

Complaints made against members of An Garda Síochána from January 1, 2020 to date (February 5, 2024).

-I request that this be broken down by year and include the nature of the complaint, the rank of the AGS member involved, and the outcome of the complaint.

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Years 2020, 2021 and 2022

Of the above-requested information, much of it is already published and available in the public domain in our published Annual Reports for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022

Complaint numbers, categories and Garda ranks

A record of the number of complaints made to GSOC per calendar year is included in GSOC's published annual reports. These complaints are also categorised by nature of complaint.

- The 2020 Annual Report is available [HERE](#).
A record of the number of complaints and categorisation of these complaints can be found at page 12 and a breakdown of the nature of complaints can be found at page 14.
A breakdown of the ranks of Garda members subject to complaint in the year under report can be found at page 65.
- The 2021 Annual Report is available [HERE](#).
A record of the number of complaints and categorisation of these complaints can be found at page 37 and a breakdown of the nature of complaints can be found at page 39.
A breakdown of the ranks of Garda members subject to complaint in the year under report can be found at page 84.
- The 2022 Annual Report is available [HERE](#).
A record of the number of complaints and categorisation of these complaints can be found at page 38 and a breakdown of the nature of complaints can be found at page 41.
A breakdown of the ranks of Garda members subject to complaint in the year under report can be found at page 98.

It is not possible to disaggregate details of rank on a per-complaint or a per-category basis.

Complaint Outcomes

GSOC Annual Reports also publish information on investigation outcomes. The focus on outcomes in Annual Reports, however, is on investigations *closed* in the calendar year being reported. These outcomes tables are available in the 2020 Annual Report at page 24, the 2021 Annual Report at page 43 / 44 and in the 2022 Annual Report at page 45 / 46. However not all such investigations will have been opened in that same year. GSOC Annual Reports also break down such outcomes by allegation, rather than by complaint (one complaint may contain several allegations).

Your request varies from GSOC's published information, in that it is seeking the outcomes with respect to complaints *opened* in the calendar years under query.

This information is provided below for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. For outcomes for 2023 and early 2024, please see later in the document.

***Note** - Some complaints can have more than one unique outcome. There can also be more than one allegation within the one complaint with different outcomes. The sum total of numbers in this column therefore does not represent the total number of complaints received/admitted in a given year.

Please also note that the below information should be treated as indicative only. It was retrieved on foot of your request and does not represent official, published, statistical information from GSOC.

Outcomes for admissible complaints opened in 2020

Outcome	Number of complaints to which this outcome applies*
Remain Open	19
Advice	22
Allegation Withdrawn	170
Caution	1
Dismissal	7
Fine imposed	1
Frivolous or Vexatious	1
Further investigation not necessary or reasonably practicable	1
Garda Discipline Regulations no longer apply to member	2
Garda Commissioner identified no breach of Discipline Regulations	750
GSOC identifies no misbehaviour by member following S98 criminal investigation	12
Inadmissible	187
Inadmissible - does not constitute misbehaviour	70
Inadmissible - frivolous or vexatious	1
Inadmissible - not a Garda	17

Inadmissible - not authorised to make a complaint	2
Non-cooperation by complainant	2
Reduction in pay not exceeding 2 weeks' pay	2
Reduction in pay not exceeding 4 weeks' pay	31
Referred to DPP - No Prosecution Directed	4
Referred to DPP - Prosecution Directed	2
Regulation 10 - Advice	1
Regulation 10 - Warning	5
Reprimand	2
Warning	4

Outcomes for admissible complaints *opened in 2021*

Outcome	Number of complaints to which this outcome applies*
Remain Open	35
Advice	24
Allegation Withdrawn	153
Caution	8
Fine imposed	2
Frivolous or Vexatious	3
Further investigation not necessary or reasonably practicable	864
Garda Discipline Regulations no longer apply to member	2
Garda Commissioner identified no breach of Discipline Regulations	185
GSOC identifies no misbehaviour by member following S98 criminal investigation	39
Inadmissible - does not constitute misbehaviour	19
Inadmissible - frivolous or vexatious	4
Inadmissible - not a Garda	1
Inadmissible - not authorised to make a complaint	1
Inadmissible - out of time	1
Non-cooperation by complainant	36
Reduction in pay not exceeding 2 weeks' pay	2

Referred to DPP - No Prosecution Directed	4
Referred to DPP - Prosecution Directed	1
Regulation 10 - Advice	2
Regulation 10 - Warning	1
Reprimand	5
Suspension from duty	1
Warning	4

Outcomes for admissible complaints *opened* in 2022

Outcome	Number of complaints to which this outcome applies*
Remain Open	69
Advice	25
Allegation Withdrawn	93
Caution	8
Fine imposed	2
Frivolous or Vexatious	2
Further investigation not necessary or reasonably practicable	506
Garda Discipline Regulations no longer apply to member	1
Garda Commissioner identified no breach of Discipline Regulations	144
GSOC identifies no misbehaviour by member following S98 criminal investigation	42
Inadmissible - does not constitute misbehaviour	23
Inadmissible - frivolous or vexatious	1
Inadmissible - not a Garda	2
Non-cooperation by complainant	22
Previously Recorded in Formal Recommendation	1
Reduction in pay not exceeding 2 weeks' pay	1
Referred to DPP - No Prosecution Directed	2
Referred to DPP - Prosecution Directed	1
Regulation 10 - Advice	1
Reprimand	3
Resolved through Local Intervention	1
Warning	2

Years 2023 and 2024 (to 5 February)

The 2023 Annual Report is currently in the process of being developed and will be available on our website later this spring. It will include the same broad data and information provided in previous GSOC Annual Reports.

GSOC's 2024 Annual Report will be published in spring of 2025.

In light of this, it is to be noted that the below information should be treated as indicative only. It was retrieved on foot of your request and does not represent official, published, statistical information from GSOC. Information on cases, by its nature, is dynamic, and subject to update on foot of further information that may emerge during the course of an investigation.

Data requested with respect to 2023

A total of 1,577 complaints were opened in 2023. A complaint may contain more than one allegation, and the complaints received in 2023 contained 3,244 separate allegations.

Of the 1577 complaints opened in 2023, 962 were deemed admissible.

Allegation Type

Following the admissibility process, below is a breakdown of the allegation types in all *admissible* complaints in 2023.

Types of Allegation	Count of Allegations
Awaiting Allegation categorisation	166
Abuse of Authority	545
Corrupt or Improper Practice	16
Criminal Damage	27
Data Offences	2
Discourtesy	296
Discreditable Conduct	14
Discrimination	19
Falsehood or Prevarication	52
Generic Inadmissible Allegation	6
Improper use of Information	22
Intoxication	1

Misuse of Drugs	2
Misuse of Money or Property	7
Neglect of Duty	881
Non-fatal Offence	522
Other	19
Road Traffic Infringement	32
Sexual Offence	16
Theft and Fraud	15

Breakdown of the ranks of Garda members subject to complaint in 2023

As already noted, it is not possible to disaggregate details of rank on a per-complaint or a per-category basis.

Garda Rank	Count of Allegations
Chief Superintendent	3
Detective Chief Superintendent	1
Detective Garda	41
Detective Inspector	3
Detective Sergeant	19
Detective Superintendent	1
Garda	1,453
Inspector	33
Sergeant	200
Superintendent	20
Garda Rank Not Provided	886

Outcomes for complaints *opened* in 2023

Finally, you have also requested information on outcomes with respect to admissible / part Admissible complaints *opened* in 2023. These are provided below.

Outcome	Number of complaints to which this outcome applies*
Remain Open	434
Advice	12
Allegation Withdrawn	77
Caution	5
Closed Informally Resolved	1
Fine imposed	3

Frivolous or Vexatious	2
Further investigation not necessary or reasonably practicable	334
Garda Discipline Regulations no longer apply to member	2
Garda Commissioner identified no breach of Discipline Regulations	53
GSOC identifies no misbehaviour by member following S98	27
Inadmissible - does not constitute misbehaviour	12
Inadmissible - frivolous or vexatious	2
Inadmissible - not a Garda	2
Inadmissible - out of time	1
Non-cooperation by complainant	16
Regulation 10 - Advice	2
Reprimand	1
Warning	1

Data requested with respect to 1 Jan – 5 Feb 2024

In this time frame GSOC received 256 complaints which contained 351 separate allegations.

Admissibility processes for these may not be concluded, but as at time of writing 139 complaints have been deemed admissible.

Given their recency, there are no outcomes yet recorded against these complaints.

Allegation Type

Following the admissibility process, below is a breakdown of the allegation types in all *admissible* complaints received in 2024 up to 5 February.

Awaiting a Type	Count of Allegations
Awaiting Allegation categorisation	68
Abuse of Authority	28
Criminal Damage	1
Discourtesy	23
Discreditable Conduct	6
Falsehood or Prevarication	2
Generic Inadmissible Allegation	121
Misuse of Money or Property	2
Neglect of Duty	85
Non-fatal Offence	14
Road Traffic Infringement	1

Breakdown of the ranks of Garda members subject to complaint between 1 Jan and 5 Feb 2024

As already noted, it is not possible to disaggregate details of rank on a per-complaint or a per-category basis.

Garda Rank	Count of Allegations
Detective Garda	4
Detective Sergeant	2
Garda	76
Inspector	2
Not Provided	254
Sergeant	13