| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1334  Responded to: 11 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Can you please provide a record of the number of possible hate crimes that were reported to the police in Mid Scotland and Fife over the past three years, and can you also supply details of how many of these alleged hate crimes were acted on?**

After seeking clarification, you confirmed your request relates to the following:

**Recorded and detected hate crimes over the past three years in Mid Scotland and Fife.**

**By Mid Scotland and Fife, I am referring to Perth and Kinross and Fife specifically.**

For information dated from 01 January 2022 until 31st March 2024 please refer to table 1.

The Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland Act 2021) commenced on 1st April 2024 and these crimes are now recorded on the National Crime Unifi Database. Data from 1st April 2024 is provided in Table 2.

Please note, due to the different sources of data being used, any comparison of the two datasets should be carried out with caution.

Please also note the caveats below the tables.

*Table 1: Recorded Hate Crimes (iVPD), Fife and Perth & Kinross, Local Authorities – 1 January 2022 – 31 March 2024 (calendar years)*

| **Local Authority** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Fife | 373 | 302 | 61 |
| Perth and Kinross | 117 | 101 | 13 |
| **Total** | **490** | **403** | **74** |

Table 2: Recorded Hate Crimes (UNIFI) *Fife and Perth & Kinross, Local Authorities – 1 April 2024 – 30 April 2025 (calendar years)*

| **Local Authority** | **2024** | **2025** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Fife | 335 | 143 |
| Perth and Kinross | 122 | 52 |
| **Total** | **457** | **195** |

Detected crimes are those where an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings.

*Table 3: Detected Hate Crimes (IVPD) -* *Fife and Perth & Kinross, Local Authorities – 1 January 2022 – 31 March 2024 (calendar years)*

| **Local Authority** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Fife | 296 | 170 | 31 |
| Perth and Kinross | 60 | 65 | 7 |
| **Total** | **356** | **235** | **38** |

*Table 4: Detected* *Hate Crimes (UNIFI)* *Fife and Perth & Kinross, Local Authorities – 1 April 2024 – 30 April 2025 (calendar years)*

| **Local Authority** | **2024** | **2025** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Fife | 275 | 122 |
| Perth and Kinross | 92 | 39 |
| **Total** | **367** | **161** |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of 22nd May 2025.

The data prior to the 1st April 2024 has been extracted from the Interim Vulnerable Persons Database (iVPD) using the ‘incident created’ date.

The data from the 1st April 2024 has been extracted from the National Crime Unifi database using the ‘date detected’.

Please note, the data from National Unifi Crime has been extracted based on crimes/offences which include a hate aggravator.

Please note, Tables 1 and 3 display a count of unique hate crimes, and not a count of aggravators. Multiple aggravators can be added to the one hate crime.

Please note, due to the different sources of data being used, and the different methodology/counting rules, comparison of recorded hates crimes from the 1st April 2024 with recorded hate crimes prior to the 1st April 2024 would not be advised. Any comparison of the two datasets should be carried out with caution.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.