| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1026  Responded to: 14 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The number of fly tipping incidents reported to police in Edinburgh by year for the last five years.

The table below details recorded *incidents* of fly tipping and littering in Edinburgh City for the period 1 January 2020 to 30 April 2025

| Council | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 ytd |
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| City of Edinburgh | 33 | 19 | 21 | 14 | 15 | 8 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as of 9 May 2025.  
Data was extracted using the incident raised date, council code 14 and disposal code AB15 Fly tipping/ Littering  
Duplicate, transferred and error incidents have been removed.

## The number of arrests, fines, or other penalties issued in Edinburgh for fly tipping by year for the last five years.

There is no crime classification for fly tipping specifically but *crime* data for *litter offences* is held by Police Scotland. 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 - [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

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.