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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The number of Police Scotland Officers and Staff broken down by nationality as of 31 March 2021, 31 March 2022, 31 March 2023, 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025.

For the number of Police Scotland officers by nationality as of 31 March 2021, 31 March 2022, 31 March 2023, 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025 please see table 1 below.

Table 1

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Nationality | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| Albanian | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| American | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Australian | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Austrian | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Belgian | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| British | 8525 | 8307 | 8270 | 8342 | 8796 |
| Bulgarian | 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| Canadian | 8 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 9 |
| Chinese | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Cypriot | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Czech | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Dual nationality | 169 | 162 | 154 | 145 | 139 |
| Dutch | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| English | 253 | 245 | 220 | 208 | 199 |
| Estonian | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Finnish | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| French | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| German | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 |
| Guatemalan | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Guinean | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Hungarian | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Indian | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Irish | 63 | 61 | 64 | 59 | 55 |
| Italian | 3 | 6 | 10 | 12 | 18 |
| Latvian | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Lithuanian | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Maltese | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| New zealander | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| No record | 1001 | 1027 | 1078 | 1110 | 1113 |
| Northern irish | 156 | 150 | 141 | 135 | 124 |
| Norwegian | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Other | 10 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 |
| Pakistani | 4 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 8 |
| Polish | 84 | 91 | 104 | 100 | 114 |
| Portuguese | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Romanian | 8 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 15 |
| Scottish | 7118 | 6909 | 6625 | 6322 | 6021 |
| Slovak | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Slovenian | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| South african | 9 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Spanish | 6 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 13 |
| Swedish | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Turkish | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Welsh | 29 | 31 | 29 | 25 | 25 |
| Brazilian | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| British virgin islander | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Greek | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Iranian | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Zimbabwean | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Kenyan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Ghanaian | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ukrainian | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 17520 | 17116 | 16849 | 16613 | 16780 |

For the number of Police Scotland Staff by nationality as of 31 March 2021, 31 March 2022, 31 March 2023, 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025 please see table 2 below.

Table 2

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Nationality | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| American | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Australian | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Austrian | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Bangladeshi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| British | 2132 | 2257 | 2630 | 2742 | 3068 |
| Bulgarian | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Canadian | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Chinese | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cypriot | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Danish | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Dual nationality | 46 | 41 | 40 | 37 | 32 |
| Dutch | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| English | 76 | 67 | 64 | 59 | 54 |
| Finnish | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| French | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Gambian | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| German | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Greek | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| Hungarian | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Icelandic | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indian | 4 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| Irish | 16 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 20 |
| Italian | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Kenyan | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Latvian | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Libyan | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Lithuanian | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Maltese | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Nigerian | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| No record | 819 | 771 | 728 | 681 | 632 |
| Northern irish | 19 | 19 | 18 | 15 | 14 |
| Norwegian | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Other | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Pakistani | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Polish | 17 | 15 | 24 | 29 | 34 |
| Portuguese | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Romanian | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Scottish | 2957 | 2853 | 2679 | 2528 | 2343 |
| Slovak | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Slovenian | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| South african | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Spanish | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Swedish | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Syrian | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Welsh | 13 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 8 |
| Zimbabwean | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 6151 | 6111 | 6267 | 6183 | 6290 |

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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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.