| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2559  Responded to: 29 October 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Can you please tell me how many e-bikes and e-scooters have been confiscated/seized by Police Scotland over the past three years and provide a breakdown of the stats by divisional and local authority area?

For the time period 01/01/2022 until 30/09/2024 (inclusive) I can confirm that there have been 434 E-bikes and E-Scooters seized by Police Scotland.

Please note that Police Scotland does not record seizures by local authority, as such the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

However, for a breakdown of this data by year and Policing division please see table 1 below.

Table 1

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Division | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| A Division – Northeast | 26 | 3 | 16 |
| C Division – Forth valley | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| D – Tayside | 8 | 2 | 19 |
| E Division – Edinburgh | 34 | 10 | 47 |
| G Division – Greater Glasgow | 16 | 21 | 143 |
| J Division – Lothian and Scottish Borders | 5 | 3 | 16 |
| K Division – Renfrewshire and Inverclyde | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| L Division – Argyll and West Dunbartonshire | 4 | 2 | 16 |
| N Division - Inverness | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| P Division – Fife | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Q Division – Lanarkshire | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| U Division – Aryshire | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| V division – Dunfries and Galloway | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 104 | 49 | 281 |

## Can you tell us why the vehicles were seized in each case and how they were being used at the time? (e.g. Food delivery/ commuting/ on a pavement)

Police Scotland does not record how or why vehicles were being used at the time of seizure. As such the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

However please see table 2 below for information on reasons for seizures for the time period 01/01/2022 until 30/09/2024 (inclusive) broken down by calendar year.

Table 2

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| Reason for seizure | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Uninsured & Unlicensed | 9 | 11 | 79 |
| Uninsured | 42 | 25 | 147 |
| Unlicensed | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Antisocial use | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| Prisoners’ vehicle | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Road traffic collision | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Serious crime/production | 43 | 7 | 27 |
| Property/trailers/non motor vehicle | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| Obstruction/Danger | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Sensitive Recovery | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Stolen Abandoned | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Total | 104 | 49 | 281 |

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.