

DOMESTIC ABUSE CHARGES REPORTED TO COPFS 2015-2016

Offence	Court	Direct Measure	No Action	No Decision Yet	Reporter	Total
Homicide	6	0	0	0	0	6
Serious Assault and Attempted Murder	513	0	21	11	1	546
Robbery	51	0	5	1	0	57
Other Violence	159	2	7	6	0	174
Rape & Attempted Rape	364	0	15	104	1	484
Sexual Assault	133	0	16	29	1	179
Offences associated with prostitution	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other sexual crimes	98	1	6	25	1	131
Housebreaking	25	0	4	1	0	30
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (OLP)	1	0	1	0	0	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	50	1	8	1	0	60
Other Theft	392	17	40	12	1	462
Fraud	54	7	13	21	0	95
Other Dishonesty	2	0	1	0	0	3
Fire-raising	22	0	2	0	0	24
Vandalism etc.	1,497	39	136	15	3	1,690
Crimes against Public Justice	3,400	4	419	51	0	3,874
Handling offensive weapons	76	1	2	0	2	81
Common Assault	9,831	274	1,244	249	16	11,614
Breach Of The Peace etc.	11,802	447	1,137	142	9	13,537
Drunkenness	2	1	0	0	0	3
Other Misc. Offences	1,077	31	203	55	1	1,367
Total	29,556	825	3,280	723	36	34,420

NOTE:

The data has been extracted from the COPFS case management system. This is a live operational database. It is designed to meet business needs in the processing of criminal cases, rather than for statistical analysis, and the information within it is structured accordingly. The data was extracted in May 2016, and reflects the position at that date.

Reports to the Procurator Fiscal can include one or more persons. Each person within a report can be reported for one or more charges. Charges can include an identifier of domestic abuse where appropriate.

COPFS and the Police Service of Scotland have a wide definition of crimes identified as domestic abuse, which is set out in the published Joint Protocol - ["In Partnership, Challenging Domestic Abuse"](#). The definition set out in the protocol is "any form of physical, sexual or mental and emotional abuse which might amount to criminal conduct and which takes place within the context of relationship. The relationship will be between partners (married, cohabiting, civil partnerships or otherwise) or ex-partners. The abuse can be committed in the home or elsewhere".

The figures provided here are for all charges (rather than reports, or people) reported to COPFS in 2015-16, which had an identifier of domestic abuse as at May 2016. Some charges reported with a domestic abuse identifier may have had the identifier removed by the Procurator Fiscal during the processing of the case, if it was not appropriate. Conversely, a domestic abuse identifier may have been added to charges that were not originally reported with one, if appropriate.

The figures for Court and Direct Measures include charges that were not separately actioned, but where action was taken in relation to other charges reported in the case, for example, where it was considered that an alternative charge was more appropriate or because details of the charge were included within the body of another charge for evidential reasons.

In the majority of cases where no action was taken the reason given for that is insufficient evidence.

Charges have been classified according to the crime classification system used by the Scottish Government. This table gives more information on what the Scottish Government include in each of the categories:

CRIMES	
Homicide	Comprises murder and culpable homicide (including the statutory crimes of causing death by dangerous or careless driving or causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs, or when driving illegally).
Serious assault and attempted murder	-
Robbery	Includes offences involving intent to rob.
Other violence	Includes threats, extortion and cruel and unnatural treatment of children.
Rape and attempted rape	-
Sexual assault	Includes: Contact sexual assault (13-15 yr old or adult 16+),

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	Other sexually coercive conduct (adult 16+), Sexual offences against children under 13, Sexual activity with children aged 13-15, Other sexual offences involving children aged 13-15, Lewd and libidinous practices
Offences associated with prostitution	Includes: Soliciting services of person engaged in prostitution, Brothel keeping, Immoral traffic, and Procuration
Other sexual crimes	Includes: Incest, Unnatural Crimes, Public indecency, Sexual exposure, and other sexual offences
Housebreaking	Includes business as well as domestic premises.
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (OLP)	-
Theft of motor vehicle	-

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Other theft	Includes theft of pedal cycles.
Fraud	Includes statutory fraud, except social security benefit fraud.
Other dishonesty	Includes forgery, reset and embezzlement.
Fire-raising	-
Vandalism etc	Includes malicious mischief, vandalism and reckless conduct with firearms.
Crimes against public justice	Includes perjury, contempt of court, bail offences and failing to appear at court.
Handling offensive weapons	Comprises carrying offensive weapons including articles with a point or blade, restriction of offensive weapons legislation.
Common assault	Also sometimes termed petty assault or minor assault.

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Breach of the peace etc.	Includes breach of the peace, threatening or abusive behaviour, stalking, and offensive behaviour at football and threatening communications (Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications Act 2012)
Drunkenness	Includes offences of being drunk and incapable, being drunk in charge of a child, being disorderly on (or in attempting to enter) licensed premises and being drunk inside (or in attempting to enter) a sports ground.
Other Misc Offences	Includes offences against local legislation, Revenue and Excise Acts, Licensing Acts, Wireless Telegraphy Acts/Communication Acts.