| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0339  Responded to: 17 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**To ask, in each of the past three years, how many drug-drive tests has Police Scotland carried out, and what number/proportion of these were positive?  
Could these be broken down by year and, if possible, geographical area?**

Please see table 1 below for the number of drug wipe tests carried out by Police Scotland for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, broken down by result and geographical Police division.

**To ask, in each of the past three years, how many drink-drive tests has Police Scotland carried out, and what number/proportion of these were positive?**

**Could these be broken down by year and, if possible, geographical area?**

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) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, whilst tests conducted by Road Policing Officers are centrally logged and collated, tests conducted by any other police officers are not and extensive research would have to conducted to attempt to answer your request in respect of those officers.

To be of assistance, table 2 below details tests carried out by Police Scotland Roads Policing officers only, for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, broken down by result and geographical Police division.

The police divisions are abbreviated as follows:

A Div - North East  
C Div - Forth valley   
D Div - Tayside  
E Div - Edinburgh  
G Div - Greater Glasgow  
J Div - Lothians and Scottish borders  
L Div - Argyle and west Dunbartonshire  
N Div - Highlands and Islands  
P Div - Fife  
Q Div - Lanarkshire  
U Div - Ayrshire  
V Div - Dumfries and Galloway  
NMU - National Motorcycle Unit

You may also be interested in related crime data which is available online and due to be updated in the next few weeks:

[Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

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.

Table 1 shows the number of Roadside drug wipes used broken down by year, division and whether the test was positive.

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|  | **2022** | | **2023** | | **2024** | |
| **Division** | **Roadside drug wipes used** | **Number of Positive results** | **Roadside drug wipes used** | **Number of Positive results** | **Roadside drug wipes used** | **Number of Positive results** |
| A | 517 | 253 | 651 | 332 | 868 | 429 |
| C | 176 | 90 | 151 | 86 | 175 | 109 |
| D | 253 | 92 | 254 | 107 | 370 | 172 |
| E | 248 | 143 | 248 | 139 | 264 | 150 |
| G | 650 | 378 | 788 | 404 | 819 | 487 |
| J | 321 | 163 | 289 | 148 | 397 | 218 |
| L | 289 | 153 | 310 | 153 | 232 | 124 |
| N | 591 | 247 | 761 | 325 | 811 | 352 |
| P | 186 | 108 | 239 | 120 | 252 | 146 |
| Q | 720 | 461 | 629 | 412 | 515 | 354 |
| U | 326 | 145 | 467 | 218 | 811 | 454 |
| V | 299 | 135 | 451 | 202 | 440 | 193 |

Table 2 shows the number of Roadside breath tests taken by roads policing officers, broken down by year, division and whether the test was positive.

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|  | **2022** | | **2023** | | **2024** | |
| **Division** | **Roadside Breath Tests taken** | **Number of Positive results** | **Roadside Breath Tests taken** | **Number of Positive results** | **Roadside Breath Tests taken** | **Number of Positive results** |
| A | 1379 | 103 | 1516 | 89 | 1487 | 95 |
| C | 735 | 95 | 1104 | 52 | 685 | 48 |
| D | 2225 | 102 | 2106 | 96 | 2194 | 108 |
| E | 1544 | 91 | 1255 | 77 | 1917 | 126 |
| G | 985 | 152 | 1265 | 179 | 1214 | 129 |
| J | 1581 | 121 | 1413 | 108 | 1321 | 106 |
| L | 676 | 45 | 706 | 50 | 540 | 46 |
| N | 2030 | 61 | 2847 | 84 | 2121 | 66 |
| P | 615 | 65 | 2501 | 61 | 3153 | 82 |
| Q | 952 | 171 | 953 | 121 | 850 | 113 |
| U | 837 | 94 | 665 | 69 | 230 | 19 |
| V | 826 | 67 | 2370 | 61 | 2100 | 80 |
| NMU | 203 | 8 | 92 | 4 | 314 | 1 |
| Unspecified | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 9 | 2 |