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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.

A96 FOI to Police Scotland

How many serious injuries have occurred to a person or persons as a result of a road traffic collision since 2017 on the A96?

How many individual people have been injured as a result of a road traffic collision since 2017 on the A96?

How many minor injuries have occurred to a person or person as a result of a road traffic collision since 2017 on the A96?

How many fatal injuries have occurred to a person or person as a result of a road traffic collision since 2017 on the A96?

In response to these questions, please see the following tables:

Road Traffic **Collisions** on the A96, Highlands and Islands and North East Division

Collision Severity	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 ytd
Fatal	2	1	7	3	3	1
Serious	13	12	16	10	13	2
Slight	38	38	30	7	14	4
Total	53	51	53	20	30	7

Road Traffic Collision **Casualties** on the A96, Highlands and Islands and North East Division

Casualty Severity	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 ytd
Fatal	2	5	7	3	3	1
Serious	19	18	21	13	16	2
Slight	53	59	48	12	27	6
Total	74	82	76	28	46	9

Please be advised that the number of casualties may vary from the number of collisions, as each collision may have multiple casualties

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How many serious injuries have occurred to a person or persons specifically on the A96 where the road has not yet been dualled?

How many fatal injuries have occurred to a person or persons specifically on the A96 where the road has not yet been dualled?

The exact location of each RTC is provided below using northings/ eastings. There are various mapping tools available online which would allow you to plot these on a map.

2017 RTCs			2018 RTCs			2019 RTCs		
Eastings	Northings	Severity	Eastings	Northings	Severity	Eastings	Northings	Severity
270345	846369	Slight	292560	855462	Slight	292620	855465	Slight
269801	845988	Slight	283399	854435	Slight	268720	845641	Slight
321484	862930	Slight	294259	855884	Slight	277391	850746	Slight
373470	825552	Slight	283970	854785	Slight	268721	845607	Fatal
391040	809207	Slight	295259	856270	Slight	282246	853625	Slight
321675	863015	Slight	295732	856386	Slight	304388	859586	Fatal
303223	859047	Serious	287882	856350	Slight	306165	859868	Serious
386461	811243	Slight	285215	854734	Slight	309844	860969	Slight
334453	859017	Slight	274943	849101	Slight	368798	826619	Slight
270989	847003	Serious	273161	848000	Slight	343709	849416	Serious
300985	858154	Slight	268727	845648	Slight	393079	807863	Slight
360470	834992	Slight	276394	850453	Slight	378450	815355	Serious
393243	807944	Slight	270856	846865	Slight	355084	838327	Slight
394157	806905	Slight	269484	845868	Slight	389383	809784	Slight
388911	809921	Slight	321678	863027	Slight	394811	807520	Serious
364245	831905	Serious	381594	812631	Serious	373934	824430	Serious
339080	853869	Fatal	323144	862593	Slight	277217	850636	Slight
280205	852321	Slight	328151	860960	Serious	369319	825696	Slight
321482	862938	Slight	393075	808030	Slight	290536	856071	Slight
364280	832398	Slight	362095	834543	Slight	364338	833674	Slight
361271	834862	Serious	384922	811410	Slight	322482	862735	Serious
323303	862552	Slight	340325	852280	Serious	381575	812603	Serious
315481	863048	Serious	379201	814083	Serious	354265	839121	Serious
371148	825440	Serious	364453	831279	Serious	278992	851509	Slight
327773	860942	Slight	376996	820730	Serious	393076	808337	Slight
391629	809090	Slight	393070	807874	Serious	279399	851779	Serious
379095	814234	Slight	389385	809745	Serious	364333	833931	Serious
391751	809090	Serious	394198	806872	Slight	393987	807079	Slight
323920	862296	Serious	393150	807738	Slight	268662	845572	Slight
287475	855973	Slight	344133	846432	Fatal	310241	861140	Serious
285629	855715	Serious	394003	807025	Slight	300987	858160	Serious
291987	855667	Slight	364300	833436	Slight	389568	809588	Fatal
302716	858677	Slight	389656	809586	Serious	303243	859042	Slight
319852	862830	Slight	348603	844438	Slight	376865	820854	Slight
343752	849327	Slight	302714	858678	Slight	287813	856280	Serious
287253	855929	Slight	356253	837303	Slight	388390	810383	Slight
378974	814410	Serious	307148	859595	Slight	379068	814247	Slight

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2017 RTCs			2018 RTCs			2019 RTCs		
Eastings	Northings	Severity	Eastings	Northings	Severity	Eastings	Northings	Severity
378975	814375	Serious	297272	856817	Serious	383172	812256	Serious
393266	807713	Slight	393713	807264	Slight	297652	857118	Slight
392872	808514	Slight	390271	809477	Slight	319441	862848	Fatal
376182	821514	Slight	350501	841778	Slight	393291	807628	Serious
389632	809573	Slight	376108	821597	Slight	294743	856066	Slight
322717	862683	Slight	316674	863168	Slight	344883	846071	Slight
390017	809627	Slight	393213	808143	Serious	351433	840890	Slight
348754	844115	Serious	328771	861086	Slight	323974	862274	Fatal
295440	856328	Slight	389457	810737	Slight	300238	857822	Fatal
292469	855480	Slight	377617	819637	Slight	394080	806994	Slight
324971	861810	Fatal	379072	814235	Serious	361152	834938	Slight
392596	808866	Slight	393724	807271	Slight	343290	850116	Slight
315119	863287	Slight	393184	807691	Slight	318269	862764	Serious
373920	824990	Serious	328711	861072	Slight	347085	845360	Fatal
342631	850881	Slight				390590	809258	Slight
369748	825632	Slight				333888	859617	Slight

2020 RTCs			2021 RTCs			2022 RTCs		
Eastings	Northings	Severity	Eastings	Northings	Severity	Eastings	Northings	Severity
270853	846863	Serious	367434	827571	Serious	292555	855465	Fatal
392200	809019	Serious	368288	827118	Serious	323017	862635	Slight
298062	857166	Fatal	351745	840308	Serious	349576	842856	Serious
322355	862760	Serious	309397	860636	Slight	287494	855988	Slight
317595	862900	Serious	389435	809768	Slight	275568	849417	Slight
336615	856875	Fatal	391337	809138	Slight	351730	840351	Slight
325207	861701	Slight	380292	813245	Serious	340323	852268	Serious
351746	840310	Serious	361147	834937	Serious			
377744	818818	Serious	387371	811050	Slight			
344501	846205	Fatal	273563	848379	Serious			
286998	855951	Slight	359917	834924	Serious			
381586	812630	Serious	344362	846263	Slight			
385330	811387	Serious	394358	806595	Slight			
393990	807080	Slight	364276	832306	Serious			
390128	809576	Slight	293057	855474	Slight			
287288	855929	Serious	342639	850883	Slight			
322334	862774	Slight	374325	823361	Serious			
373177	825817	Serious	295311	856306	Fatal			
354261	839131	Slight	351744	840308	Slight			
348767	844031	Slight	268669	845568	Slight			
			344525	847896	Fatal			
			302579	858616	Serious			
			340892	851888	Slight			
			276168	849716	Slight			
			270668	846668	Slight			

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2020 RTCs			2021 RTCs			2022 RTCs		
Eastings	Northings	Severity	Eastings	Northings	Severity	Eastings	Northings	Severity
			320964	862606	Slight			
			268957	845717	Serious			
			364287	832691	Serious			
			393098	808069	Fatal			
			357074	836200	Serious			

How many road traffic collisions on the A96 have involved private vehicles since 2017 on the A96?

How many road traffic collisions on the A96 have involved cyclists since 2017 on the A96?

How many road traffic collisions on the A96 have involved Heavy Goods Vehicles since 2017 on the A96?

How many road traffic collisions on the A96 have involved commercial vehicles since 2017 on the A96?

In response to these questions, please see the following table:

Vehicle Types Involved in Road Traffic Collisions on the A96, Highlands and Islands and North East Division

Vehicle Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 ytd
Pedal cycle	8	7	3	3	1	0
Motorcycle up to 50cc	1	0	0	0	0	0
Motorcycle 50cc to 125cc	1	0	0	0	1	0
Motorcycle over 500cc	9	2	3	0	0	0
Taxi/Private Hire	1	2	1	0	0	0
Car	65	77	96	31	48	11
Minibus	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bus/Coach	2	2	1	0	0	0
Agricultural vehicle	0	0	0	1	0	1
Goods vehicle up to 3.5 tonnes	8	6	8	1	6	1
Goods vehicle 3.5 tonnes to 7.5 tonnes	2	0	2	0	0	0
Goods vehicle over 7.5 tonnes	5	2	2	1	4	0
Other Vehicle	0	3	0	0	0	0
Motorcycle unknown cc	1	1	1	1	0	0
Goods vehicle unknown weight	2	0	1	0	1	0
Unknown Vehicle Type	0	1	0	0	1	0
Total	105	104	118	38	62	13

In relation to **all data** provided in this response I would advise you that all statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.

All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 03/05/2022.

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The specified road has been selected whereby the 'A96' is the First or Second Road number.

Note - the data is subject to change and will be updated on the next extract of data from CRaSH on 3rd June 2022.

Please note that a reportable collision is defined under Section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and describes the legal responsibility on those drivers involved to report the matter to the police. Where those involved exchange personal details, there is no legal requirement to report a collision to the police and this applies particularly to non-injury collisions.

As such, there may have been other collisions within the location of your request, which were not reported to Police Scotland, nor which required a collision report to be created, and will therefore not be included within the statistics.

How many road traffic collisions on the A96 have involved pedestrians since 2017 on the A96?

In response to this question, 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 examine each and every report shown above to establish whether a pedestrian was involved. Given the numbers involved this is an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on 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. 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.

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