| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-0328Responded to: 07 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I'd like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information act:**

1. **The total number of speeding offences recorded, broken down by speed zone for 20mph, 30mph, 40mph, 50mph, 60mph and 70mph for the years 2023 and 2024**

Please note caveats below the table.

*Table: Speeding offences at safety camera sites across Scotland, by road speed limit – 2023 – 2024*

| **Speed limit** | **2023** | **2024** |
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| 20 mph | 0 | 0 |
| 30 mph | 17,518 | 26,732 |
| 40 mph | 13,424 | 15,640 |
| 50 mph | 7,254 | 7,366 |
| 60 mph  | 12,800 | 11,606 |
| 70 mph | 21,758 | 18,072 |

- Safety Camera Unit offence data is taken from a live system which is subject to change and correct as of 28/01/2025.

- Offences by road speed limit (60mph primarily single carriageways, 70mph dual carriageways or motorways), rather than vehicle speed limit.

- Offences at safety camera sites only. Does not include offences detected by roads policing.

1. **The total number of  accidents recorded, broken down by speed zone for 20mph, 30mph, 40mph, 50mph, 60mph and 70mph for the years 2023 and 2024 If possible, please break the data down by severity (e.g. minor accident, severe injury, etc.)**

**If possible, please can the above the data be broken down by force area within Scotland.**

**IF HELD: please can you provide the total number of a) speeding offences and b) accidents which have been recorded on new 20mph roads vs. the number of offences and accidents in the year prior to the speed limit changing.**

Please note that a reportable collision is defined at [section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1988/52/section/170) and describes the legal responsibility on those drivers involved to report the matter to the police. Where those involved exchange personal details, there is no legal requirement to report a collision to the police, and this applies particularly to non-injury collisions.

As such, there may have been collisions, which were not reported to Police Scotland, or which were reported, but did not require a collision report to be created.

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, all Road Traffic Collision data would have to be reviewed for relevance, extracting location and any information about the speed the vehicle was travelling. As such, this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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 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 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.