| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1573Responded to: 02 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**The number of recorded assaults and other violent crimes within Scottish schools in the financial years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25. Break this down by the age of the child concerned if possible.**

**The number of crimes of violence committed by under 18 year olds, broken down by age group (for example 1-10 year olds and 11-18 year olds) in the financial years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25.**

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, for the time period covered by your request, the crime recording systems used by Police Scotland have no facility whereby the age of the individuals involved can be easily extracted, nor can specific premises such as schools be automatically identified.

As such, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to individually examine each crime report for all violent offences for the time period requested.

To illustrate the numbers involved, please see our published recorded and detected crime statistics: [How we are performing - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/)

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.