| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-0853  Responded to: 20th April 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to know how many sudden deaths the police have attended annually since January the 1st 2019?

The tables at the end of this document provides the number of incidents recorded on

Police Scotland’s incident recording system, STORM, where the final incident type was recorded as ‘Sudden Death’. These tables provide a breakdown by Divisional area and month from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2022.

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 15th

March 2023.

I must stress that these statistics are based on incidents categorised as Sudden Death only, and are not Sudden Death Reports which have been submitted to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.

## Table 1: Recorded Sudden Death STORM Incidents, by Divisional Area

Period: 1st January 2019 – 31st December 2019

| **Division** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| North East | 68 | 49 | 75 | 51 | 53 | 45 | 53 | 57 | 64 | 50 | 66 | 64 |
| Tayside | 77 | 67 | 78 | 56 | 53 | 65 | 64 | 56 | 54 | 55 | 52 | 88 |
| Highlands and Islands | 38 | 34 | 32 | 21 | 20 | 33 | 41 | 29 | 36 | 28 | 42 | 29 |
| Forth Valley | 59 | 44 | 33 | 48 | 45 | 42 | 48 | 38 | 38 | 34 | 28 | 53 |
| Edinburgh | 72 | 68 | 76 | 65 | 68 | 56 | 56 | 45 | 66 | 35 | 58 | 62 |
| Lothian and Borders | 95 | 62 | 57 | 52 | 58 | 48 | 45 | 45 | 32 | 44 | 54 | 56 |
| Fife | 77 | 69 | 50 | 61 | 50 | 53 | 41 | 46 | 47 | 51 | 56 | 59 |
| Greater Glasgow | 164 | 144 | 156 | 139 | 153 | 142 | 126 | 127 | 128 | 157 | 136 | 148 |
| Ayrshire | 77 | 69 | 70 | 55 | 54 | 57 | 53 | 61 | 52 | 73 | 60 | 69 |
| Lanarkshire | 124 | 107 | 113 | 98 | 97 | 90 | 75 | 80 | 85 | 92 | 82 | 97 |
| Argyll and West Dunbartonshire | 43 | 32 | 25 | 31 | 22 | 32 | 22 | 24 | 24 | 35 | 32 | 31 |
| Renfrewshire and Inverclyde | 56 | 33 | 35 | 41 | 43 | 43 | 50 | 32 | 48 | 32 | 40 | 47 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 24 | 24 | 31 | 9 | 22 | 20 | 24 | 19 | 12 | 16 | 27 | 16 |
| **Total** | **974** | **802** | **831** | **727** | **738** | **726** | **698** | **659** | **686** | **702** | **733** | **819** |

## Table 2: Recorded Sudden Death STORM Incidents, by Divisional Area

Period: 1st January 2020 – 31st December 2020

| **Division** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| North East | 66 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 62 | 72 | 62 | 70 | 57 | 70 | 64 | 81 |
| Tayside | 61 | 66 | 73 | 77 | 81 | 52 | 62 | 46 | 67 | 63 | 68 | 99 |
| Highlands and Islands | 44 | 34 | 39 | 31 | 31 | 29 | 40 | 38 | 28 | 31 | 41 | 44 |
| Forth Valley | 34 | 42 | 28 | 42 | 48 | 42 | 39 | 38 | 34 | 49 | 48 | 51 |
| Edinburgh | 56 | 36 | 63 | 62 | 84 | 51 | 43 | 56 | 64 | 58 | 60 | 74 |
| Lothian and Borders | 54 | 60 | 49 | 63 | 64 | 53 | 70 | 64 | 49 | 47 | 58 | 88 |
| Fife | 41 | 52 | 63 | 64 | 42 | 38 | 52 | 48 | 52 | 45 | 63 | 54 |
| Greater Glasgow | 154 | 159 | 163 | 194 | 180 | 171 | 158 | 136 | 161 | 184 | 153 | 188 |
| Ayrshire | 53 | 68 | 49 | 56 | 57 | 49 | 46 | 38 | 50 | 59 | 60 | 82 |
| Lanarkshire | 126 | 89 | 104 | 139 | 118 | 105 | 92 | 109 | 92 | 107 | 108 | 131 |
| Argyll and West Dunbartonshire | 35 | 26 | 39 | 28 | 29 | 23 | 30 | 33 | 25 | 33 | 27 | 29 |
| Renfrewshire and Inverclyde | 40 | 37 | 56 | 60 | 53 | 33 | 27 | 42 | 40 | 40 | 41 | 53 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 18 | 25 | 29 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 26 | 22 | 22 | 27 | 17 | 41 |
| **Total** | **782** | **751** | **813** | **899** | **874** | **743** | **747** | **740** | **741** | **813** | **808** | **1015** |

## Table 3: Recorded Sudden Death STORM Incidents, by Divisional Area

Period: 1st January 2021 – 31st December 2021

| **Division** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| North East | 77 | 58 | 68 | 60 | 59 | 72 | 68 | 66 | 60 | 59 | 57 | 62 |
| Tayside | 68 | 79 | 60 | 63 | 62 | 60 | 55 | 69 | 62 | 79 | 77 | 80 |
| Highlands and Islands | 44 | 40 | 30 | 41 | 34 | 40 | 49 | 41 | 41 | 52 | 32 | 49 |
| Forth Valley | 59 | 53 | 38 | 47 | 37 | 36 | 45 | 25 | 47 | 48 | 51 | 41 |
| Edinburgh | 80 | 66 | 66 | 64 | 67 | 64 | 59 | 71 | 65 | 63 | 69 | 90 |
| Lothian and Borders | 71 | 56 | 79 | 45 | 67 | 76 | 75 | 67 | 76 | 83 | 68 | 83 |
| Fife | 68 | 53 | 66 | 62 | 68 | 45 | 61 | 56 | 60 | 69 | 57 | 83 |
| Greater Glasgow | 203 | 179 | 151 | 144 | 129 | 125 | 129 | 124 | 121 | 128 | 143 | 158 |
| Ayrshire | 73 | 74 | 56 | 70 | 56 | 45 | 52 | 64 | 41 | 93 | 50 | 74 |
| Lanarkshire | 129 | 118 | 105 | 106 | 111 | 87 | 98 | 88 | 92 | 113 | 130 | 124 |
| Argyll and West Dunbartonshire | 46 | 27 | 27 | 21 | 29 | 33 | 29 | 33 | 29 | 29 | 33 | 31 |
| Renfrewshire and Inverclyde | 56 | 31 | 51 | 37 | 49 | 30 | 37 | 34 | 41 | 37 | 48 | 43 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 43 | 34 | 26 | 14 | 26 | 23 | 27 | 20 | 24 | 20 | 28 | 22 |
| **Total** | **1017** | **868** | **823** | **774** | **794** | **736** | **784** | **758** | **759** | **873** | **843** | **940** |

## Table 4: Recorded Sudden Death STORM Incidents, by Divisional Area

Period: 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022

| **Division** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| North East | 87 | 49 | 56 | 64 | 65 | 54 | 60 | 66 | 69 | 70 | 65 | 84 |
| Tayside | 67 | 70 | 89 | 72 | 64 | 60 | 65 | 73 | 70 | 63 | 60 | 116 |
| Highlands and Islands | 52 | 34 | 44 | 41 | 47 | 48 | 48 | 43 | 42 | 51 | 59 | 63 |
| Forth Valley | 61 | 46 | 31 | 48 | 34 | 28 | 40 | 55 | 45 | 46 | 46 | 62 |
| Edinburgh | 79 | 79 | 77 | 78 | 76 | 75 | 62 | 72 | 69 | 83 | 68 | 102 |
| Lothian and Borders | 79 | 68 | 73 | 57 | 77 | 73 | 60 | 72 | 70 | 66 | 74 | 108 |
| Fife | 65 | 51 | 64 | 62 | 46 | 62 | 58 | 50 | 49 | 57 | 80 | 78 |
| Greater Glasgow | 136 | 113 | 119 | 110 | 121 | 119 | 100 | 111 | 112 | 143 | 139 | 181 |
| Ayrshire | 72 | 53 | 76 | 67 | 65 | 52 | 64 | 59 | 56 | 55 | 62 | 78 |
| Lanarkshire | 107 | 104 | 104 | 109 | 90 | 102 | 108 | 89 | 93 | 115 | 118 | 164 |
| Argyll and West Dunbartonshire | 26 | 23 | 43 | 27 | 23 | 26 | 30 | 21 | 24 | 33 | 28 | 45 |
| Renfrewshire and Inverclyde | 58 | 30 | 40 | 46 | 45 | 39 | 34 | 51 | 42 | 38 | 47 | 64 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 17 | 27 | 22 | 21 | 29 | 29 | 28 | 26 | 15 | 26 | 24 | 32 |
| **Total** | **906** | **747** | **838** | **802** | **782** | **767** | **757** | **788** | **756** | **846** | **870** | **1177** |