| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-2277Responded to: 30 July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **Yearly breakdown of the number of thefts/burglaries from farms/agricultural buildings/farmhouse in Dumfries and Galloway reported to Police Scotland from 2020 to 2024**
2. **Yearly breakdown of the number of arrests as a result of thefts/burglaries from farms/agricultural buildings/farmhouse in Dumfries and Galloway reported to Police Scotland from 2020 to 2024**
3. **Yearly breakdown of the number of charges as a result of thefts/burglaries from farms/agricultural buildings/farmhouse in Dumfries and Galloway reported to Police Scotland from 2020 to 2024**

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, and in this instance, the relevant offence classifications would be:

* theft by housebreaking - dwelling;
* theft by housebreaking - non-dwelling, or
* theft by housebreaking - other property.

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.

By way of explanation, there is no facility available on our crime recording systems which allows us to search for crimes where the locus is specifically a farm, agricultural building or farmhouse.

As such, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to individually examine every crime report, for the time period requested - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

If of interest, theft by housebreaking stats are available online: [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 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 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.