| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2252  Responded to: 29 July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **The number of police incidents recorded at religious buildings or places of worship in each of the past three calendar years (2022–2024 and 2025 so far).**
2. **The number of incidents at heritage or listed buildings, for the same period.**
3. **Where recorded, a breakdown of the type of incident (e.g. theft, arson, trespassing, vandalism, hate crime, protest-related disturbance, etc.).**
4. **Any data or notes indicating whether the incident occurred in the context of civil unrest, riots or public disorder.**

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, we are unable to search crimes based on locus type, in this case being a religious building or place of worship. The only way to extract this data would be to review all incidents, for the time period requested - an exercise which would clearly far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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.