| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2840  Responded to: 19 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please could you provide me with the following data?**

**1. The total number of new shotgun and firearm licences granted to an applicant for the first time each year for the last five years.**

**2. The total number of shotgun and firearm licences that were successfully renewed each year for the last five years.**

**3. The total number of first-time applicants who had an application for a firearm or shotgun licence refused each year for the last five years.**

**4. The total number of applications for the renewal of a firearm or shotgun licence that were refused, each year for the last five years.**

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available at [Firearms and Explosives Licensing - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/firearms-and-explosives-licensing/)

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.