| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1256  Responded to: 12 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## In the years 2015-2025 how many kidnapping cases were reported? (If possible list by year, age and gender?)

I can advise that Police Scotland does not hold the above requested information.

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, Police Scotland record crimes using the Scottish Government Justice Department crime clasifications, however, there is no crime in Scotland of kidnapping.

To be of assistance, data for abduction and plagium can be found online - [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)​.  In terms of extracting the age/ gender of the victims, any such research would be likely to be cost exempt on the basis that individual review of crime reports would be necessary. To illustrate, there were 273 recorded crimes of abduction in Scotland in 2023/24 alone.

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.