| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-0057Responded to: 05 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## A breakdown of all anti-social behaviour that has been recorded in Elgin for the calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024. Please supply separate totals for each year with totals for the individual types of anti-social behaviour recorded in each year.

The table below shows the number of anti-social behaviour incidents recorded for Elgin during the period 1st January 2019 – 31st December 2024, broken down by year and incident type.

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| Incident type | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Public nuisance | 327 | 633 | 514 | 497 | 470 | 419 |
| Disturbance | 405 | 343 | 347 | 453 | 465 | 487 |
| Noise | 284 | 375 | 267 | 240 | 295 | 150 |
| Drinking in public | 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| Neighbour dispute | 87 | 118 | 105 | 106 | 125 | 97 |
| Communications | 250 | 254 | 259 | 284 | 253 | 270 |
| Damage | 151 | 114 | 164 | 212 | 216 | 215 |
| Total  | 1509 | 1839 | 1659 | 1798 | 1828 | 1639 |

## A breakdown of the ages of people involved in the recorded anti-social behaviour in Elgin. For each year please provide separate totals for under 16s, 16 and 17s, 18 to 24s and over 25s.

## For each year provide the youngest age where there had been a recorded complaint of anti-social behaviour in Elgin.

Police Scotland’s incident recording system has no fields for the capture of data about parties involved. This information is recorded within crime recording systems. Anti-social behaviour incidents *may* go on to be recorded as a crime, but they would thereafter be identified in accordance with crime classifications which do not reference Anti-social behaviour and so are not searchable. As such, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, the only way to collate the requested data would be to manually assess each incident. This is clearly an exercise that would far exceed the cost threshold set out within the Act

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/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.