| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1999  Responded to: 14 July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I wish to make a Freedom of Information Request for the number of police cells in each division of Police Scotland on the 1st of April in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025. With a breakdown of each year & division.**

The National Custody Operating Model is comprised of three main types of facilities:

Primary – open full time to receive persons.

Weekend Opening – situated in areas of higher custody demand but only routinely opened to provide additional capacity at times of peak weekend demand.

Ancillary – available for activation as and when required.

We have considered your request in terms of the number of police cells in each division of Police Scotland on the 1st April in 2013-2025.

Exact figures as at 1st April each year are not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, cell numbers are subject to change due to any short notice closures and records of ‘daily’ cell status are not routinely stored.

To be of assistance, the below table provides a list of Police Scotland custody centres, by Division and year and includes the number of cell spaces which are not in use or are temporarily closed due to renovation work being carried out. Information for years 2022 & 2023 is not held.

Figures taken from Care and Welfare Standard Operating Procedures and are correct as at the date of their publishing.

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.

| **Custody Centre** | **Division** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **2025** |
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| Bucksburn | A | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aberdeen | A | 31 | 31 | 31 | 60 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kittybrewster | A |  |  |  |  | 62 | 62 | 62 | 62 | 62 |  |  | 62 | 62 |
| Elgin | A | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |  |  | 14 | 14 |
| Fraserburgh | A | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |  |  | 15 | 15 |
| Ballater | A | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Banchory | A | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |  |  | 3 | 3 |
| Banff | A | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Ellon | A | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Forres | A | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |  |  | 4 | 4 |
| Huntly | A | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Inverurie | A | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |  |  | 10 | 10 |
| Peterhead | A | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |  |  |  |  |
| Stonehaven | A | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |  |  | 6 | 6 |
| Arbroath | D | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |  |  |  |  |
| Dundee | D | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |  |  | 40 | 40 |
| Perth | D | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |  |  | 18 |  |
| Inverness | N | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 |  |  | 42 | 42 |
| Alness | N | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| Aviemore | N | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| Benbecula | N | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |  |  | 3 | 3 |
| Castlebay (Barra) | N | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Dingwall | N | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Fort William | N | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |  |  | 8 | 8 |
| Kirkwall | N | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |  |  | 6 | 6 |
| Kyle of Lochlash | N | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Lerwick | N | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |  |  | 6 | 6 |
| Nairn | N | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |  |  | 3 |  |
| Portree | N | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Lochmaddy | N | 3 | 3 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stornoway | N | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |  |  | 7 | 7 |
| Thurso | N | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |  |  | 4 |  |
| Ullapool | N | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 |  |
| Mallaig | N | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wick | N | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |  |  | 5 | 5 |
| Stirling | C | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falkirk | C | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 |  |  | 32 | 32 |
| Hawick | J | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |  |  | 10 | 10 |
| Livingston | J | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 |  |  | 26 | 26 |
| Dalkeith | J | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |  |  |  |  |
| Jedburgh | J | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Haddington | J | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kelso | J | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Duns | J | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Eyemouth | J | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Galashiels | J | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Pebbles | J | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drylaw | E | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  | 2 |  |
| Westerhailes | E | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| St. Leonards | E | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |  |  | 43 | 43 |
| Craigmillar | E | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |
| Gayfield Square | E | 4 | 4 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dunfermline | P | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |  |  | 18 | 18 |
| Glenrothes | P | 12 | 12 | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kirkcaldy | P | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |  |  | 15 | 15 |
| Cupar | P | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Levenmouth | P | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |  |  | 12 | 12 |
| Stewart Street | G | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 |  |  |  |  |
| London Rd | G | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 |  |  | 35 | 35 |
| Baird Street | G | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 |  |  |  |  |
| Maryhill | G | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |  |  |  |  |
| Govan | G | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |  |  | 50 | 50 |
| Cathcart | G | 56 | 56 | 56 | 56 | 58 | 58 | 58 | 58 | 58 |  |  | 58 | 58 |
| Partick | G | 12 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |  |  |  |  |
| Greenock | K | 56 | 56 | 56 | 56 | 57 | 57 | 57 | 57 | 57 |  |  | 57 | 57 |
| Paisley | K | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dumfries | V | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |  |  | 18 | 18 |
| Stranraer | V | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |  |  | 7 | 7 |
| Annan | V | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |  |  | 4 | 4 |
| Castle Douglas | V | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Lockerbie | V | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |  |  | 4 | 4 |
| Gretna | V | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Moffat | V | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newton Stewart | V | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Kirkcudbright | V | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dalbeattie | V | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sanquhar | V | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Millport | U | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Lamlash | U | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Ayr | U | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |  |  |  |  |
| Kilmarnock | U | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |  |  | 24 | 24 |
| Saltcoats | U | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |  |  | 21 | 21 |
| Cumnock | U | 6 | 6 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coatbridge | Q | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |  |  | 24 | 24 |
| Hamilton | Q | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |  |  |  |  |
| Lanark | Q | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Motherwell | Q | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |  |  | 24 | 24 |
| Cumbernauld | Q | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| East Kilbride | Q | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |  |  |  |  |
| Rutherglen | Q | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bellshill | Q | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clydebank | L | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 29 |  |  | 29 | 29 |
| Oban | L | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |  |  | 7 | 7 |
| Campbeltown | L | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |  |  | 10 | 10 |
| Lochgilphead | L | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |  |  | 3 | 3 |
| Bowmore | L | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Craignure | L | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Tiree | L | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Tobermory | L | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Dumbarton | L | 8 | 8 | 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dunoon | L | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |  |  | 10 | 10 |
| Rothesay | L | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |  |  | 6 | 6 |