| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2248  Responded to: 11th August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please provide the following information relating specifically to incidents of road rage, defined for the purposes of this request as incidents arising from disputes or aggression between drivers or passengers of vehicles on the road, which escalate into threats or physical assaults.

**Please provide data for each month and calendar year separately, from 2019 to the most recent data available (2025), including:**

1. **Total number of recorded road rage incidents (or incidents matching the definition above).**
2. **The number of these incidents involving an assault, broken down by the following categories:**
   * **Common Assault**
   * **Assault occasioning Actual Bodily Harm (ABH)**
   * **Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH)**
   * **Other violent offences arising directly from road rage incidents (please specify clearly if used).**
3. **Age and gender of offenders identified in connection with these incidents, broken down by year and by category of assault where possible.**
4. **Incident outcomes, including but not limited to:**
   * **Arrests made**
   * **Charges brought**
   * **Cautions issued**
   * **Community resolutions**
   * **No further action (NFA) decisions**
   * **Any other outcomes recorded.**

**Please provide outcomes broken down by assault category and by year.**

Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that I estimate it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, I can advise that whilst incidents are categorised, there is no specific incident nor crime classification which directly relates to the type of scenario outlined in your request: “road rage” and/ or “disputes or aggression between drivers or passengers of vehicles on the road, which escalate into threats or physical assaults”. There are no relevant markers available on the Police Scotland incident or crime recording systems, nor is there a search facility available, which would allow for the automatic retrieval of this level of information from any relevant reports.

Therefore, the only way to provide an accurate and consistent response to your request would be to manually review every Road Traffic related incident report from January 1st, 2019, onwards case-by-case to ascertain whether the incident occurred because of aggressive behaviour exhibited by either a driver and/ or a passenger on the road specifically.

Unfortunately, given the volume of reports that would be required to be read through for that nearly seven-year period requested, this exercise would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible.   
If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.