| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-3246Responded to: 28 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Could you please tell me how many officers in your force have been dismissed and/or prosecuted for sexual assaults in each year since 2014?

## Could you also please specify how many in each year were recorded as rape?

## If possible, could you also please break down the number of men and women officers in each year.

Please also note that relevant data is only available from 1 April 2014 when the national Professional Standards Department (PSD) database became operational.  It is interpreted that your request for “prosecutions” refers to Police officers convicted of Rape or Sexual Assault.

Criminal allegation categories recorded on the PSD database were updated on 1 April 2024 to align to the current Scottish Crime Recording Standard (SCRS).  Data recorded prior to this date may therefore not align with the current SCRS and this may impact on specific criminal categories, in terms of how they have been recorded on the PSD database prior to this date.  Please note that Rape and Sexual Assault are two distinct crime types in accordance with SCRS.

For the officer convictions aspect, we have provided the number of Police officers convicted for each crime type, broken down by the calendar year of when the matter was reported to the Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).

For the officer dismissal element, we have provided the number of Police officers dismissed in relation to the crime types alleged, broken down by calendar year of the misconduct hearing date. The dismissal disposal can only be reached at the conclusion of a misconduct hearing.

It is important to note that allegations within the misconduct process are categorised and assessed in relation to our [Standards of Professional Behaviour](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/who-we-are/our-standards-of-professional-behaviour/).

As such, alleged behaviour which did not result in a criminal conviction may also be considered as part of this process.

Please also note that cases reported to COPFS may remain subject to live legal proceedings and, upon its conclusion, may be subject to live misconduct proceedings, therefore may not yet be concluded.

Convictions data was based a live snapshot of the Criminal History System (CHS) as at 20 March 2025. Dismissals data was based on a live snapshot of the Professional Standards database as at 5 March 2025.

Data provided in table’s 1 is based on the date reported to the area Procurator Fiscal, whereas data for table 2 is based on the hearing date.

Data for 2014 covers the period 1 April to 31 December 2024 inclusive, while data for 2025 covers the period 1 - 6 January 2025 inclusive.

## Table1 - Police officers convicted of Rape or Sexual Assault, by category of offence involved, sex and calendar year

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| **Offence/ Year** | **Rape** | **Sexual Assault** | **Total** |
| 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2017 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 2018 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 2019 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 2020 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2021 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 2023 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2025 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

All of the police officers listed in the table above are male.

## Table 2: Police officers dismissed in relation to alleged Rape or Sexual Assault, by category of offence involved, sex of the subject officer and calendar year

| **Allegation/ Year/ Sex** | **Rape** | **Sexual Assault** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Total** | **Female** | **Male** | **Total** | **Female** | **Male** |
| 2014 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2017 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 2019 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2020 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 2025 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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.