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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

**The number of people charged under the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-Restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Act 2021 each month since it was introduced in August 2021.**

**A breakdown of the monthly totals in each local authority area.**

In response to your request, please first of all be advised that offences in Scotland are identified as being recorded/ detected.

Please find tables relevant to your enquiry at the end of this letter.

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 at 12th January 2022.

Please note, that the Crime Database is currently being developed to translate all Retail Worker Offences correctly.

The work is ongoing, and the data currently displayed is incomplete at this time and may not be accurate.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on [foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk) quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to [foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk) or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision.

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You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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**Recorded** Specified Offence Against Retail Workers, Police Scotland.  
24th August 2021 - 31st December 2021 (inclusive)

<b>Offence/ Council Area</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Common assault of a retail worker</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>397</b>
Aberdeen City			2	2	5	9
Aberdeenshire					1	1
Angus		3		1	3	7
Argyll & Bute		1	1		1	3
City of Edinburgh	10	12	19	29	32	102
Clackmannanshire					1	1
Dumfries & Galloway		1				1
Dundee City	2	3	3	10	7	25
East Ayrshire	2	2		1		5
East Dunbartonshire		1		2	2	5
East Lothian		2	3		1	6
Falkirk			2	2	5	9
Glasgow City	6	26	33	24	25	114
Highland		3	3	1	5	12
Inverclyde		1	2	2		5
Midlothian			1		2	3
Moray					1	1
North Ayrshire		3	5	3		11
North Lanarkshire		5	2	6	3	16
Perth & Kinross	1	2		1		4
Renfrewshire		2	2	5	5	14
Scottish Borders		1	2	1		4
South Ayrshire		1	2			3
South Lanarkshire		4	6	3	4	17
West Dunbartonshire		1		2	5	8
West Lothian	1	3	2		5	11
<b>Serious assault of a retail worker</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Dundee City					1	1
Glasgow City			1		1	2
<b>Threatening or abusive behaviour of a retail worker</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>598</b>
Aberdeen City			6		7	13
Aberdeenshire	1			1	3	5
Angus		3	8	9	3	23
Argyll & Bute			2	2	5	9
City of Edinburgh	3	15	30	29	34	111
Clackmannanshire					1	1
Dundee City	2	9	5	7	22	45
East Ayrshire	1	4	1	2	4	12
East Dunbartonshire		1		2		3
East Lothian	1		3	3	3	10
East Renfrewshire		2		5	2	9
Falkirk			3	1	8	12

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Glasgow City	11	30	46	31	35	153
Highland		3	1		1	5
Inverclyde		2	2	2	1	7
Midlothian	1		4	1	7	13
Moray			1	1		2
North Ayrshire		5	15	2	4	26
North Lanarkshire	2	4	6	6	3	21
Perth & Kinross		5	4	5	1	15
Renfrewshire			4	3	4	11
Scottish Borders	1	2	4	4		11
South Ayrshire		2	2	3	3	10
South Lanarkshire	1	8	13	1	11	34
West Dunbartonshire	1	9	1	1	4	16
West Lothian	2	2	4	7	6	21
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>998</b>

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<b>Offence/ Council Area</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Common assault of a retail worker</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>211</b>
Aberdeen City					1	1
Angus		3			3	6
Argyll & Bute			1			1
City of Edinburgh	2	4	9	10	17	42
Dumfries & Galloway		1				1
Dundee City		3	2	5	6	16
East Ayrshire	1	1	2	1		5
East Dunbartonshire		1		2	2	5
East Lothian			4			4
Falkirk			2	2	1	5
Glasgow City	2	15	22	7	13	59
Highland		2	1	1	2	6
Inverclyde				4		4
Midlothian					1	1
Moray					1	1
North Ayrshire		3	5	2		10
North Lanarkshire			2	4	1	7
Perth & Kinross	1	2				3
Renfrewshire			2	1	7	10
Scottish Borders		1	1		1	3
South Ayrshire			2			2
South Lanarkshire		3	2		2	7
West Dunbartonshire		1			3	4
West Lothian	1	2	1	1	3	8
<b>Serious assault of a retail worker</b>			<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>
Glasgow City			1			1
<b>Threatening or abusive behaviour of a retail worker</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>294</b>
Aberdeen City				1	4	5
Aberdeenshire				1	4	5
Angus		2	5	8	3	18
Argyll & Bute				1	4	5
City of Edinburgh	1	3	10	11	15	40
Clackmannanshire					1	1
Dundee City		5	2	2	13	22
East Ayrshire	1	2	2	1	1	7
East Dunbartonshire				1		1
East Lothian		1	2	2		5
East Renfrewshire		1	1	1		3
Falkirk				1	6	7
Glasgow City	3	10	17	18	20	68
Highland		1	1			2
Inverclyde			1	3		4

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Midlothian	1	2		2	5	
Moray			1		1	
North Ayrshire	4	9	2	5	20	
North Lanarkshire	3	1		6	10	
Perth & Kinross	3	2	2	3	10	
Renfrewshire		3	1	2	6	
Scottish Borders	1	3		2	6	
South Ayrshire		2	3		5	
South Lanarkshire	4	10	1	3	18	
West Dunbartonshire	5			1	6	
West Lothian	1	3	4	2	14	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>506</b>