



Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/25/3565

We received your request on the 28/07/2025.

Request

You asked us:

How many police officers were assaulted on duty in your police force area in the financial years

2024 - 2025

2023 - 2024

2022 - 2023

I would be grateful if you could send me this information by email.

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

Our response:

Please note,

- 2019- 2023 will include periods of time when rail passenger numbers were low, or recovering, from the results of COVID19 lockdowns (no unnecessary travel).
- these figures pertain to all police officers assaulted within BTP jurisdiction (i.e., on the railway), not exclusively BTP officers
- Assaults on BTP officers occurring in other police force areas may be recorded by the relevant local force rather than BTP. E.g. a BTP officer being assaulted in another Home Office force custody suite.
- The data does not include incidents involving Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) or Dedicated Detention Officers (DDOs).
- Assaults are not categorized by "serious" or "minor" injury; instead, the level of severity is indicated by the Crime Code Description, which aligns with legal classifications ranging from Common Assault to Actual Bodily Harm, Grievous Bodily Harm, Attempted Murder, and Murder.

The following data reflects the number of police officer victims of crime—specifically within the British Transport Police (BTP) business force crime group "01a violence" offences—recorded between 1 January 2021 and 31 March 2025.

Please see the below table for the requested data:

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Crime Code Description	Recorded Date Finance Year			
	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	Total
(Scot) Assault BTP Officer Serious Assault (B105)			1	1
(Scot) Assault BTP Officer with Injury (B104)			10	10
ABH on Emergency Worker (not Constable) (B44)	1		2	3
Assault - Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm (B02)	17	23	17	57
Assault - Assault With Intent To Resist Arrest (B05)	6	5	2	13
Assault - Grievous Bodily Harm With Intent (B00)	3		1	4
Assault - Grievous Bodily Harm Without Intent (B01)	1	2	1	4
Assault - Racially Aggravated - Common Assault With No Injury (X03)	5	9	4	18
Assault - Racially Or Religiously Aggravated - Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm (X02)		3		3
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm on a constable (Police Officer or PCSO) (B35)	182	222	239	643
Assault Of An Emergency Worker (Petty) (Does Not Apply To Police Officers) (Y36)	3	5	8	16
Assault or assault by beating of an emergency worker (except a constable)	9	9	5	23
Assaulting Designated/Accredited Person Or Person Assisting (Z35)	3			3
Cause GBH with intent to resist/prevent arrest (Police Officer or PCSO) (B36)			1	1
Common Assault/Battery With No Injury (Z70)	31	41	57	129
Malicious Wounding: wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm on a constable (Police Officer or PCSO) (B34)		4	4	8
Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation (B47)		4	4	8
Owner Or Person In Charge Allowing Dog To Be Dangerously Out Of Control (B22)	2	2	1	5
Police - Assault Without Injury On A Constable (Police Officer or PCSO) (Z79)	715	889	832	2436
Sending letters etc. with intent to cause anxiety (B40)	2	4	4	10
Stalking Involving Serious Alarm/Distress (S19)			1	1
Threaten With A Blade Or Sharply Pointed Article In A Public Place (Y57)		1	3	4
Threaten With An Offensive Weapon In A Public Place (Y56)		1	1	2
Threats To Kill (B06)	1		2	3
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Police Officer or PCSO) (B38)			1	1
Wounding with intent to resist/prevent arrest (Police Officer or PCSO) (B37)		1		1
Total	981	1225	1201	3407