| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1760Responded to: 27 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1. How many speeding fines (FPNs) were issued between April 6, 2024 and April 5, 2025?**

Unfortunately, I estimate that retrieving data for all speeding fines (i.e. including police officer detected) 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 the only way to collate this data would be to manually assess each crime report to determine whether an FPN was issued or whether the driver was reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS). This is clearly an exercise that would far exceed the cost threshold outlined within the Act.

As such the following information relates only to speed camera detected offences dealt with by COFPN.

Total number of Conditional Offers of Fixed Penalty Notice (COFPN) issued between April 6, 2024 and April 5, 2025 was 49,609. This data is taken from a live system which is subject to change and correct as of 12/06/2025.

**2. For the period covering April 6, 2024 to April 5, 2025, what were the 20 roads where the most speeding offences were detected?**

**3. For each road, please provide the total number of speeding offences and the number of FPNs issued.**

Again, I estimate that retrieving data for all speeding fines (i.e. including police officer detected) 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 the only way to collate this data would be to manually assess each crime report to extract and analyse the location data. This is clearly an exercise that would far exceed the cost threshold outlined within the Act.

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We can provide locations for Mobile/ Average Speed cameras however we are unable to provide any location data for Fixed Speed cameras as to do so would reveal information about which sites were live at any given time.

And so, while the information sought is held by Police Scotland, I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the following exemptions apply:

**Section 35(1)(a)&(b) - Law Enforcement**

Disclosure would substantially prejudice the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.
Disclosure would clearly indicate the enforcement activity of particular cameras and show patterns/ trends, thereby encouraging drivers to commit offences, based on an assumption that they are unlikely to be detected at particular sites/ dates etc.
Such an impact on driver behaviour renders safety cameras ineffective as a road safety measure.

**Section 39(1) - Health, Safety and the Environment**

Disclosure would endanger the physical health of an individual on the basis that any increase in speeding endangers other road users and pedestrians.

**Public Interest Test**

Public awareness and accountability would favour disclosure. That said, the application of the exemptions listed above, the efficient/ effective conduct of Police Scotland and overall public safety favour non-disclosure of the information sought. On balance it is considered that the public interest in disclosing site-specific data is outweighed by the likely negative consequences to law enforcement and road safety measures.

The table below displays the locations of the 20 roads with the most speeding offences, in order from highest to lowest, between April 6, 2024 and April 5, 2025 (inclusive) with the number of offences and conditional offers provided for each road.

| **Location** | **Camera Type** | **Offences** | **COFPNs Issued** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A9 Specs Inverness to Dunblane | Average Speed | 8413 | 4229 |
| A90 Specs Dundee to Stonehaven | Average Speed | 7994 | 4173 |
| M80 South between J1 offslip and the merge with the M8 West J13 (roadworks) | Average Speed | 4847 | 3439 |
| Fixed Speed | Fixed Speed | 4441 | 2703 |
| A90 Road Edinburgh between Burnshot Flyover and Cammo Road | Mobile | 4296 | 3255 |
| M80, near to Junction 9 slip road, Bannockburn | Average Speed | 3496 | 2276 |
| Fixed Speed | Fixed Speed | 2993 | 2240 |
| Fixed Speed | Fixed Speed | 2869 | 1905 |
| Fixed Speed | Fixed Speed | 1543 | 857 |
| A90 Aberdeen to Dundee at Kingsway West Charlotte Street | Mobile | 1512 | 1078 |
| M80 near to Barnego Road Overbridge Dunipace | Mobile | 1417 | 1152 |
| Fixed Speed | Fixed Speed | 1325 | 810 |
| A68 Road Soutra Hill North From the West Entrance to Dunlaw Wind Farm Scottish Borders | Mobile | 1288 | 984 |
| Fixed Speed | Fixed Speed | 1269 | 624 |
| A77 Bogend to Hansel Village | Average Speed | 1180 | 731 |
| Fixed Speed | Fixed Speed | 1125 | 621 |
| Fixed Speed | Fixed Speed | 1038 | 335 |
| M74 South Lesmahagow between Junction 9 and Junction 11 | Average Speed | 915 | 269 |
| A96 near Bainshole | Mobile | 772 | 617 |
| A92 New Inn to Glenrothes at Balfarg Junction | Mobile | 724 | 552 |

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**4. What were the highest five speeds recorded in individual speed checks across the region between April 6, 2024 and April 5, 2025? For each case, please provide the road, the speed limit on that road, and the month (e.g. April 2024).**

Again, I estimate that retrieving data for all speeding fines (i.e. including police officer detected) 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 the only way to collate this data would be to manually assess each crime report to determine the speed recorded. This is clearly an exercise that would far exceed the cost threshold outlined within the Act.

As such the following information relates only to speed camera detected offences.

In response to your request, the table below displays five highest speeds detected between April 6, 2024 and April 5, 2025 (inclusive).

| **Speed (mph)** | **Site** | **Speed limit** | **Year** | **Month** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 148 | A68 Road Soutra Hill North From the West Entrance to Dunlaw Wind Farm Scottish Borders  | 60 | 2024 | 8 |
| 138 | A92 Dundee to Aberdeen road near Hillside Portlethen | 70 | 2025 | 2 |
| 134 | M80 near to Barnego Road Overbridge Dunipace | 70 | 2024 | 7 |
| 131 | A82 1 mile south of Altsigh Youth Hostel near Invermoriston | 60 | 2024 | 7 |
| 126 | A1 at Haddington, East Lothian | 70 | 2025 | 3 |

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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 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 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.