

57408

Please provide recorded information for school settings (local authority schools and specialist bases/units) for academic years 2015/16 to 2024/25 (year-to-date), and monthly from 1 August 2023 to the most recent complete month where requested.

A. Counts of recorded violent incidents (annual, by phase)

For each academic year, provide totals for Primary, Secondary, and Special (or your equivalent phases):

1. Total recorded violent incidents.
2. Of these, incidents where the victim was staff; victim was pupil.
3. Incidents resulting in injury (first aid only / medical treatment / lost time).
4. Incidents reported to Police Scotland (if recorded).
5. Incidents recorded as RIDDOR reportable (if recorded).

Health & Safety – where the victim was staff

A1&A2: Please see the attached document – ‘57408 H&S A1&2 response’

A3: For Incidents resulting in injury – select column ‘K’ after applying a filter in the attached spreadsheet

A5: For Incidents recorded as RIDDOR reportable - select column ‘Q’ after applying a filter in the attached spreadsheet

Pupil on pupil

A2&3: Please see the information previously provided under references 56226 and 54637

A4: This information is not held

B. Monthly time-series (recent, service-level)

For Aug 2023 – latest month, provide monthly totals of:

1. Total recorded violent incidents.
2. Incidents against staff; incidents against pupils.
3. Incidents resulting in injury (as per A3).

Health & Safety – incidents against staff

B1&2: For Total recorded violent incidents – to staff only, monthly from August 2023 - select column ‘C’ after applying a filter in the attached spreadsheet for relevant academic year.

B3: For Incidents resulting in injury – select column ‘K’ after applying a filter in the attached spreadsheet for relevant academic year.

Pupil on pupil:

Please see the information previously provided under references 56226 and 54637

C. Incident categories and coding

1. The incident categories/codes you use for violent incidents (e.g., physical assault, threat/abuse, weapon possession/use, spitting/biting, sexual assault/harassment, damage to property linked to violence, other), with definitions.
2. Where available, annual totals by incident category (service-level).

Health & Safety –

C1: Incident categories - select column ‘K’ after applying a filter in the attached spreadsheet for relevant academic year.

C3: Annual totals by incident category - select column 'K' after applying a filter in the attached spreadsheet for relevant academic year.

Pupil on pupil

Please see the information previously provided under references 56226 and 54637

D. Disposals/outcomes (service-level)

Annual totals of violent incidents that resulted in:

1. Temporary exclusion; permanent exclusion (if applicable).
2. Risk assessment / safety plan update or creation (count of incidents leading to such action, if recorded).
(Policy-level counts only—no case narratives.)

Please refer to the information provided in response to a previous FOI – Reference 42739
Note – we do not do permanent exclusions.

E. Denominators for rates

For each academic year, provide:

1. Total pupil roll by phase (Primary/Secondary/Special).

This is available on the Scottish Government website

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/school-level-summary-statistics/> this splits the school rolls by authority and by school, with one spreadsheet per year. The census figures for 2025 are due to be released by the end of January.

2. School-day count or sessions possible used for attendance/statistics (if you routinely use a denominator for incident rates).
(If you already calculate an incident rate per 1,000 pupils or similar, please include your rate and method.)

School attendance information is also available publicly:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/school-attendance-and-absence-statistics/>

F. Policies, systems, and management information

1. Current policy/procedure for recording, categorising and escalating violent incidents in schools (and any guidance issued to schools).

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1146112/relationships-learning-and-behaviour-procedure>

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1486170/included-engaged-and-involved-in-edinburgh-policy->

Please also refer to the documents shared as part of our response to FOI 49319

The violent incident categories are covered in FOI 56226

Health & Safety –

Please see the attached – 'Incident Reporting Guidance for Managers and Employees'.

2. The system(s) used (e.g., SEEMiS modules, H&S incident system), with the fields available for extraction (a data dictionary or field list is fine).

Seemis & myHS system for recording this information.
Fields available for extraction are listed in FOI 56226

3. Any management/committee reports since 1 August 2023 summarising trends in school violent incidents.

All committee information reports are available via: [Committee details - Education, Children and Families Committee - Modern Council](#)