| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-3183  Responded to: 24 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **The number of drink driving offences recorded by the force in the last three years (broken down by years between December 1st - November 31st 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)**

It should be noted that although your request relates to drink driving offences, the tables below relate to both drink and drug related driving offences.

A manual review of each record would be required to determine those that relate solely to drink driving.

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

Please note the caveats below the tables.

*Table 1: Recorded Drink Drug Driving Crimes - 1st December - 30th November (inclusive) for 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24*

| **Year** | **Recorded crimes** |
| --- | --- |
| 1st Dec 2021 - 30th Nov 2022 | 5,398 |
| 1st Dec 2022 - 30th Nov 2023 | 5,293 |
| 1st Dec 2023 - 30th Nov 2024 | 5,582 |

**1a) Of those, how many were charged/summons (broken down by year)**

With regards to information dating from 1st December 2021 until 31st December 2023, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information requested.

By way of explanation, each legacy Scottish Police force had their own systems in relation to crime, case, custody, command and control etc.

These have been gradually replaced with national systems over the years since 2013, most recently with the roll out of National Crime Unifi Database, where these crimes are now recorded. To research, assess and extract the data from the historical legacy systems prior to January 2024 would greatly exceed the cost threshold set out within the Act.

Data from 1st January 2024 is provided in Table 2.

Please note, 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.

*Table 2: Accused data by disposal for Detected Drink Drug Driving Crimes - 1st January - 30th November 2024*

| **Accused Disposal** | **1 January - 30 November 2024** |
| --- | --- |
| Detected – Custody | 1,100 |
| Detected – Summons | 1,212 |
| Detected – Undertaking to appear at court | 2,715 |
| Detected - Other | 17 |
| **Total** | **5,044** |

**1b) For the last year alone (December 1 2023 - November 31 2024) - can you break down the offences by age and gender of alleged offender and area the offence took place.**

Again, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information have you requested prior to 1st January 2024, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

The only way to establish the age or gender of the accused, is to read each individual associated crime report, an exercise which would far exceed the £600 cost limitation of the Act.

Table 3 at the end of this letter, provides data from 1st January 2024.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.

*Table 3: Accused data by Age group, Sex and Police Division - Detected Drink Drug Driving Crimes - 1st Jan - 30th Nov 2024.*

| **Division** | **Sex** | **12-17 years** | **18-24 years** | **25-34 years** | **35-44 years** | **45-54 years** | **55-64 years** | **65-69 years** | **70+ years** | **Not known** |
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| A : North East Division | Not known | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Female | 0 | 8 | 18 | 26 | 33 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Male | 4 | 55 | 91 | 119 | 84 | 32 | 9 | 6 | 0 |
| D : Tayside Division | Not known | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Female | 0 | 7 | 25 | 23 | 9 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Male | 0 | 38 | 87 | 81 | 47 | 24 | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| N : Highlands and Islands Division | Not known | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 0 | 7 | 20 | 15 | 6 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Male | 2 | 37 | 84 | 97 | 46 | 32 | 7 | 6 | 0 |
| C : Forth Valley Division | Not known | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 1 | 7 | 16 | 14 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Male | 2 | 28 | 55 | 71 | 24 | 23 | 9 | 5 | 0 |
| E : Edinburgh City Division | Not known | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 0 | 3 | 14 | 19 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Male | 4 | 43 | 59 | 63 | 46 | 27 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| J : The Lothians and Scottish Borders Division | Not known | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 0 | 5 | 17 | 25 | 27 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Male | 1 | 43 | 107 | 78 | 45 | 34 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| P : Fife Division | Not known | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 0 | 13 | 12 | 9 | 10 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Male | 2 | 46 | 69 | 59 | 38 | 16 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| G : Greater Glasgow Division | Not known | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Female | 0 | 13 | 28 | 41 | 23 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Male | 2 | 88 | 174 | 207 | 112 | 38 | 19 | 9 | 3 |
| U : Ayrshire Division | Not known | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Female | 0 | 10 | 21 | 41 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Male | 3 | 36 | 80 | 82 | 47 | 24 | 11 | 4 | 0 |
| Q : Lanarkshire Division | Not known | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 1 | 6 | 38 | 43 | 32 | 13 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| Male | 5 | 55 | 131 | 176 | 94 | 45 | 18 | 8 | 1 |
| L : Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Division | Not known | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 0 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Male | 2 | 23 | 61 | 49 | 40 | 22 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| K : Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division | Not known | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 0 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Male | 0 | 19 | 44 | 34 | 25 | 12 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| V : Dumfries and Galloway Division | Not known | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 0 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Male | 1 | 19 | 43 | 56 | 21 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| **Total** | | **31** | **632** | **1,334** | **1,455** | **881** | **479** | **131** | **90** | **11** |

*All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 13th February 2025   
The data was extracted using the crime's raised date and by using the following SGJD codes:*

*730101 - Driving motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs*

*730102 - In charge of motor vehicle while unfit through drink/drugs*

*730103 - Driving mv with blood alcohol content above prescribed limit*

*730104 - In charge of mv while blood alcohol content above limit*

*730105 - Failure to provide breath specimen at the roadside*

*730106 - Failure to provide breath, blood or urine specimen at police station*

*Accused data excludes records for those who are under the age of criminal responsibility (under 12). The above table does not represent a count of unique individuals as the same accused may appear on multiple occasions across the period covered by this dataset.*  
*Not all accused records have an age or sex recorded against them and these are grouped under the Not known category.*