| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0657  Responded to: 21 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**By provision of the FOI act, could you please give me a breakdown of the number of fines/penalties issues by Police Scotland, each year from 2020 to 2024, for the following offences:**

* **Littering**
* **Fly tipping**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, the necessary checks have been carried out with no return data for fixed penalty notices in relation to littering or fly tipping between 2020 – 2024

To be of assistance, I can provide the number of recorded and detected littering crimes within the time period of your request.

Detected crimes are those where an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings.

Please note caveats below the tables.

*Table 1: Recorded Littering Crimes – 2020-2024 (calendar years)*

| **Crime/Offence** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Littering Offences | 113 | 67 | 43 | 47 | 40 |

*Table 2: Detected Littering Crimes - 2020-2024 (calendar years)*

| **Crime/Offence** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Littering Offences | 90 | 47 | 35 | 35 | 30 |

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 23rd April 2025.

The data was extracted using the crime's raised and detected date and by using SGJD code 607301.

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.

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Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

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