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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## What was the overtime spend for custody per year in the last 5 years, please break it down by area (N,E,W).

The table below details the total overtime spend for custody broken down by custody area (East, North and West) over the last five financial years (2021-2025), inclusive:

|  | **Accounting Year** | | | | |  |
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| **Custody Area** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **2025** | **Grand Total (Area)** |
| East | 259,150.15 | 498,667.32 | 550,899.53 | 411,380.42 | 414,900.06 | 2,134,997.48 |
| North | 34,963.81 | 52,357.16 | 144,284.26 | 128,842.30 | 126,497.77 | 486,945.30 |
| West | 269,110.43 | 313,233.77 | 551,036.96 | 691,590.35 | 895,546.47 | 2,720,520.98 |
| **Grand Total (Year)** | **563,224.39** | **864,258.25** | **1,246,223.75** | **1,231,813.07** | **1,436,944.30** | **5,342,468.76** |

It is important to note that ‘overtime’ was calculated to include both Core and Non-Core Overtime for custody for officers and staff.

The basis used for the “last 5 years” covered the last five full financial years of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 (from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2025).

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.