| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-0683Responded to: 30 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please provide the total number of recorded road traffic accidents in the UK (Scotland, England, Wales, North Ireland) from January 2024 to February 2025.

## Break down these accidents by severity, categorising them into fatal, serious, and slight injuries.

## Additionally, identify which month had the highest number of incidents.

## Provide a dataset detailing the number of road traffic accidents involving pedestrians, cyclists, scooters, and motorcyclists during this period.

## What were the leading causes of road traffic accidents in the given timeframe? Please include a statistical breakdown by category, such as speeding, drink-driving, reckless driving, poor weather conditions, vehicle defects, and driver distraction (e.g., mobile phone use).

## How many of these accidents involved drivers aged under 25 years old or over 70 years old? If available, please indicate any trends or patterns related to these age groups.

## Identify the most hazardous roads and junctions based on accident frequency during this period, along with the total number of incidents recorded at each location.

## Provide a ranked list of UK cities and regions with the highest number of traffic accidents, specifying the recorded figures for each.

Please accept our apologies for the lateness of this response. We note you submitted a further Freedom of Information request at a later date for the information above and a response was subsequently issued on 3rd June 2025. As such, the information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available: [Police Scotland - FOI Disclosure Log - 25-0931](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/disclosure-log-2025/june/25-0931-rtc-stats-severity-contributory-factors-ages/)

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.