| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0293  Responded to: 21 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to know how many unlawful arrests were made in Scotland in 2024 and what if any punishment was handed out to the arresting officers.

I can advise that Police Scotland does not hold information in the format requested.

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, this information is not collated.

## Can you tell me how much was paid out in compensation to members of the public who were unlawfully arrested and sued either Police Scotland or an individual police officer?

I can advise that Police Scotland does not hold the above requested information.

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, no such compensation was paid in 2024.

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.