| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-2394Responded to: 28 October 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information regarding children carrying weapons.

## Specifically, I would like to know the number of times someone under the age of 18 was arrested and brought into custody in Glasgow for being in possession/brandishing a weapon/offensive

## weapon between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, please.

## Could this data please be broken down by age, gender and type of weapon?

I have included at the bottom of this letter tables providing the information requested above.

With regards to type of weapon, I refuse to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance as I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request.

In order to accurately answer this request, we would have to research through different systems and cross reference to identify which weapon was used in each incident. This exercise has been estimated to exceed the cost limitations of the Act.

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 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 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.

Recorded nominals in Police Custody, Under 18’s, Greater Glasgow Division

Period – 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023 (Inclusive)

Charge – Criminal Law Consolidation 1995 S47(1) – offensive weapon

| **Custody Centre** | **Gender**  | **Age 12** | **Age 13** | **Age 14** | **Age 15** | **Age 16** | **Age 17** |
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| Cathcart | Female | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
|  | Male | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Govan | Null | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
|  | Female | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
|  | Male  | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| London Road  | Null | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
|  | Female | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
|  | Male | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| Total |  | 1 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 22 | 9 |

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| 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 9th October 2024. |
| 1. The data was extracted using the 'custody start time'. |
| 2. Please note, all Custody Types have been included.  |
| 3. Please note, the same Nominal can appear more than once within Table 1. This is a count of each time a nominal is taken into Police Custody with the following charge type: 'CRIM LAW CONSOLID 1995 S47(1) - OFFENSIVE WEAPON' |
| 4. Please note, the age relates to the age of the Nominal on the date they were taken into Police Custody. Nominals under the age of 18 have been selected. |
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