were found or returned home safety ?(if possible list by year, age and gender)

## How many people that were reported missing from 2013- 2023 are still currently classed as missing? (if possible list by year, age and gender)

In response, I must advise you that The National Missing Persons Application (NMPA) is the system used to record missing person investigations went live on 1 April 2019.

Prior to this time legacy police systems were used which have now been superseded and are no longer accessible for the purposes of retrieving statistical data. Accordingly, I must advise you that information for the period prior to April 2019 is no longer held and Section 17 applies. Please see the tables below with regard to the available information held.

| **Financial Year** | **Traced** | **Still missing** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2019/20 | 16399 | 14 | 16413 |
| 2020/21 | 14363 | 11 | 14374 |
| 2021/22 | 17234 | 17 | 17251 |
| 2022/22 | 17922 | 22 | 17944 |

| **Financial Year** | **Gender** | **Total** | **%** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2019/20 | Chose not to disclose | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 7046 | 42.93 |
| Intersex or Non-Binary | 10 | 0.06 |
| Male | 9305 | 56.69 |
| Other | 3 | 0.02 |
| Transgender | 49 | 0.3 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0 |
| 2020/21 | Chose not to disclose | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 6332 | 44.05 |
| Intersex or Non-Binary | 19 | 0.13 |
| Male | 7923 | 55.12 |
| Other | 5 | 0.03 |
| Transgender | 90 | 0.63 |
| Unknown | 5 | 0.03 |
| 2021/22 | Chose not to disclose | 2 | 0.01 |
| Female | 7369 | 42.72 |
| Intersex or Non-Binary | 64 | 0.37 |
| Male | 9555 | 55.39 |
| Other | 10 | 0.06 |
| Transgender | 234 | 1.36 |
| Unknown | 17 | 0.1 |
| 2022/23 | Chose not to disclose | 5 | 0.03 |
| Female | 7797 | 43.45 |
| Intersex or Non-Binary | 54 | 0.3 |
| Male | 9905 | 55.2 |
| Other | 6 | 0.03 |
| Transgender | 168 | 0.94 |
| Unknown | 9 | 0.05 |

| **Financial Year** | **Age Range** | **Total** | **%** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2019/20 | 0-9 | 165 | 1.01 |
| 10-19 | 9945 | 60.59 |
| 20-29 | 1769 | 10.78 |
| 30-39 | 1695 | 10.33 |
| 40-49 | 1167 | 7.11 |
| 50-59 | 856 | 5.22 |
| 60-69 | 341 | 2.08 |
| 70-79 | 239 | 1.46 |
| 80-89 | 205 | 1.25 |
| 90+ | 21 | 0.13 |
| 2020/21 | 0-9 | 191 | 1.33 |
| 10-19 | 8125 | 56.53 |
| 20-29 | 1713 | 11.92 |
| 30-39 | 1663 | 11.57 |
| 40-49 | 1174 | 8.17 |
| 50-59 | 725 | 5.04 |
| 60-69 | 323 | 2.25 |
| 70-79 | 251 | 1.75 |
| 80-89 | 183 | 1.27 |
| 90+ | 23 | 0.16 |
| 2021/22 | 0-9 | 256 | 1.48 |
| 10-19 | 9979 | 57.85 |
| 20-29 | 1880 | 10.9 |
| 30-39 | 1881 | 10.9 |
| 40-49 | 1322 | 7.66 |
| 50-59 | 890 | 5.16 |
| 60-69 | 436 | 2.53 |
| 70-79 | 347 | 2.01 |
| 80-89 | 225 | 1.3 |
| 90+ | 24 | 0.14 |
| 2022/23 | 0-9 | 296 | 1.65 |
| 10-19 | 10786 | 60.11 |
| 20-29 | 1625 | 9.06 |
| 30-39 | 1908 | 10.63 |
| 40-49 | 1300 | 7.24 |
| 50-59 | 959 | 5.34 |
| 60-69 | 478 | 2.66 |
| 70-79 | 310 | 1.73 |
| 80-89 | 238 | 1.33 |
| 90+ | 36 | 0.2 |

All data was taken from the national missing persons application on 21/12/23.

Please note there may be some discrepancies with the total number in the age column, this is due to a date of birth not being recorded in all instances.

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.