| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-1754Responded to: 1st August 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Under Freedom of Information Act, I would like to know how many speeding offences have been captured in Glasgow in 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021?

## What were the highest speeds captured during each of these years?

## How many offences have speed cameras captured in Glasgow in 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021?

Later clarified as

## The Glasgow City Council area only.

Police Scotland detect speeding offences by the use of speed camaras and by roadside officer detection, therefore, to give a comprehensive answer to your request, it will be answered in two parts.

For speeding offences identified via camaras for the period 1st January 2021 to 30 July 2024\* (inclusive) within the Glasgow council area please see the table below.

Please note that the data excludes any camara activations which are not deemed as offences e.g. emergency services vehicles.

Table 1

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| **Year** | **Speeding offences detected by Camara**  |
| 2021 | 3,826 |
| 2022 | 12,261 |
| 2023 | 8,099 |
| 2024\* | 11,345 |

Table 2 shows the highest speeds detected via camaras for the period 1st January 2021 to 30 July 2024\* (inclusive) within the Glasgow council area. Please note that again the data excludes any camara activations which are not deemed as offences e.g. emergency services vehicles.

Table 2.

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| **Year** | **Highest speed detected (MPH)** |
| 2021 | 91 |
| 2022 | 95 |
| 2023 | 78 |
| 2024\* | 82 |

Data is taken from a live system which is subject to change and correct as of 30/07/2024.

2024 data is for offences detected and downloaded as of 30/07/2024 only.

Road policing numbers are not included in the above.

Information regarding total numbers captured by officer roadside detection 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 at [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/).

This information is available per year and by multi member ward.

To be of assistance with your search, please note that speeding is a group 7 offence.

Regarding speeding offences detected by roadside policing it is important to note that these offences are recorded on a separate system to the speeding offences recorded by speed camaras.

Speeding offences carry the same consequence regardless of how they were detected however, offences detected at the roadside are recorded on our crime recording system whereas camara detected crimes typically are not.

The data available via the link above details speeding crimes recorded on that system.

This will include *some* of the offences detected by camera - either where the offender does not qualify for a Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty Notice (COFPN) - due to having received prior COFPNs or due to excessive speed - or where the offender refused a COFPN.

As a result, the two data sets cannot simply be added together - but between them they provide a comprehensive oversight of the incidence of speeding.

For officer detected offences, unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to provide the highest speeds captured. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, we cannot search by recorded speed. The only way to provide you with this information in an accurate and consistent manner would be to individually examine each report of speeding created on our systems to determine the highest recorded speed. Considering the numbers of incidents involved this is clearly an exercise which would exceed the cost limitations of the Act.

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/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.