| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-2131Responded to: 29 August 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please can you provide an age breakdown for the figures presented within Table A9 of the Recorded Crime in Scotland, 2023-24 Accredited Official Statistics for the years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24. The table relates to: Drug crimes recorded by the police, Scotland for 2023-24.**

**Specifically, I am looking for age breakdowns showing how many children of various age groups were recorded as having committed EACH of the crimes in the table below (see screengrab below for crimes) in EACH of the last four years (2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24).**

**For example, how many youngsters aged 16-18, and separately how many children under the age of 16 were recorded as having committed possession of drugs with intent to supply in EACH of the last four years (2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24).**

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.

To explain, to ascertain the age of the accused at the time of the offence would involve a case by case assessment of all drug crime reports for the time period requested, which I estimate would cost well over the threshold set out within the act.

To be of assistance, data regarding drug crimes can be found online:

[Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

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 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 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.