| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0253  Responded to: 3 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

## Where possible, can you please provide me with the following in regards to missing persons:

## Number of individual adults reported missing in the last rolling twelve months.

## Percentage of these adults reported as missing who could be considered as “frequent mispers” (10+ episodes in a rolling twelve month period).

## Number of individual children reported missing in the last rolling twelve months.

## Total number of these children reported missing from care homes.

## Percentage of these children that have been reported as missing who could be considered as “frequent mispers” (20+ episodes in a rolling twelve month period).

Total number of low risk missing persons (for each of the last 5 years

## Average length of time missing for low risk missing persons (for each of the last 5 years)

## Number of low risk missing persons who have been found deceased during a missing period (for each of the last 5 years)

## Total number of medium risk missing persons (for each of the last 5 years)

## Average length of time missing for medium risk missing persons (for each of the last 5 years)

## Number of medium risk missing persons who have been found deceased during a missing period (for each of the last 5 years)

Total number of high risk missing persons (for each of the last 5 years)

## Average length of time missing for high risk missing persons (for each of the last 5 years)

## Number of high risk missing persons who have been found deceased during a missing period (for each of the last 5 years)

The above requested information is attached separately (25-0253 Data 1)

## Total number of missing “periods” reported to your force (1 adult reported as missing twice would be two “periods).

## Percentage of adults who are known to have been caused harm during a missing person episode.

## Percentage of adults who are known to have caused themselves harm during a missing person episode.

## Total number of missing “periods” for children.

## Percentage of children who have been caused harm during a missing person episode.

## Percentage of children who have caused themselves harm during a missing person episode.

In relation to the questions detailed above, in accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By way of explanation, this information cannot be electronically extracted from our recording systems and would require the physical examination of all relevant records.

Due to the number of records held, such a task would take in excess of the

40 hours and £600 prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under 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](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.