



Freedom of Information request 01/FOI/24/2665
We received your request on the 30/05/2024.

Request

You asked us:

I'm writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following data please:

- 1. The number of police officers who were assaulted on duty in 2021, 2022, 2023 and the first five months of 2024.**
- 2. The number of police officers who suffered serious injuries after being assaulted on duty in 2021, 2022, 2023 and the first five months of 2024.**
- 3. The number of police officers who suffered minor injuries after being assaulted on duty in 2021, 2022, 2023 and the first five months of 2024.**
- 4. The number of police officers who required sick leave after being assaulted on duty in 2021, 2022, 2023 and the first five months of 2024.**

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

Please note that:

- There is not a categorization of assaults involving "serious" or "minor" injuries. Instead, the Crime Code Description is given to indicate the level of seriousness given in legislation from Common Assault, to Actual Bodily Harm, to Grievous Bodily Harm, to Attempt Murder, to Murder.
- These figures relate to police officer victims of crime (and not just BTP police officers) who are assaulted on BTP jurisdiction (ie on the railway). It is also possible that crime records for BTP officers assaulted on other force jurisdiction will be recorded by that other, local, force and not by BTP.
These figures will not include victims who are recorded as PCSOs or Dedicated Detention Officers (DDOs).
- Please note that 2021, 2022 and 2023 will include periods of time when rail passenger numbers were low, or recovering, from the results of COVID19 lockdowns (no unnecessary travel).

Below is a table of BTP count of police officer victims of BTP business force crime group "01a violence" offences from 01/01/2021 to 31/05/2024.

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Crime Code Description	2021	2022	2023	2024 (up to 31/05/2024 only)
(Scot) Assault BTP Officer with Injury (B104)				1
ABH on Emergency Worker (not Constable) (B44)			1	1
Assault - Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm (B02)	14	19	20	13
Assault - Assault With Intent To Resist Arrest (B05)	4	4	6	2
Assault - Grievous Bodily Harm With Intent (B00)	1	6		
Assault - Grievous Bodily Harm Without Intent (B01)	4	1		1
Assault - Racially Aggravated - Common Assault With No Injury (X03)	3	4	9	2
Assault - Racially Or Religiously Aggravated - Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm (X02)		1	3	
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm on a constable (Police Officer or PCSO) (B35)	186	152	233	98
Assault Of An Emergency Worker (Petty) (Does Not Apply To Police Officers) (Y36)	8	2	6	1
Assault or assault by beating of an emergency worker (except a constable)	8	10	5	5
Assaulting Designated/Accredited Person Or Person Assisting (Z35)		1	2	
Cause GBH with intent to resist/prevent arrest (Police Officer or PCSO) (B36)	2			
Common Assault/Battery With No Injury (Z70)	28	34	46	18
Harassment - Fear Or Provocation Of Violence (S07)		1		
Harassment - No Violence (S09)	2			
Malicious Wounding: wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm on a constable (Police Officer or PCSO) (B34)	4		4	2
Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation (B47)			2	2
Owner Or Person In Charge Allowing Dog To Be Dangerously Out Of Control (B22)	1	2	2	
Police - Assault Without Injury On A Constable (Police Officer or PCSO) (Z79)	707	754	845	360
Scot: Serious Assault (B00)	3			
Sending letters etc. with intent to cause anxiety (B40)	3	4	3	1
Threaten With A Blade Or Sharply Pointed Article In A Public Place (Y57)	1		1	1
Threaten With An Offensive Weapon In A Public Place (Y56)	1	1	1	
Threats To Kill (B06)	2	1	1	
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Police Officer or PCSO) (B38)				1
Wounding with intent to resist/prevent arrest (Police Officer or PCSO) (B37)			1	
Grand Total	982	997	1191	509

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We have split the data on Sickness Absences by Long Term and Short Term.

Year	2021		2022		2023		2024 to 31/05/24	
Long/Short Term	LTS	STS	LTS	STS	LTS	STS	LTS	STS
Officers	21	34	11	27	18	30	10	17