| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0148  Responded to: 26 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to ask the following under the Freedom of Information Act. My request relates to road traffic incidents / accidents involving vehicle collision with deer:

## How many deer vehicle collisions (DVCs) has your force recorded since 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2025? Preferably on a month-by-month basis.

We have carried out a search of our recording systems for any incidents with a contributory factor as follows - which we assessed to be of potential relevance:

* Animal in road except ridden horse
* Animal or object

This initially resulted in 157 incidents of potential relevance, but on further review, only 40 include references of a deer.

Please note that some records did not state the type of animal, as such the above- mentioned number is not a comprehensive representation of road traffic collisions of which a deer is a contributory factor.

Table 1 below shows the number of RTCs where a deer is recorded as a contributory factor, for the period of 1st January 2021 – 1st January 2025, broken down by year and month.

Table 1.

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| Month | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| January | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| February | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| March | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| April | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| June | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| July | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| August | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| September | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| October | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| November | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| December | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 13 | 14 | 9 | 4 |

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 30/01/2025

1. Data excludes non-injury collisions as per standard operating procedure

2. On the 12th June 2019, CRaSH was implemented within D Division. On the 3rd July 2019, CRaSH was implemented across the other Police Divisions within Police Scotland. CRaSH replaced the existing procedures for recording Road Traffic Collisions.

3. Note - the data is subject to change and will be updated on the next extract of data from CRaSH on 3rd February 2025.

## Of those deer vehicle collisions recorded since 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2025, how many did your force attend? Preferably on a month-by-month basis.

I can confirm that all of the above-mentioned road traffic collision were attended by Police Scotland with the exception of two, one which occurred in January 2021 and the other occurring in November 2024. These two incidents were reported to Police Scotland after the event.

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.

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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.