| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2429  Responded to: 03 September 2025 |
| --- | --- |

Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I wish to make a Freedom of Information Request for the number of civilian staff in each division of Police Scotland on the 1st of April in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025.**

**With a breakdown of each division & year.**

With regards to providing data prior to 2015 I can advise you that Police Scotland does not hold the requested information.

To explain, Police Scotland came into existence on 1 April 2013 and inherited a diverse range of functions, structures and responsibilities along with a substantial restructuring process. Statistics prior to Police Scotland’s existence was recorded on the basis of legacy structure and as a result of the amalgamation of different system’s across Scotland, the quality of the data cannot be guaranteed until 2015 onwards.

Figures are not recorded on the 1st April and as such, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To be of assistance, we record the requested information annually on 31st March and have provided this at the end of the response.

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.

**Police Staff (FTE) number, by Division & Year – 31/03/2015-31/03/2025. Figures correct as at 31st March annually.**

| **Division** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **2025** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A Division | 123 | 126 | 118 | 124 | 117 | 115 | 119 | 117 | 116 | 110 | 101 |
| D Division | 69 | 59 | 54 | 51 | 50 | 47 | 48 | 45 | 43 | 41 | 40 |
| N Division | 78 | 80 | 71 | 71 | 70 | 69 | 70 | 72 | 63 | 62 | 62 |
| C Division | 41 | 37 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 25 | 26 |
| E Division | 78 | 79 | 69 | 70 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 75 | 65 | 60 | 56 |
| J Division | 62 | 69 | 64 | 55 | 62 | 63 | 61 | 64 | 56 | 53 | 50 |
| P Division | 72 | 62 | 60 | 66 | 64 | 65 | 63 | 61 | 53 | 52 | 50 |
| G Division | 99 | 96 | 90 | 91 | 86 | 85 | 84 | 81 | 83 | 79 | 70 |
| K Division | 26 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 21 | 23 | 24 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 20 |
| L Division | 20 | 20 | 20 | 17 | 17 | 20 | 19 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 15 |
| Q Division | 65 | 57 | 56 | 56 | 56 | 54 | 51 | 48 | 47 | 50 | 47 |
| U Division | 32 | 33 | 31 | 31 | 30 | 32 | 30 | 29 | 26 | 28 | 25 |
| V Division | 33 | 34 | 33 | 32 | 31 | 34 | 33 | 33 | 32 | 29 | 28 |
| B Division | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Contact, Command & Control Division | 1081 | 1171 | 1168 | 1125 | 1125 | 1038 | 1061 | 1051 | 1093 | 1081 | 1126 |
| Corporate Services Division | 1905 | 1878 | 1775 | 1696 | 1798 | 1930 | 1953 | 1851 | 1912 | 1865 | 1932 |
| Criminal Justice Services Division | 283 | 273 | 585 | 575 | 709 | 859 | 843 | 832 | 843 | 855 | 836 |
| Custody Division | 364 | 351 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Licensing Violence Reduction Division | 26 | 32 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Operation Support Division | 171 | 159 | 156 | 237 | 239 | 252 | 256 | 245 | 243 | 241 | 243 |
| Partner-ship, Prevention & Community Wellbeing Division | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 24 |
| Specialist Crime Division | 346 | 524 | 318 | 517 | 542 | 579 | 585 | 582 | 604 | 498 | 539 |
| Scottish Police Authority | 524 | 335 | 522 | 334 | 370 | 350 | 351 | 474 | 515 | 622 | 641 |
| **Totals** | **5506.45** | **5499.253** | **5269.297** | **5198.098** | **5480.741** | **5709.575** | **5746.985** | **5746.043** | **5878.201** | **5807.02** | **5929.275** |