



**POLICE
SCOTLAND**
Keeping people safe

Recorded Police Direct Measures

(experimental statistics)

Force Report: Quarter 3
2019/20

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 24, 2020.

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; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	16 990	17 866	876	5.2
Theft (by shoplifting)	2 662	2 155	- 507	- 19.0
Theft (other)	868	984	116	13.4
Vandalism	629	687	58	9.2
Misuse of Drugs	4 864	5 043	179	3.7
Assault (non-injury)	1 237	2 024	787	63.6
Breach of the Peace ¹	4 103	4 301	198	4.8
Urinating ²	405	479	74	18.3
Licensing Offences ³	1 469	1 292	- 177	- 12.0
Other	753	901	148	19.7

Table 1.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland:
By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	7 157	5 896	- 1 261	- 17.6
Vandalism	106	87	- 19	- 17.9
Breach of the Peace ⁵	4 060	3 436	- 624	- 15.4
Urinating ²	1 261	1 004	- 257	- 20.4
Licensing Offences ³	1 522	1 220	- 302	- 19.8
Noise Nuisance ⁴	51	29	- 22	- 43.1
Other	157	120	- 37	- 23.6

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Table 2.1.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (North East):
By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	1 232	1 431	199	16.2
Theft (by shoplifting)	189	134	- 55	- 29.1
Theft (other)	64	79	15	23.4
Vandalism	58	56	- 2	- 3.4
Misuse of Drugs	403	532	129	32.0
Assault (non-injury)	132	210	78	59.1
Breach of the Peace ¹	181	212	31	17.1
Urinating ²	24	60	36	150.0
Licensing Offences ³	79	40	- 39	- 49.4
Other	102	108	6	5.9

Table 2.1.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (North East):
By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	928	767	- 161	- 17.3
Vandalism	10	6	- 4	- 40.0
Breach of the Peace ⁵	335	321	- 14	- 4.2
Urinating ²	450	353	- 97	- 21.6
Licensing Offences ³	116	71	- 45	- 38.8
Noise Nuisance ⁴	2	2	-	-
Other	15	14	- 1	- 6.7

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Table 2.2.1

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

By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	808	741	- 67	- 8.3
Theft (by shoplifting)	178	113	- 65	- 36.5
Theft (other)	47	58	11	23.4
Vandalism	48	44	- 4	- 8.3
Misuse of Drugs	187	156	- 31	- 16.6
Assault (non-injury)	89	135	46	51.7
Breach of the Peace ¹	199	192	- 7	- 3.5
Urinating ²	9	8	- 1	- 11.1
Licensing Offences ³	26	14	- 12	- 46.2
Other	25	21	- 4	- 16.0

Table 2.2.2

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

By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	391	183	- 208	- 53.2
Vandalism	25	9	- 16	- 64.0
Breach of the Peace ⁵	261	131	- 130	- 49.8
Urinating ²	65	26	- 39	- 60.0
Licensing Offences ³	32	14	- 18	- 56.3
Noise Nuisance ⁴	5	1	- 4	- 80.0
Other	3	2	- 1	- 33.3

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Table 2.3.1

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

By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	988	1 033	45	4.6
Theft (by shoplifting)	162	120	- 42	- 25.9
Theft (other)	47	55	8	17.0
Vandalism	51	75	24	47.1
Misuse of Drugs	295	290	- 5	- 1.7
Assault (non-injury)	94	139	45	47.9
Breach of the Peace ¹	230	231	1	0.4
Urinating ²	22	22	-	-
Licensing Offences ³	31	37	6	19.4
Other	56	64	8	14.3

Table 2.3.2

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

By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	248	132	- 116	- 46.8
Vandalism	7	7	-	-
Breach of the Peace ⁵	102	48	- 54	- 52.9
Urinating ²	72	45	- 27	- 37.5
Licensing Offences ³	50	27	- 23	- 46.0
Noise Nuisance ⁴	5	4	- 1	- 20.0
Other	12	1	- 11	- 91.7

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Table 2.4.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Forth Valley):
By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	1 142	1 057	- 85	- 7.4
Theft (by shoplifting)	159	111	- 48	- 30.2
Theft (other)	61	76	15	24.6
Vandalism	65	72	7	10.8
Misuse of Drugs	325	320	- 5	- 1.5
Assault (non-injury)	93	91	- 2	- 2.2
Breach of the Peace ¹	320	300	- 20	- 6.3
Urinating ²	33	26	- 7	- 21.2
Licensing Offences ³	37	21	- 16	- 43.2
Other	49	40	- 9	- 18.4

Table 2.4.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Forth Valley):
By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	101	81	- 20	- 19.8
Vandalism	4	5	1	25.0
Breach of the Peace ⁵	56	32	- 24	- 42.9
Urinating ²	24	24	-	-
Licensing Offences ³	13	16	3	23.1
Noise Nuisance ⁴	4	3	- 1	- 25.0
Other	-	1	1	x

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Table 2.5.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Edinburgh):
By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	2 130	2 369	239	11.2
Theft (by shoplifting)	342	303	- 39	- 11.4
Theft (other)	125	147	22	17.6
Vandalism	83	87	4	4.8
Misuse of Drugs	597	645	48	8.0
Assault (non-injury)	164	324	160	97.6
Breach of the Peace ¹	579	585	6	1.0
Urinating ²	81	98	17	21.0
Licensing Offences ³	53	61	8	15.1
Other	106	119	13	12.3

Table 2.5.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Edinburgh):
By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	272	176	- 96	- 35.3
Vandalism	5	4	- 1	- 20.0
Breach of the Peace ⁵	140	96	- 44	- 31.4
Urinating ²	85	39	- 46	- 54.1
Licensing Offences ³	24	16	- 8	- 33.3
Noise Nuisance ⁴	2	3	1	50.0
Other	16	18	2	12.5

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Table 2.6.1

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

By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	871	930	59	6.8
Theft (by shoplifting)	94	88	- 6	- 6.4
Theft (other)	58	52	- 6	- 10.3
Vandalism	36	26	- 10	- 27.8
Misuse of Drugs	248	184	- 64	- 25.8
Assault (non-injury)	58	125	67	115.5
Breach of the Peace ¹	266	285	19	7.1
Urinating ²	51	90	39	76.5
Licensing Offences ³	9	10	1	11.1
Other	51	70	19	37.3

Table 2.6.2

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

By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	76	47	- 29	- 38.2
Vandalism	-	4	4	x
Breach of the Peace ⁵	53	22	- 31	- 58.5
Urinating ²	8	15	7	87.5
Licensing Offences ³	3	2	- 1	- 33.3
Noise Nuisance ⁴	-	-	-	-
Other	12	4	- 8	- 66.7

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Table 2.7.1

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

By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	788	781	- 7	- 0.9
Theft (by shoplifting)	112	111	- 1	- 0.9
Theft (other)	65	62	- 3	- 4.6
Vandalism	41	42	1	2.4
Misuse of Drugs	151	131	- 20	- 13.2
Assault (non-injury)	87	102	15	17.2
Breach of the Peace ¹	233	227	- 6	- 2.6
Urinating ²	8	14	6	75.0
Licensing Offences ³	56	49	- 7	- 12.5
Other	35	43	8	22.9

Table 2.7.2

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

By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	85	41	- 44	- 51.8
Vandalism	1	-	- 1	- 100.0
Breach of the Peace ⁵	42	21	- 21	- 50.0
Urinating ²	28	6	- 22	- 78.6
Licensing Offences ³	8	8	-	-
Noise Nuisance ⁴	2	2	-	-
Other	4	4	-	-

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Table 2.8.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Greater Glasgow):
By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	3 387	3 627	240	7.1
Theft (by shoplifting)	648	525	- 123	- 19.0
Theft (other)	156	173	17	10.9
Vandalism	66	87	21	31.8
Misuse of Drugs	954	1 012	58	6.1
Assault (non-injury)	213	340	127	59.6
Breach of the Peace ¹	590	726	136	23.1
Urinating ²	78	88	10	12.8
Licensing Offences ³	587	520	- 67	- 11.4
Other	95	156	61	64.2

Table 2.8.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Greater Glasgow):
By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	1 857	1 658	- 199	- 10.7
Vandalism	19	26	7	36.8
Breach of the Peace ⁵	1 010	932	- 78	- 7.7
Urinating ²	206	212	6	2.9
Licensing Offences ³	585	464	- 121	- 20.7
Noise Nuisance ⁴	12	4	- 8	- 66.7
Other	25	20	- 5	- 20.0

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Table 2.9.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Ayrshire):
By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	891	971	80	9.0
Theft (by shoplifting)	147	133	- 14	- 9.5
Theft (other)	44	61	17	38.6
Vandalism	43	44	1	2.3
Misuse of Drugs	225	214	- 11	- 4.9
Assault (non-injury)	68	132	64	94.1
Breach of the Peace ¹	219	257	38	17.4
Urinating ²	9	2	- 7	- 77.8
Licensing Offences ³	95	85	- 10	- 10.5
Other	41	43	2	4.9

Table 2.9.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Ayrshire):
By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	540	501	- 39	- 7.2
Vandalism	7	3	- 4	- 57.1
Breach of the Peace ⁵	365	359	- 6	- 1.6
Urinating ²	60	52	- 8	- 13.3
Licensing Offences ³	94	77	- 17	- 18.1
Noise Nuisance ⁴	2	3	1	50.0
Other	12	7	- 5	- 41.7

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Table 2.10.1
Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Lanarkshire):
By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	2 591	2 853	262	10.1
Theft (by shoplifting)	316	280	- 36	- 11.4
Theft (other)	114	111	- 3	- 2.6
Vandalism	90	69	- 21	- 23.3
Misuse of Drugs	702	891	189	26.9
Assault (non-injury)	111	228	117	105.4
Breach of the Peace ¹	747	723	- 24	- 3.2
Urinating ²	31	27	- 4	- 12.9
Licensing Offences ³	352	377	25	7.1
Other	128	147	19	14.8

Table 2.10.2
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Lanarkshire):
By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	1 136	1 134	- 2	- 0.2
Vandalism	14	12	- 2	- 14.3
Breach of the Peace ⁵	758	747	- 11	- 1.5
Urinating ²	87	68	- 19	- 21.8
Licensing Offences ³	246	280	34	13.8
Noise Nuisance ⁴	8	2	- 6	- 75.0
Other	23	25	2	8.7

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Table 2.11.1

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

By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	693	660	- 33	- 4.8
Theft (by shoplifting)	107	80	- 27	- 25.2
Theft (other)	24	21	- 3	- 12.5
Vandalism	14	22	8	57.1
Misuse of Drugs	281	229	- 52	- 18.5
Assault (non-injury)	34	59	25	73.5
Breach of the Peace ¹	158	187	29	18.4
Urinating ²	11	7	- 4	- 36.4
Licensing Offences ³	34	16	- 18	- 52.9
Other	30	39	9	30.0

Table 2.12.2

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

By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	614	531	- 83	- 13.5
Vandalism	13	4	- 9	- 69.2
Breach of the Peace ⁵	307	298	- 9	- 2.9
Urinating ²	62	49	- 13	- 21.0
Licensing Offences ³	205	162	- 43	- 21.0
Noise Nuisance ⁴	5	4	- 1	- 20.0
Other	22	14	- 8	- 36.4

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Number of Police Direct Measures

Table 2.12.1

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

By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	832	746	- 86	- 10.3
Theft (by shoplifting)	169	123	- 46	- 27.2
Theft (other)	38	63	25	65.8
Vandalism	23	31	8	34.8
Misuse of Drugs	277	228	- 49	- 17.7
Assault (non-injury)	50	75	25	50.0
Breach of the Peace ¹	148	140	- 8	- 5.4
Urinating ²	21	10	- 11	- 52.4
Licensing Offences ³	87	56	- 31	- 35.6
Other	19	20	1	5.3

Table 2.12.2

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

By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	746	538	- 208	- 27.9
Vandalism	-	3	3	x
Breach of the Peace ⁵	524	383	- 141	- 26.9
Urinating ²	78	78	-	-
Licensing Offences ³	130	70	- 60	- 46.2
Noise Nuisance ⁴	4	1	- 3	- 75.0
Other	10	3	- 7	- 70.0

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Number of Recorded Police Warnings - Police Scotland (Dumfries and Galloway):

By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Recorded Police Warnings	637	667	30	4.7
Theft (by shoplifting)	39	34	- 5	- 12.8
Theft (other)	25	26	1	4.0
Vandalism	11	32	21	190.9
Misuse of Drugs	219	211	- 8	- 3.7
Assault (non-injury)	44	64	20	45.5
Breach of the Peace ¹	233	236	3	1.3
Urinating ²	27	27	-	-
Licensing Offences ³	23	6	- 17	- 73.9
Other	16	31	15	93.8

Table 2.13.2

Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices - Police Scotland (Dumfries and Galloway):

By type of offence; 2018/19 - 2019/20 (year-to-date to end of Q3).

Type of Offence	Financial Year		Change	
	2018/19	2019/20	No.	%
Police Penalty Notices	163	107	- 56	- 34.4
Vandalism	1	4	3	300.0
Breach of the Peace ⁵	107	46	- 61	- 57.0
Urinating ²	36	37	1	2.8
Licensing Offences ³	16	13	- 3	- 18.8
Noise Nuisance ⁴	-	-	-	-
Other	3	7	4	133.3

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