| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0718  Responded to: 17 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please can you provide, for the area covered by Police Scotland, the total number of offences recorded in 2024 to motorists for having a registration plate that was mark obscured / indistinguishable?**

In response to your request, the table below details numbers of fixed penalty notices issued in 2024 for the offences of Obscured Number/Hackney Plate and Registration Mark (Size, Shape or Character of Letter) in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD) offence classifications.

| Offence | Number of fixed penalty notices issued |
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| Obscured Number/Hackney Plate – 318.002 | 87 |
| Registration Mark (Size, Shape or Character of Letter) – 318.003 | 831 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.

Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as at 7 April 2025.

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.