

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1083
Date: 14 June 2022



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. How many speeding fines have been issued by Police Scotland in the following years:

2022 (May 1)

2021

2020

2019

2018

The table provided below details the number of detected speeding offences recorded on our Crime Management system:

Title: Detected Speeding Offences, Police Scotland¹

Period: 1st January 2018 - 30th April 2022 (Calendar Years)

Offence	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Speeding in Restricted Areas	9 049	9 982	8 698	7 463	2 441
Other Speeding Offences	17 470	19 311	15 389	16 016	4 097
Total	26 519	29 293	24 087	23 479	6 538

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 24th May 2022.

In addition, data is also held by the Safety Camera Unit for mobile and fixed cameras and I have provided this overleaf.

You will note that no data has been provided for Conditional Offers of Fixed Penalty for 2018 and in terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, this data has been destroyed in line with our record retention policy.

YEAR	CONDITIONAL OFFERS OF FIXED PENALTY ISSUED
2022	14,088
2021	46,199
2020	30,887
2019	53,937

2. What was the fastest speed someone had been caught driving at by Police Scotland in the following years:

2022 (May 1)

2021

2020

2019

2018

In relation to the detected offences, provided above, which were extracted from our Crime Management system, I would advise that we are unable to provide the fastest speed. In accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By way of explanation, this information cannot be electronically extracted from our recording systems and to provide such information each record would have to be physically examined and data extracted.

If I was to use the example that it took 5 minutes to check each report (approx. 110,006 reports), then calculations show that it would take approximately 9167 hours, and would cost approximately £137,507 to carry out this task. This is in excess of the £600 prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

With regards to the Safety Camera Unit for mobile and fixed cameras, the data is provided below:

YEAR	FASTEST SPEED DETECTED
2022	118
2021	131
2020	134
2019	153
2018	141

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Glasgow at – foiglasgow@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.

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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.