| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-2762Responded to: 22 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1. How many arrests were made for stalking and harassment in the past five years?

## 1a. Please break this figure down by year, from April 1st to March 31st (e.g. 2019/20, 2020/21, etc.)

## 2. Of those arrested, how many had a prior arrest for stalking and/or harassment?

## 2a. Please again break this figure down by financial year.

## 3. What were the ages of offenders? Please break this down by age group (e.g. Under 18, 18-24, 25-30, etc)

## 4. How many offenders were male, female, non-binary or other/unspecified?

With regards to crimes of Stalking Home Office Crime Classifications and codes do not extend to Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. The information sought is not held by Police Scotland.

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the [Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/user-guide-recorded-crime-statistics-scotland-3/documents/) offence classifications, however there is no Scottish crime classification relevant to your request.

To be of assistance, crime data for fire-raising excluding muirburn​ and Muirburn can be accessed online - [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/).

With regards to crimes of Harassment unfortunately, 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.

To explain, given the numbers involved, I'm afraid it would not be possible, within the cost limit, to further analyse the data in terms of ages and previous offending.

However, to be of assistance, data regarding recorded/detected crimes can be accessed online on the following links –

[Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

[How we are performing - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/)​.

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.