| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0512  Responded to: 20th June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The number of individuals aged 12-17 and 18-25 who were arrested and held in custody in South Lanarkshire during the years 2022, 2023, and 2024.

## The number of individuals aged 12-17 and 18-25 who were arrested and held in custody in North Lanarkshire during the years 2022, 2023, and 2024

In response to these questions, the number of individuals aged 12-17 and 18-25 who were arrested *and* brought into either Coatbridge Custody Suite and Motherwell Custody Suite in 2022, 2023, and 2024 are set out in the table below:

| **Custody Centre** | **Age Group** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Coatbridge | 12 – 17 yr old | 160 | 246 | 220 |
|  | 18 – 25 yr old | 809 | 990 | 886 |
| Motherwell | 12 – 17 yr old | 262 | 269 | 223 |
|  | 18 – 25 yr old | 1143 | 1088 | 1119 |
|  | **Total** | **2374** | **2593** | **2519** |

Count of Custody Records by Age Group and Year Record Started

Period: 01/01/2022 – 31/12/2024

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of 24th April 2025.

1. The data was extracted using the Custody start date and by restricting to Division = Lanarkshire.
2. Statistics exclude Sequential custody records, rejected custodies and custody types of S23, Voluntary Attendees and Transit.
3. The age at custody has been calculated using the custody start data and the nominal date of birth on the master record.

## A breakdown of the times of arrest for these individuals, ideally specifying how many were arrested in each hour between 6:00 PM and 6:00 AM on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. If an hourly breakdown is not possible, I would request the number of arrests in the following time periods instead for Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays:

## Between 6:00 PM and midnight

## Between midnight and 6:00 AM

In response to this final section of your request, please refer to the table at the bottom of the document which provides a breakdown by custody start date/ time.

I would highlight that the information we have provided within this response relates to individuals who were arrested and subsequently brought into the specified custody suites only.

There are situations whereby a person must be released from police custody prior to their arrival at a police station - effectively they are ‘de-arrested’ - where the reasonable grounds for suspicion no longer exist. In those circumstances, the details of an arrested person are not held electronically.

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.

Count of Custody Records by Age Group and Year/ Hour of the Arrest Start Time

Period: 01/01/2022 – 31/12/2024

| **Custody Centre** | **Age Group** | **2022 Total** | **Thurs 18.00 – 06.00 Fri** | **Fri 18.00 – 06.00 Sat** | **Sat 18.00 – 06.00 Sun** | **2023 Total** | **Thurs 18.00 – 06.00 Fri** | **Fri 18.00 – 06.00 Sat** | **Sat 18.00 – 06.00 Sun** | **2024 Total** | **Thurs 18.00 – 06.00 Fri** | **Fri 18.00 – 06.00 Sat** | **Sat 18.00 – 06.00 Sun** |
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| Coatbridge | 12 – 17 yr old | 160 | 6 | 21 | 24 | 246 | 26 | 28 | 33 | 220 | 5 | 24 | 27 |
|  | 18 – 25 yr old | 809 | 58 | 95 | 117 | 990 | 73 | 109 | 120 | 886 | 69 | 88 | 116 |
| Motherwell | 12 – 17 yr old | 262 | 11 | 30 | 23 | 269 | 21 | 22 | 30 | 223 | 12 | 22 | 19 |
|  | 18 – 25 yr old | 1143 | 92 | 138 | 116 | 1088 | 95 | 118 | 108 | 1190 | 99 | 116 | 115 |
|  | **Total** | **2374** | **167** | **284** | **280** | **2593** | **215** | **277** | **291** | **2519** | **185** | **250** | **277** |

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