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# Management Information

## Force Area Report: Quarter 4 2020/21

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## Introduction

### What Is In This Report ?

This report makes management information about Police Scotland available to the public on a regular basis.

The management information presented here relates mainly to crime recorded by Police Scotland but some information about incidents and some survey data are also included.

An issue has been identified with data relating to (primarily) traffic offences from two Divisions (Edinburgh and Scottish Borders and Lothians). The impact of this is that offences dealt with by direct measures (i.e. conditional offer ticket) are incomplete. In the main, offences which are underreported in this bulletin are seat belts, mobile phones, speeding, and careless driving.

Published alongside this report are a series of complementary reports providing a breakdown of data available at police division or local authority level.

This report is intended to provide answers to questions about current crime levels in the different parts of Scotland. All data used in this report are provisional management information and not official statistics. This is the 2020/21 Q4 management information report covering the period 1st April to 31st March 2021. All data are correct at the published date and were extracted at the start of April 2021. These data are extracted from Police Scotland internal systems which are dynamic and continuously update as investigations progress.

This report contains the most up to date recorded crime data that was available at the start of April 2021 for Q4 of the financial year 2020/21. This is the same management information that is used by Police Scotland to inform operational decision-making on a daily basis and which is reported regularly to local scrutiny boards and the Scottish Police Authority.

### What Should This Report Not Be Used For ?

This means that this report is unsuitable for drawing longer term trend comparisons of crime types. If readers of this report are seeking time series analysis or trend information they should refer to the official statistics for recorded crime produced by Scottish Government <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/09/5338> or the official statistics on reported road casualties published by Transport Scotland (<http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/statistics/statistical-publications>).

### How Does This Report Deal With Changes To Data ?

The management information data for crime recorded in 2020/21 are provisional, because these are highly likely to experience re-classification and/or no-criming as investigations proceed. These data are highlighted in purple font on the tables throughout this report.

Readers should note that all data for 2019/20 and 2020/21 were refreshed when they were extracted at the start of April 2021. This means that the data for 2019/20 Q4 published in this report will differ from the data previously published for 2019/20 Q4 last June (2020). It usually takes between one and two quarters for the data to settle and for most of the natural revisions to take place. We have published a separate revisions analysis to demonstrate the extent of these changes.

## Recorded Crime Groups 1-5

Table 1.1 below compares 2020/21 Q4 data extracted on 2nd April 2021 with 2019/20 Q4 data extracted on the 2nd April 2020 and released as Management Information by Police Scotland in June 2020. The table shows current figures consistent with the official statistics prepared by the Scottish Government. For further time series analysis please refer to the official statistics publication : (<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/09/5338>). Table 1.1 is not comparable with other data tables in this report.

### Number reported 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)

#### Crimes recorded by Police Scotland (as at 2nd April 2020 (2019/20):

*Number of recorded crimes, crime rate, detected crimes and detection rate by crime group; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

Crime group	Number recorded		Rate per 10,000 population	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL CRIMES (Groups 1 to 5)</b>	<b>246 409</b>	<b>225 532</b>	<b>453.1</b>	<b>414.7</b>
Group 1: non sexual crimes of violence	9 316	8 972	17.1	16.5
Group 2: sexual crimes	13 364	13 131	24.6	24.1
Group 3: crimes of dishonesty	111 409	89 731	204.9	165.0
Group 4: fire-raising, malicious mischief etc	47 731	42 961	87.8	79.0
Group 5: other crimes	64 589	70 737	118.8	130.1

Crime group	Number of detections		Detection rate (%)	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL CRIMES (Groups 1 to 5)</b>	<b>126 861</b>	<b>126 909</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>56.3</b>
Group 1: non sexual crimes of violence	6 681	6 497	71.7	72.4
Group 2: sexual crimes	7 521	7 673	56.3	58.4
Group 3: crimes of dishonesty	41 287	33 980	37.1	37.9
Group 4: fire-raising, malicious mischief etc	12 674	13 535	26.6	31.5
Group 5: other crimes	58 698	65 224	90.9	92.2

Table 1.2 below shows Police Scotland Management Information for 2020/21 Q4 extracted on 2nd April 2021. 2019/20 Q4 data has been refreshed and will differ from that published by Police Scotland in June 2020. The data highlighted in purple font in Table 1.2 below are provisional management information and will be subject to change.

### Table 1.2

#### Crimes recorded by Police Scotland (as at 2nd April 2021 (2019/20):

*Number of recorded crimes, crime rate, detected crimes and detection rate by crime group; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

Crime group	Number recorded		Rate per 10,000 population	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL CRIMES (Groups 1 to 5)</b>	<b>244 116</b>	<b>225 532</b>	<b>448.9</b>	<b>414.7</b>
Group 1: non sexual crimes of violence	9 313	8 972	17.1	16.5
Group 2: sexual crimes	13 506	13 131	24.8	24.1
Group 3: crimes of dishonesty	109 460	89 731	201.3	165.0
Group 4: fire-raising, malicious mischief etc	48 175	42 961	88.6	79.0
Group 5: other crimes	63 662	70 737	117.1	130.1

Crime group	Number of detections		Detection rate (%)	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL CRIMES (Groups 1 to 5)</b>	<b>127 424</b>	<b>126 909</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>56.3</b>
Group 1: non sexual crimes of violence	6 685	6 497	71.8	72.4
Group 2: sexual crimes	7 549	7 673	55.9	58.4
Group 3: crimes of dishonesty	41 105	33 980	37.6	37.9
Group 4: fire-raising, malicious mischief etc	13 244	13 535	27.5	31.5
Group 5: other crimes	58 841	65 224	92.4	92.2

## Group 1 Non Sexual Crimes of Violence

During the period to the end of 2020/21 Q4, there were 8,972 Group 1 Non Sexual Crimes of Violence. The detection rate for Group 1 Non Sexual Crimes of Violence was 72.4% during the period to the end of Q4 2020/21.

### Murder

There were 53 murders recorded in Scotland during the period to the end of Q4 2020/21. The detection rate for murder was 96.2%.

### Attempted Murder

During the period to the end of 2020/21 Q4 there were 280 attempted murders recorded with a detection rate for attempted murder of 93.2%.

### Culpable Homicide (under statute including RTA, sec 1)<sup>1</sup>

There were 42 culpable homicides recorded during the period to the end of 2020/21 Q4.

### Serious Assault

During the period to the end of 2020/21 Q4 there were 3,238 serious assaults. The detection rate for serious assaults was 78.8%.

### Robbery

There were 1,673 robberies recorded in Scotland with a detection rate of 79.4% during the period to the end of Q4 2020/21.

### Table Description

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**Table 2**  
**Group 1 non sexual crimes of violence recorded by Police Scotland:**  
*Number of recorded crimes, crime rate, detected crimes and detection rate by crime group; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

Selected crime classification	Number recorded		Rate per 10,000 population	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL GROUP 1</b>	<b>9 313</b>	<b>8 972</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>16.5</b>
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	60	53	0.1	0.1
Culpable homicide (at common law)	7	5	0.0	0.0
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1) <sup>1</sup>	54	42	0.1	0.1
Attempted murder	253	280	0.5	0.5
Serious assault	3 903	3 238	7.2	6.0
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	1 734	1 673	3.2	3.1
Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 (Female)	1 584	1 545	2.9	2.8
Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 (Male)	99	96	0.2	0.2
<b>Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 (Total)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1 683</b>	<b>1 641</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Cruel and unnatural treatment of children	568	597	1.0	1.1
Threats and extortion	396	946	0.7	1.7
Other group 1 crimes	655	497	1.2	0.9

Selected crime classification	Number of detections		Detection rate (%)	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21 <sup>4</sup>
<b>TOTAL GROUP 1</b>	<b>6 685</b>	<b>6 497</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>72.4</b>
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	63	51	105.0	96.2
Culpable homicide (at common law)	6	6	85.7	120.0
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1) <sup>1</sup>	53	41	98.1	97.6
Attempted murder	229	261	90.5	93.2
Serious assault	2 959	2 551	75.8	78.8
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	1 227	1 328	70.8	79.4
Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 (Female)	1 083	1 136	68.4	73.5
Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 (Male)	71	64	71.7	66.7
<b>Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 (Total)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1 154</b>	<b>1 200</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>73.1</b>
Cruel and unnatural treatment of children	519	548	91.4	91.8
Threats and extortion	140	185	35.4	19.6
Other group 1 crimes	335	326	51.1	65.6

<sup>1</sup> - Culpable homicide (under statute) includes the following: causing death by dangerous driving; death by careless driving when under influence of drink or drugs; causing death by careless driving (illegal driver, disqualified, unlicensed etc) involved in fatal accident and corporate homicide.

<sup>2</sup> - The above legislation was introduced in April 2019 under Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018.

## Group 2 Sexual Crimes

There were 13,131 Group 2 Sexual Crimes recorded by Police Scotland. The overall detection rate for sexual crimes was 58.4% during the period to the end of Q4 2020/21.

### Rape

During the period to the end of 2020/21 Q4 there were 2,176 crimes of rape recorded by Police Scotland. The detection rate for this period was 58.6%.

### Sexual Assault

There were 4,154 sexual assaults (including indecent assault and lewd & libidinous practices) end of Q4 2020/21. The detection rate for sexual assaults was 60.3%.

### Prostitution Related Crimes

There were 56 prostitution related crimes recorded during the period to the end of Q4 2020/21. The detection rate for prostitution related crimes was 60.7%.

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**Table 3**

#### Group 2 sexual crimes recorded by Police Scotland:

Number of recorded crimes, crime rate, detected crimes and detection rate by crime group; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)

Selected crime classification	Number recorded		Rate per 10,000 population	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL GROUP 2</b>	<b>13 506</b>	<b>13 131</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>24.1</b>
Rape	2 230	2 176	4.1	4.0
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	134	122	0.2	0.2
<b>Rape and attempted rape - Total</b>	<b>2 364</b>	<b>2 298</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009) <sup>3</sup>	298	212	0.5	0.4
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009) <sup>3</sup>	3 588	3 037	6.6	5.6
Lewd & libidinous practices <sup>3</sup>	1 142	905	2.1	1.7
<b>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</b>	<b>5 028</b>	<b>4 154</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>7.6</b>
<b>Prostitution related crime - Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	590	660	1.1	1.2
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009) <sup>3</sup>	1 447	1 543	2.7	2.8
Communications Act 2003 (sexual) <sup>3</sup>	254	354	0.5	0.7
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009) <sup>3</sup>	378	401	0.7	0.7
Public indecency (common law)	161	138	0.3	0.3
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009) <sup>3</sup>	2 154	2 361	4.0	4.3
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009) <sup>3</sup>	360	386	0.7	0.7
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image	674	780	1.2	1.4
Miscellaneous Group 2 crimes	-	-	-	-
<b>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</b>	<b>6 018</b>	<b>6 623</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>12.2</b>

Selected crime classification	Number of detections		Detection rate (%)	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL GROUP 2</b>	<b>7 549</b>	<b>7 673</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>58.4</b>
Rape	1 171	1 275	52.5	58.6
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	74	82	55.2	67.2
<b>Rape and attempted rape - Total</b>	<b>1 245</b>	<b>1 357</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>59.1</b>
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009) <sup>3</sup>	147	171	49.3	80.7
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009) <sup>3</sup>	1 906	1 785	53.1	58.8
Lewd & libidinous practices <sup>3</sup>	677	548	59.3	60.6
<b>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</b>	<b>2 730</b>	<b>2 504</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>60.3</b>
<b>Prostitution related crime - Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>60.7</b>
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	520	592	88.1	89.7
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009) <sup>3</sup>	847	878	58.5	56.9
Communications Act 2003 (sexual) <sup>3</sup>	137	164	53.9	46.3
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009) <sup>3</sup>	224	270	59.3	67.3
Public indecency (common law)	113	111	70.2	80.4
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009) <sup>3</sup>	1 113	1 122	51.7	47.5
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009) <sup>3</sup>	229	306	63.6	79.3
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image	314	335	0.0	42.9
Miscellaneous Group 2 crimes	-	-	-	-
<b>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</b>	<b>3 497</b>	<b>3 778</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>57.0</b>

<sup>3</sup>New Group 2 Crimes, distinct from common law crimes which preceded the SOSA 2009 legislation (i.e. crimes committed before 01/12/2010).

## Group 3 Crimes of Dishonesty

During the period to the end of 2020/21 Q4, there were 89,731 recorded crimes of dishonesty. The detection rate for crimes of dishonesty was 37.9% .

### Theft (not elsewhere classified)

There were 22,306 crimes of common theft recorded during the period to the end of Q4 2020/21. The detection rate for common theft is 26.5%.

### Theft by Housebreakings

There were 9,706 housebreakings (including attempts) recorded in Q4 2020/21. The detection rate for housebreaking (including attempts) was 31.5%.

### Motor Vehicle Crime

During the period to the end of 2020/21 Q4, there were 10,646 motor vehicle crimes recorded. The detection rate for motor vehicle crime was 37.7%.

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**Table 4**  
**Group 3 crimes of dishonesty recorded by Police Scotland:**  
*Number of recorded crimes, crime rate, detected crimes and detection rate by crime group; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

Selected crime classification	Number recorded		Rate per 10,000 population	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL GROUP 3</b>	<b>109 460</b>	<b>89 731</b>	<b>201.3</b>	<b>165.0</b>
Housebreaking (domestic dwelling, incl. attempts)	6 630	4 398	12.2	8.1
Housebreaking (non-domestic dwelling, incl. attempts)	2 516	2 512	4.6	4.6
Housebreaking (other, incl attempts)	3 705	2 796	6.8	5.1
<b>Total housebreaking (incl. attempts)</b>	<b>12 851</b>	<b>9 706</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>17.8</b>
Motor vehicle crime <sup>4</sup>	13 642	10 646	25.1	19.6
Theft by OLP <sup>5</sup> (exc. motor vehicle) incl. attempts	1 734	1 207	3.2	2.2
Theft (not elsewhere classified) <sup>6</sup>	30 428	22 306	56.0	41.0
Theft by shoplifting	30 567	20 557	56.2	37.8
Fraud	10 875	15 031	20.0	27.6
Other Group 3 crimes	9 363	10 278	17.2	18.9

Selected crime classification	Number of detections		Detection rate (%)	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL GROUP 3</b>	<b>41 105</b>	<b>33 980</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>37.9</b>
Housebreaking (domestic dwelling, incl. attempts)	1 662	1 270	25.1	28.9
Housebreaking (non-domestic dwelling, incl. attempts)	590	519	23.4	20.7
Housebreaking (other, incl attempts)	1 360	1 264	36.7	45.2
<b>Total housebreaking (incl. attempts)</b>	<b>3 612</b>	<b>3 053</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>31.5</b>
Motor vehicle crime <sup>4</sup>	3 393	4 017	24.9	37.7
Theft by OLP <sup>5</sup> (exc. motor vehicle) incl. attempts	307	283	17.7	23.4
Theft (not elsewhere classified) <sup>6</sup>	6 984	5 914	23.0	26.5
Theft by shoplifting	20 306	13 513	66.4	65.7
Fraud	3 345	3 391	30.8	22.6
Other Group 3 crimes	3 158	3 809	33.7	37.1

<sup>4</sup> - Motor vehicle crime includes: theft by OLP (motor vehicle); OLP with intent to steal; attempted OLP with intent to steal; theft of motor vehicle; attempted theft of a motor vehicle; theft from a motor vehicle (not elsewhere classified)

<sup>5</sup> - OLP (opening lock-fast place).

<sup>6</sup> - Theft not elsewhere classified includes: theft at common law, the Gas Act 1986 and Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (S67(1)&(6)).

## Group 4 Crimes of Fire-raising, Malicious Mischief etc

There were 42,961 Group 4 crimes recorded during the period to the end of Q4 2020/21. The detection rate for Group 4 crimes was 31.5%.

### Vandalism/Malicious Mischief

During the period to the end of 2020/21 Q4, there were 37,217 recorded crimes of vandalism or malicious mischief with a detection rate of 29.3%.

### Fireraising

The volume of crimes of fireraising recorded was 2,569 during the period to the end of Q4 2020/21. The detection rate for fireraising is 25.9%.

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**Table 5**  
**Group 4 crimes of fire-raising, malicious mischief etc recorded by Police Scotland:**  
*Number of recorded crimes, crime rate, detected crimes and detection rate by crime group; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

Selected crime classification	Number recorded		Rate per 10,000 population	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL GROUP 4</b>	<b>48 175</b>	<b>42 961</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>79.0</b>
Fireraising	2 631	2 569	4.8	4.7
Vandalism/malicious mischief	42 972	37 217	79.0	68.4
Reckless conduct with a firearm	31	44	0.1	0.1
Reckless conduct (not firearm)	2 461	3 014	4.5	5.5
Other Group 4 crimes	80	117	0.1	0.2

  

Selected crime classification	Number of detections		Detection rate (%)	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL GROUP 4</b>	<b>13 244</b>	<b>13 535</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>31.5</b>
Fireraising	608	665	23.1	25.9
Vandalism/malicious mischief	11 458	10 903	26.7	29.3
Reckless conduct with a firearm	19	19	61.3	43.2
Reckless conduct (not firearm)	1 147	1 930	46.6	64.0
Other Group 4 crimes	12	18	15.0	15.4

## Group 5 Other Crimes

During the period to the end of 2020/21 Q4, there were 70,737 Group 5 crimes recorded with an overall detection rate of 92.2%.

### Carrying Offensive Weapons (incl.restriction)

There were 1,720 crimes of carrying offensive weapons (incl.restriction) recorded in Q4 2020/21. The detection rate for carrying offensive weapons (incl.restriction) was 92.0%.

### Handling Bladed/Pointed Instrument

The number of handling bladed/pointed instrument offences recorded was 2,804 in Q4 2020/21. The detection rate was 92.7%.

### Drugs Supply and Production

During the period to the end of 2020/21 Q4, there were 4,842 offences for drugs supply and production. The detection rate for drugs supply and production was 84.0%.

### Possession of Drugs

The number of possession of drugs crimes recorded was 30,344 for the period to the end of Q4 2020/21. The detection rate was 94.5%.

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**Table 6**  
**Group 5 other crimes recorded by Police Scotland:**  
*Number of recorded crimes, crime rate, detected crimes and detection rate by crime group; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

Selected crime classification	Number recorded		Rate per 10,000 population	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL GROUP 5</b>	<b>63 662</b>	<b>70 737</b>	<b>117.1</b>	<b>130.1</b>
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	1 629	1 720	3.0	3.2
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	2 836	2 804	5.2	5.2
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	3 258	3 751	6.0	6.9
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	1 962	1 909	3.6	3.5
<b>Total offensive/bladed weapons<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>9 685</b>	<b>10 184</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>18.7</b>
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	606	710	1.1	1.3
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	3 704	3 953	6.8	7.3
Bringing drugs into prison	110	179	0.2	0.3
<b>Supply of drugs - Total</b>	<b>4 420</b>	<b>4 842</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>8.9</b>
Possession of drugs	29 898	30 344	55.0	55.8
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	161	224	0.3	0.4
<b>Total drugs crimes</b>	<b>34 479</b>	<b>35 410</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>65.1</b>
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	38	37	0.1	0.1
Bail offences (other than absconding)	7 976	11 467	14.7	21.1
Other Group 5 crimes	11 484	13 639	21.1	25.1

Selected crime classification	Number of detections		Detection rate (%)	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL GROUP 5</b>	<b>58 841</b>	<b>65 224</b>	<b>92.4</b>	<b>92.2</b>
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	1 446	1 583	88.8	92.0
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	2 611	2 600	92.1	92.7
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	2 144	2 657	65.8	70.8
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	1 348	1 318	68.7	69.0
<b>Total offensive/bladed weapons<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>7 549</b>	<b>8 158</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>80.1</b>
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	555	665	91.6	93.7
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	3 536	3 372	95.5	85.3
Bringing drugs into prison	56	30	50.9	16.8
<b>Supply of drugs - Total</b>	<b>4 147</b>	<b>4 067</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>84.0</b>
Possession of drugs	28 236	28 690	94.4	94.5
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	103	135	64.0	60.3
<b>Total drugs crimes</b>	<b>32 486</b>	<b>32 892</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>92.9</b>
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	24	43	63.2	116.2
Bail offences (other than absconding)	7 654	10 951	96.0	95.5
Other Group 5 crimes	11 128	13 180	96.9	96.6

<sup>7</sup> This includes carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction), handling bladed/pointed instrument and offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity).

## Group 5 Other Crimes continued

From the 1st of April 2017, a set of new codes was introduced to record cases of using an offensive weapon in a public setting to commit other criminal activity. The number of crimes recorded for these new codes is shown in Table 6a below. This change was introduced by the Scottish Crime Recording Board to better reflect how criminal law operates in this area. Prior to the 1st of April 2017, these crimes of offensive weapons used in another criminal activity or offence committed (for example a serious assault) were subsumed into that main crime or offence. The minutes of the Scottish Crime Recording Board meetings can be accessed here :- <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/PubRecordedCrime/SCRB/SCRBmeet>.

The Scottish Crime Board has carried out a quality assurance exercise to confirm that the new information being produced from the recent introduction of these codes is accurate and in-line with the definitions set out in the Scottish Crime Recording Standard (SCRS). The results of this exercise can be accessed here:

<https://beta.gov.scot/publications/recorded-crime-scotland-handling-offensive-weapons/>.

The SCRS guidance manual can be accessed here :- <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/PubRecordedCrime/SCRB/SCRSmanual>.

Police recording practice remains unchanged for crimes of possessing an offensive weapon in a public setting without further criminality. As in previous years this information is presented in Table 6 Group 5 'Other Crimes' recorded by Police Scotland and included in the total for Group 5 Crimes.

**Table 6a**  
Detailed weapon & blade/point offences recorded by Police Scotland:  
Number of recorded crimes, crime rate, detected crimes and detection rate by crime group, 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)

Selected crime classification	Number recorded		Rate per 10,000 population	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
Total pre-April 2017 weapon / knife classifications	9 685	10 184	17.9	18.8
Total new weapon / knife classifications <sup>8</sup>	4 465	4 524	8.3	8.4
	5 220	5 660	9.7	10.5
<b>Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)</b>	<b>1 629</b>	<b>1 720</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Possession of an offensive weapon	1 532	1 650	2.8	3.1
Restriction of offensive weapons	33	14	0.1	0.0
Possession of a firearm in a prison	-	-	0.0	0.0
Possession of an offensive weapon (not elsewhere classified) in a prison	30	38	0.1	0.1
Possession of an offensive weapon (not elsewhere specified) in a school <sup>9</sup>	34	18	0.1	0.0
<b>Handling bladed/pointed instrument</b>	<b>2 836</b>	<b>2 804</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Carrying of Knives etc S Act 1993	2 665	2 663	4.9	4.9
Having in a prison an article with a blade or point	60	85	0.1	0.2
Having in a school an article with a blade or point <sup>10</sup>	111	56	0.2	0.1
			0.0	0.0
<b>Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>3 258</b>	<b>3 751</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.9</b>
Possession of offensive weapon used in other criminal activity	3 169	3 657	5.9	6.8
Possession of offensive weapon in a prison used in other criminal activity	49	67	0.1	0.1
Possession of offensive weapon in a school used in other criminal activity	40	27	0.1	0.0
			0.0	0.0
<b>Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>1 962</b>	<b>1 909</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Having in a public place an article with a blade or point used in other criminal activity	1 926	1 886	3.6	3.5
Having in a prison an article with a blade or point used in other criminal activity	14	14	0.0	0.0
Having in a school an article with a blade or point used in other criminal activity	22	9	0.0	0.0
<b>Number of detections</b>				
	Number of detections		Detection rate (%)	
	2017/18	2018/19	2017/18	2018/19
<b>Total offensive/bladed weapons</b>	<b>7 549</b>	<b>8 158</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>80.1</b>
Total pre-April 2017 weapon / knife classifications	4 057	4 183	90.9	92.5
Total new weapon / knife classifications <sup>8</sup>	3 492	3 975	66.9	70.2
<b>Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)</b>	<b>1 446</b>	<b>1 583</b>	<b>88.8</b>	<b>92.0</b>
Possession of an offensive weapon	1 357	1 508	88.6	91.4
Restriction of offensive weapons	27	19	81.8	135.7
Possession of a firearm in a prison	-	-	-	-
Possession of an offensive weapon (not elsewhere classified) in a prison	27	39	90.0	102.6
Possession of an offensive weapon (not elsewhere specified) in a school <sup>9</sup>	35	17	102.9	94.4
<b>Handling bladed/pointed instrument</b>	<b>2 611</b>	<b>2 600</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>92.7</b>
Carrying of Knives etc S Act 1993	2 441	2 470	91.6	92.8
Having in a prison an article with a blade or point	55	80	91.7	94.1
Having in a school an article with a blade or point <sup>10</sup>	115	50	103.6	89.3
<b>Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>2 144</b>	<b>2 657</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>70.8</b>
Possession of offensive weapon used in other criminal activity	2 062	2 565	65.1	70.1
Possession of offensive weapon in a prison used in other criminal activity	43	67	87.8	100.0
Possession of offensive weapon in a school used in other criminal activity	39	25	97.5	92.6
<b>Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>1 348</b>	<b>1 318</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>69.0</b>
Having in a public place an article with a blade or point used in other criminal activity	1 314	1 294	68.2	68.6
Having in a prison an article with a blade or point used in other criminal activity	12	15	85.7	107.1
Having in a school an article with a blade or point used in other criminal activity	22	9	100.0	100.0

<sup>8</sup> This is the total of crimes recorded under the new classifications to identify knives and weapons used in the commission of another crime.

<sup>9</sup> Previously possession of an offensive weapon (not elsewhere specified) in a school would have been counted within the general possession of an offensive weapon category. In some areas, when a crime report is re-opened for auditing or amendment, the crime will automatically be re-classified to the new crime classification. This is why there are small numbers of these crimes recorded in the previous year.

<sup>10</sup> Previously having in a school an article with a blade or point would have been counted within the general Carrying of Knives etc S Act 1993 category. In some areas when a crime report is re-opened for auditing or amendment the crime will automatically be re-classified to the new crime classification. This is why there are small numbers of these crimes recorded in the previous year.

<sup>11</sup> These are new classifications introduced in April 2017 to capture knives and weapons where they have been used in commission of another crime.

## Group 6 Miscellaneous Offences

There were 124,116 Group 6 crimes recorded during the period to the end of Q4 2020/21. The overall detection rate for Group 6 crimes was 77.1%.

### Common Assault

The total number of common assaults recorded was 52,048 in Q4 2020/21. Common assault of emergency workers was 8,116 which accounted for 15.6% of all common assaults reported during the period of Q4 2020/21. The detection rate was 71.9%.

### Racially Aggravated Harassment/Conduct

The number of racially aggravated harassment/conduct crimes was 1,782 in Q4 2020/21. The detection rate was 91.8%.

### Consume Alcohol in Designated Place Local Bye-Law

The number of consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law crimes was 5,614.

### Table Description

Table 7 below shows Police Scotland Management Information for 2020/21 Q4 extracted on 2nd April 2021. 2019/20 Q4 data has been refreshed and will differ from that published by Police Scotland in June 2020. The data highlighted in purple font in Table 1.2 below are provisional management information and will be subject to change.

Recorded crime and offences may be subject to change due to ongoing investigations, new information coming to light, audit and review of crime and general housekeeping. A separate revisions analysis describing these changes is available at <http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/138327/232757/management-information-revisions-analysis-Q42018>.

The data highlighted in purple font in Table 7 below are provisional management information and will be subject to change.

**Table 7**

### Group 6 miscellaneous offences recorded by Police Scotland:

*Number of recorded offences, offence rate, detected and detection rate by selected offence classification; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

Selected offence classification	Number recorded		Rate per 10,000 population	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL GROUP 6</b>	<b>128 643</b>	<b>124 116</b>	<b>236.6</b>	<b>228.2</b>
Common assault (excl. assault of emergency worker)	50 167	43 932	92.3	80.8
Common assault of emergency worker	7 534	8 116	13.9	14.9
<b>Total common assaults</b>	<b>57 701</b>	<b>52 048</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>95.7</b>
Breach of the peace	5 038	3 135	9.3	5.8
Threatening and abusive behaviour	44 474	45 670	81.8	84.0
Stalking	879	892	1.6	1.6
<b>Breach of the peace (incl. threats and stalking)</b>	<b>50 391</b>	<b>49 697</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>91.4</b>
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct	1 744	1 782	3.2	3.3
Drunk and incapable	202	171	0.4	0.3
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	4 274	5 614	7.9	10.3
Other alcohol related offences	818	176	1.5	0.3
<b>Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct</b>	<b>5 294</b>	<b>5 961</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>11.0</b>
Wildlife Offences	202	307	0.4	0.6
Other Group 6 offences	13 311	14 321	24.5	26.3

Selected offence classification	Number of detections		Detection rate (%)	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL GROUP 6</b>	<b>97 738</b>	<b>95 733</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>77.1</b>
Common assault (excl. assault of emergency worker)	32 251	29 429	64.3	67.0
Common assault of emergency worker	7 386	7 993	98.0	98.5
<b>Total common assaults</b>	<b>39 637</b>	<b>37 422</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>71.9</b>
Breach of the peace	4 963	3 114	98.5	99.3
Threatening and abusive behaviour	35 849	37 196	80.6	81.4
Stalking	702	734	79.9	82.3
<b>Breach of the peace (incl. threats and stalking)</b>	<b>41 514</b>	<b>41 044</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>82.6</b>
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct	1 536	1 636	88.1	91.8
Drunk and incapable	200	170	99.0	99.4
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	4 277	5 601	100.1	99.8
Other alcohol related offences	817	180	99.9	102.3
<b>Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct</b>	<b>5 294</b>	<b>5 951</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.8</b>
Wildlife Offences	89	166	44.1	54.1
Other Group 6 offences	9 668	9 514	72.6	66.4

## Group 7 Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles

During period to the end of Q4 2020/21 there were 115,131 Group 7 offences recorded.

### Speeding Offences

The number of speeding offences recorded was 22,607 during the period to Q4 2020/21.

### Drink, Drug Driving Offences (incl. fail to provide a specimen)

The number of drink, drug driving offences (incl. fail to provide a specimen) recorded was 8,112 during the period to the end Q4 2020/21.

### Seatbelt and Mobile Phone Offences

The were 1,590 seatbelt offences and 1,544 mobile phone offences recorded during the period to the end of Q4

### Table Description

Table 8 below shows Police Scotland Management Information for 2020/21 Q4 extracted on 2nd April 2021. 2019/20 Q4 data has been refreshed and will differ from that published by Police Scotland in June 2020. The data highlighted in purple font in Table 1.2 below are provisional management information and will be subject to change.

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**Table 8**

### Group 7 offences relating to motor vehicles recorded by Police Scotland:

*Number of recorded crimes, crime rate, detected crimes and detection rate by crime group; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

Selected offence classification	Number recorded		Rate per 10,000 population	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL GROUP 7</b>	<b>120 712</b>	<b>115 131</b>	<b>222.0</b>	<b>211.7</b>
Dangerous driving offences	3 071	3 544	5.6	6.5
Drink, drug driving offences (incl. fail to provide a specimen)	6 606	8 112	12.1	14.9
Speeding offences	28 420	22 607	52.3	41.6
Driving while disqualified	1 425	1 399	2.6	2.6
Driving without a licence	5 852	7 393	10.8	13.6
Failure to insure against third party risks	15 343	19 811	28.2	36.4
Seat belt offences	2 631	1 590	4.8	2.9
Mobile phone offences	2 226	1 544	4.1	2.8
Driving carelessly	8 413	8 222	15.5	15.1
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (not pedestrian crossings)	3 606	3 148	6.6	5.8
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	14 963	12 906	27.5	23.7
Other Group 7 offences	28 156	24 855	51.8	45.7

Selected offence classification	Number of detections		Detection rate (%)	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL GROUP 7</b>	<b>107 748</b>	<b>104 866</b>	<b>89.3</b>	<b>91.1</b>
Dangerous driving offences	2 571	3 055	83.7	86.2
Drink, drug driving offences (incl. fail to provide a specimen)	6 105	6 343	92.4	78.2
Speeding offences	28 041	22 611	98.7	100.0
Driving while disqualified	1 397	1 399	98.0	100.0
Driving without a licence	5 775	7 382	98.7	99.9
Failure to insure against third party risks	15 078	19 737	98.3	99.6
Seat belt offences	2 623	1 587	99.7	99.8
Mobile phone offences	2 199	1 546	98.8	100.1
Driving carelessly	7 689	7 523	91.4	91.5
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (not pedestrian crossings)	3 557	3 127	98.6	99.3
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	14 862	12 891	99.3	99.9
Other Group 7 offences	17 851	17 665	63.4	71.1

## Number of Road Traffic Collision Casualties

During the period to the end of Q4 2020/21, 110 people were killed on the roads. Over the same period there were 1,382 people seriously injured and 2,771 slight injuries were also recorded.

**Table 9**

**Number of road traffic collision casualties<sup>12</sup> - Police Scotland:**

*By casualty severity, 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

Casualty severity	Financial year	
	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL CASUALTIES</b>	<b>7 241</b>	<b>4 263</b>
Fatal	165	110
Serious	2 080	1 382
Slight	4 996	2 771
Number of people killed / seriously injured (KSI)	2 245	1 492
Number of children (aged <16) killed / seriously injured (KSI)	223	136

## Serious and Organised Crime

As at the end of 2020/21 Q4 there were 87 Serious Organised Crime Groups (SOCG) under investigation by Police Scotland. A further 12 SOCG are subject to British Transport Police (BTP), HM Revenue And Customs (HMRC), Home Office Immigration and Enforcement (HOIE), and Trading Standards Scotland (TSS) investigation.

### **The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA)**

As at the end of 2020/21 Q4, £47,823,435 was identified under POCA legislation. Cash and assets identified for restraint represented 93.11% of the total.

Restraint orders issued under POCA 2002, Section 120 empower the investigation and restraint of a person's assets and income where it is suspected that they are derived from criminal conduct. The total value of assets identified for restraint at the end of 2020/21 Q4 was £41,901,055 (87.62%) of the total.

POCA legislation provides for the recovery of cash through civil proceedings in Sheriff Courts. The Act creates procedures for the seizure, retention, and forfeiture of cash which is either recoverable or intended by any person for use in unlawful conduct. Cash seizures at the end of 2020/21 Q4 totalled £2,626,729 (5.49% of the total).

Expedited and direct referrals allow assets to be seized from a person through civil procedures. Any assets that can be inferred to have come from a criminal lifestyle can be scrutinised and seized. Expedited and direct referral seizures at the end of 2020/21 Q4 totalled £1,917,957 (4.01% of the total).

POCA legislation provides for the seizure and forfeiture of items of personal property ('listed assets'), including precious metals and stones, which are suspected to be recoverable property or intended for use in unlawful conduct. Listed asset seizures at the end of 2020/21 Q4 totalled £84,007 (0.18% of the total).

Section 303 of POCA 2002 allows the police to apply to the Sheriff Court for an account freezing order. This application can be made for a balance of £1,000 or more if it is believed that the funds are recoverable property or intended for use in unlawful conduct. If granted it allows the balance in the bank account to be 'frozen' for a certified period of time to then allow further enquiries with a view to forfeiture of the funds. Account freezing order at the end of 2020/21 Q4 totalled £1,293,688 (2.70% of the total).

**Table 10**  
**Proceeds of Crime Act seizures - Police Scotland:**

*By type of seizure; 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

	Q4 2020/21	% of Total
<b>TOTAL POCA RECOVERIES</b>	<b>£47,823,435</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Cash Seizures	£2,626,729	<b>5.49</b>
Restraints	£41,901,055	<b>87.62</b>
Expedited Referrals	£1,917,957	<b>4.01</b>
Direct Referrals	£0	<b>0.00</b>
Listed Assets	£84,007	<b>0.18</b>
Account Freezing Orders	£1,293,688	<b>2.70</b>

## Incident Analysis

### Incidents

Members of the public contact the police for a variety of reasons which generally result in an incident being created on the command and control incident management system. Where that incident infers a crime has been committed the police are required to raise a crime report, unless criminality can be disproved. Many other incidents are created, such as assisting the public or responding to requests for prevention activities, which do not result in a crime report being raised and which are managed solely on the incident management system.

There were 1,506,805 incidents reported to Police Scotland during the period to the end of 2020/21 Q4.

- There were 424,259 anti-social behaviour incidents (Public Reported).
- There were 525 reports of anti-social behaviour where alcohol is reported.
- Members of the public reported 31,995 assault related incidents.
- There were 57,392 reports of incidents relating to thefts and 14,312 reports relating to housebreakings.
- There were 167,685 transport related incidents reported to Police Scotland during the period to the end of 2020/21 Q4. 16,186 of these incidents related to road traffic offences.

**Table 11**  
**Incidents reported to Police Scotland:**  
*Number of incidents by initial incident type; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

Initial incident type	Incidents (Number)		Incidents (per 10,000 population)	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	<b>1 652 519</b>	<b>1 506 805</b>	<b>3 038.8</b>	<b>2 770.8</b>
<b>Anti-social behaviour (ASB) (public reported)</b>	<b>318 248</b>	<b>424 259</b>	<b>585.2</b>	<b>780.2</b>
Complaint	73 836	169 663	135.8	312.0
Disturbance	91 168	86 726	167.6	159.5
Noise	55 608	64 003	102.3	117.7
ASB (where alcohol is reported)	1 217	525	2.2	1.0
Neighbour dispute	20 251	28 645	37.2	52.7
Vandalism	34 229	30 609	62.9	56.3
Communications	41 939	44 088	77.1	81.1
Other ASB	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Transport related incidents</b>	<b>239 240</b>	<b>167 685</b>	<b>439.9</b>	<b>308.4</b>
Road traffic matter	140 645	101 246	258.6	186.2
Road traffic collision	80 675	49 183	148.4	90.4
Road traffic offence	16 659	16 186	30.6	29.8
Other transport incidents	1 261	1 070	2.3	2.0
<b>Crime related incidents <sup>13</sup></b>	<b>184 005</b>	<b>131 926</b>	<b>338.4</b>	<b>242.6</b>
Theft	82 030	57 392	150.8	105.5
Assault	43 038	31 995	79.1	58.8
Housebreaking	19 801	14 312	36.4	26.3
Other crime related incidents <sup>13</sup>	39 136	28 227	72.0	51.9
<b>Other incident types</b>	<b>911 026</b>	<b>782 935</b>	<b>1 675.3</b>	<b>1 439.7</b>

<sup>12</sup> - Excludes incidents relating to vandalism (which is included within anti-social behaviour).

## Domestic Abuse

The number of domestic incidents reported during the period to the end of Q4 2020/21 increased by 901 (3.3%) to 64 193.

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One or more crimes were recorded in 43.6% of all domestic incidents, a decrease of 3.1 percentage points. The detection rate for domestic crime for the period to the end of Q4 2020/21 was 70.5%.

**Table 12**

**Domestic abuse reported to Police Scotland:**

*Number reported and percentage which result in a crime report; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

Domestic abuse incidents	Number		Change from 2019/20	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
	62 163	64 193	2 030	3.3
<i>Proportion (%) of domestic abuse incidents which result in a crime report</i>	<i>44.1</i>	<i>43.6</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>% Point Change -0.5</i>

**Table 13**

**Number of missing person incidents - Police Scotland:**

*Number of incidents ; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

Missing Person Incidents	Financial year		No.	%
	2019/20	2020/21		
Number of Incidents	50 623	35 694	- 14 929	- 29.5

## User Experience Survey (April 2020 to March 2021)

The User Experience Survey (UES) measures the level of satisfaction with how Police Scotland have dealt with members of the public who have contacted the Force to report crimes or incidents and, consequently, their level of satisfaction in the Force.

In January 2020, a redesigned and refreshed approach to understanding public experience was launched. The revised survey aims to evaluate our performance and effectiveness and is being conducted by an external agency to ensure the validity and robustness of research and insight.

Previously conducted by telephone interviews, this survey is currently administered via SMS and completed voluntarily online by respondents. This allows continued engagement with people who have contacted Police

**TABLE 14**  
**User Experience survey:**  
*Period: 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

Question	
Q1: You contacted the police using [CONTACT METHOD FROM SAMPLE]. How easy was it to contact them? (% Easy and Very Easy)	81%
Q2: During the initial contact, how satisfied are you with the way you were treated by a staff member on the [CONTACT METHOD FROM SAMPLE]? (% Satisfied & Very satisfied)	87%
Q3: Did you feel staff properly understood what you needed? (% Yes)	89%
Q4: Do you feel that the police provided the appropriate response to the incident you reported? (% yes)	69%
Q5: Do you feel you were adequately informed about the progress made with what you reported? (% Yes)	60%
Q6: How satisfied are you with the way you were treated by the officers who attended the incident? (% Satisfied & Very Satisfied)	84%
Q7: Based on your overall experience, how satisfied are you with Police Scotland? (% Satisfied & Very Satisfied)	73%

## Covid-19 Offences

Table 15

Recorded Covid-19 Offences - Police Scotland : <sup>13</sup>

*Number reported 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q4)*

	2020/21
Number of Coronavirus offences	20 968

the number of new crimes recorded under the coronavirus legislation. This is why figures for this legislation are currently presented separately to the overall totals provided for the recorded crime in this report.

## APPENDIX 1

### Explanatory Notes on Management Information

Crimes and incidents recording for 2020/21 Q4 covers the period 1 April 2020 to March 2021 (unless otherwise stated).

Each separate crime/offence is categorised under the national classifications and grouped together for ease of reference. Road traffic collisions recorded are determined by the severity of the injury sustained by the most seriously injured casualty.

Several crimes and offences may be recorded at an incident, e.g., a house may be broken into and property stolen, the premises vandalised and the householder assaulted. Three separate crimes would be recorded in this case. The system is based on the number of actual crimes/offences rather than on the number of incidents.

This management information does not reflect the total incidence of crimes/offences or road traffic collisions, as not all incidents are reported to the police.

Unless otherwise stated, the population data used in the calculation of crime and incident rates is the mid-year 2019 population estimate published by the National Records of Scotland.

### Further information

If you require further information about any of the data published in this document please contact the Analysis and Performance Unit at [AnalysisandPerformance@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:AnalysisandPerformance@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

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## APPENDIX 1 - Continued

### Crime Group Definitions

#### Number reported 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3)

100100	Murder
100301	Culpable Homicide - common law
100200	Attempted Murder
100400	Serious Assault (common law)
100401	Culpable and reckless, causing injury (from Apr 2011)
100402	Illegal driver, disqualified/unlicensed etc. causing serious injury
100600	Robbery
604701	Common Assault
604706	Common assault of an emergency worker

<sup>13</sup> Police Scotland have used an interim and bespoke data collection to capture inf

#### Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)

201600	Sexual assault (common law, pre SOSA 2009)
201802	Defilement of girl under 13

#### Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)

201601	Sex. Assault by Penetration – M (16+)
201602	Sex. Assault by Penetration – F (16+)
201603	Sex. Assault by Penetration – M (13-15)
201604	Sex. Assault by Penetration – F (13-15)
201605	Sexual Assault – M (16+)
201606	Sexual Assault – F (16+)
201607	Sexual Assault – M (13-15)
201608	Sexual Assault – F (13-15)
201609	Sexual Coercion – M (16+)
201610	Sexual Coercion – F (16+)
201611	Sexual Coercion – M (13-15)
201612	Sexual Coercion – F (13-15)
201615	Sex. Assault by Penetration – M (< 13)
201616	Sex. Assault by Penetration – F (< 13)
201617	Sexual Assault – M (< 13)
201618	Sexual Assault – F (< 13)
201619	Cause to Participate Sexual Activity – M (< 13)
201620	Cause to Participate Sexual Activity – F (< 13)

#### Lewd & libidinous practices

201701	Lewd and libidinous practices (pre Apr 2011, common law)
201822	Lewd and Libidinous (from Apr 2011, SOSA 2009)

#### Prostitution related crime

201801	Procuration - excluding homosexual acts
201807	Brothel keeping
201809	Immoral traffic
201810	Offences related to prostitution
201812	Procuration of Homosexual Acts
201817	Soliciting services of a person engaged in prostitution

#### Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA)

201200	Incest
201301	Illegal homosexual acts
201303	Assault to commit unnatural crimes
201803	Defilement of girl under 16
201804	Carnal knowledge of mentally defective or lunatic person
201805	Householder permitting carnal knowledge of mentally defective
201806	Abducting girl under 18 woman mental defective or lunatic
201808	Person with custody & care of girl or other causing her seduction
201813	Conspiracy to commit sexual acts outside the UK
201814	Grooming of children for the purposes of sexual offences
201815	Procuration of sexual services from children under 18
201816	Procuraration of child under 18 for pornography
201821	Bestiality (from Apr 2011)
201824	Possession of extreme pornography

#### Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image

201639	Threatening to disclose an intimate image
201640	Disclosure of an intimate image

#### Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)

504301	Possession of an offensive weapon
504302	Restriction of offensive weapons
504305	Possession of a firearm in a prison
504306	Possession of an offensive weapon (not elsewhere classified) in a prison
504307	Possession of an offensive weapon (not elsewhere specified) in a school

#### Handling bladed/pointed instrument

504303	Carrying of Knives etc S Act 1993
504304	Having in a prison an article with a blade or point
504308	Having in a school an article with a blade or point

#### Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)

504309	Possession of offensive weapon used in other criminal activity
504311	Possession of offensive weapon in a prison used in other criminal activity
504313	Possession of offensive weapon in a school used in other criminal activity

#### Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)

504310	Having in a public place an article with a blade or point used in other criminal activity
504312	Having in a prison an article with a blade or point used in other criminal activity
504314	Having in a school an article with a blade or point used in other criminal activity

#### Racially aggravated harassment/conduct

604704	Racially aggravated harassment
604705	Racially aggravated conduct

For further detail on crime group descriptors please refer to Scottish Government recorded crime publication (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/06/9697/0> ).

## APPENDIX 1 - Continued

### Crime Group Definitions

#### Number reported 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3)

- 201614 Communicate indecently (SOSA)
- 201622 Communicate Indecently/Cause see/hear Indec Comm -M&F (< 13)
- 201636 Commun Indecently/Cause see/hear Indec Comm-M&F(13-15)(Cons)

#### Selected "other" sexual crimes

- 201613 Communications Act 2003 (sexual)
- 201818 Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children (from Apr 2011)
- 201702 Public indecency

<sup>13</sup> Police Scotland have used an interim and bespoke data collection to capture information on the nu

- 201703 Sexual exposure (SOSA)
- 201623 Sexual exposure to a young child (under 13)
- 201637 Sexual exposure older child (13-15)

#### Other sexual crimes (SOSA)

- 201613 Coercing a person into being present/ looking at sexual activity
- 201621 Cause to be Present Sex Act/To Look at Sex Image -M&F (< 13)
- 201624 Voyeurism - M&F (below 13)
- 201625 Intercourse wi Child - M (13-15)(Consensual)
- 201626 Intercourse wi Child - F (13-15)(Consensual)
- 201627 Penetrative Sex Activity - M (13-15)(Consensual)
- 201628 Penetrative Sex Activity - F (13-15)(Consensual)
- 201629 Sexual Activity - M (13-15)(Consensual)
- 201630 Sexual Activity - F (13-15)(Consensual)
- 201631 Cause to Participate Sex Activity - M (13-15)(Consensual)
- 201632 Cause to Participate Sex Activity - F (13-15)(Consensual)
- 201633 Engage while Older Child in Sex Conduct/Consens Sex Cond - M
- 201634 Engage while Older Child in Sex Conduct/Consens Sex Cond - F
- 201635 Cause to be Pres Sex Act/Look at Sex Image-M&F(13-15)(Cons)
- 201638 Voyeurism - M&F (13-15)
- 201704 Voyeurism
- 201819 Sex. Abuse of Trust (Children)
- 201820 Sex. Abuse of Trust of a Mentally Disordered Person
- 201823 Administering a substance for sexual Purposes

#### Racially aggravated harassment/conduct

- 604704 Racially aggravated harassment
- 604705 Racially aggravated conduct

#### Other alcohol related offences

- 606003 Drunk in charge of a child
- 606004 Drunk and attempting to enter licensed premises
- 606005 Drunk or dinking in unlicensed premises
- 606006 Disorderly on licensed premises (and refusing to quit pre 2009/10)
- 606007 Drunk in or attempting to enter designated sports ground
- 606008 Refusing to quit a licensed premise (previously 606006 pre 2009/10)

#### Wildlife offences

- 605104 Birds, offences involving
- 605113 Hunting with dogs
- 605114 Cruelty to wild animals
- 605115 Offences involving badgers
- 605116 Other wildlife offences
- 605601 Salmon and freshwater fisheries offences
- 605603 Possession of salmon or trout unlawfully obtained
- 605701 Poaching and game laws
- 605702 Deer - S - offences
- 607322 Other conservation offences

#### Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen

- 730101 Driving motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs
- 730102 In charge of motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs
- 730103 Driving motor vehicle with blood alcohol content above prescribed limit
- 730104 In charge of motor vehicle with blood alcohol content above prescribed limit
- 730105 Failure to provide breath specimen at the roadside
- 730106 Failure to provide breath, blood or urine specimen at police station

For further detail on crime group descriptors please refer to Scottish Government recorded crime publication (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/06/9697/0>).

## APPENDIX 2 Population Data <sup>2 3</sup>

Number reported 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3) Local Council Area PS Division		Mid-year (June)	
		2019/20 2018	2020/21 2019
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,438,100</b>	<b>5,463,300</b>
Aberdeen City	North East	227 560	228 670
Aberdeenshire	North East	261 470	261 210
Angus	Tayside	116 040	116 200
Argyll & Bute	Argyll and West Dunbartonshire	86 260	85 870
<sup>13</sup> Police Scotland have used an	ir Forth Valley	51 400	51 540
Dumfries & Galloway	Dumfries & Galloway	148 790	148 860
User Experience Survey	Tayside	148 750	149 320
East Ayrshire	Ayrshire	121 840	122 010
East Dunbartonshire	19	108 330	108 640
East Lothian	Lothian & Scottish Borders	105 790	107 090
East Renfrewshire	Greater Glasgow	95 170	95 530
Edinburgh, City of	Edinburgh	518 500	524 930
Na h-Eileanan Siar	Highland and Islands	26 830	26 720
Falkirk	Forth Valley	160 340	160 890
Fife	Fife	371 910	373 550
Glasgow City	Greater Glasgow	626 410	633 120
Highland	Highland and Islands	235 540	235 830
Inverclyde	Renfrewshire and Inverclyde	78 150	77 800
Midlothian	Lothian & Scottish Borders	91 340	92 460
Moray	North East	95 520	95 820
North Ayrshire	Ayrshire	135 280	134 740
North Lanarkshire	Lanarkshire	340 180	341 370
Orkney Islands	Highland and Islands	22 190	22 270
Perth & Kinross	Tayside	151 290	151 950
Renfrewshire	Renfrewshire and Inverclyde	177 790	179 100
Scottish Borders	Lothian & Scottish Borders	115 270	115 510
Shetland Islands	Highland and Islands	22 990	22 920
South Ayrshire	Ayrshire	112 550	112 610
South Lanarkshire	Lanarkshire	319 020	320 530
Stirling	Forth Valley	94 330	94 210
West Dunbartonshire	Argyll and West Dunbartonshire	89 130	88 930
West Lothian	Lothian & Scottish Borders	182 140	183 100

<sup>2</sup> - Mid-year population data based on extracts from National Records for Scotland (<http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/>), as at April 2019.

<sup>3</sup> - Due to when population data are published it is necessary to use earlier mid-year estimates in some calculations. As soon as more current population data are available, the above table will be updated.

