| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1048  Responded to: 28 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many FTE civilian staff have been on Police Scotland’s payroll for each year, in the past 10 years?

Due to Police Scotland record retention policies, we can only provide data from 2020/21. Information prior to this date is not held and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

Below is a table providing the number of Police Staff as requested above.

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| **Year** | **Police Staff Headcount** |
| 2020-2021 | 6,133 |
| 2021-2022 | 6,108 |
| 2022-2023 | 6,246 |
| 2023-2024 | 6,171 |
| 2024-2025 | 6,280 |

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.