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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please provide the requested information for each of the following calendar years 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019:

I would first advise you that in accordance with our Record Retention policy, data is held for three years plus current year only, and as such, in terms of section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek prior to 2021 is not held by Police Scotland.

Data is taken from a live database and is subject to change as updates are received. The information provided is correct as at 08/01/2024.

## Can you please tell me the total number of offences recorded by a speed camera where a motorist was found to be travelling over 100 miles per hour?

In response to your request, the information below is provided:

Table 1: No. of speeding offences (in excess of 100 mph) detected by speed camera,

| **Year** | **No. of Detected Offences over 100mph** |
| --- | --- |
| 2021 | 117 |
| 2022 | 130 |
| 2023 | 165 |

## Can you please tell me the total number of offences recorded by a police officer using a radar gun - where a motorist was found to be travelling over 100 miles per hour?

In response to this question, 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 you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

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 sought.

By way of explanation, the crime recording systems used by Police Scotland have no facility which allows for the automatic retrieval of this level of information.

The only way to gather the requested information would be to carry out case by case assessment of all speeding offences for the time period requested.

For this reason the responses to Q3 and Q4 below relate only to offences detected by Safety Cameras Scotland and not by police officers at the roadside.

## Can you please tell me the top 5 speeds recorded in your area for each of the calendar years above?   Can you please list the make and model of those vehicles and the location of the speeding offence?

Table 2: Top five offence speeds in 2021, including vehicle details and locus

| **Speed** | **Vehicle Make** | **Vehicle Model** | **Offence location** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 131 | BMW | 428i | A74M S.B.C near to Torwood O/B, J17, Lockerbie |
| 126 | Ford (Europe) | Focus ST 2 | A90 Stonehaven to Dundee |
| 126 | Unknown | Unknown | A90 Dundee to Stonehaven |
| 120 | Audi | A4 SE TDi Quattro Auto | A92 Aberdeen to Stonehaven |
| 117 | Unknown | Unknown | A77 Bogend Toll to Ardwell Bay |
| 116 | Audi | S5 TFSi Quattro Auto | M9, near to Falkirk and South Alloa Road overbridge, Kinnaird |
| 116 | Unknown | Unknown | A92 Aberdeen to Stonehaven |
| 116 | Volkswagen | Golf Gt Bluemotion Tech | A90 Stonehaven to Dundee |
| 116 | BMW (Cars) | 120d Xdrive Sport | A90 at Inchture |

Table 3: Top five offence speeds in 2022, including vehicle details and locus

| **Speed** | **Vehicle Make** | **Vehicle Model** | **Offence location** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 134 | Audi | A7 SE TDi Quattro Auto | A71 West Lothian |
| 133 | Audi | A8 SE Exec TDi Quattro | A90 Dundee to Stonehaven |
| 131 | Audi | RS Q3 TFSi Quattro S-A | A77 Bogend Toll to Ardwell Bay |
| 126 | Ford (Europe) | Focus ST-2 | A9 near junction to The Whinnies |
| 125 | BMW (Cars) | 335i M Sport Auto | A1 Scottish Borders |
| 125 | Audi | A3 S Line 35 TFSi | A9 Perth to Dunblane |

Table 4: Top five offence speeds in 2023, including vehicle details and locus

| **Speed** | **Vehicle Make** | **Vehicle Model** | **Offence location** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 146 | Unknown | Unknown | A90 between Stonehaven and Dundee |
| 143 | Volkswagen | Golf GTd S-A | A90 between Stonehaven and Dundee |
| 139 | Unknown | Unknown | A68 Road Soutra Hill near to east entrance of Dunlaw Wind Farm |
| 138 | Volkswagen | Golf GTd S-A | A90 between Stonehaven and Dundee |
| 137 | Audi | Q5 S Line TDi Quattro S | A730 Mill Street Rutherglen |

Note: Where the vehicle make and model is unknown this can be for a number of reasons e.g. no or obscured number plate. In such cases, in terms of Section 17 of the Act, that information is not held.

## For the years stated above (if it’s possible within the cost limit) what was the age of the youngest driver caught speeding?  What age was the oldest driver caught speeding?

In response to your request, the data table below is provided:

Table 5: Detected offences over 100mph incl. youngest and oldest offender age

| **Year** | **Age (Youngest)** | **Age (Oldest)** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2021 | 18 | 70 |
| 2022 | 18 | 66 |
| 2023 | 18 | 70 |

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.