| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-2411Responded to: 18 October 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1 - The number of recorded crimes for Stalking offences under the HOCR codes of 008/65 and 008/66 where the victim is recorded as a male - between 01/01/2019 to 20/09/2024

 I have provided, at the end of this letter, the number of recorded and detected crimes for stalking.

Please note that Home Office crime codes are not applicable in Scotland and as such Scottish Government Justice Department crime classification - 101114 - Stalking has been used.

## 2 - Please provide the number of suspects for the above offences by age and gender

I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

In terms of your specific request, this information cannot be electronically extracted from our recording systems and to provide the data each file would have to be physically examined. This task would exceed £600 and 40 hours prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

## 3 - Please provide all recorded outcomes for these offences too.

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, the Role of Police in Scotland, in relation to crimes and offences, is to investigate the circumstances and where sufficient evidence exists, to report the case to the relevant Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service. It is then a matter for the Procurator Fiscal to determine whether to progress through the courts.

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.

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| **Title: Selected crime and offences: Stalking crimes, Police Scotland1** |  |  |
| By calendar year, 1st January 2019 to 20th September 2024, Inclusive |  |  |  |
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| **Stalking - 101114** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024 2** |  |
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| Recorded crimes | 1003 | 935 | 846 | 809 | 854 | 685 |  |
| Detected crimes | 763 | 775 | 669 | 681 | 685 | 556 |  |
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| 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 11/10/2024. |  |
| 1. The data was extracted using the crime's raised date and by using SGJD codes 101114 - Stalking. |  |
| 2. 2024 data only contains upto and including 20 September |  |