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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Can you please provide details of the number of motorists who were caught drug driving in Mid Scotland and Fife (Perth and Kinross and Fife) over the last two years?

## Can you please provide the details through a breakdown of how many were caught in Perth and Kinross and how many were caught in Fife?

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the [Scottish Crime Recording Standard](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/p0nfjj2c/scottish-crime-recording-standard-crime-recording-and-counting-rules-april-2021.pdf?view=Standard) and crimes are reported as recorded or detected.

Detected crimes are those where an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings.

For the purpose of this request, I interpret ‘caught’ as detected.

Please see table 1 below for detected drug related driving offences in Perth, broken down by offence type and year for the period 1st January 2023- 6th February 2025\*.

Table 1

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| Offence type | 2023 | 2024 | 2025\* |
| Driving motor vehicle while under influence of controlled drug above prescribed limit. | 37 | 54 | 5 |
| Driving motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs | 8 | 15 | 1 |
| In charge of motor vehicle while under influence of controlled drug above prescribed limit | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| In charge of motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs | 2 | 3 | 0 |

Please see table 2 below for detected drug related driving offences in Fife, broken down by offence type and year for the period 1st January 2023- 6th February 2025.

Table 2

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| Offence type | 2023 | 2024 | 2025\* |
| Driving motor vehicle while under influence of controlled drug above prescribed limit. | 36 | 113 | 14 |
| Driving motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs | 34 | 39 | 3 |
| In charge of motor vehicle while under influence of controlled drug above prescribed limit | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| In charge of motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs | 9 | 4 | 1 |

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 7th February 2025

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.