| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-0372Responded to: 4 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The number of arson offences reported to the service in the past three calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024). Please note that I require data related to arson (damage or destruction of property with fire) only, and not criminal damage generally.

## Please break the results down by the following:

## Month and year of the report (e.g. January 2022, February 2022, etc.)

## Location (As specific as is reasonably possible)

## If the investigation led to an arrest (yes/no/ongoing)

## If a suspect was formally charged with the crime (yes/no/ongoing)

## If the crime caused injuries to a victim or victims (yes/no)

## The age and gender (if known) of the offender

## How many suspects were repeat offenders? By ‘repeat offender’, I refer to having been arrested or suspected of arson within the last five years.

Home Office Crime Classifications and codes do not extend to Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. The information sought is not held by Police Scotland.

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the [Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/user-guide-recorded-crime-statistics-scotland-3/documents/) offence classifications, however there is no Scottish crime classification relevant to your request.

However, to be of assistance you can access crime data on our website: - [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/). Stats are available by searching for ‘firerasing’ and/or ‘muirburn’ in the crime type column.

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](https://www.foi.scot/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.