| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-3278  Responded to: 22 January 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The number of vehicles seized by the police in 2023

## The reasoning behind each of these seizures

In response, please see the table at the end of this letter. 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

In response, the total figure is 19,380.

## The number of vehicles sold at auction or destroyed

In response, the total figure is 3,964.

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.

| Volumes By Removal Reason (Number of vehicles recovered)Removal Reason | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
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| Abandoned on Road | 55 | 54 | 69 | 63 | 48 | 42 | 48 | 51 | 52 | 60 | 56 | 48 |
| Antisocial Use | 9 | 9 | 9 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 3 |
| Obstruction/Danger | 226 | 140 | 142 | 146 | 166 | 169 | 168 | 189 | 194 | 218 | 187 | 266 |
| Operation Trivium | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Police Vehicle Rec | 25 | 15 | 13 | 26 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 19 | 14 | 17 |
| Police Vehicle Transfer | 13 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Prisoners Vehicle | 16 | 14 | 7 | 21 | 20 | 0 | 23 | 18 | 13 | 16 | 10 | 13 |
| Property | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| RTC (Life Altering) | 36 | 28 | 35 | 27 | 39 | 38 | 48 | 69 | 31 | 37 | 33 | 61 |
| RTC Obstruction/Danger | 805 | 566 | 776 | 612 | 661 | 672 | 722 | 709 | 699 | 707 | 772 | 907 |
| Sensitive Recovery | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| Serious Crime (Scotland) | 58 | 70 | 69 | 96 | 72 | 64 | 82 | 71 | 83 | 73 | 57 | 77 |
| Stolen Abandoned off Road (Scotland) | 11 | 24 | 8 | 28 | 11 | 19 | 10 | 12 | 34 | 19 | 15 | 16 |
| Stolen Abandoned on Road (Scotland) | 216 | 210 | 176 | 202 | 213 | 176 | 191 | 202 | 208 | 223 | 215 | 189 |
| Street to Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Uninsured & Unlicensed | 119 | 127 | 112 | 125 | 105 | 121 | 114 | 129 | 139 | 136 | 119 | 132 |
| Uninsured | 426 | 411 | 417 | 463 | 435 | 405 | 420 | 403 | 458 | 485 | 535 | 479 |
| Unlicensed | 29 | 35 | 37 | 33 | 32 | 38 | 39 | 29 | 34 | 38 | 60 | 46 |
| Warrant/Forfeiture | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| Total | 2052 | 1713 | 1879 | 1867 | 1835 | 1797 | 1897 | 1912 | 1979 | 2052 | 2100 | 2261 |