



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0293

On 10/03/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request the following information under the freedom of information act:

1. The number of drivers charged with drink driving in 2021 and 2022 - please provide totals split by month Jan – Dec
2. The number of drivers stopped and asked to conduct a breathalyzer test in 2021 and 2022 - please provide totals split by month Jan – Dec
3. The number of drivers stopped and asked to conduct a breathalyzer test who tested positive or refused a breathalyzer test 2021 and 2022 -please provide totals split by month Jan – Dec

Where time constraints are identified, please prioritise the data relating to 2022.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

1.
Using the date range of 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2022, a search of the Case Recording System has been conducted to identify all records where one of the following offences has been recorded and where the outcome is Charge/Summons

- Drive whilst unfit through drink

- In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink
- Attempt to drive vehicle whilst unfit through drink
- Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit
- Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit
- In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit
- Cause death by driving without due care and attention / reasonable consideration while unfit through drink

The results have been broken down by month/year.

Please note that individual drivers may have multiple charges. I have therefore provided a breakdown of the number of charges and the number of persons charged.

Month/Year	Total Charges	Total persons charged
Jan-21	21	21
Feb-21	31	31
Mar-21	36	35
Apr-21	24	24
May-21	37	37
Jun-21	27	27
Jul-21	21	21
Aug-21	38	34
Sep-21	35	31
Oct-21	47	45
Nov-21	49	47
Dec-21	41	38
Jan-22	36	36
Feb-22	29	26
Mar-22	41	39
Apr-22	40	39
May-22	61	58
Jun-22	37	37
Jul-22	41	39
Aug-22	33	32
Sep-22	49	46
Oct-22	50	46
Nov-22	47	40
Dec-22	43	42
Grand Total	914	871

2-3.

The below data has been retrieved from the monthly data downloads of the individual breath test devices. Please note that due to the way the information is recorded, it is not possible to determine the number of tests that produced a positive result and, separately, the number of tests refused.

Month/Year	Total Roadside Breath tests Administered	Total Positive or Refused
Jan-21	414	129
Feb-21	396	147
Mar-21	368	86
Apr-21	556	242
May-21	580	211
Jun-21	428	83
Jul-21	543	183
Aug-21	587	151
Sep-21	348	98
Oct-21	273	52
Nov-21	342	56
Dec-21	506	51
Jan-22	412	84
Feb-22	387	141
Mar-22	479	164
Apr-22	171	63
May-22	106	35
Jun-22	395	132
Jul-22	372	122
Aug-22	333	54
Sep-22	329	60
Oct-22	423	106
Nov-22	531	165
Dec-22	572	65
Grand Total	9851	2680

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary