| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2212  Responded to: 03 September 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The civilian population number of each Police Division please.

The information sought is publicly available in our quarterly reports - and from National Records of Scotland, the source of the data:

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

[Scotland's Population - The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends | National Records of Scotland (nrscotland.gov.uk)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/stats-at-a-glance/registrar-generals-annual-review)

The information is therefore 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”.

To be of assistance, a copy of the table is provided below.

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.

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| **APPENDIX 2 Population Data 16** | | | | |
|  |  |  | Mid-year (June) | |
|  |  |  | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
| Local Council Area | PS Division |  | 2018 | 2019 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **SCOTLAND** | **TOTAL** |  | **5,438,100** | **5,463,300** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Aberdeen City | North East |  | 227 560 | 228 670 |
| Aberdeenshire | North East |  | 261 470 | 261 210 |
| Angus | Tayside |  | 116 040 | 116 200 |
| Argyll & Bute | Argyll and West Dunbartonshire |  | 86 260 | 85 870 |
| Clackmannanshire | Forth Valley |  | 51 400 | 51 540 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | Dumfries & Galloway |  | 148 790 | 148 860 |
| Dundee City | Tayside |  | 148 750 | 149 320 |
| East Ayrshire | Ayrshire |  | 121 840 | 122 010 |
| East Dunbartonshire | Greater Glasgow |  | 108 330 | 108 640 |
| East Lothian | Lothian & Scottish Borders |  | 105 790 | 107 090 |
| East Renfrewshire | Greater Glasgow |  | 95 170 | 95 530 |
| Edinburgh, City of | Edinburgh |  | 518 500 | 524 930 |
| Na h-Eileanan Siar | Highland and Islands |  | 26 830 | 26 720 |
| Falkirk | Forth Valley |  | 160 340 | 160 890 |
| Fife | Fife |  | 371 910 | 373 550 |
| Glasgow City | Greater Glasgow |  | 626 410 | 633 120 |
| Highland | Highland and Islands |  | 235 540 | 235 830 |
| Inverclyde | Renfrewshire and Inverclyde |  | 78 150 | 77 800 |
| Midlothian | Lothian & Scottish Borders |  | 91 340 | 92 460 |
| Moray | North East |  | 95 520 | 95 820 |
| North Ayrshire | Ayrshire |  | 135 280 | 134 740 |
| North Lanarkshire | Lanarkshire |  | 340 180 | 341 370 |
| Orkney Islands | Highland and Islands |  | 22 190 | 22 270 |
| Perth & Kinross | Tayside |  | 151 290 | 151 950 |
| Renfrewshire | Renfrewshire and Inverclyde |  | 177 790 | 179 100 |
| Scottish Borders | Lothian & Scottish Borders |  | 115 270 | 115 510 |
| Shetland Islands | Highland and Islands |  | 22 990 | 22 920 |
| South Ayrshire | Ayrshire |  | 112 550 | 112 610 |
| South Lanarkshire | Lanarkshire |  | 319 020 | 320 530 |
| Stirling | Forth Valley |  | 94 330 | 94 210 |
| West Dunbartonshire | Argyll and West Dunbartonshire |  | 89 130 | 88 930 |
| West Lothian | Lothian & Scottish Borders |  | 182 140 | 183 100 |

*16 Mid-year population data based on extracts from National Records for Scotland (http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/), as at April 2019. Due to when population data are published it is necessary to use ealier mid-year estimates in some calculations. As soon as more current population data are available, the above table will be updated.*