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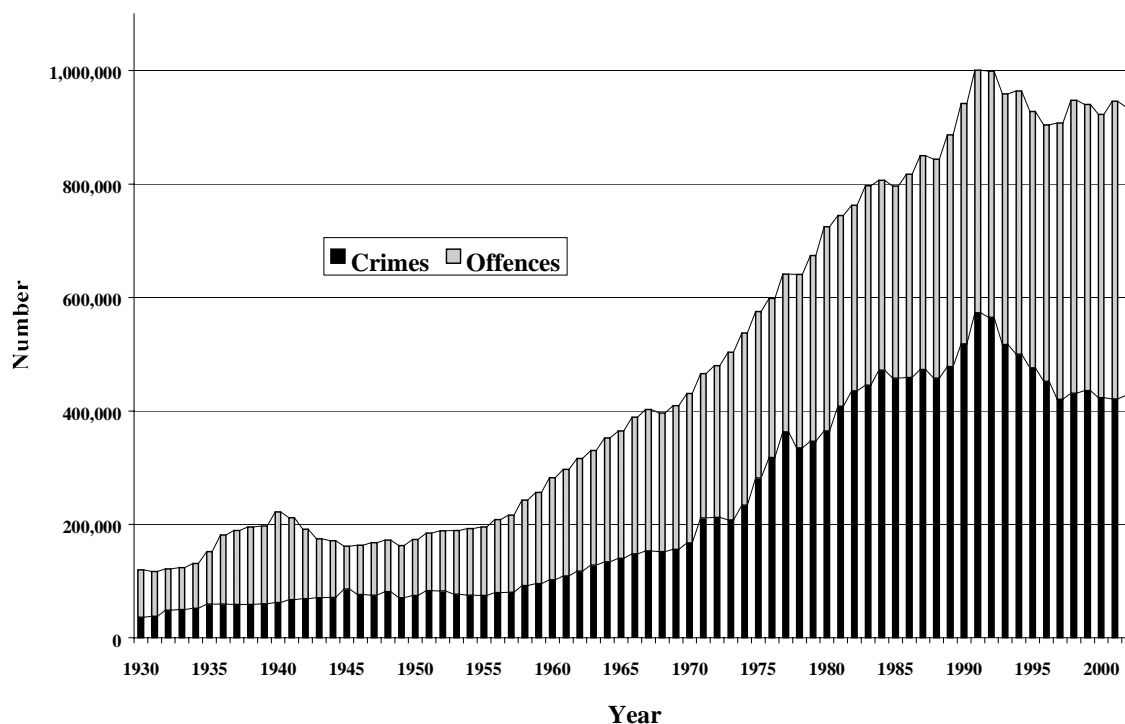
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RECORDED CRIME IN SCOTLAND, 2002

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This bulletin presents statistics on crimes and offences recorded and cleared up by the eight Scottish police forces in 2002. It forms part of The Scottish Executive series of statistical bulletins on the criminal justice system. Statistics of crimes and offences recorded by the police provide a measure of the volume of crime with which the police are faced.

Chart 1 Crimes and offences recorded by the police 1930 – 2002

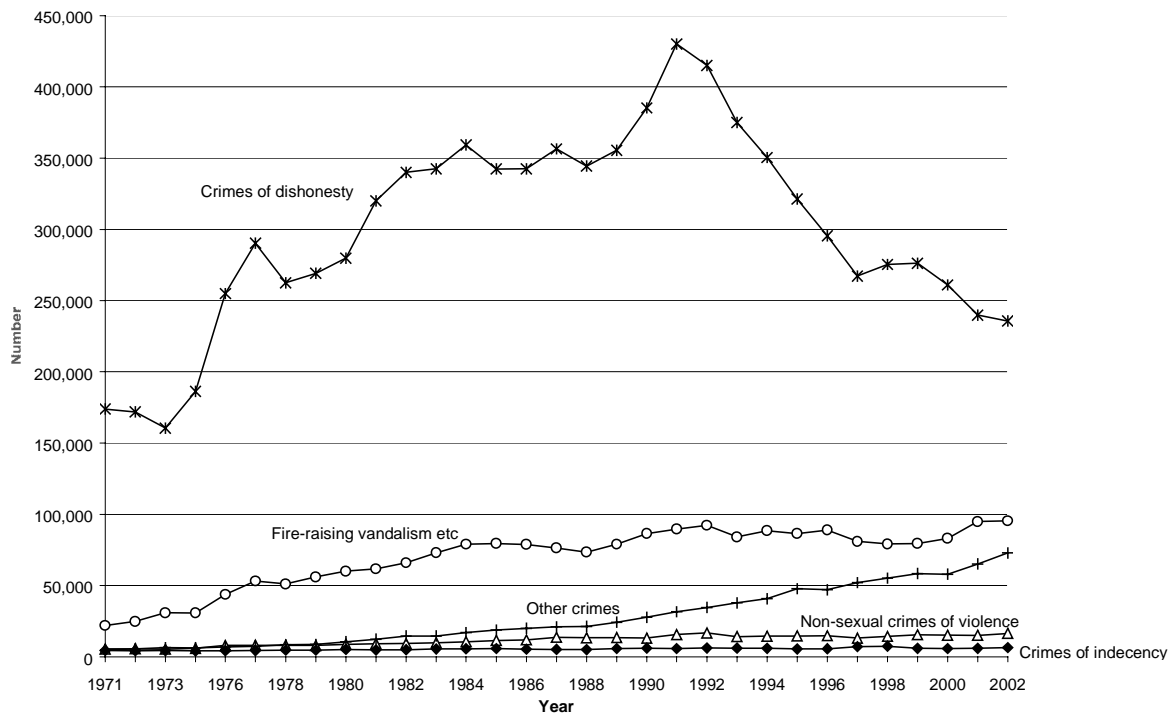


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2. Recorded crime and offences: Main points: Scotland

- The number of crimes recorded by the police increased slightly between 2001 and 2002, following decreases in the last two years. In 2002, the Scottish police recorded 427,000 *crimes*, an increase of 1 per cent on the 2001 figure. The number of recorded crimes in 2002 was 2 per cent higher than the ten year low figure of 420,600 in 1997 but was 25 per cent lower than the peak 1991 figure.
- This 1 per cent increase in recorded crime in Scotland is more than accounted for by increases in "Other" crimes, mostly drugs crimes, possession of an offensive weapon and bail offences. Increases in drugs crimes and crimes of possession of an offensive weapon reflect pro-active police efforts against drugs and violence. The increase in the bail offences mainly relate to breaches of bail conditions and the police perception is that courts are attaching more conditions to bail orders, with consequential increases in breaches.

Chart 2 Crimes recorded by the police by crime group, 1971-2002



- The number of *non-sexual crimes of violence* recorded by the police increased by 9 per cent between 2001 and 2002, to total 16,500. Recorded cases of "serious assault etc." increased by 5 per cent to 7,600. The number of recorded cases of "robbery" increased by 17 per cent to number 4,900 in 2002.
- The number of crimes in the *indecency* group increased by 9 per cent to number 6,600 in 2002 but numbers are still below the levels observed in 1997 and 1998. Within this group recorded cases of rape & attempted rape increased by 21 per cent to reach 900, the highest number ever recorded. Cases of indecent assault increased by 16 per cent to total 1,300 whilst the number of crimes of lewd and indecent behaviour increased by 15 per cent to stand at 2,700 in 2002. The number of crimes recorded in the "other" sub-group decreased by 8 per cent from 1,700 to 1,600.

- The number of *crimes of dishonesty* decreased for the third consecutive year (by 2 per cent) to stand at 235,700 cases in 2002. The number of housebreakings fell by 2 per cent and the decrease in 2002 reflected decreases in both domestic and non-domestic premises. The total number of housebreakings during 2002 is less than half the number recorded in the early 1990s. The number of crimes decreased in virtually all categories of crimes of dishonesty; however recorded cases of theft from a motor vehicle by opening a lockfast place increased for the first time since this category was separately identified in 1992 and now stands at 32,100.
- Recorded cases of *vandalism* (including fire-raising and malicious mischief) increased by 1 per cent to total 95,500 in 2002. This increase is more than accounted for by improved recording of minor crimes of vandalism in Dumfries and Galloway, Lothian and Borders and Tayside. A High Court ruling on crimes of fire raising has led to a switch in recording practices. Many cases, which previously would have been recorded as vandalism, are now recorded as fire raising. This explains the large increase in fire raising of 31 per cent and the corresponding small decrease in other vandalisms.
- Within the *other crimes* group crimes of "handling an offensive weapon" increased by 12 per cent to 9,700 reflecting sustained efforts by the police to tackle the culture of violence, with more people being found to have an offensive weapon in their possession and being charged with this. Recorded drugs crimes increased by 12 per cent to 40,400 in 2002. Within the drugs group, recorded cases of supply and possession with intent to supply decreased slightly from 10,200 in 2001 to 10,100 in 2002 and recorded cases of possession increased by 16 per cent from 25,600 in 2001 to 29,800 in 2002. This reflects targeted police campaigns against drugs.
- The *number* of crimes cleared up by the police rose slightly from 189,000 in 2001 to 196,100 in 2002. The crime *clear-up rate* rose from 45 per cent in 2001 to 46 per cent (a new post war record) in 2002.
- In 2002 the police recorded 508,900 *offences*, a decrease of 3 per cent compared with the 2001 figure.

3. Main points: Recorded crime by police force (Tables 4 and 5)

Total crime increased in six of the eight Scottish police forces with Strathclyde and Grampian showing decreases of 2 per cent and 4 per cent respectively.

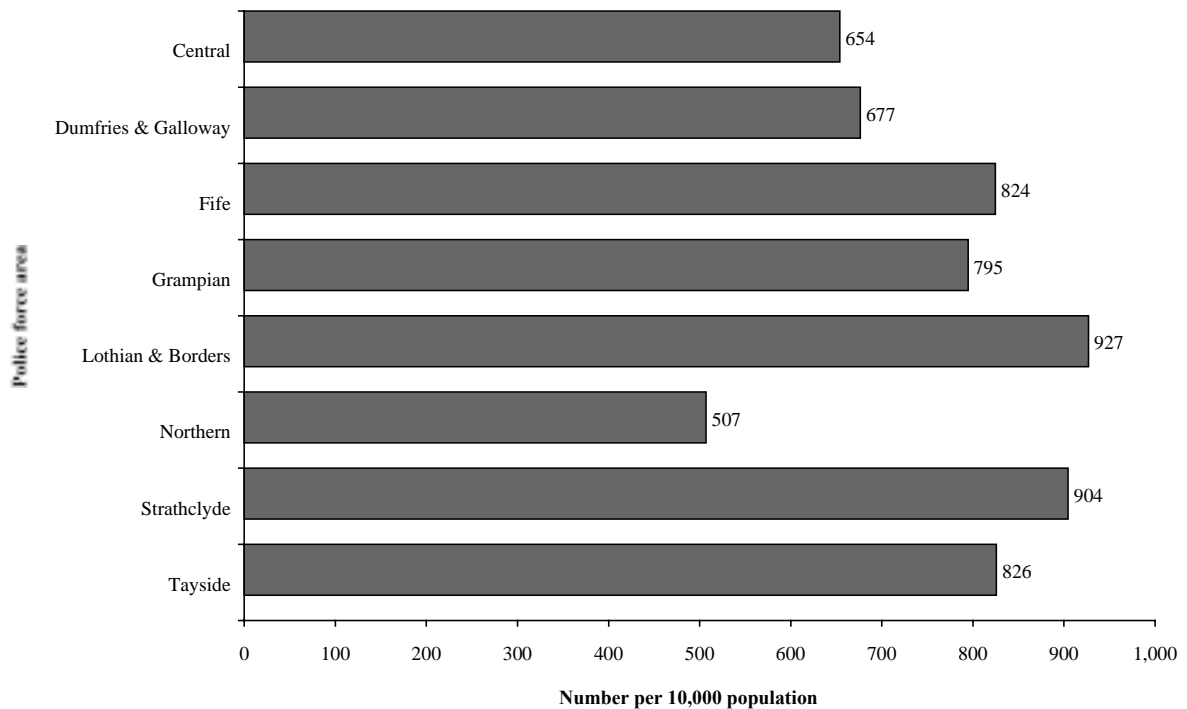
- **Central**

The number of crimes in Central police force increased overall by 8 per cent between 2001 and 2002 to total 18,300.

- **Dumfries & Galloway**

The number of crimes in Dumfries & Galloway increased by 30 percent between 2001 and 2002 to total 10,000. Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary have described the factors underlying this 30 per cent increase in crime in 2002. This largely reflects the relatively low levels of crime recorded in 2001. In the first half of 2001, the visibility of the police was high with both police and army personnel out in abundance due to foot and mouth being widespread across the region and therefore the crime rate was lower than may normally be expected. This seems to have particularly affected crimes of dishonesty; the numbers of such crimes recorded in 2001 were 14% lower than in 2000. Another factor in the increase in crimes of dishonesty in 2002 was two high profile fraud and embezzlement cases, which accounted for a significant number of the crimes of dishonesty recorded. Most of the remainder of the increase in crime in Dumfries & Galloway is accounted for by increases in crimes of vandalism where, following an HMIC inspection, the audit procedures were changed resulting in better recording of lesser crimes of vandalism.

Chart 3 Total number of crimes recorded per 10,000 population in 2002 by police force area



- **Fife**

The number of crimes in Fife police force increased by 4 per cent between 2001 and 2002 to total 28,800. There was a 24 per cent increase in non-sexual crimes of violence with much of the rise attributed to an increase in "threats and extortion" within the "other non sexual crimes of violence" crime category. This relates to a substantial growth of persistent threatening phone calls.

- **Grampian**

The number of recorded crimes in Grampian decreased by 4 per cent between 2001 and 2002 to total 41,800 crimes.

- **Lothian & Borders**

Recorded crime in Lothian and Borders increased by 6 per cent to total 82,100. The largest contributors to the increase were in the "fire raising and vandalism" category and the "other crime" category. The increase in the number of vandalisms has been attributed by Lothian and Borders police to a change in recording practice. Previously before a crime could be recorded there had to be evidence that the damage was caused by a wilful or reckless act. Lothian and Borders police now record vandalism taking a more victim based approach whereby details of alleged crimes are taken at face value. The number of non-sexual crimes of violence increased by 23 per cent, mostly arising from increases in "threats and extortion" due to cases of threatening telephone calls or text messages. The number of "crimes of indecency" increased by 37 per cent. This has been attributed, in part, to recording of historic crimes and also to an increasing number of "indecent assault" incidents in relation to children or young people in response to police efforts to raise awareness of sexual abuse and encourage child victims to make disclosures. There was also an increase in the number of "prostitution" offences following the cessation in November 2001 of a discretionary policy operating in a defined area in Leith, North Edinburgh.

- **Northern**

There was a 2 per cent increase in the number of recorded crimes in Northern between 2001 and 2002, reflecting increasing numbers of crimes of dishonesty. The total number of crimes recorded in 2002 was 14,000.

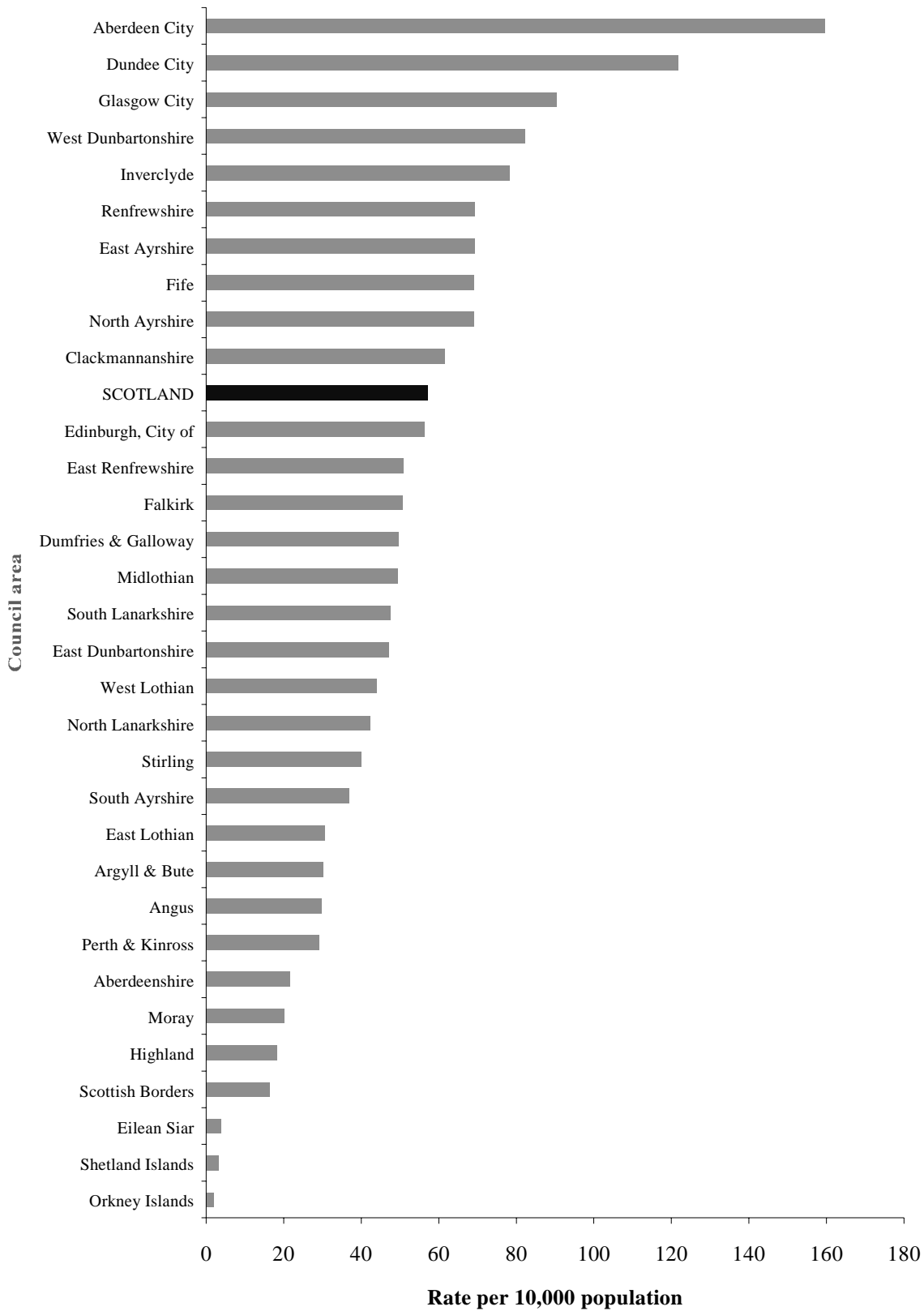
- **Strathclyde**

The number of recorded crimes in Strathclyde decreased by 2 per cent between 2001 and 2002 to total 199,900.

- **Tayside**

The number of recorded crimes in Tayside increased by 7 per cent in 2002 to total 32,100 in 2001. Almost half of Tayside's increase in crimes were in the "crimes of dishonesty" category. A 37 per cent increase in crimes of indecency has been attributed, at least partially, to pro-active police work with women's support groups to encourage the reporting of such crimes. There was a relatively small increase in vandalism; almost exclusively attributable to improved recording of minor incidents of vandalism.

Chart 4 Number of crimes of domestic housebreaking recorded by the police per 10,000 population in 2002



4. Main points: Scottish Crime Survey

- 4.1 The preceding sections of this bulletin described the volume and types of crime recorded and cleared up by the eight police forces in Scotland during 2001. The recorded crime series is a useful indicator of trends in recorded crime. However, not all crimes are reported to the police and, of those crimes that are, not all are subsequently recorded (if the police are of the opinion that a crime has not taken place). The propensity of the public to report crime to the police also changes over time. Thus, statistics recorded by the police may not accurately reflect the underlying trend in all crime.
- 4.2 Crime surveys can be a useful source of information by providing a fuller picture of the extent of and trends in most types of household and personal victimisation. The information provided by such surveys complements the information compiled by the police forces and provides another useful indicator as well as exploring other issues such as the impact of crime on victims, public anxieties and reactions to crime and attitudes towards the police. The Survey has been run again in 2003 in relation to crimes and offences experienced in 2002. The results should be available towards the end of the year and will provide points of comparison with some of the figures provided in this Bulletin.
- 4.3 Findings from the 2000 SCS are summarised in bullet form below. Further details can be found in Crime and Criminal Justice Research Findings No. 51 "*The 2000 Scottish Crime Survey: First Results*" and "*The 2000 Scottish Crime Survey: Overview Report*".
- Estimates derived from the 2000 SCS suggest that in 1999 just over 840,000 crimes were **committed** against individuals and private households in Scotland. This was 13 per cent less than the number of crimes in 1995 estimated from the 1996 SCS.
 - Over 60 per cent of crimes experienced in 1999 were against property and of these about half involved motor vehicles. Vehicle-related crime (vandalism, thefts and attempted thefts of and from cars) fell by 30 per cent from approximately 337,600 crimes in 1995 to approximately 237,600 in 1999.
 - Only certain categories of crime are directly comparable between the SCS figures and the police statistics. For the sub-set of comparable crimes which can be compared with the police recorded crime statistics, namely vandalism, housebreaking, theft of a motor vehicle, theft of a bicycle, robbery and assault, an estimated 33 per cent of SCS crimes ended up in the statistics of crimes recorded by the police in 1999. This was slightly below the proportion in 1995 (37 per cent).
 - Between 1995 and 1999 there was a very significant drop in relatively minor crimes of dishonesty. The crime categories of "theft from a motor vehicle" and "other household theft" fell to 56 per cent of the 1995 level. This implies a decline of around 15 per cent per year.
 - Survey estimates suggest that the number of violent crimes (assault and robbery) increased by 33 per cent between 1995 and 1999, although this increase was not statistically significant. Part of the increase was attributable to the addition of a new "screener question" on domestic abuse in the 2000 survey which increased the estimates of violent crime by approximately 10 per cent.

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Crimes recorded by the police, Scotland, 1993 - 2002

Table 1
Number & Percentage

Crime group	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	% change 01 - 02
Total crimes	517,247	500,110	475,697	451,956	420,642	431,551	435,703	423,172	421,093	427,034	1
Non-sexual crimes of violence	14,252	14,492	14,654	14,715	13,175	14,341	15,539	15,196	15,080	16,461	9
Serious assault etc ¹	6,527	6,705	6,920	6,988	6,053	6,616	7,200	6,963	7,296	7,631	5
Robbery	5,582	5,297	5,330	5,254	4,484	4,951	5,075	4,420	4,228	4,938	17
Other	2,143	2,490	2,404	2,473	2,638	2,774	3,264	3,813	3,556	3,892	9
Crimes of indecency	6,047	5,998	5,547	5,676	7,147	7,411	5,982	5,754	5,987	6,552	9
Rape & Attempted Rape ²	543	569	598	599	739	802	758	705	753	913	21
Indecent Assault ²	1,083	1,034	1,040	1,130	1,240	1,352	1,175	1,117	1,154	1,337	16
Lewd and indecent behaviour	2,721	2,655	2,381	2,465	3,014	2,952	2,383	2,346	2,365	2,718	15
Other	1,700	1,740	1,528	1,482	2,154	2,305	1,666	1,586	1,715	1,584	-8
Crimes of dishonesty	374,937	350,346	321,201	295,441	267,207	275,418	276,189	260,936	239,892	235,668	-2
Housebreaking	97,829	88,394	74,235	64,470	55,471	56,636	53,826	48,712	44,868	43,808	-2
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	10,866	9,024	8,192	8,055	9,725	12,226	11,691	11,305	8,470	7,874	-7
Theft from a motor vehicle by (OLP)	73,929	65,838	58,347	52,417	41,406	39,617	38,533	33,734	31,279	32,126	3
Theft of a motor vehicle	42,816	41,962	37,514	34,161	28,646	28,433	29,818	26,238	23,208	22,495	-3
Shoplifting	26,746	26,573	27,952	26,927	26,322	29,590	32,008	32,343	31,575	29,541	-6
Other theft	93,327	88,900	87,716	82,576	79,612	80,051	81,109	78,060	74,722	75,003	*
Fraud	19,125	17,670	17,093	16,081	15,734	18,634	18,608	21,188	17,410	16,627	-4
Other	10,299	11,985	10,152	10,754	10,291	10,231	10,596	9,356	8,360	8,194	-2
Fire-raising, vandalism etc	84,194	88,543	86,546	89,025	81,000	79,154	79,568	83,192	94,924	95,470	1
Fire-raising	4,118	3,589	3,299	3,306	2,786	2,509	2,325	2,364	2,774	3,624	31
Vandalism etc	80,076	84,954	83,247	85,719	78,214	76,645	77,243	80,828	92,150	91,846	*
Other crimes	37,817	40,731	47,749	47,099	52,113	55,227	58,425	58,094	65,210	72,883	12
Crimes against public justice	14,515	16,004	16,359	16,148	16,641	16,919	18,528	18,430	20,250	22,671	12
Handling an offensive weapon	5,152	5,282	6,465	6,822	5,989	6,744	7,901	8,153	8,671	9,691	12
Drugs	17,986	19,281	24,773	23,992	29,386	31,460	31,870	31,431	36,175	40,379	12
Other	164	164	152	137	97	104	126	80	114	142	25

1. See Annex Note 6.5.

2. See Annex Note 6.17.

Offences recorded by the police, Scotland, 1993 - 2002

Table 2
Number & Percentage

Offence group	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	% change 01 - 02
Total offences	441,712	463,917	451,869	451,988	486,883	515,796	504,450	499,592	524,623	508,855	-3
Miscellaneous offences	126,593	133,193	134,368	146,086	155,900	153,723	151,045	153,820	162,527	167,539	3
Petty assault ¹	41,339	45,083	46,604	47,605	50,088	50,958	53,989	54,751	54,870	54,726	*
Breach of the peace	61,370	65,514	66,088	70,830	73,061	71,668	71,028	69,986	72,601	74,169	2
Drunkenness	10,144	10,289	9,737	9,608	9,697	8,518	7,785	7,810	7,920	7,083	-11
Other	13,740	12,307	11,939	18,043	23,054	22,579	18,243	21,273	27,136	31,561	16
Motor vehicle offences	315,119	330,724	317,501	305,902	330,983	362,073	353,405	345,772	362,096	341,316	-6
Dangerous and careless driving	19,951	21,088	18,729	17,347	16,319	15,765	13,964	12,302	11,955	12,700	6
Drunk driving	10,905	10,835	10,719	11,796	11,208	10,563	10,821	10,712	11,403	11,782	3
Speeding	85,398	85,799	85,141	82,355	91,922	115,515	125,336	116,750	123,240	111,805	-9
Unlawful use of vehicle	85,826	88,652	83,416	79,123	79,130	75,497	77,846	85,213	88,097	91,060	3
Vehicle defect offences	51,387	56,943	56,321	53,451	60,136	63,551	52,913	48,322	47,297	46,258	-2
Other	61,652	67,407	63,175	61,830	72,268	81,182	72,525	72,473	80,104	67,711	-15

1. See Annex Note 6.5.

Crimes and offences cleared up by the police as a percentage of those recorded, Scotland, 1993 - 2002

Table 3
Percentage

Crime / Offence group	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total crimes	31	34	35	37	39	41	43	44	45	46
Non-sexual crimes of violence	49	51	49	52	54	55	59	60	59	58
Serious assault etc ¹	57	57	54	57	60	60	64	64	62	61
Robbery	27	29	29	29	28	33	38	38	37	38
Other	83	83	82	84	84	82	80	77	78	78
Crimes of indecency	72	75	74	76	75	78	78	77	80	79
Rape & Attempted Rape ²	76	81	77	79	72	77	79	77	82	77
Indecent Assault ²	57	62	59	63	60	67	61	62	61	64
Lewd and indecent behaviour	62	65	67	68	66	68	72	71	75	76
Other	97	97	96	98	96	96	97	97	97	96
Crimes of dishonesty	25	28	28	30	31	33	35	37	37	37
Housebreaking	16	17	17	18	18	21	23	24	24	26
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	19	21	22	24	21	24	29	30	37	34
Theft from a motor vehicle by (OLP)	11	14	12	14	13	15	17	18	18	19
Theft of a motor vehicle	21	24	24	25	26	28	32	30	32	35
Shoplifting	77	80	79	78	77	80	80	79	79	79
Other theft	17	18	18	19	19	21	21	21	21	21
Fraud	75	82	81	79	75	76	74	79	80	81
Other	86	84	87	82	88	84	90	93	93	90
Fire-raising, vandalism etc	19	20	21	21	22	23	24	24	22	22
Fire-raising	19	19	19	20	19	21	26	23	28	24
Vandalism etc	19	20	21	21	22	24	24	24	22	22
Other crimes	100	100	100	99	100	99	99	100	99	99
Crimes against public justice	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	99
Handling an offensive weapon	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	98
Drugs	100	100	100	99	100	100	99	100	99	99
Other	79	84	80	82	80	86	87	80	75	74
Miscellaneous offences	85	86	88	89	90	90	89	89	89	89
Petty assault ¹	73	73	74	75	77	79	79	78	77	76
Breach of the peace	90	92	93	94	94	94	94	94	94	95
Drunkenness	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Other	89	92	95	97	98	98	97	97	97	97

1. See Annex Note 6.5.

2. See Annex Note 6.17.

Crimes and offences recorded by police force area, 2002

Table 4A
Number

Crime / Offence group	Central	Dumfries & Galloway	Fife	Grampian	Lothian & Borders	Northern	Strathclyde	Tayside	SCOTLAND
Total crimes	18,282	9,998	28,837	41,784	82,136	14,020	199,871	32,106	427,034
Non-sexual crimes of violence	531	221	815	1,093	2,912	401	9,920	568	16,461
Serious assault etc ¹	330	135	349	382	924	262	4,947	302	7,631
Robbery	94	67	215	292	799	28	3,295	148	4,938
Other	107	19	251	419	1,189	111	1,678	118	3,892
Crimes of indecency	273	85	476	658	1,238	247	3,076	499	6,552
Rape & Attempted Rape ²	53	23	86	83	204	35	341	88	913
Indecent Assault ²	68	6	100	172	333	44	528	86	1,337
Lewd and indecent behaviour	135	48	248	268	551	132	1,047	289	2,718
Other	17	8	42	135	150	36	1,160	36	1,584
Crimes of dishonesty	10,175	5,332	16,651	26,327	48,357	6,747	103,397	18,682	235,668
Housebreaking	1,891	1,070	3,067	5,409	6,384	792	21,480	3,715	43,808
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	673	117	632	1,264	1,852	370	2,483	483	7,874
Theft from a motor vehicle by (OLP)	693	423	2,295	3,095	6,026	188	17,067	2,339	32,126
Theft of a motor vehicle	757	399	1,459	1,778	4,210	464	11,778	1,650	22,495
Shoplifting	1,468	706	1,813	2,873	5,011	812	14,346	2,512	29,541
Other theft	3,006	1,767	5,597	8,901	17,483	2,634	28,857	6,758	75,003
Fraud	1,160	491	1,240	2,013	5,082	1,081	4,838	722	16,627
Other	527	359	548	994	2,309	406	2,548	503	8,194
Fire-raising, vandalism etc	3,532	2,914	7,223	7,941	17,788	3,686	44,075	8,311	95,470
Fire-raising	145	77	230	429	690	172	1,590	291	3,624
Vandalism etc	3,387	2,837	6,993	7,512	17,098	3,514	42,485	8,020	91,846
Other crimes	3,771	1,446	3,672	5,765	11,841	2,939	39,403	4,046	72,883
Crimes against public justice	1,438	510	1,422	2,085	4,143	987	10,960	1,126	22,671
Handling an offensive weapon	413	155	287	526	1,095	294	6,630	291	9,691
Drugs	1,917	775	1,944	3,152	6,590	1,656	21,730	2,615	40,379
Other	3	6	19	2	13	2	83	14	142
Total offences	29,664	15,575	38,667	48,782	72,823	27,356	234,383	41,605	508,855
Miscellaneous offences	8,361	3,588	9,283	15,411	19,895	8,687	90,042	12,272	167,539
Petty assault ¹	3,012	1,379	3,518	5,692	10,448	2,420	24,182	4,075	54,726
Breach of the peace	4,078	1,639	4,361	8,078	7,723	4,441	37,897	5,952	74,169
Drunkenness	125	51	428	181	428	808	4,497	565	7,083
Other	1,146	519	976	1,460	1,296	1,018	23,466	1,680	31,561
Motor vehicle offences	21,303	11,987	29,384	33,371	52,928	18,669	144,341	29,333	341,316
Dangerous and careless driving	445	392	1,806	2,473	952	769	4,964	899	12,700
Drunk driving	705	250	840	1,271	1,801	890	5,049	976	11,782
Speeding	5,970	6,752	9,628	11,124	17,736	7,177	40,060	13,358	111,805
Unlawful use of vehicle	5,909	2,569	7,881	9,071	10,412	3,659	43,392	8,167	91,060
Vehicle defect offences	4,845	643	4,565	3,074	6,726	3,157	21,476	1,772	46,258
Other	3,429	1,381	4,664	6,358	15,301	3,017	29,400	4,161	67,711
Total crimes and offences	47,946	25,573	67,504	90,566	154,959	41,376	434,254	73,711	935,889

1. See Annex Note 6.5.

2. See Annex Note 6.17.

Crimes and offences recorded by police force area per 10,000 population, 2002

Table 4B

Rate per 10,000 population

Crime / Offence group	Central	Dumfries & Galloway	Fife	Grampian	Lothian & Borders	Northern	Strathclyde	Tayside	SCOTLAND
Total crimes	654	677	824	795	927	507	904	826	843
Non-sexual crimes of violence	19	15	23	21	33	15	45	15	33
Serious assault etc ¹	12	9	10	7	10	9	22	8	15
Robbery	3	5	6	6	9	1	15	4	10
Other	4	1	7	8	13	4	8	3	8
Crimes of indecency	10	6	14	13	14	9	14	13	13
Rape & Attempted Rape ²	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
Indecent Assault ²	2	0	3	3	4	2	2	2	3
Lewd and indecent behaviour	5	3	7	5	6	5	5	7	5
Other	1	1	1	3	2	1	5	1	3
Crimes of dishonesty	364	361	476	501	546	244	468	481	465
Housebreaking	68	72	88	103	72	29	97	96	87
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	24	8	18	24	21	13	11	12	16
Theft from a motor vehicle by (OLP)	25	29	66	59	68	7	77	60	63
Theft of a motor vehicle	27	27	42	34	48	17	53	42	44
Shoplifting	53	48	52	55	57	29	65	65	58
Other theft	108	120	160	169	197	95	131	174	148
Fraud	41	33	35	38	57	39	22	19	33
Other	19	24	16	19	26	15	12	13	16
Fire-raising, vandalism etc	126	197	207	151	201	133	199	214	189
Fire-raising	5	5	7	8	8	6	7	7	7
Vandalism etc	121	192	200	143	193	127	192	206	181
Other crimes	135	98	105	110	134	106	178	104	144
Crimes against public justice	51	35	41	40	47	36	50	29	45
Handling an offensive weapon	15	10	8	10	12	11	30	7	19
Drugs	69	52	56	60	74	60	98	67	80
Other	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total offences	1,061	1,054	1,105	928	822	989	1,061	1,070	1,005
Miscellaneous offences	299	243	265	293	225	314	407	316	331
Petty assault ¹	108	93	101	108	118	88	109	105	108
Breach of the peace	146	111	125	154	87	161	171	153	146
Drunkenness	4	3	12	3	5	29	20	15	14
Other	41	35	28	28	15	37	106	43	62
Motor vehicle offences	762	811	840	635	597	675	653	754	674
Dangerous and careless driving	16	27	52	47	11	28	22	23	25
Drunk driving	25	17	24	24	20	32	23	25	23
Speeding	214	457	275	212	200	260	181	344	221
Unlawful use of vehicle	211	174	225	173	117	132	196	210	180
Vehicle defect offences	173	44	131	58	76	114	97	46	91
Other	123	93	133	121	173	109	133	107	134
Total crimes and offences	1,715	1,730	1,930	1,722	1,749	1,496	1,965	1,896	1,848

1. See Annex Note 6.5.

2. See Annex Note 6.17.

Crimes and offences recorded per 10,000 population ¹, percentage change in total number recorded and percentage cleared up by police force area, 2002

Table 5
Number & Percentage

	Central	Dumfries & Galloway	Fife	Grampian	Lothian & Borders	Northern	Strathclyde	Tayside	SCOTLAND
Total crimes	18,282	9,998	28,837	41,784	82,136	14,020	199,871	32,106	427,034
Total offences	29,664	15,575	38,667	48,782	72,823	27,356	234,383	41,605	508,855
Total crimes and offences	47,946	25,573	67,504	90,566	154,959	41,376	434,254	73,711	935,889
<i>Crimes and offences per 10,000 population ¹</i>									
Total crimes	654	677	824	795	927	507	904	826	843
Non-sexual crimes of violence	19	15	23	21	33	15	45	15	33
Crimes of indecency	10	6	14	13	14	9	14	13	13
Crimes of dishonesty	364	361	476	501	546	244	468	481	465
Fire-raising, vandalism etc	126	197	207	151	201	133	199	214	189
Other crimes	135	98	105	110	134	106	178	104	144
Total offences	1,061	1,054	1,105	928	822	989	1,061	1,070	1,005
Miscellaneous offences	299	243	265	293	225	314	407	316	331
Motor vehicle offences	762	811	840	635	597	675	653	754	674
Total crimes and offences	1,715	1,730	1,930	1,722	1,749	1,496	1,965	1,896	1,848
<i>Percentage change in total number recorded, 2001 - 02</i>									
Total crimes	7.5	29.9	4.4	-3.9	5.9	2.1	-2.0	7.1	1.4
Non-sexual crimes of violence	-1.3	30.0	24.0	-1.1	23.2	-2.2	7.0	0.4	9.2
Crimes of indecency	-1.8	-31.5	10.4	31.3	36.6	5.1	-2.3	37.1	9.4
Crimes of dishonesty	7.6	33.1	3.1	-6.2	1.2	4.4	-6.3	5.7	-1.8
Fire-raising, vandalism etc	7.6	32.1	0.0	-11.5	9.2	-3.0	-2.5	4.6	0.6
Other crimes	9.3	21.4	15.7	19.4	15.7	4.1	9.2	18.0	11.8
Total offences	-0.9	-4.9	0.3	7.1	-9.8	12.6	-5.4	0.7	-3.0
Miscellaneous offences	1.3	26.4	6.5	0.1	-2.4	4.7	2.3	15.1	3.1
Motor vehicle offences	-1.7	-11.5	-1.5	10.7	-12.3	16.7	-9.7	-4.3	-5.7
Total crimes and offences	2.2	6.2	2.0	1.7	-2.1	8.8	-3.9	3.4	-1.0
<i>Percentage cleared up</i>									
Total crimes	65	50	48	39	45	65	45	39	46
Non-sexual crimes of violence	91	80	71	59	61	93	51	82	58
Crimes of indecency	93	88	83	56	73	89	81	94	79
Crimes of dishonesty	55	46	44	30	40	58	34	32	37
Fire-raising, vandalism etc	49	31	26	23	19	46	19	20	22
Other crimes	99	100	99	95	100	100	99	100	99
Miscellaneous offences	96	92	90	81	79	98	90	97	89

1. The mid-year population estimate for 2001 was used since, at the time of publication, the 2002 estimate was not available.

Number of crimes recorded by the police and percentage cleared up by council area, 2002

Table 6
Number & Percentage

Council area	Non - sexual crimes of violence	Crimes of indecency	Crimes of dishonesty	Fire - raising, vandalism, etc.	Other crimes	Total crimes	Percentage of crimes cleared up
Aberdeen City	649	320	19,609	4,238	3,721	28,537	35
Aberdeenshire	283	222	4,633	2,509	1,293	8,940	41
Angus	101	193	3,028	2,150	796	6,268	44
Argyll & Bute	202	113	1,967	908	996	4,186	53
Clackmannanshire	124	54	1,661	799	755	3,393	69
Dumfries & Galloway	221	85	5,332	2,914	1,446	9,998	50
Dundee City	321	193	11,144	3,967	1,910	17,535	35
East Ayrshire	395	108	5,294	2,082	1,586	9,465	48
East Dunbartonshire	175	50	2,633	1,024	766	4,648	42
East Lothian	154	101	2,645	1,125	843	4,868	51
East Renfrewshire	147	56	2,343	890	540	3,976	36
Edinburgh, City of	1,961	752	32,533	10,332	7,133	52,711	42
Eilean Siar	37	21	343	178	141	720	68
Falkirk	264	118	5,476	1,787	1,753	9,398	63
Fife	815	476	16,651	7,223	3,672	28,837	48
Glasgow City	4,909	1,703	43,127	16,328	17,860	83,927	46
Highland	334	202	6,022	3,164	2,601	12,323	65
Inverclyde	397	106	3,541	1,755	1,871	7,670	48
Midlothian	155	84	3,074	1,132	801	5,246	47
Moray	161	116	2,085	1,194	751	4,307	56
North Ayrshire	518	124	5,544	2,721	1,825	10,732	49
North Lanarkshire	837	326	11,693	5,431	5,047	23,334	47
Orkney Islands	11	9	152	141	66	379	64
Perth & Kinross	146	113	4,510	2,194	1,340	8,303	45
Renfrewshire	751	134	8,311	3,413	2,284	14,893	38
Scottish Borders	302	138	2,616	1,711	1,151	5,918	64
Shetland Islands	19	15	230	203	131	598	70
South Ayrshire	299	87	3,688	1,895	1,616	7,585	53
South Lanarkshire	817	205	10,651	5,304	3,429	20,406	39
Stirling	143	101	3,038	946	1,263	5,491	66
West Dunbartonshire	473	64	4,605	2,324	1,583	9,049	47
West Lothian	340	163	7,489	3,488	1,913	13,393	45
SCOTLAND	16,461	6,552	235,668	95,470	72,883	427,034	46

Number of crimes recorded by the police per 10,000 population ¹ and crime index, by council area, 2002

Table 7
Number and Index

Council area	Non - sexual crimes of violence	Crimes of indecency	Crimes of dishonesty	Fire - raising, vandalism, etc.	Other crimes	Total crimes	Index (Scotland =100)
Aberdeen City	31	15	925	200	176	1,347	160
Aberdeenshire	12	10	204	111	57	394	47
Angus	9	18	279	198	73	578	69
Argyll & Bute	22	12	215	99	109	458	54
Clackmannanshire	26	11	346	166	157	706	84
Dumfries & Galloway	15	6	361	197	98	677	80
Dundee City	22	13	766	273	131	1,205	143
East Ayrshire	33	9	440	173	132	787	93
East Dunbartonshire	16	5	243	95	71	429	51
East Lothian	17	11	293	125	93	540	64
East Renfrewshire	16	6	262	100	60	445	53
Edinburgh, City of	44	17	725	230	159	1,174	139
Eilean Siar	14	8	130	67	53	272	32
Falkirk	18	8	377	123	121	647	77
Fife	23	14	476	207	105	824	98
Glasgow City	85	29	745	282	309	1,450	172
Highland	16	10	288	151	124	590	70
Inverclyde	47	13	421	209	222	911	108
Midlothian	19	10	380	140	99	648	77
Moray	19	13	240	137	86	495	59
North Ayrshire	38	9	408	200	134	790	94
North Lanarkshire	26	10	364	169	157	727	86
Orkney Islands	6	5	79	73	34	197	23
Perth & Kinross	11	8	334	163	99	615	73
Renfrewshire	43	8	481	197	132	862	102
Scottish Borders	28	13	245	160	108	553	66
Shetland Islands	9	7	105	92	60	272	32
South Ayrshire	27	8	329	169	144	676	80
South Lanarkshire	27	7	352	175	113	675	80
Stirling	17	12	352	110	147	637	76
West Dunbartonshire	51	7	493	249	170	970	115
West Lothian	21	10	471	219	120	842	100
SCOTLAND	33	13	465	189	144	843	100

1. The mid-year population estimate for 2001 was used since, at the time of publication, the 2002 estimate was not available.

Number of crimes recorded by the police, rate per 10,000 population ¹ and index of rate for selected crimes by council area, 2002

Table 8

Council area	Number					Rate per 10,000 population					Index of rate per 10,000 population				
	Serious assault	Offensive weapons	Domestic housebreaking	Vandalism ²	All crimes	Serious assault	Offensive weapons	Domestic housebreaking	Vandalism ²	All crimes	Serious assault	Offensive weapons	Domestic housebreaking	Vandalism ²	All crimes
Aberdeen City	165	301	3,383	3,982	28,537	8	14	160	188	1,347	59	74	274	106	160
Aberdeenshire	91	136	488	2,355	8,940	4	6	22	104	394	30	31	37	59	47
Angus	51	55	323	2,020	6,268	5	5	30	186	578	36	27	51	105	69
Argyll & Bute	93	94	275	868	4,186	10	10	30	95	458	77	54	52	54	54
Clackmannanshire	55	100	296	737	3,393	11	21	62	153	706	87	109	106	86	84
Dumfries & Galloway	122	155	734	2,766	9,998	8	10	50	187	677	63	55	85	106	80
Dundee City	109	160	1,773	3,754	17,535	7	11	122	258	1,205	57	57	209	146	143
East Ayrshire	206	244	834	1,941	9,465	17	20	69	161	787	130	106	119	91	93
East Dunbartonshire	81	103	509	962	4,648	7	10	47	89	429	57	50	81	50	51
East Lothian	73	92	276	1,066	4,868	8	10	31	118	540	61	53	52	67	64
East Renfrewshire	57	97	456	861	3,976	6	11	51	96	445	48	57	87	54	53
Edinburgh, City of	424	635	2,525	9,883	52,711	9	14	56	220	1,174	72	74	96	124	139
Eilean Siar	18	5	10	167	720	7	2	4	63	272	52	10	6	36	32
Falkirk	138	184	737	1,622	9,398	9	13	51	112	647	72	66	87	63	77
Fife	284	287	2,419	6,850	28,837	8	8	69	196	824	62	43	119	110	98
Glasgow City	2,188	3,376	5,228	15,180	83,927	38	58	90	262	1,450	286	305	155	148	172
Highland	181	272	383	2,986	12,323	9	13	18	143	590	66	68	31	81	70
Inverclyde	191	372	570	1,595	7,670	23	44	68	190	911	172	231	116	107	108
Midlothian	63	69	401	1,070	5,246	8	9	50	132	648	59	45	85	75	77
Moray	55	89	176	1,124	4,307	6	10	20	129	495	48	53	35	73	59
North Ayrshire	216	282	939	2,538	10,732	16	21	69	187	790	120	108	119	105	94
North Lanarkshire	372	538	1,359	5,171	23,334	12	17	42	161	727	88	88	73	91	86
Orkney Islands	8	3	4	138	379	4	2	2	72	197	32	8	4	40	23
Perth & Kinross	59	76	393	2,103	8,303	4	6	29	156	615	33	29	50	88	73
Renfrewshire	295	435	1,199	3,123	14,893	17	25	69	181	862	129	132	119	102	102
Scottish Borders	95	115	176	1,623	5,918	9	11	16	152	553	67	56	28	86	66
Shetland Islands	18	14	7	196	598	8	6	3	89	272	62	33	5	50	32
South Ayrshire	160	152	414	1,824	7,585	14	14	37	163	676	108	71	63	92	80
South Lanarkshire	385	689	1,436	4,998	20,406	13	23	47	165	675	96	119	81	93	80
Stirling	67	129	344	858	5,491	8	15	40	100	637	59	78	68	56	76
West Dunbartonshire	228	248	767	2,142	9,049	24	27	82	230	970	185	139	141	129	115
West Lothian	137	184	700	3,305	13,393	9	12	44	208	842	65	60	75	117	100
SCOTLAND	6,685	9,691	29,534	89,808	427,034	13	19	58	177	843	100	100	100	100	100

1. The mid-year population estimate for 2001 was used since, at the time of publication, the 2002 estimate was not available.

2. Includes vandalism, malicious damage and malicious mischief only.

Crimes and offences recorded and cleared up by the police, Scotland, 1998 - 2002

Table A1

	Number and Percentage				
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Police strength at 31 December	14,854	14,684	14,948	15,093	15,287
Number of crimes recorded	431,551	435,703	423,172	421,093	427,034
<i>Crimes recorded per 1,000 population¹</i>	85	86	84	82	84
<i>Crimes recorded per police officer</i>	29	30	28	28	28
Number of crimes cleared up	178,107	188,912	187,767	188,966	196,132
<i>Crimes cleared up as % of those recorded</i>	41	43	44	45	46
<i>Crimes cleared up per police officer</i>	12	13	13	13	13
Number of offences recorded	515,796	504,450	499,592	524,623	508,855
<i>Offences recorded per 1,000 population¹</i>	102	99	99	103	100
<i>Offences recorded per police officer</i>	35	34	33	35	33
Number of offences cleared up	497,042	483,590	479,165	502,670	485,644
<i>Offences cleared up per police officer</i>	33	33	32	33	32

1. The mid-year population estimate for 2001 was used since, at the time of publication, the 2002 estimate was not available.

Crimes of indecency recorded by the police, Scotland, 1993 - 2002

Table A2

	Number & Percentage										
Crimes of indecency	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	% change 01-02
<i>Sexual assault :</i>											
Rape ¹	339	395	403	447	570	613	591	562	589	745	26
Assault with intent to rape	204	174	195	152	169	189	167	143	164	168	2
Indecent assault	1,083	1,034	1,040	1,130	1,240	1,352	1,175	1,117	1,154	1,337	16
<i>Lewd and indecent behaviour :</i>											
Lewd and libidinous practices	1,390	1,395	1,118	1,365	1,896	1,911	1,466	1,496	1,557	1,964	26
Indecent exposure	1,331	1,260	1,263	1,100	1,118	1,041	917	850	808	754	-7
<i>Other :</i>											
Incest	95	88	58	60	97	77	51	46	34	49	44
Homosexual acts	172	130	104	148	173	155	178	134	133	112	-16
Sexual intercourse with girl under 16	357	346	283	266	286	260	203	166	179	238	33
Offences relating to prostitution	1,045	1,128	1,046	929	1,545	1,750	1,193	1,220	1,328	1,128	-15
Other crimes of indecency	31	48	37	79	53	63	41	20	41	57	39
TOTAL	6,047	5,998	5,547	5,676	7,147	7,411	5,982	5,754	5,987	6,552	9

1. Between 1992 and 1998, Grampian Police included attempted rape in their figures for rape.

Theft by housebreaking (including attempts and housebreaking with intent), 1994 - 2002

Table A3

	Number & Percentage									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	% change 00 - 01
Total	88,394	74,235	64,470	55,471	56,636	53,826	48,712	44,868	43,808	-2
Domestic :	53,116	44,725	40,814	36,792	38,033	36,265	32,684	30,181	29,623	-2
<i>Dwelling</i>	40,486	34,243	31,594	28,273	28,883	27,423	24,925	22,537	21,790	-3
<i>Non-dwelling</i>	12,630	10,482	9,220	8,519	9,150	8,842	7,759	7,644	7,833	2
Other	35,278	29,510	23,656	18,679	18,603	17,561	16,028	14,687	14,185	-3
<i>Percentage domestic</i>	60%	60%	63%	66%	67%	67%	67%	67%	68%	

Theft by housebreaking (including attempts and housebreaking with intent) by police force area, 2002

Table A4

Police force area	Number & Percentage			
	Domestic : Dwelling	Domestic : Non-dwelling	Other	Percentage domestic
Central	928	449	514	73%
Dumfries & Galloway	463	271	336	69%
Fife	1,716	703	648	79%
Grampian	3,121	926	1,362	75%
Lothian & Borders	2,598	1,480	2,306	64%
Northern	331	73	388	51%
Strathclyde	10,939	3,136	7,405	66%
Tayside	1,694	795	1,226	67%
Scotland	21,790	7,833	14,185	68%

Theft of and from motor vehicles recorded by the police, 1993 - 2002

Table A5

Crime category	Number & Percentage										
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	% change 01 - 02
Theft from motor vehicle of which :											
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	51,160	45,028	40,177	36,282	29,468	28,013	27,652	24,899	23,106	24,004	4
OLP with intent to steal	17,512	15,313	13,221	11,624	8,462	8,207	7,557	6,112	5,376	5,361	0
Attempted theft OLP	5,257	5,497	4,949	4,511	3,476	3,397	3,324	2,723	2,797	2,761	-1
Other theft	15,422	13,764	13,042	12,073	10,298	10,478	10,153	9,148	8,688	8,337	-4
Theft of motor vehicle	33,967	32,214	28,835	26,397	22,431	22,311	22,974	20,587	18,219	17,619	-3
Attempted theft of motor vehicle	8,849	9,748	8,679	7,764	6,215	6,122	6,844	5,651	4,989	4,876	-2
Total motor vehicle theft	132,167	121,564	108,903	98,651	80,350	78,528	78,504	69,120	63,175	62,958	0

Drugs crimes recorded by the police, Scotland, 1993 - 2002

Table A6

Crime category	Number & Percentage										
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	% change 00 - 01
Illegal importation of drugs	4	13	13	35	27	30	14	1	4	3	-25
Illegal cultivation of drugs	286	280	301	284	238	170	140	115	137	185	35
Possession of drugs with intent to supply	4,943	5,625	7,660	6,638	7,915	8,290	8,514	8,645	10,152	10,139	*
Possession of drugs	12,430	13,146	16,527	16,739	20,929	22,588	22,768	22,191	25,596	29,768	16
Drugs, money laundering related offences ¹	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Drugs, other offences	323	217	271	296	277	382	434	478	286	284	-1
Total	17,986	19,281	24,773	23,992	29,386	31,460	31,870	31,431	36,175	40,379	12

1. Introduced with effect from 1 January 1995.

Racially aggravated offences¹ (including harassment and conduct)
by police force area, 1999 - 2002

Table A7

Police force area	1999			2000			2001			2002		
	Racially aggravated harassment	Racially aggravated conduct	Total	Racially aggravated harassment	Racially aggravated conduct	Total	Racially aggravated harassment	Racially aggravated conduct	Total	Racially aggravated harassment	Racially aggravated conduct	Total
Central	-	-	-	-	34	34	17	116	133	9	139	148
Dumfries & Galloway	-	-	-	1	1	2	4	14	18	7	21	28
Fife	8	30	38	12	108	120	15	144	159	9	159	168
Grampian	5	20	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	234	239
Lothian & Borders	-	-	-	4	32	36	17	96	113	20	137	157
Northern	-	-	-	12	10	22	29	22	51	23	33	56
Strathclyde	30	172	202	114	438	552	218	807	1,025	308	928	1,236
Tayside	63	58	121	56	95	151	28	61	89	58	281	339
Scotland	106	280	386	199	718	917	328	1,260	1,588	439	1,932	2,371

1. Data collected with effect from January 1999.

6. Notes on statistics used in this bulletin

Returns

- 6.1 The statistical return from which most of the figures in this bulletin are taken is a simple count of the numbers of crimes and offences recorded and cleared up by the police. Only returns from the eight Scottish home forces are included in this bulletin. One return is made for each council in Scotland and these are aggregated to give a national total. Amendments (such as the deletion of incidents found on investigation not to be criminal) which arise after the end of the year are not incorporated.
- 6.2 In 1993 information was collected for the first time from other police forces, such as the British Transport Police. This practice has been continued, but these figures have **not** been included in the main body of the bulletin. Thus, in addition to those crimes and offences referred to throughout the bulletin there were, in total, 4,800 crimes and 6,500 offences recorded by the British Transport Police, Ministry of Defence and UK Atomic Energy Authority in 2002. The crime clear-up rate was 39 per cent and the offences rate was 31 per cent.
- 6.3 The figures included in the motor vehicle offences group do not include *stationary* motor vehicle offences dealt with by the issue of a fixed penalty ticket (some 179,600 offences, mostly parking, in 2001). However, offences dealt with under the vehicle defect rectification scheme and offences for which the procurator fiscal offers a fixed penalty are included in the figures. In addition to this, *moving* traffic offences which are the subject of a police conditional offer of a fixed penalty are also included, e.g. speeding, traffic directions offences.

Recording issues

- 6.4 In one criminal incident, several crimes or offences may occur - e.g. a house may be broken into and vandalised and the occupants assaulted. In multiple offence incidents, all the offences are counted rather than one for the incident as a whole; that is, the counting system is offence based rather than incident based. An offence may have more than one victim - for example in robberies - and be committed by more than one offender - e.g. some assaults and housebreakings. (Note that for murder, attempted murder and culpable homicide, the number of crimes recorded is equal to the number of the victims). Thus the statistics in this bulletin are not directly comparable with statistics on action taken against offenders, as one offence may lead to several persons being charged. Equally, an offender may be charged with several offences. The statistics for recorded number of crimes given in this bulletin are also not directly comparable with statistics collected in England and Wales for the recorded number of notifiable offences. This is mainly due to differences in the counting rules; for notifiable offences the counting system is, wherever possible victim based rather than offence based. The Home Office introduced new counting rules for notifiable offences, and expanded their coverage on 1 April 1998.
- 6.5 In Scotland, assault is a common law offence. In order to distinguish between serious and minor assaults (termed petty assault in the classification) police forces use a common definition of what is a serious assault.
- 6.6 Attempts to commit an offence are included in the statistics, in general in the same group as the substantive offence.

Reporting practice

- 6.7 These statistics do not of course reveal the incidence of all crime committed. Not all incidents are reported to the police. The Scottish Crime Survey, a survey of crime victims, suggested that in Scotland victims reported 55 per cent of incidents to the police in 1999, up from 53 per cent in 1981 and 50 per cent in 1995. The two reasons most commonly given by victims for not reporting to the police were that the incident was considered by them to be too trivial or that the police could not have taken any action in any case.
- 6.8 Many offences, for example, speeding or possession of drugs, have no victim other than perhaps the perpetrator and are discovered and recorded as a result of police activity rather than by being reported to the police by the public. Hence the strength and deployment of the police forces mainly determine the numbers of such offences recorded.
- 6.9 Variations in police recording practice can also occur between areas over time. It is known, for example, that the introduction of computerised crime logging systems has resulted in improved recording of minor incidents in Scotland since 1975, and as such systems come to be more widely used and improved such effects will continue to occur.

Revision to recorded crime series: offending while on bail

- 6.10 Section 2 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1995, which came into effect on 31 March 1996, amended the Bail etc. (Scotland) Act 1980 provisions relating to breach of bail conditions. Consolidation under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 subsequently took place with the provisions relating to breach of bail conditions contained in section 27 of this Act.
- 6.11 The revisions made by the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1995 included one change that impacted on the recording of crimes by the police. Under the 1980 Act, breaching the bail condition that no further offences would be committed while on bail was treated as an offence in its own right. The 1995 Act changed this; breaching this condition ceased to be a separate offence. Under the new provisions (which have applied since April 1996), if an accused commits a further offence while on bail then it is taken into account in sentencing for that offence. The court is now required, in determining sentence, to have regard to the fact that the offence was committed while on bail and may impose a more severe sentence than it would otherwise have done for the conviction. The new provisions under the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1995 apply to any bail order made on or after 31 March 1996.
- 6.12 The recorded crime series was revised to remove all crimes of "offending while on bail" from the historical data (1983-1995) to enable comparisons over time to be made. Full details of the changes can be found in the statistical bulletin "*Recording of Offending while on Bail, Scotland*", CrJ/1997/1.

Crimes and offences cleared up

- 6.13 The definition of "cleared up" is noted below. This definition came into force with effect from 1 April 1996.

A crime or offence is regarded as cleared up where there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots law, to justify consideration of criminal proceedings notwithstanding that a report is not submitted to the procurator fiscal because either

(i) by standing agreement with the procurator fiscal, the police warn the accused due to the minor nature of the offence, or

(ii) reporting is inappropriate due to the non-age of the accused, death of the accused or other similar circumstances.

For some types of crime or offence the case is cleared up immediately because the offender is "caught in the act", e.g. motoring offences. In Scots law, the confession of an accused person to a crime would not in general be sufficient to allow a prosecution to be taken as corroborative evidence is required. Thus, a case cannot be regarded as "cleared up" on the basis of a confession alone. In some cases there is sufficient evidence but a prosecution cannot be brought, for example, because the accused has left the country. In such cases, the offender is said to have been traced and the crime is regarded as cleared up. The other terms in the definition describe the various actions that must be taken by the police against offenders.

- 6.14 Certain motor vehicle offences are not always recorded in cases where police forces are unable to clear-up the offence (e.g. speeding offences where the driver is untraceable). Clear-up rates for motor vehicle offences in these circumstances are artificial. Thus, clear-up *rates* for the motor vehicle group and clear-up *rates* for Total Offences and Total Crimes and Offences (which include motor vehicle offences) are not included in the bulletin. However, the *number* of motor vehicle offences cleared up is still included.
- 6.15 Clear-up rates in excess of 100 per cent can arise where offences recorded in one year are cleared up during the following year.

Classification

- 6.16 Contraventions of Scottish criminal law are divided for statistical purposes into crimes and offences. The term "crime" is *generally* used for the more serious criminal acts; the less serious are termed "offences", although the term "offence" may also be used in relation to serious breaches of criminal law. The distinction is made only for working purposes and the "seriousness" of the offence is *generally* related to the maximum sentence that can be imposed.
- 6.17 The category of sexual assault was split into "rape & attempted rape" and "indecent assault" with effect from 2001, allowing the police Statutory Performance Indicator of serious violent crime to be readily calculated. The Statutory Performance Indicator of serious violent crime includes all "non-sexual crimes of violence" and "rape & attempted rape".
- 6.18 The detailed classification of crimes and offences used by The Scottish Executive to collect criminal statistics contains about 360 codes. These are grouped in the bulletin as shown on page 26.

- 6.19 The following symbols are used throughout the tables in this bulletin
- Nil * less than 0.5
- 6.20 Further analyses of recorded crime statistics can be supplied on request. In certain cases a fee is charged. For details of what can be provided please telephone Miss Allison Wood on 0131 244 2225 or e-mail: allison.wood@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Scottish Crime Survey

- 6.21 A number of modular reports addressing specific crime-related issues, which are based on the data gathered for the 2000 SCS, are also available. These reports refer to domestic abuse, drug misuse, young people and crime, the experiences of victims of crime, housebreaking, vehicle crime and violent crime.

Further information

- Crime and Criminal Justice Research Findings No. 51 “*The 2000 Scottish Crime Survey: First Results*”
- The 2000 Scottish Crime Survey: Analysis of the Ethnic Minority Booster Sample
- The 2000 Scottish Crime Survey: Overview Report
- Domestic Abuse: Findings from the 2000 Scottish Crime Survey
- Drug Misuse in Scotland: Findings from the 2000 Scottish Crime Survey
- Housebreaking in Scotland: Findings from the 2000 Scottish Crime Survey
- Impact of Crime on Victims: Findings from the 2000 Scottish Crime Survey
- Vehicle Crime in Scotland: Findings from the 2000 Scottish Crime Survey
- Violence in Scotland: Findings from the 2000 Scottish Crime Survey
- Young People and Crime in Scotland: Findings from the 2000 Scottish Crime Survey

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CLASSIFICATION OF CRIMES AND OFFENCES

Group

CRIMES

NON-SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

(Also referred to as **Violence**)

Serious assault etc. -

Includes murder and culpable homicide (including the statutory crime of causing death by dangerous driving or causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs). Furthermore, an assault is classified as **serious** if the victim sustained an injury resulting in detention in hospital as an in-patient or any of the following injuries whether or not he was detained in hospital: fractures, concussion, internal injuries, crushing, severe cuts or lacerations or severe general shock requiring medical treatment. Prior to 1990 the phrase "victim sustained" was followed by the phrase " (or owing to personal circumstances or the use of a weapon was likely to sustain) ".

Robbery -

Includes offences involving intent to rob.

Other -

Includes threats and extortion and cruel and unnatural treatment of children.

CRIMES OF INDECENCY

(Also referred to as **Indecency**).

Rape & Attempted Rape -

Comprises rape and assault with intent to rape.

Indecent Assault -

-

Lewd and indecent behaviour - (Previously titled "Lewd and libidinous practices")

Comprises lewd and libidinous practices against children and indecent exposure.

Other -

Includes offences connected with prostitution.

CRIMES INVOLVING DISHONESTY

(Also referred to as **Dishonesty**)

Housebreaking -

Includes commercial as well as domestic premises.

Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP) -

-

Theft from a motor vehicle by (OLP) –

-

Theft of motor vehicle -

-

Shoplifting -

-

Other theft -	Includes theft of pedal cycles.
Fraud -	Includes statutory fraud.
Other -	Includes forgery, reset and embezzlement.
<u>FIRE-RAISING, VANDALISM ETC</u>	(Also referred to as Vandalism)
Fire-raising -	-
Vandalism, etc. -	Includes malicious mischief, vandalism and reckless conduct with firearms.

OTHER CRIMES

Crimes against public justice -	Includes perjury, resisting arrest, bail offences (other than absconding or re-offending) and wasting police time.
Handling offensive weapons -	Comprises carrying offensive weapons, restriction of offensive weapons legislation.
Drugs -	Includes importation, possession and supply of controlled drugs.
Other -	Includes conspiracy and explosives offences.

OFFENCES

MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES

Petty Assault -	-
Breach of the peace -	-
Drunkenness -	-
Other -	Includes offences against local legislation, offences involving animals/plants, offences against liquor licensing laws and offences against environmental legislation.

MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENCES

Dangerous and careless driving -	Prior to 1992 this was known as "reckless and careless driving".
Drunk driving -	Comprises driving or in charge of motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs, blood alcohol content above limit and failing to provide breath, blood or urine specimens.

Speeding -

-

Unlawful use of vehicle -

Comprises driving while disqualified, without a licence, insurance, test certificate, vehicle tax and registration and identification offences.

Vehicle defect offences -

Comprises construction and use and lighting offences.

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