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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**On how many occasions police have had to call out mountain rescue teams for support in the past five years?**

**Could this be broken down by area and year.**

The figures in the table below are the number of overall incidents attended by the Mountain Rescue Team (MRT).

*Table 1 – Mountain Rescue stats – 2019-2023 – Single Incidents*

|  | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Lochaber | 93 | 71 | 115 | 121 | 156 |
| Cairngorm | 27 | 25 | 37 | 30 | 42 |
| Glencoe | 63 | 43 | 63 | 54 | 72 |
| Dundonnell | 38 | 23 | 34 | 37 | 23 |
| Assynt | 15 | 12 | 15 | 23 | 17 |
| Kintail | 4 | 6 | 14 | 9 | 19 |
| Skye | 68 | 24 | 49 | 55 | 66 |
| Glenelg | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Torridon | 9 | 9 | 12 | 17 | 17 |
| Heb MRT | 8 | 13 | 10 | 14 | 11 |
| Glenmore Lodge | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aberdeen | 12 | 12 | 18 | 15 | 11 |
| Braemar | 35 | 36 | 39 | 34 | 38 |
| Tayside | 27 | 50 | 57 | 56 | 73 |
| Tweed Valley | 49 | 44 | 82 | 55 | 50 |
| Ochils | 17 | 28 | 35 | 39 | 24 |
| Oban | 18 | 17 | 26 | 19 | 33 |
| Arrochar | 18 | 13 | 22 | 21 | 34 |
| Moffat | 9 | 21 | 21 | 15 | 17 |
| Galloway | 8 | 17 | 13 | 18 | 13 |
| Arran | 26 | 12 | 24 | 16 | 24 |
| Killin | 33 | 36 | 44 | 41 | 37 |
| Lomond | 36 | 50 | 41 | 46 | 42 |
| Border SAR | 24 | 12 | 27 | 25 | 14 |
| Police Scotland – Tayside | 42 | 72 | 81 | 75 | 85 |
| Police Scotland – Grampian | 41 | 46 | 52 | 47 | 44 |
| Police Scotland – Strathclyde | 99 | 101 | 97 | 62 | 93 |

The figures in the table below are the total number of times deployed including any multiple days for MRT relating to any searches.

Table 2 – Mountain Rescue stats – 2019-2023 – Including Continuations.

|  | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Lochaber | 93 | 71 | 115 | 121 | 156 |
| Cairngorm | 27 | 25 | 37 | 30 | 42 |
| Glencoe | 63 | 43 | 63 | 54 | 72 |
| Dundonnell | 41 | 27 | 36 | 45 | 23 |
| Assynt | 16 | 15 | 15 | 35 | 17 |
| Kintail | 4 | 6 | 15 | 10 | 20 |
| Skye | 70 | 25 | 49 | 59 | 70 |
| Glenelg | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Torridon | 12 | 9 | 12 | 17 | 17 |
| Heb MRT | 8 | 13 | 11 | 16 | 11 |
| Glenmore Lodge | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aberdeen | 13 | 13 | 19 | 15 | 12 |
| Braemar | 37 | 36 | 39 | 34 | 38 |
| Tayside | 27 | 50 | 57 | 56 | 95 |
| Tweed Valley | 50 | 47 | 84 | 55 | 52 |
| Ochils | 17 | 28 | 36 | 40 | 24 |
| Oban | 19 | 19 | 30 | 22 | 39 |
| Arrochar | 22 | 14 | 26 | 22 | 36 |
| Moffat | 9 | 21 | 22 | 15 | 22 |
| Galloway | 14 | 17 | 13 | 18 | 15 |
| Arran | 30 | 12 | 25 | 16 | 26 |
| Killin | 34 | 39 | 45 | 44 | 39 |
| Lomond | 37 | 50 | 41 | 47 | 42 |
| Border SAR | 26 | 16 | 29 | 25 | 16 |
| Police Scotland – Tayside | 44 | 75 | 82 | 82 | 116 |
| Police Scotland – Grampian | 42 | 46 | 52 | 47 | 45 |
| Police Scotland – Strathclyde | 110 | 115 | 118 | 68 | 99 |
| Police Scotland – Highland | -- | -- | -- | -- | 47 |

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.