| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-2677  Responded to: 2nd November 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please may you provide me with:

## • The number of vehicles seized by the police in 2022

## • The reasoning behind each of these seizures

The table at the end of this document provides the number of vehicles recovered by Police Scotland, from the 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022, broken down by the removal reason.

It should be noted that technically, Police Scotland only seize vehicles under Section 165A of the Road Traffic Act 198 when vehicles have been driven with no licence or insurance.

## • The number of seized vehicles that were returned to owners

## • The number of vehicles sold at auction or destroyed

The table below provides the number of vehicles collected, scrapped/ burnt out or auctioned from the 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022.

| **Month** | **Vehicles Collected** | **Vehicles Scrapped/ Burnt Out** | **Vehicles Auctioned** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| January | 473 | 385 | 41 |
| February | 267 | 244 | 23 |
| March | 424 | 400 | 24 |
| April | 195 | 177 | 18 |
| May | 301 | 271 | 30 |
| June | 386 | 343 | 43 |
| July | 366 | 305 | 61 |
| August | 328 | 290 | 38 |
| September | 294 | 265 | 29 |
| October | 406 | 336 | 70 |
| November | 373 | 322 | 51 |
| December | 294 | 239 | 55 |
| **Total** | **4,107** | **3,577** | **483** |

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.

## Number of Vehicles Removed, by Removal Reason

Period: 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

| **Removal Reason** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Abandoned on Road | 62 | 47 | 61 | 55 | 57 | 61 | 77 | 50 | 61 | 60 | 47 | 66 |
| Antisocial Use | 12 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Customs Seizure | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Obstruction/ Danger | 163 | 150 | 139 | 114 | 141 | 160 | 157 | 175 | 159 | 167 | 188 | 238 |
| Police Vehicle Rec | 12 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 10 | 18 | 20 | 13 | 16 | 25 | 15 | 20 |
| Police Vehicle Transfer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Prisoners Vehicle | 21 | 21 | 19 | 25 | 19 | 15 | 21 | 20 | 8 | 24 | 16 | 19 |
| Property | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| RTC (Life Altering) | 38 | 41 | 19 | 42 | 35 | 48 | 40 | 41 | 46 | 29 | 47 | 30 |
| RTC Obstruction/ Danger | 598 | 750 | 571 | 534 | 512 | 602 | 645 | 699 | 602 | 728 | 797 | 974 |
| Sensitive Recovery | 6 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 4 |
| Serious Crime | 65 | 48 | 51 | 71 | 91 | 90 | 75 | 68 | 87 | 96 | 95 | 60 |
| Stolen Abandoned Off Road | 12 | 18 | 12 | 14 | 10 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 16 |
| Stolen Abandoned On Road | 179 | 170 | 149 | 131 | 153 | 171 | 160 | 135 | 187 | 159 | 188 | 187 |
| Street to Street | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Uninsured & Unlicensed | 114 | 99 | 111 | 125 | 118 | 114 | 107 | 109 | 115 | 122 | 110 | 103 |
| Uninsured | 425 | 355 | 345 | 450 | 467 | 446 | 428 | 394 | 481 | 411 | 438 | 382 |
| Unlicensed | 37 | 26 | 44 | 37 | 40 | 35 | 47 | 40 | 34 | 40 | 34 | 35 |
| Warrant/ Forfeiture | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| **Total** | **1,750** | **1,762** | **1,547** | **1,627** | **1,665** | **1,780** | **1,797** | **1,776** | **1,823** | **1,886** | **2,008** | **2,153** |