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# Statistical News

## Fire Safety and Organisational Statistics

### 2024-25

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# Changes by Section

## Official Statistics in Development

There are no tables classed as 'Official Statistics in Development' in 2024-25.

## National Records of Scotland Population Data

In 2023-24, the mid-year population estimates for 2022 were used as this was the most recent publication from the National Records of Scotland at the time of publication. This has been updated this year to include the 2023 population figures for 2023-24.

This affects the following tables and charts:

- Residents of Households Visited in Home Fire Safety Visits by Age Range - Percentage of Population (Table code: HV\_RESARP1)
- Rate of Home Fire Safety Visits by Age Group of Residents (Chart code: C\_HV\_RESPI)

## Fire Stations and Capabilities

### Corrections

- It was discovered that there were six stations which were not included in previous years as having water pumping capabilities that should have been included. These stations have now been included under '1 pump' in all previous years since reporting began and for this year. This also affects the total number of water pumping capabilities in the table titled 'Fire Station Capabilities' (table code: FS\_CAP1).

## Fire and Rescue Vehicles

There were no corrections or changes for this section.

## Workforce

There were no corrections or changes for this section.

## Attacks on Fire and Rescue Personnel

### Corrections

- A large quality assurance task took place throughout 2024-25 on the data. Due to this, SFRS chose to revise all previous year's figures to ensure that they were all as accurate as possible.

### Changes

- The categories of attack were changed this year from 'Objects thrown at firefighters/appliances', 'Physical abuse', 'Verbal abuse', and 'Other acts of aggression' to 'Physical Assault', 'Verbal Assault' and 'Attacks against Property/Equipment'. These were changed to best reflect how the data is recorded within the Health and Safety system. This has reduced the number of manual tasks for those involved in the statistics production, which in turn is hoped to improve the quality of the information published. It was not possible to recategorise incidents in 2015-16 and so, these have been removed from the publication.

## Home Fire Safety Visits

### Corrections

- A new system was introduced in February 2025 to record Home Fire Safety Visit information. This new system does not allow for personnel to record whether an alarm fitted is new or replaced. For this reason, the 'new' and 'replaced' alarm figures will not add up to the total number of alarms fitted, as there are a number of alarms that we do not know this information for. This affects the following tables and charts:
  - Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) by Outcome and Alarms Installed (Table code: HV\_OS1)
  - Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) by Outcome and Alarms Installed, by Local Authority (Table code: HV\_OLAS1)
  - Alarms Installed Chart (Chart code: C\_HV\_AIS1)

## Non-Domestic Fire Safety Visits

There were no corrections or changes for this section.

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