| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2616  Responded to: 11 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please provide the following data: The number of recorded domestic violence incidents on New Year's Eve (31st December) and New Year's Day (1st January) for the years: 2022 2023

Tackling domestic abuse is a priority for Police Scotland and we are committed to working with our partners to reduce the harm it causes and ultimately eradicate it.

Domestic abuse is a despicable and debilitating crime which affects all of our communities and has no respect for ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, religion or sexual orientation.

Police Scotland will not tolerate it.

Police Scotland will proactively target perpetrators and support victims to prevent domestic abuse from damaging the lives of victims and their families.

Police Scotland defines domestic abuse as:

“Any form of physical, verbal, sexual, psychological or financial abuse which might amount to criminal conduct and which takes place within the context of a relationship.   
The relationship will be between partners (married, cohabiting, civil partnership or otherwise) or ex-partners. The abuse may be committed in the home or elsewhere including online.”

This definition is included in the Joint Protocol between Police Scotland and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), “In partnership challenging domestic abuse” which can be accessed online - [What is domestic abuse? - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/domestic-abuse/what-is-domestic-abuse/).

The table below details the information sought:

**Recorded iVPD Domestic Incidents, by Division - 1 January and 31 December, 2022, 2023 and 2024**

| **Division** | **01/01/22** | **31/12/22** | **01/01/23** | **31/12/23** | **01/01/24** |
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| North East | 39 | 20 | 37 | 17 | 24 |
| Tayside | 25 | 15 | 29 | 13 | 34 |
| Highlands & Islands | 14 | 10 | 17 | 10 | 22 |
| Forth Valley | 21 | 14 | 25 | 12 | 20 |
| Edinburgh city | 36 | 20 | 26 | 19 | 26 |
| Lothian & Borders | 42 | 23 | 30 | 23 | 47 |
| Fife | 30 | 16 | 20 | 18 | 30 |
| Greater Glasgow | 61 | 29 | 79 | 35 | 66 |
| Ayrshire | 38 | 11 | 33 | 14 | 23 |
| Lanarkshire | 60 | 26 | 54 | 22 | 40 |
| Argyle & West Dunbartonshire | 21 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 14 |
| Renfrewshire & Inverclyde | 14 | 3 | 16 | 9 | 16 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 4 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 6 |
| Total | 405 | 196 | 386 | 206 | 368 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as at 8/11/2024.  
The data was extracted using the incident's INCIDENTDATETIME variable.  
Police Scotland does not retain any information for statistical purposes once a record has been weeded from iVPD. When a record is weeded, it is removed from the system, and there is no retention of data outside the weeding and retention policy.   
The [Retention SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/nhobty5i/record-retention-sop.pdf) states that if a person is recorded as "no concern / not applicable" then this will only be retained for 6 months.  
Please note that these data are collated from the Police Scotland iVPD system, which has an automated weeding and retention policy built on to it.

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.