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## COPFS statistics on case processing in the last 5 years (2018-2023)

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## Reports Received <sup>(1)</sup>

<b>Statistics on Case Processing: Last 5 Years</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
Criminal Reports	170,575	169,894	159,184	148,925	144,957
Death Reports	10,397	10,921	15,739	15,377	14,147
Total Reports Received	180,972	180,815	174,923	164,302	159,104

## Non-Court Disposals <sup>(2)</sup>

<b>Statistics on Case Processing: Last 5 Years</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
No Action	17,705	15,999	15,897	13,982	13,042
Warning Letters	5,816	5,261	6,583	5,203	3,249
Conditional Offers of Fixed Penalties Paid	6,896	7,837	10,384	12,180	10,942
Fiscal Fines Paid/Accepted	17,830	17,705	12,399	11,510	10,476
Compensation Orders Accepted	756	595	925	594	680
Combined Fiscal Fines/Compensation Orders Accepted	3,178	3,840	2,051	3,189	4,177
Other Non-Court disposals	11,144	11,747	13,960	14,066	14,031
Total Non-Court Disposals <sup>(3)</sup>	63,325	62,984	62,199	60,724	56,597

## No Further Action

<b>Statistics on Case Processing: Last 5 Years</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
Total No Further Action <sup>(4)</sup>	18,861	17,734	16,437	23,581	24,585

## 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.
- (2) Information on court disposals is available from the Management Information Analysis Team at the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS).
- (3) There is a time lag between receipt of a case and final disposal so that, for example, some cases received in 2021-2022 will not result in a disposal until 2022-2023.
- (4) No Further Action = Cases which were closed after action 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.)