| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0924  Responded to: 15 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**The number of fireraising (excluding muirburn) and muirburn offences (codes 32/001 and 32/003) reported to the service in the past three calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024).**

**Please break the results down by the following:**

**• Month and year of the report (e.g. January 2022, February 2022, etc.)**

**• Location (As specific as is reasonably possible)**

**• If the investigation led to an arrest (yes/no/ongoing)**

**• If a suspect was formally charged with the crime (yes/no/ongoing)**

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) and 27(1) exemptions apply:

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

The information requested is publicly available:

[Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

Police Scotland do not routinely or otherwise collate data on ‘arrests’. Detected crimes are those where an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings.

**• If the crime caused injuries to a victim or victims (yes/no)**

**• The age and gender (if known) of offenders**

**How many suspects were repeat offenders? By ‘repeat offender’, I refer to having been arrested or suspected of either crime within the last five years.**

**If any of the above sub-categories cause the request to exceed the permitted time frame for a response, please omit them with my consent. I am aware that data is published online, but please note that I am looking for supplementary details including arrests, charges and demographics, and would like to receive data for all calendar years stated above.**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process this part of your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

Researching your request would require the individual assessment of all crime reports relating to fireraising, as we have no means of searching crime reports based on the age of the accused at the time of the offence, whether the suspect is a repeat offender, or whether there were any injuries sustained.

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.