| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2412  Responded to: 06 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**i) Number of thefts/burglaries from farms/agricultural buildings/farmhouse in Dumfries and Galloway reported to Police Scotland in 2024**

**ii) Number of arrests as a result of thefts/burglaries from farms/agricultural buildings/farmhouse in Dumfries and Galloway reported to Police Scotland in 2024**

**iii) Number of charges as a result of thefts/burglaries from farms/agricultural buildings/farmhouse in Dumfries and Galloway reported to Police Scotland in 2024**

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, there is no facility available on our crime recording systems which allows us to search for crimes where the locus is specifically a farm, agricultural building or farmhouse.

As such, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to individually examine every crime report recorded for 2024 - an exercise which would clearly far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

To be of assistance, recorded & detected crime statistics are available on our website: [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/), the relevant Scottish offence classifications would be:

• theft by housebreaking - dwelling;

• theft by housebreaking - non-dwelling, or

• theft by housebreaking - other property.

As crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the [Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/user-guide-recorded-crime-statistics-scotland-3/documents/) offence classifications.

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.