| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0909  Responded to: 11 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**a.) how many people applied to join the force**

**For each of the following years: 2024, 2019, 2014.  
Could you please also break down the figures month by month?**

In accordance with our record retention policies, data from 2014 and 2019 is no longer held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

I can, however, provide the relevant figures for 2024.

*Table: Police Officer applications - 2024*

| **2024** | **Applications received** |
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| January | 317 |
| February | 355 |
| March | 345 |
| April | 269 |
| May | 302 |
| June | 339 |
| July | 287 |
| August | 265 |
| September | 411 |
| October | 380 |
| November | 317 |
| December | 249 |
| **Total** | **3,836** |

**b.) how many of these applications were successful**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, the above dates are reflective of intake dates. Of the applications received in 2024, many are still in the recruitment pipeline at various stages.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.