



Freedom of Information request 01/FOI/22/1265

A yearly breakdown for each year of incidents of anti-social behaviour on Scotland's trains – so I can see whether incidents are on the rise

Could I get a breakdown for the last three years (2019/2020/2021/ and as far as 2022 allows).

## RESPONSE

Please find the following table showing the number of antisocial behaviour incidents recorded by British Transport Police within Scotland from 01/01/2019 to 08/06/2022.

| Inc Date Calendar Year       | N. of ASB Incidents that were Crimed (entry in Occ Ref Number field) | N. of ASB Incidents that were Not Crimed (no entry in Occ Ref Number field) | Grand Total  |
|------------------------------|--|---|--------------|
| 2019                         | 261  | 2143  | 2404         |
| 2020                         | 416  | 2035  | 2451         |
| 2021                         | 540  | 3337  | 3877         |
| 2022 (up to 08/06/2022 only) | 193  | 1246  | 1439         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>           | <b>1410</b>  | <b>8761</b>   | <b>10171</b> |

Please note that “antisocial behaviour” is defined by one of the following incident codes in the Closure Code fields 1 to 5:

- (ASBE) ENVIRONMENTAL
- (ASBN) NUISANCE
- (ASBP) PERSONAL
- (ASE) ENVIRONMENTAL
- (ASN) NUISANCE
- (ASP) PERSONAL
- (ASB)

The numbers for years 2020 and 2021 are likely to be affected by COVID19 lockdowns.

This table shows figures for the railway as a whole (stations, trains and track) and not just those incidents occurring on board a train. British Transport Police does not specifically locate its incident records down to whether they are on-board a train in a specific field. This information is likely to be recorded in a freetext field, which makes it difficult to collate within an 18hour time limit, unless we are reviewing a very small number of records.

The search will not capture if any crime record has been subsequently no-crimed.