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

## How many young people aged under 18 years of age were charged with committing a crime in Scotland during 2023, or the most recent available full years’ data? Can this number be broken down by types of crime? For example, theft, assault, drug possession etc.  How do these numbers (total/type of crime) compare with previous years’ data - for example, over the past 5 years?

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.

To explain, we are unable to search crime reports based on age of accused at the time of the offence, to provide you with the information you are requesting would require a manual search of all crime reports for relevance.

## How many 17-year-old drivers were involved in RTAs during 2023? How does that figure compare with previous years? How many fatalities occurred as a result of these RTAs, broken down by year over a five year period?

The table below details recorded road traffic collisions between June/ July 2019 and 31 August 2024 which involved at least one 17 year old driver, broken down by severity:

| **Collision Severity** | **2019\*** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024\*** |
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| Fatal | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Serious | 17 | 30 | 26 | 25 | 37 | 17 |
| Slight | 33 | 46 | 43 | 35 | 45 | 22 |
| Total | 51 | 77 | 70 | 61 | 85 | 40 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as at 30/8/2024.  
Data excludes non-injury collisions as per standard operating procedure  
On the 12 June 2019, CRaSH was implemented within D Division. On 3 July 2019, CRaSH was implemented across the other Police Divisions within Police Scotland replacing the existing procedures for recording Road Traffic Collisions.  
Note - the data is subject to change and will be updated on the next extract of data from CRaSH on 3rd September 2024.

## How many young people in Scotland aged under 18 years are currently serving a custodial sentence? And, again, how does that number compare with the previous five years of available data

Sentencing information is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. You may wish to contact the Scottish Prison Service.

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.