| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1864  Responded to: 15th August 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The number of applications to join the Police Scotland as an officer received in the following years:

## 2019/20

## 2020/21

## 2021/22

## 2022/23

## 2023/24

In line with Police Scotland’s data retention policy, data for the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21 is no longer held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

For the number of applications made to Police Scotland after 2021 broken down by financial year please see the table below.

Table 1

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| Year | Number of applications. |
| 2021/22 | 2237 |
| 2022/23 | 3841 |
| 2023/24 | 3189 |

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.