| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2155  Responded to: 15 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**For years 2019-2024, please provide the number of and nature of fireworks-related complaints received (for eg noise, use in a public place, anti-social behaviour etc), by month**

The table below details all recorded firework incidents for calendar years 2019 to 2024 (inclusive) by month:

| **Month** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Jan | 42 | 43 | 33 | 34 | 36 | 23 |
| Feb | 20 | 11 | 36 | 10 | 15 | 22 |
| Mar | 16 | 9 | 105 | 8 | 10 | 11 |
| Apr | 5 | 11 | 23 | 3 | 13 | 17 |
| May | 17 | 25 | 46 | 27 | 10 | 19 |
| Jun | 19 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 16 | 11 |
| Jul | 20 | 21 | 13 | 18 | 11 | 10 |
| Aug | 18 | 16 | 12 | 14 | 9 | 14 |
| Sep | 12 | 17 | 20 | 60 | 41 | 55 |
| Oct | 381 | 507 | 249 | 292 | 324 | 482 |
| Nov | 634 | 665 | 433 | 415 | 500 | 659 |
| Dec | 43 | 63 | 23 | 22 | 30 | 43 |
| **Total** | **1227** | **1401** | **1002** | **916** | **1015** | **1366** |

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Data was extracted using the incident raised date/ presence of the firework disposal code.  
Error and transferred incidents have been removed.

**For years 2019-2024, please provide the number of and nature of (for eg noise, use in a public place, anti-social behaviour etc) fireworks-related incidents investigated, by month**

The table below details all recorded firework incidents for calendar years 2019 to 2024 (inclusive) by incident type:

| **Initial incident type** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Public nuisance | 1110 | 1291 | 910 | 838 | 911 | 1249 |
| Personal attack alarm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Disturbance | 25 | 19 | 12 | 13 | 37 | 37 |
| Noise | 14 | 12 | 13 | 8 | 10 | 12 |
| Drinking in public | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neighbour dispute | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Communications | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Hate crime | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| External force request | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Police information | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| Special events/ operations | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Forensic examination | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Police generated activity | 0 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Assist member of the public | 10 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 4 |
| External agency request | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Theft | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Vehicle theft | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Housebreaking | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suspect persons | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Assault | 5 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Damage | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Other crime | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Public demo | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Firearms incident | 9 | 16 | 26 | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| Bomb threat | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suspicious incident | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Fires | 11 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Explosion | 12 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Utilities incident | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Animals | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Domestic incident | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abandoned/ silent 999 call | 3 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 11 |
| Concern for person | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Child protection | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Search and rescue | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Road traffic collision | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Road traffic matter | 5 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 5 |
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In relation to whether or not these incidents were ‘investigated’, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland in those terms and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

Police Scotland’s C3 Division use the THRIVE model (Threat, Harm, Risk, Investigation, Vulnerability, Engagement’ to risk assess and manage reports, calls and incidents within their Service Centres, Area Control Rooms and Resolution Teams.

The vast majority of incidents recorded will not go on to warrant the generation of a crime report in accordance with the [Scottish Crime Recording Standard](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/p0nfjj2c/scottish-crime-recording-standard-crime-recording-and-counting-rules-april-2021.pdf?view=Standard).

To be of assistance, I can advise you that 376 of the incidents detailed above resulted in the creation of a crime report.

All other incidents will have been disposed of in other ways.

Police Scotland provide victims of crime with a bespoke service, which fits what has happened and the level of impact on the victim. That means we can deploy the right people, with the right level of training, to deal with incidents.

Specially trained police officers and staff make an enhanced assessment, taking account the needs and circumstances of every caller, to ensure the most appropriate response is provided every time we are contacted.

If a call is non-urgent, advice and guidance may be provided over the phone or through a personal appointment or through referral to a partner agency.

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.