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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.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in providing a response to your request.

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

For annual years 2022 (to date at the time of responding to the request), 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016:

- **The number of road traffic collisions on the following roads:**

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| 1. A947 Aberdeen to Banff | 10. A98 Cullen to Banff |
| 2. A948 Ellon to New Deer | 11. A98 Macduff to Fraserburgh |
| 3. A952 Toll of Birness to Fraserburgh | 12. A93 Aberdeen to Braemar |
| 4. A9 Perth to Inverness | 13. A97 Huntly to Dinnet |
| 5. A9 Inverness to Thurso | 14. A97 Huntly to Banff |
| 6. A90 Aberdeen to Fraserburgh | 15. A85 Oban to Tyndrum |
| 7. A90 Aberdeen to Dundee | 16. A90 / A937 Laurencekirk junction |
| 8. A96 Aberdeen to Inverness | 17. A95 Keith to Aviemore |
| 9. A98 Fochabers to Cullen | 18. A82 Inverness to Fort William |

- **Please break this data down by year and by road as specified above (e.g. 2019- A96 Aberdeen to Inverness – 100 road traffic collisions)**
- **If also possible, please break this data down by the severity of the incident – i.e. fatal / serious injuries / no injuries (e.g. 2020 - A96 Aberdeen to Inverness – 50 RTC fatal – 20 RTC serious injuries – 15 RTC no injuries)**

In response to these questions, please see the table below which details Road Traffic Collisions on the specified roads - 1st January 2016 - 31st October 2022 (by Calendar Year).

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Road & RTC Severity	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
A82 Inverness to Fort William	43	24	23	26	15	24	13	168
Fatal	3	4		1	3	2	2	15
Serious	11	5	1	7	4	11	6	45
Slight	29	15	22	18	8	11	5	108
A85 Oban to Tyndrum	17	19	17	15	5	7	13	93
Fatal				2		2		4
Serious	6	5	8	6	4	2	6	37
Slight	11	14	9	7	1	3	7	52
A9 Inverness to Thurso	47	26	31	52	23	17	15	211
Fatal	3		2	5		2	2	14
Serious	8	3	6	13	4	6	7	47
Slight	36	23	23	34	19	9	6	150
A9 Perth to Inverness	35	42	53	35	18	32	26	241
Fatal	4	4	6	1	1	1	6	23
Serious	7	9	9	15	10	12	12	74
Slight	24	29	38	19	7	19	8	144
A90 A937 Laurencekirk Junction						1		1
Serious						1		1
A90 Aberdeen to Dundee	45	39	32	34	20	31	20	221
Fatal	1	1	1	2	3	1		9
Serious	14	11	7	17	10	9	5	73
Slight	30	27	24	15	7	21	15	139
A90 Aberdeen to Fraserburgh	42	28	33	18	13	18	8	160
Fatal	3	1		1	2	3	3	13
Serious	10	11	8	7	7	10	5	58
Slight	29	16	25	10	4	5		89
A93 Aberdeen to Braemar	14	22	20	18	9	8	7	98
Fatal	1		1			1		3
Serious	6	8	8	6	7	7	6	48
Slight	7	14	11	12	2		1	47
A947 Aberdeen to Banff	16	13	13	12	8	6	8	76
Fatal	3	1	1		1	1	1	8
Serious	5	5	4	4	5	2	3	28
Slight	8	7	8	8	2	3	4	40
A948 Ellon to New Deer	3		2	5	2			12
Fatal				1				1
Serious	1			3	2			6
Slight	2		2	1				5
A95 Keith to Aviemore	8	18	10	8	3	7	5	59
Fatal		1					1	2
Serious	1	5	1	5	2	4	4	22
Slight	7	12	9	3	1	3		35
A952 Toll of Birness to Fraserburgh	5	5	6	5	2	3	3	29
Fatal			2					2

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Serious	1	2	2	3	1	1	2	12
Slight	4	3	2	2	1	2	1	15
A96 Aberdeen to Inverness	57	51	45	50	20	30	24	277
Fatal	2	2	1	6	3	3	1	18
Serious	19	13	11	15	10	14	9	91
Slight	36	36	33	29	7	13	14	168
A97 Huntly to Banff	7	5	6	3	2	2	4	29
Fatal						1		1
Serious	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	11
Slight	4	3	5	2	1		2	17
A97 Huntly to Dinnet	2	4	2	3	3	1	2	17
Fatal				2				2
Serious	1	1	1	1	3		1	8
Slight	1	3	1			1	1	7
A98 Cullen to Banff	5	4	4	4	2	5	2	26
Fatal	1							1
Serious	3	3	3	2	1	2	2	16
Slight	1	1	1	2	1	3		9
A98 Fochabers to Cullen	3	2	1	6	1	1	3	17
Fatal	1		1	1			1	4
Serious	1	1		3	1		1	7
Slight	1	1		2		1	1	6
A98 Macduff to Fraserburgh	8	3	5	2	3	3	1	25
Fatal						1		1
Serious	2	1	1		3	1		8
Slight	6	2	4	2		1	1	16
Grand Total	357	305	303	296	149	196	154	1760

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 09/11/2022.

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.

On the 12th June 2019, CRaSH was implemented within D Division. On the 3rd July 2019, CRaSH was implemented across the other Police Divisions within Police Scotland. CRaSH replaced the existing procedures for recording Road Traffic Collisions.

Specified areas have been selected using Road Traffic Collisions which have either the first or second road number, and first or second Class with the following: A947, A948, A952, A96. Please note that the A952 selection does not include the records between the A90 and Fraserburgh.

Please note, A(M) roads have not been included and not all Road Traffic Collision records include a Road Class and Road Number.

19. Also would you be able to state the highest speed recorded on each of these roads by speed camera or by police unit for each year?

In response to this question, I can advise you that there are 2 data sets to be considered: speed camera detections and roadside detection by officers.

Camera offences:

Road	Highest Recorded Speed (mph)			
	2019	2020	2021	2022*
1. A947 Aberdeen to Banff	99	90	101	95
2. A948 Ellon to New Deer	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3. A952 Toll of Birness to Fraserburgh	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
4. A9 Perth to Inverness	123	114	113	126
5. A9 Inverness to Thurso	93	88	89	107
6. A90 Aberdeen to Fraserburgh	90	95	111	115
7. A90 Aberdeen to Dundee	135	148	126	133
8. A96 Aberdeen to Inverness	102	107	98	106
9. A98 Fochabers to Cullen	88	90	90	90
10. A98 Cullen to Banff	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
11. A98 Macduff to Fraserburgh	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
12. A93 Aberdeen to Braemar	89	n/a	n/a	58
13. A97 Huntly to Dinnit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
14. A97 Huntly to Banff	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
15. A85 Oban to Tyndrum	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
16. A90 / A937 Laurencekirk junction	123	137	105	96
17. A95 Keith to Aviemore	96	80	84	75
18. A82 Inverness to Fort William	79	81	85	71

* up to 25 October 2022

Roadside offences:

Information regarding these speeding offences is recorded on the various crime recording systems in use and, unfortunately, whilst high level figures are available, it is not possible without case-by-case assessment of each offence to determine the speed recorded.

In addition, it may be these case that in some parts of the country, safety camera offences which result in a report to the Procurator Fiscal will be recorded as an offence on the crime recording system as well as the safety camera recording system. For that reason, it is not a simple case of adding the two totals together.

I therefore regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested in relation these offences, 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.

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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.

To be of assistance, high level information regarding these offences can be accessed online in our quarterly management information reports: [How we are performing - Police Scotland](#) - Group 7

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. 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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