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# Statistical News

## Fire and Rescue Incident Statistics (Scotland)

# 2021-22

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## Official Statistics

In 2019 the Scottish Government added the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) to the register of 'Producers of Official Statistics', this permits SFRS to publish Official Statistics and requires that SFRS follow the Code of Practice for Statistics in producing them. This statistical series was formerly designated as 'Official' when it was initiated by the Scottish Government and we have chosen to reapply the designation from this year. As we have voluntarily followed the Code of Practice for Statistics in previous years, there has been no change in process to apply this designation.

## Notable Revisions

There were no revisions in the headline incidents timeseries of more than 0.5%.

## Fire Fatality Statistics

In 2020-21, SFRS reported that there were 53 fire fatalities across the year. Since the last release, it has been discovered that one of these fatalities was not caused directly by the fire. This fire fatality has been re-categorised from 'Fire – Caused by Fire' to 'Fire – Other Cause'. Please see Guidance Notes for further details on this category of fatality. The fire fatality figure for 2020-21 has now been revised to 52.

## Cross Border Incidents

There are a small number of incidents from 2009-10 to 2021-22 that have occurred over the Scottish border in England. Due to SFRS attending these incidents, they have been recorded as Scottish incidents. Whilst it is appropriate to include these incidents in headline figures, we cannot map these incidents to a Scottish local authority. To resolve this, a 'Not Known' category has been added to local authority tables in the Tables and Charts workbook.

## Appliances

Appliances are now categorised using restructured National Callsigns. It is believed that this will provide more accurate figures for tables IFR\_APP1 and IFRAPPLA1. Due to this change, figures may differ more than would be expected when compared to previous years' publications. This will be reviewed within the next year.

## Experimental Statistics

All tables classed as experimental last year have remained experimental this year. This will be reviewed again next year.

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