| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-0446  Responded to: 28th February 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## To ask how many reports of crime involving sex work have been recorded by Police Scotland in the past five years. Could this be broken down by i) year and ii) geographical area. I am looking for statistics in the following areas...

## 18.7 - Brothel keeping 18.10 - Offences related to prostitution 18.17 - Soliciting services of a person engaged in prostitution

The table at the end of this document provides the number of recorded crimes, broken down by the above SGJD crime codes and area command, from 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2022.

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 23rd February 2023.

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.

## Recorded Prostitution related crimes, broken down by SGJD code and area command

Period: 1st January 2018 – 31st December 2022

| **Area Command** | **Offence** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Aberdeen North – AK | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Offences related to Prostitution | 12 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
|  | Soliciting services of a person engaged in prostitution | 9 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 13 |
| Aberdeen South – AU | Brothel Keeping | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
|  | Offences related to Prostitution | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Soliciting services of a person engaged in prostitution | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Dundee City – DC | Brothel Keeping | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
|  | Soliciting services of a person engaged in prostitution | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Perth & Kinross – DP | Brothel Keeping | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Falkirk – CF | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Edinburgh South East – EC | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Edinburgh South West – ES | Brothel Keeping | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Edinburgh North East – ED | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  | Soliciting services of a person engaged in prostitution | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Central Fife – PA | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| West Fife – PD | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
|  | Offences related to prostitution | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Glasgow City Centre – GP | Offences related to prostitution | 8 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
|  | Soliciting services of a person engaged in prostitution | 32 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Glasgow North West – GU | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
|  | Offences related to prostitution | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Soliciting services of a person engaged in prostitution | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Glasgow East – GK | Brothel Keeping | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
|  | Offences related to prostitution | 16 | 15 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
|  | Soliciting services of a person engaged in prostitution | 50 | 24 | 1 | 2 | 14 |
| Glasgow North – GF | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Soliciting services of a person engaged in prostitution | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Glasgow South West – GA | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Glasgow South East – GD | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| East Ayrshire – UC | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| South Ayrshire – UD | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Monklands – QG | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Wishaw Motherwell & Bellshill – QE | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| East Kilbride, Cambuslang & Rutherglen – QA | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
|  | Soliciting services of a person engaged in prostitution | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hamilton – QB | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Paisley – KA | Brothel Keeping | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** |  | **144** | **123** | **30** | **46** | **48** |