| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1298  Responded to: 24 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please tell me how many police offices were there in Scotland in April 2013, when Police Scotland was formed, with front counters open to the public [eg for reporting crime]?**

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, to provide this information would require a review of archive records as we do not hold any direct records of this information and would need to work out which stations were open etc in a particular year looking at old rates bills and other internal reports etc. As such, this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

It should also be noted that due to merging legacy forces, along with the changes in recording process over the years, we are unable to guarantee the accuracy of any data we are able to produce.

**Please tell me how many police offices are there in Scotland at the time of receipt of this FOI with front counters open to the public?**

Regarding current stations, I must advise the information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

[Police Scotland's station opening hours - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/police-station-opening-hours/)

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.