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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.

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

1. The number of motorists caught drink driving / under the influence of alcohol in your force area, broken down by month for 2021 and 2022 to date.

2. Based on the number of motorists caught drink driving / under the influence of alcohol in your force area during 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to date), please specify how many were charged under the following offences: (-) Being in charge of a vehicle while above the legal limit or unfit through drink (-) Driving or attempting to drive while above the legal limit or unfit through drink (-) Refusing to provide a specimen of breath, blood or urine for analysis (-) Causing death by careless driving when under the influence of drink (-) NA - No charge

In response to your request, I would first of all advise you that 'no charge' is not an available disposal.

Offences are recorded as either undetected or detected, where an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings.

Recorded Specified Crimes, 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2022 (Calendar Years)

Crime Classification	2020	2021	2022*
Death by careless driving when under influence of drink or drug	0	2	1
Driving motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs	881	825	468
In charge of motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs	142	109	114
Driving motor vehicle with blood alcohol content above prescribed limit	2910	2730	2248
In charge of motor vehicle with blood alcohol content above prescribed limit	277	275	240
Failure to provide breath specimen at the roadside	661	567	465
Failure to provide breath, blood or urine specimen at police station	908	920	649
Driving motor vehicle while under influence of controlled drug above prescribed limit	1473	1850	1458
In charge of a vehicle while under influence of controlled drug above prescribed limit	102	97	80
Total	7354	7375	5723

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Detected Specified Crimes, 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2022 (Calendar Years)

Crime Classification	2020	2021	2022*
Death by careless driving when under influence of drink or drug	0	2	1
Driving motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs	757	674	515
In charge of motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs	130	92	94
Driving motor vehicle with blood alcohol content above prescribed limit	2835	2563	2127
In charge of motor vehicle with blood alcohol content above prescribed limit	278	256	238
Failure to provide breath specimen at the roadside	649	562	456
Failure to provide breath, blood or urine specimen at police station	907	909	642
Driving motor vehicle while under influence of controlled drug above prescribed limit	802	1464	1160
In charge of a vehicle while under influence of controlled drug above prescribed limit	60	93	81
Total	6418	6615	5314

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 27th October 2022.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at foi@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.