



**POLICE
SCOTLAND**
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Recorded Police Direct Measures

(experimental statistics)

Force Report: Quarter 3
2020/21

Number of Police Direct Measures

The data supplied has been taken from information held on the Criminal History System (CHS) and is accurate as of February 4, 2021.

Recorded Police Warnings (RPW) and Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices (ASB FPN) are just two of a range of disposal options available to the Police in relation to lower level offending. These schemes are intended to have a positive impact on individuals by providing an intervention mechanism that is timely, justifiable and proportionate to the crime or incident under review.

An RPW or ASB FPN can be issued for a range of offences with the main offences detailed in this report, offenders can and will continue to be reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service where appropriate. An RPW or ASB FPN is not a conviction but may be considered relevant information for the purposes of a Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) disclosure certificate and an enhanced disclosure certificate.

These figures do not include direct measures issued in respect of Road Traffic Offences.

Please note that Police Direct Measures are not available at local council level as this geographical data is not collected as part of the CHS data.

These data are being published as experimental statistics, and are Police Scotland management information. They are not official statistics.

Table 1.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland:
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	17 967	16 753	- 1 214	- 6.8
Theft (by shoplifting)	2 168	1 184	- 984	- 45.4
Theft (other)	991	914	- 77	- 7.8
Vandalism	689	620	- 69	- 10.0
Misuse of Drugs	5 077	5 013	- 64	- 1.3
Assault (non-injury)	2 037	1 545	- 492	- 24.2
Breach of the Peace ¹	4 324	4 628	304	7.0
Urinating ²	480	140	- 340	- 70.8
Licensing Offences ³	1 294	1 480	186	14.4
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	133	x	x
Other	907	1 096	189	20.8

Table 1.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland:
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	5 892	12 635	6 743	114.4
Vandalism	87	86	- 1	- 1.1
Breach of the Peace ⁵	3 432	2 193	- 1 239	- 36.1
Urinating ²	1 004	385	- 619	- 61.7
Licensing Offences ³	1 220	1 582	362	29.7
Noise Nuisance ⁴	29	99	70	241.4
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	8 142	x	x
Other	120	148	28	23.3

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Table 2.1.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (North East):
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	1 461	1 131	- 330	- 22.6
Theft (by shoplifting)	142	71	- 71	- 50.0
Theft (other)	80	69	- 11	- 13.8
Vandalism	56	42	- 14	- 25.0
Misuse of Drugs	545	438	- 107	- 19.6
Assault (non-injury)	211	145	- 66	- 31.3
Breach of the Peace ¹	215	235	20	9.3
Urinating ²	60	4	- 56	- 93.3
Licensing Offences ³	40	10	- 30	- 75.0
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	7	x	x
Other	112	110	- 2	- 1.8

Table 2.1.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (North East)
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	763	388	- 375	- 49.1
Vandalism	6	1	- 5	- 83.3
Breach of the Peace ⁵	317	77	- 240	- 75.7
Urinating ²	353	43	- 310	- 87.8
Licensing Offences ³	71	14	- 57	- 80.3
Noise Nuisance ⁴	2	8	6	300.0
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	233	x	x
Other	14	12	- 2	- 14.3

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Table 2.2.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Tayside):
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	742	668	- 74	- 10.0
Theft (by shoplifting)	113	58	- 55	- 48.7
Theft (other)	59	42	- 17	- 28.8
Vandalism	44	34	- 10	- 22.7
Misuse of Drugs	156	140	- 16	- 10.3
Assault (non-injury)	135	105	- 30	- 22.2
Breach of the Peace ¹	193	218	25	13.0
Urinating ²	8	1	- 7	- 87.5
Licensing Offences ³	14	3	- 11	- 78.6
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	21	x	x
Other	20	46	26	130.0

Table 2.2.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Tayside)
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	183	431	248	135.5
Vandalism	9	16	7	77.8
Breach of the Peace ⁵	131	6	- 125	- 95.4
Urinating ²	26	7	- 19	- 73.1
Licensing Offences ³	14	4	- 10	- 71.4
Noise Nuisance ⁴	1	6	5	500.0
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	391	x	x
Other	2	1	- 1	- 50.0

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Table 2.3.1

Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Highland and Islands):

By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	1 049	830	- 219	- 20.9
Theft (by shoplifting)	121	73	- 48	- 39.7
Theft (other)	55	39	- 16	- 29.1
Vandalism	75	45	- 30	- 40.0
Misuse of Drugs	295	368	73	24.7
Assault (non-injury)	145	61	- 84	- 57.9
Breach of the Peace ¹	233	178	- 55	- 23.6
Urinating ²	23	9	- 14	- 60.9
Licensing Offences ³	37	12	- 25	- 67.6
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	2	x	x
Other	65	43	- 22	- 33.8

Table 2.3.2

Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Highland and Islands)

By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	133	299	166	124.8
Vandalism	7	5	- 2	- 28.6
Breach of the Peace ⁵	49	32	- 17	- 34.7
Urinating ²	45	23	- 22	- 48.9
Licensing Offences ³	27	11	- 16	- 59.3
Noise Nuisance ⁴	4	3	- 1	- 25.0
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	221	x	x
Other	1	4	3	300.0

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Table 2.4.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Forth Valley):
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	1 060	871	- 189	- 17.8
Theft (by shoplifting)	111	55	- 56	- 50.5
Theft (other)	76	42	- 34	- 44.7
Vandalism	72	43	- 29	- 40.3
Misuse of Drugs	322	290	- 32	- 9.9
Assault (non-injury)	92	76	- 16	- 17.4
Breach of the Peace ¹	300	256	- 44	- 14.7
Urinating ²	26	4	- 22	- 84.6
Licensing Offences ³	21	29	8	38.1
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	13	x	x
Other	40	63	23	57.5

Table 2.4.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Forth Valley)
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	81	393	312	385.2
Vandalism	5	2	- 3	- 60.0
Breach of the Peace ⁵	32	24	- 8	- 25.0
Urinating ²	24	5	- 19	- 79.2
Licensing Offences ³	16	15	- 1	- 6.3
Noise Nuisance ⁴	3	7	4	133.3
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	337	x	x
Other	1	3	2	200.0

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Table 2.5.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Edinburgh):
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	2 372	1 823	- 549	- 23.1
Theft (by shoplifting)	303	152	- 151	- 49.8
Theft (other)	147	141	- 6	- 4.1
Vandalism	86	65	- 21	- 24.4
Misuse of Drugs	644	510	- 134	- 20.8
Assault (non-injury)	325	211	- 114	- 35.1
Breach of the Peace ¹	585	531	- 54	- 9.2
Urinating ²	98	45	- 53	- 54.1
Licensing Offences ³	61	28	- 33	- 54.1
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	9	x	x
Other	123	131	8	6.5

Table 2.5.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Edinburgh)
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	175	1 018	843	481.7
Vandalism	4	9	5	125.0
Breach of the Peace ⁵	96	92	- 4	- 4.2
Urinating ²	39	73	34	87.2
Licensing Offences ³	16	9	- 7	- 43.8
Noise Nuisance ⁴	3	12	9	300.0
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	805	x	x
Other	17	18	1	5.9

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Table 2.6.1

Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (The Lothians and Scottish Borders)

By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	932	805	- 127	- 13.6
Theft (by shoplifting)	88	44	- 44	- 50.0
Theft (other)	51	52	1	2.0
Vandalism	26	55	29	111.5
Misuse of Drugs	185	188	3	1.6
Assault (non-injury)	125	96	- 29	- 23.2
Breach of the Peace ¹	288	272	- 16	- 5.6
Urinating ²	90	8	- 82	- 91.1
Licensing Offences ³	10	7	- 3	- 30.0
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	-	x	-
Other	69	83	14	20.3

Table 2.6.2

Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (The Lothians and Scottish Borders)

By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	47	160	113	240.4
Vandalism	4	4	-	-
Breach of the Peace ⁵	22	15	- 7	- 31.8
Urinating ²	15	3	- 12	- 80.0
Licensing Offences ³	2	4	2	100.0
Noise Nuisance ⁴	-	1	1	x
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	125	x	x
Other	4	8	4	100.0

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Table 2.7.1

Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Fife):

By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	796	934	138	17.3
Theft (by shoplifting)	114	75	- 39	- 34.2
Theft (other)	63	82	19	30.2
Vandalism	44	52	8	18.2
Misuse of Drugs	136	126	- 10	- 7.4
Assault (non-injury)	104	124	20	19.2
Breach of the Peace ¹	229	291	62	27.1
Urinating ²	14	8	- 6	- 42.9
Licensing Offences ³	49	51	2	4.1
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	10	x	x
Other	43	115	72	167.4

Table 2.7.2

Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Fife)

By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	42	254	212	504.8
Vandalism	-	1	1	x
Breach of the Peace ⁵	21	11	- 10	- 47.6
Urinating ²	6	1	- 5	- 83.3
Licensing Offences ³	8	4	- 4	- 50.0
Noise Nuisance ⁴	2	3	1	50.0
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	222	x	x
Other	5	12	7	140.0

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Table 2.8.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Greater Glasgow):
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	3 638	3 829	191	5.3
Theft (by shoplifting)	523	247	- 276	- 52.8
Theft (other)	176	179	3	1.7
Vandalism	87	79	- 8	- 9.2
Misuse of Drugs	1 012	1 023	11	1.1
Assault (non-injury)	340	278	- 62	- 18.2
Breach of the Peace ¹	735	963	228	31.0
Urinating ²	88	36	- 52	- 59.1
Licensing Offences ³	522	822	300	57.5
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	37	x	x
Other	155	165	10	6.5

Table 2.8.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Greater Glasgow)
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	1 658	4 687	3 029	182.7
Vandalism	26	30	4	15.4
Breach of the Peace ⁵	932	768	- 164	- 17.6
Urinating ²	212	104	- 108	- 50.9
Licensing Offences ³	464	788	324	69.8
Noise Nuisance ⁴	4	35	31	775.0
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	2 925	x	x
Other	20	37	17	85.0

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Table 2.9.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Ayrshire):
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	971	986	15	1.5
Theft (by shoplifting)	133	96	- 37	- 27.8
Theft (other)	62	44	- 18	- 29.0
Vandalism	43	47	4	9.3
Misuse of Drugs	214	201	- 13	- 6.1
Assault (non-injury)	132	98	- 34	- 25.8
Breach of the Peace ¹	258	334	76	29.5
Urinating ²	2	2	-	-
Licensing Offences ³	85	87	2	2.4
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	1	x	x
Other	42	76	34	81.0

Table 2.9.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Ayrshire)
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	501	672	171	34.1
Vandalism	3	2	- 1	- 33.3
Breach of the Peace ⁵	359	168	- 191	- 53.2
Urinating ²	52	21	- 31	- 59.6
Licensing Offences ³	77	61	- 16	- 20.8
Noise Nuisance ⁴	3	3	-	-
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	413	x	x
Other	7	4	- 3	- 42.9

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Table 2.10.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Lanarkshire):
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	2 868	3 016	148	5.2
Theft (by shoplifting)	282	180	- 102	- 36.2
Theft (other)	112	136	24	21.4
Vandalism	70	82	12	17.1
Misuse of Drugs	897	989	92	10.3
Assault (non-injury)	229	213	- 16	- 7.0
Breach of the Peace ¹	727	832	105	14.4
Urinating ²	27	10	- 17	- 63.0
Licensing Offences ³	377	380	3	0.8
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	21	x	x
Other	147	173	26	17.7

Table 2.10.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Lanarkshire)
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	1 133	1 877	744	65.7
Vandalism	12	8	- 4	- 33.3
Breach of the Peace ⁵	746	532	- 214	- 28.7
Urinating ²	68	43	- 25	- 36.8
Licensing Offences ³	280	333	53	18.9
Noise Nuisance ⁴	2	12	10	500.0
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	920	x	x
Other	25	29	4	16.0

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Table 2.11.1

Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Argyll and West Dunbartonshire)

By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	661	744	83	12.6
Theft (by shoplifting)	80	46	- 34	- 42.5
Theft (other)	21	30	9	42.9
Vandalism	22	33	11	50.0
Misuse of Drugs	230	347	117	50.9
Assault (non-injury)	60	43	- 17	- 28.3
Breach of the Peace ¹	186	195	9	4.8
Urinating ²	7	3	- 4	- 57.1
Licensing Offences ³	16	7	- 9	- 56.3
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	1	x	x
Other	39	39	-	-

Table 2.12.2

Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Argyll and West Dunbartonshire)

By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	531	1 136	605	113.9
Vandalism	4	4	-	-
Breach of the Peace ⁵	298	225	- 73	- 24.5
Urinating ²	49	27	- 22	- 44.9
Licensing Offences ³	162	237	75	46.3
Noise Nuisance ⁴	4	3	- 1	- 25.0
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	628	x	x
Other	14	12	- 2	- 14.3

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5 - Breach of the Peace (common law) only.

Number of Police Direct Measures

Table 2.12.1

Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Renfrewshire and Inverclyde)

By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	746	667	- 79	- 10.6
Theft (by shoplifting)	124	58	- 66	- 53.2
Theft (other)	63	35	- 28	- 44.4
Vandalism	32	18	- 14	- 43.8
Misuse of Drugs	227	243	16	7.0
Assault (non-injury)	75	58	- 17	- 22.7
Breach of the Peace ¹	139	175	36	25.9
Urinating ²	10	2	- 8	- 80.0
Licensing Offences ³	56	37	- 19	- 33.9
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	10	x	x
Other	20	31	11	55.0

Table 2.12.2

Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Renfrewshire and Inverclyde)

By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	538	1 114	576	107.1
Vandalism	3	2	- 1	- 33.3
Breach of the Peace ⁵	383	200	- 183	- 47.8
Urinating ²	78	13	- 65	- 83.3
Licensing Offences ³	70	95	25	35.7
Noise Nuisance ⁴	1	6	5	500.0
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	792	x	x
Other	3	6	3	100.0

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Number of Police Direct Measures

Table 2.13.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Dumfries and Galloway):
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	671	449	- 222	- 33.1
Theft (by shoplifting)	34	29	- 5	- 14.7
Theft (other)	26	23	- 3	- 11.5
Vandalism	32	25	- 7	- 21.9
Misuse of Drugs	214	150	- 64	- 29.9
Assault (non-injury)	64	37	- 27	- 42.2
Breach of the Peace ¹	236	148	- 88	- 37.3
Urinating ²	27	8	- 19	- 70.4
Licensing Offences ³	6	7	1	16.7
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	1	x	x
Other	32	21	- 11	- 34.4

Table 2.13.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Dumfries and Galloway)
By type of offence; 2019/20 - 2020/21 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2019/20	2020/21	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	107	206	99	92.5
Vandalism	4	2	- 2	- 50.0
Breach of the Peace ⁵	46	43	- 3	- 6.5
Urinating ²	37	22	- 15	- 40.5
Licensing Offences ³	13	7	- 6	- 46.2
Noise Nuisance ⁴	-	-	-	-
Coronavirus (Restrictions)	-	130	x	x
Other	7	2	- 5	- 71.4

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