

Statistics on Case Processing Last: 5 Years	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Reports Received ⁽¹⁾					
Criminal Reports	280,942	293,672	244,387	225,537	195,731
Death Reports	11,021	9,549	9,173	9,579	10,931
Total Reports Received	291,963	303,221	253,560	235,116	206,662
Non-Court Disposals					
No Action	35,200	27,798	26,985	26,431	20,792
Warning Letters	12,987	7,785	7,828	13,249	8,236
Conditional Offers of Fixed Penalties Paid	21,678	23,816	15,483	10,580	8,370
Fiscal Fines Paid/Accepted	46,191	46,691	35,180	33,489	21,321
Compensation Orders Accepted	1,123	753	580	482	664
Combined Fiscal Fines/Compensation Orders Accepted	2,186	1,952	1,972	2,635	2,224
Other Non-Court disposals	9,834	12,699	13,065	10,375	10,990
Total Non-Court Disposals	129,199	121,494	101,093	97,241	72,597
No Further Action ⁽²⁾					
Total No Further Action	42,032	35,480	32,495	27,333	29,937
Court Disposals					
JP Court:					
Pleas ⁽³⁾	31,567	34,535	34,837	29,665	-
Trials ⁽⁴⁾	1,362	1,560	2,044	1,789	-
Total JP Court Disposals	32,929	36,095	36,881	31,454	-
Sheriff Summary ⁽⁵⁾					
Pleas ⁽³⁾	49,548	50,227	49,426	47,057	-
Trials ⁽⁴⁾	4,777	5,168	6,248	5,616	-
Total Sheriff Summary Disposals	54,325	55,395	55,674	52,673	-
Sheriff and Jury:					
Pleas ⁽³⁾	3,746	3,543	4,310	4,398	-
Trials ⁽⁴⁾	1,125	1,215	1,328	1,115	-
Total Sheriff and Jury Disposals	4,871	4,758	5,638	5,513	-
High Court:					
Pleas ⁽³⁾	286	242	215	234	-
Trials ⁽⁴⁾	310	362	334	283	-
Total High Court Disposals	596	604	549	517	-
Total Court Disposals ⁽⁷⁾	92,721	96,852	98,742	90,157	-
Total Disposals ⁽⁶⁾	263,952	253,826	232,330	214,731	-

Information Notes:-

- (1) COPFS receives reports about crimes from the police and other reporting agencies and then decides what action to take, including whether to prosecute someone. We also look into deaths that need further explanation and investigate allegations of criminal conduct against police officers.
- (2) No Further Action = Cases which were closed after proceedings had been commenced or attempted (e.g. cases which were closed because the accused died, the accused could not be traced, a key witness was not available, etc.)
- (3) Pleas = Cases which were disposed of at court without any evidence being led.
- (4) Trials = Cases where some or all of the evidence was led.
- (5) Sheriff Summary cases include cases dealt with in the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court in Glasgow.
- (6) Total disposals will not equal total criminal cases received as some cases against the same accused will be linked and taken forward as one case. There is also a time lag between receipt of a case and final disposal so that, for example, some cases received in 2014-2015 will not have resulted in a disposal until 2015-2016.
- (7) Information on court disposals is no longer collated centrally by COPFS. The Management Information Analysis Team at the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) do collate information on court disposals. Figures from SCTS will be added to the table above in due course.