

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2702
Date: 29 December 2022



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

1: The number of traffic incidents that have been reported/ drivers that have been convicted, specifically looking at the car make and model involved in the incident, looking at the data from Jan 1st 2020 to November 30th, 2022. Please can the data be broken down into month by month.

2: The number of fines issued looking specifically at the make and model of car that was issued the fine for:

- **Driving under the influence or drinking/ drugs**
- **Careless or inconsiderate driving-**
 - **overtaking on the inside**
 - **driving too close to another vehicle**
 - **driving through a red light by mistake**
 - **turning into the path of another vehicle**
 - **the driver being avoidably distracted by tuning the radio, lighting a cigarette etc**
 - **flashing lights to force other drivers to give way**
 - **misusing lanes to gain advantage over other drivers**
 - **unnecessarily staying in an overtaking lane**
 - **unnecessarily slow driving or braking**
 - **dazzling other drivers with un-dipped headlights**
- **Dangerous driving -**
 - **speeding, racing, or driving aggressively**
 - **ignoring traffic lights, road signs or warnings from passengers**
 - **overtaking dangerously**
 - **driving under the influence of drink or drugs, including prescription drugs**
 - **driving when unfit, including having an injury, being unable to see clearly, not taking prescribed drugs, or being sleepy**
 - **knowing the vehicle has a dangerous fault or an unsafe load**
- **Speeding**
- **Driving without due care or attention**
- **drive without a driving licence covering a vehicle of the class being driven**
- **drive without insurance**
- **drive without an MOT**
- **drive while disqualified**

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We would like the data to specifically show the make and model of the car given the fine. We would also like data around the topic of the keywords listed, they do not need to be as specific as shown. We would like the data from Jan 1st 2020 to November 30th, 2022. Please can the data be broken down into month by month.

3. Breakdown of towns and cities data for all questions by calendar year

4. Breakdown of age and gender for all questions by calendar year

Having considered your request in terms of the Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to manually examine each and every relevant offence mentioned above to establish age/ gender of accused and make/model of vehicles. There are no relevant markers which allow the automatic retrieval of this level of information. Therefore given the amount of reports that would need reviewing this is an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

You can access our published crime statistics via the following link: [How we are performing - Police Scotland](#)

Please also be advised that Police Scotland does not hold conviction information. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) which holds conviction information for Scotland. A request can be submitted to COPFS via email using the following address foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at foidundee@scotland.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision.

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You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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