

Coronavirus

Scottish FoI: Zero Covid deaths in working-age populations most in contact with the public, 2020–2022

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Given what was routinely portrayed in the mainstream media in 2020 and beyond during the course of 'the pandemic', one would expect the death toll 'from the Covid-19 virus' to be abnormally high in the employed groups most in contact with the general public, namely shop workers, police and teachers. Covid was, after all, [reported](#) many times as a 'once-in-a-century' event.

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John Niven says there will be no 800-mile Christmas trip for his family this year and he will miss it.



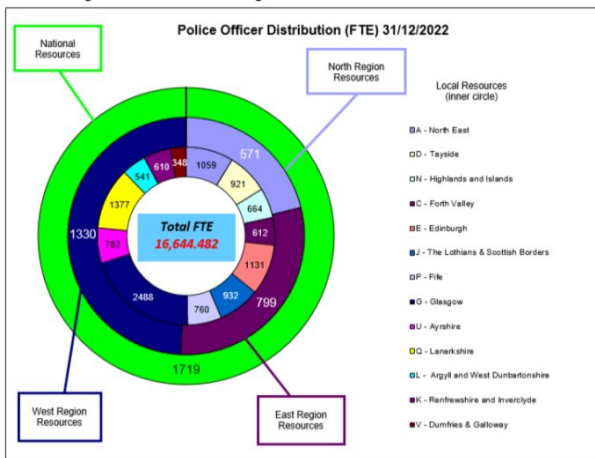
NEWS OPINION By [John Niven](#)
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You may have seen in [my previous Freedom of Information piece](#) that there were, astonishingly, zero deaths among all doctors and nurses in Scotland over a three-year period from Covid-19.

With that established, my curiosity was firmly engaged. We can see from official statistics that the total number of people employed in Scotland within shop work, the police force and education is around 300,000—there are approximately 245,000 jobs in Scottish [retail](#); 16,600 are employed by [Police Scotland](#); and 52,600 Scots work as [teachers](#).

Police Officer Distribution

The illustration below outlines the distribution of officers across each of the 13 local policing divisions together with the available regional and national resources:



Chapter 3: School teachers

Table 3.1: Teachers in Scotland by sector and local authority, 2020

Full Time Equivalents (FTE)					
Local Authority	Primary	Secondary	Special	Centrally employed	Total
Scotland	25,651	24,077	1,934	1,009	52,672

Table 1: Scottish employment by broad industry

	Employment 2016	% of total employment	One-year change (2015 to 2016)	Seven-year change (2009 to 2016)
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	76,000	3%	1%	-6%
Mining, quarrying & utilities	68,000	3%	-3%	10%
Manufacturing	180,000	7%	-1%	-6%
Construction	141,000	5%	1%	-4%
Motor trades	49,000	2%	7%	11%
Wholesale	77,000	3%	-3%	-1%
Retail	245,000	9%	0%	-2%

The professional hazards

In 2020, Scottish Police Federation (SPF) chairman David Hamilton said the police could be 'super spreaders' of the virus. He also raised concerns about attacks on his union members which deliberately sought to infect them.

'Not only is it disgusting, coughing and spitting on someone, particularly at this time, it is absolutely appalling and essentially weaponising the virus and using it to try and cause harm to other individuals,' [he said](#).

These attacks, reported by the Scottish mainstream press, were not just made on police officers. They were also [reported to be commonplace amongst shop staff](#) in 2020. This issue was considered so severe that the Scottish Government decided to legislate on it.



PROTECT & SERVE Coronavirus Scotland: New law passed to protect shop & retail workers as attacks soared in Scotland during pandemic

Katrine Bussey

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The Scottish parliamentarian (MSP) behind the legislation insisted that 'enough is enough'. Labour's Daniel Johnson said that attacks and abuse of retail staff had increased since the coronavirus pandemic began.

Moreover, it was [reported](#) that Scottish teachers were also being attacked during 'the pandemic'.



Scottish News

CLASS ATTACKS Violent attacks by young schoolkids on Scots teachers on the rise due to Covid 'distress'

[Christine Lavelle](#)

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The reporting above is quite disturbing, and those on the metaphorical front lines were most definitely at an increased risk from 'the virus' as compared with the rest of the general public, who were told to stay at home as much as possible and not to socialise outside their government-advised 'bubbles'.

So it may come as a surprise just how different mortality rates from 'the virus' were among the above occupational groups over the 'stay-at-home' remainder of the Scottish population.

The death statistics

Here is a recent [Freedom of Information response](#) I have received on deaths involving Covid-19 for all shop workers, police and teachers in Scotland. I never would have expected such a dramatic result of reported deaths from 'the virus'.



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Dear D Tait,

Request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request from 01 November 2022 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for

“1- Can you tell me how many teachers (within primary and secondary schools) have died from COVID-19 in Scotland from March 2020 till Oct 2022 ?

2- Can you tell me how many shop workers have died from COVID-19 in Scotland from March 2020 till Oct 2022 ?

3- Can you tell me how many police officers have died from COVID-19 in Scotland from March 2020 till oct 2022 ?

Response to your request

For questions 1-3, there have been no such deaths recorded for any of these categories of people aged 20-64 who were not retired.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Burns
Senior Assistant Statistician

From all other causes, among people in the aforementioned occupations over the same period, there were 2,522 deaths. These were not reported, nor grieved by the Government, but *every* 'Covid' death was a tragedy, according to the First Minister.



National Records of Scotland

All deaths occurring between 01 March 2020 and 31 October 2022

SOC Group	Cause	Deaths
7 - Sales and Customer Service Occupations	All causes	1,173
23 - Teaching and Educational Professionals	All causes	309
33 - Protective Service Occupations	All causes	141
71 - Sales Occupations	All causes	899

Source: Archive | [National Records of Scotland](#)

The Scottish mainstream press was [again, repeatedly](#), just [as we saw with nurses](#), reporting deaths in shop workers as being *from the virus*—which these official statistics contradict. All the above other causes of death were not considered relevant to be reported.

Conclusion

The reality is that over a three-year period in Scotland, there were *zero* deaths from 'the Covid-19 virus' amongst the employment sectors most in contact with the public (including doctors, nurses, shop workers, police, and primary and secondary school teachers). It is now unarguable that these data demonstrate a 'pandemic' of fear and hysteria, not backed by science or evidence.

Professor John Oxford, one of the UK's foremost virologists, said at the start of Covid hysteria in March 2020:

Personally, I would say the best advice is to spend less time watching TV news, which is sensational and not very good [...] We are suffering from a media epidemic.

As a Scotsman, and in light of these unreported and (to me) jaw-dropping facts, I cannot escape the uneasy feeling that we are witnessing something truly grotesque occurring in our country and that 'the virus' has been and is still being used by our government in lockstep with unelected NGOs to instil dangerous behaviours and permanent changes in society that will not ever be in the public interest.

To take one local-level Scottish example, South Lanarkshire Council [intones](#) (emphasis added):

The Covid-19 pandemic has exposed major weaknesses in our economy [...] As the world recovers, we have a chance to reset the clock and **build back better** than before.

Where is the voice of the people? I think it's time to speak up—and loudly.



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David Tait is a Scottish concerned citizen.

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