| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2209  Responded to: 30 September 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1. The number of assault-related calls (including common assault, serious assault, and assault with intent) received by Police Scotland on the following dates:

## • 31st October 2020 • 31st October 2021 • 31st October 2022 • 31st October 2023 • 31st October 2024

In response to your request, a search of Police Scotland’s incident recording system was carried out with ‘Initial Incident Type’ recorded as ‘Assault’ for the dates specified in your request. Figures are provided in the table below.

| **Date** | **Total Incidents Recorded** |
| --- | --- |
| 31st Oct 2020 | 103 |
| 31st Oct 2021 | 175 |
| 31st Oct 2022 | 135 |
| 31st Oct 2023 | 127 |
| 31st Oct 2024 | 139 |

## 2. For each of the dates listed above, please also provide the number of those assault calls where no unit was dispatched to attend the incident in person.

## If possible, please break this down by region/division, but this is not essential.

A breakdown of the above figures to include Number of Units Dispatched/ Not Dispatched by Division, is provided in the table below.

| **Division** | **Date** | **Unit Dispatched** | **Unit Not Dispatched** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| North East | 31st Oct 2020 | 6 | 1 |
| North East | 31st Oct 2021 | 10 | 3 |
| North East | 31st Oct 2022 | 5 | 4 |
| North East | 31st Oct 2023 | 13 | 4 |
| North East | 31st Oct 2024 | 8 | 7 |
| Tayside | 31st Oct 2020 | 10 | 2 |
| Tayside | 31st Oct 2021 | 16 | 7 |
| Tayside | 31st Oct 2022 | 8 | 4 |
| Tayside | 31st Oct 2023 | 8 | 0 |
| Tayside | 31st Oct 2024 | 6 | 5 |
| Highlands and Islands | 31st Oct 2020 | 6 | 1 |
| Highlands and Islands | 31st Oct 2021 | 5 | 0 |
| Highlands and Islands | 31st Oct 2022 | 3 | 0 |
| Highlands and Islands | 31st Oct 2023 | 4 | 0 |
| Highlands and Islands | 31st Oct 2024 | 2 | 0 |
| Forth Valley | 31st Oct 2020 | 1 | 0 |
| Forth Valley | 31st Oct 2021 | 9 | 1 |
| Forth Valley | 31st Oct 2022 | 5 | 5 |
| Forth Valley | 31st Oct 2023 | 6 | 0 |
| Forth Valley | 31st Oct 2024 | 8 | 4 |
| Edinburgh City | 31st Oct 2020 | 9 | 3 |
| Edinburgh City | 31st Oct 2021 | 17 | 4 |
| Edinburgh City | 31st Oct 2022 | 14 | 8 |
| Edinburgh City | 31st Oct 2023 | 10 | 4 |
| Edinburgh City | 31st Oct 2024 | 13 | 4 |
| The Lothians and Scottish Borders | 31st Oct 2020 | 8 | 1 |
| The Lothians and Scottish Borders | 31st Oct 2021 | 8 | 2 |
| The Lothians and Scottish Borders | 31st Oct 2022 | 13 | 1 |
| The Lothians and Scottish Borders | 31st Oct 2023 | 16 | 1 |
| The Lothians and Scottish Borders | 31st Oct 2024 | 10 | 4 |
| Fife | 31st Oct 2020 | 12 | 2 |
| Fife | 31st Oct 2021 | 8 | 4 |
| Fife | 31st Oct 2022 | 13 | 2 |
| Fife | 31st Oct 2023 | 7 | 4 |
| Fife | 31st Oct 2024 | 9 | 5 |
| Greater Glasgow | 31st Oct 2020 | 10 | 2 |
| Greater Glasgow | 31st Oct 2021 | 26 | 5 |
| Greater Glasgow | 31st Oct 2022 | 13 | 5 |
| Greater Glasgow | 31st Oct 2023 | 21 | 2 |
| Greater Glasgow | 31st Oct 2024 | 17 | 5 |
| Ayrshire | 31st Oct 2020 | 4 | 1 |
| Ayrshire | 31st Oct 2021 | 8 | 1 |
| Ayrshire | 31st Oct 2022 | 5 | 2 |
| Ayrshire | 31st Oct 2023 | 7 | 0 |
| Ayrshire | 31st Oct 2024 | 3 | 2 |
| Lanarkshire | 31st Oct 2020 | 8 | 1 |
| Lanarkshire | 31st Oct 2021 | 14 | 7 |
| Lanarkshire | 31st Oct 2022 | 11 | 3 |
| Lanarkshire | 31st Oct 2023 | 9 | 0 |
| Lanarkshire | 31st Oct 2024 | 12 | 2 |
| Argyll and West Dunbartonshire | 31st Oct 2020 | 1 | 1 |
| Argyll and West Dunbartonshire | 31st Oct 2021 | 6 | 1 |
| Argyll and West Dunbartonshire | 31st Oct 2022 | 3 | 1 |
| Argyll and West Dunbartonshire | 31st Oct 2023 | 1 | 2 |
| Argyll and West Dunbartonshire | 31st Oct 2024 | 3 | 0 |
| Renfrewshire and Inverclyde | 31st Oct 2020 | 10 | 1 |
| Renfrewshire and Inverclyde | 31st Oct 2021 | 6 | 2 |
| Renfrewshire and Inverclyde | 31st Oct 2022 | 5 | 1 |
| Renfrewshire and Inverclyde | 31st Oct 2023 | 3 | 1 |
| Renfrewshire and Inverclyde | 31st Oct 2024 | 7 | 0 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 31st Oct 2020 | 2 | 0 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 31st Oct 2021 | 4 | 1 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 31st Oct 2022 | 1 | 0 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 31st Oct 2023 | 2 | 2 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 31st Oct 2024 | 3 | 0 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as at 15/09/2025.  
Error and transferred incidents have been removed.  
"Unit Dispatched" / "Unit Not Dispatched" are derived from a vaild date/ timestamp within the "Unit Dispatched" variable on the incident record.  
Incidents searched on ‘Initial Service Code=’CR-71 – Assault’

(It should be noted that an alternative approach to your request would be to search for incidents with an ‘assault’ disposal rather than initial incident classification. Such data can be provided on request if it is of interest.)

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.