| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0572  Responded to: 06 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

* **How many drivers have been stopped for using a mobile phone whilst driving in 2021?**
* **How many drivers have been stopped for using a mobile phone whilst driving in 2022?**
* **How many drivers have been stopped for using a mobile phone whilst driving in 2023?**
* **How many drivers have been stopped for using a mobile phone whilst driving in 2024?**
* **How many drivers have been stopped for using a mobile phone whilst driving so far in 2025?**

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, in order to provide you with this information would require a manual search through officer notebooks etc, which I estimate would cost well over the threshold set out within the act.

* **How many drivers received a fine and/or penalty points for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2021?**
* **How many drivers received a fine and/or penalty points for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2022?**
* **How many drivers received a fine and/or penalty points for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2023?**
* **How many drivers received a fine and/or penalty points for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2024?**
* **How many drivers received a fine and/or penalty points for using their mobile phone whilst driving so far in 2025?**

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) and 27(1) exemptions apply:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”

Information from 2021 is publicly available, with the most recent information being updated in the next few weeks:

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

* **How many drivers lost their licence for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2021?**
* **How many drivers lost their licence for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2022?**
* **How many drivers lost their licence for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2023?**
* **How many drivers lost their licence for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2024?**
* **How many drivers lost their licence for using their mobile phone whilst driving so far in 2025?**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, this information would be held by Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

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.