| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1823  Responded to: 20th August 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please supply the following under the Freedom of Information Act.

## For the years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24: the number of uninsured drivers that have been caught driving without insurance in your force area.

Table 1 shows the amount of recorded incidents of ‘failure to insure against third party risk crimes’ for the period 2019/20 - 2023/24 broken down by division.

Table 1

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| Division | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
| North East | 1498 | 1693 | 1379 | 1283 | 1533 |
| Tayside | 2456 | 2978 | 1913 | 1071 | 1185 |
| Highland and Islands | 877 | 1058 | 795 | 948 | 1132 |
| Forth Valley | 576 | 806 | 760 | 682 | 636 |
| Edinburgh | 1344 | 1795 | 1485 | 1607 | 1529 |
| Lothian and Borders | 1337 | 1835 | 1264 | 1208 | 1268 |
| Fife | 826 | 1067 | 978 | 809 | 841 |
| Greater Glasgow | 2111 | 2979 | 2316 | 2582 | 3211 |
| Ayrshire | 825 | 1090 | 789 | 960 | 954 |
| Lanarkshire | 1730 | 2283 | 1703 | 1778 | 1754 |
| Argyll and West Dunbartonshire | 443 | 698 | 541 | 509 | 610 |
| Renfrewshire and Inverclyde | 600 | 791 | 565 | 546 | 633 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 715 | 881 | 771 | 833 | 871 |
| Total | 15338 | 19954 | 15259 | 14816 | 16157 |

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| 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 14th August 2024. |
| 1. The data was extracted using the crime's raised date and by using SGJD code 731600- Failure to Insure Against Third Party Risks |

## For the years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24: the number of accidents that have involved uninsured drivers.

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.

By way of explanation there are no search markers for accidents involving an uninsured driver. The only way to retrieve the requested data in an accurate and consistent way would be to search each Road Traffic Collision report to determine the whether the driver is insured. This is an exercise that clearly exceeds the cost limits set out within the Act.

## For the years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24: the number of vehicles seized because they were uninsured.

Table 1 below shows the number of vehicles seized under S165A of the Road Traffic Act 1988 for not having insurance for the period 2019-2024, broken down by financial years.

Table 1

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| Financial year | Number of uninsured vehicles seized |
| 2019/2020 | 7303 |
| 2020/2021 | 8672 |
| 2021/2022 | 6295 |
| 2022/2023 | 6525 |
| 2023/2024 | 7195 |

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.