| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-0898  Responded to: 26th April 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1. How many motorists were caught driving an uninsured vehicle in between January 2022 and 2023 year to date?

## 2. How many motorists were caught driving without a vehicle without a valid MOT between January 2022 and 2023 year to date?

Please be advised that statistics regarding the above road traffic offences are publicly available.

As such, in terms of Section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to provide you with the information sought. Section 16 requires Police Scotland when refusing to provide such information because it is exempt, to provide you with a notice which:

(a) states that it holds the information,

(b) states that it is claiming an exemption,

(c) specifies the exemption in question and

(d) states, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that Police Scotland holds the information that you have requested and the exemption that I consider to be applicable is set out at Section 25(1) and Section 27(1) of the Act - information otherwise accessible:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under Section 1(1) is exempt information”

“Information is exempt information if it is held with a view to its being published […] at a date not later than twelve weeks after that on which the request for the information is made”

The information you are seeking is available on the Police Scotland website, via the following link:

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

## In addition, please provide responses for both questions broken down by:

## How many drivers were given points on their licence for the above offences throughout this period

## Age of licence holder when points were incurred

## Region of licence holder’s registered address when points were incurred

Police Scotland does not hold sentencing information. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service (COPFS) which holds conviction information for Scotland. A request can be submitted to COPFS via email using the following address [foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk). You may also wish to contact the Scottish Court Service via the following address: [foi@scotcourts.gov.uk](mailto:foi@scotcourts.gov.uk)

To be of assistance, the link above includes a regional breakdown of offences.

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.