| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1050Responded to: 4 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I would like data from January 2022 to the most recent data you have on:**

1. **The number of under 18s charged with violent crimes.
The number of those who were previously known to police.
The number of those who were known to police owing to calls or incidents logged from their family home.**
2. **The number of 18-21 year old’s charged with violent crimes.
The number of those who were previously known to police.
The number of those who were known to police owing to calls or incidents logged from their family home.**

**Violent crimes definition:**

**Murder and manslaughter (unlawful killing of another person)
Sexual Offences: Rape, sexual assault, and other forms of non-consensual sexual acts
Assault
Offences involving a knife or sharp instrument
Robbery
Aggravated assault
Kidnapping**

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) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

For the time period covered by your request, we are unable to search crime reports based on the age of the accused at the time of the offence, other than by case by case assessment.

Furthermore, any attempt to research whether individuals were previously known to the police would involve extensive research of a number of police databases.

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.