

15 August 2024

FOI Ref 16595

Request - You asked us the following:

1. In total, how many charges for drink driving offences (Offence Codes CD40, CD60, DR10, DR20, DR30, DR31, DR40, DR50, DR60, DR61 and DR70) have there been in your jurisdiction between 28th February 2019 - 28th February 2024?
 - a. For Q1, please provide a month-by-month breakdown of the figures for each year
 - b. For Q1, please provide a breakdown by age of offender
2. In total, how many charges for drug driving offences (Offence Codes CD50, DG10, DG40, DG60, DG70, DG80, DG90) have there been in your jurisdiction between 28th February 2019 - 28th February 2024?
 - a. For Q2, please provide a month-by-month breakdown of the figures for each year
 - b. For Q2, please provide a breakdown by age of offender

We received your request on 04/03/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

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 - a. For Q1, please provide a month-by-month breakdown of the figures for each year – **Information held.**
 - b. For Q1, please provide a breakdown by age of offender – **Information held.**
2. In total, how many charges for drug driving offences (Offence Codes CD50, DG10, DG40, DG60, DG70, DG80, DG90) have there been in your jurisdiction between 28th February 2019 - 28th February 2024?
 - a. For Q2, please provide a month-by-month breakdown of the figures for each year – **Information held.**
 - b. For Q2, please provide a breakdown by age of offender – **Information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses/withholds the following information.

1. In total, how many charges for drink driving offences (Offence Codes CD40, CD60, DR10, DR20, DR30, DR31, DR40, DR50, DR60, DR61 and DR70) have there been in your jurisdiction between 28th February 2019 - 28th February 2024?



- a. For Q1, please provide a month-by-month breakdown of the figures for each year – **Partially disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 16595 Drink and Drug Driving Offences Data.CSV'.**
 - b. For Q1, please provide a breakdown by age of offender – **Partially disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 16595 Drink and Drug Driving Offences Data.CSV'.**
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- a. For Q2, please provide a month-by-month breakdown of the figures for each year – **Partially disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 16595 Drink and Drug Driving Offences Data.CSV'.**
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Please note that data has been provided from May 2020 onwards. This is because on 20th May 2020 Staffordshire Police implemented a new case management system. This system brought data from a number of legacy systems into one to provide a single nominal record, including the custody system. The old custody system has now been decommissioned and as a result there is no search facility to be able to retrieve the requested data.

Please note that the data for questions 1a and 1b has been retrieved from a search of our crime/occurrence recording systems, where an arrest has been effected for one of the following and the most significant disposal has been recorded as Charged or Postally Requisitioned:

- Fail to provide specimen for analysis - vehicle driver (recordable)
- In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)
- Fail to provide specimen - person in charge of vehicle (recordable)
- Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)
- Attempt to drive vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)
- Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)
- Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)
- Cause death by driving without due care and attention / reasonable consideration while unfit through drink (recordable)

Please note that the data for questions 2a and 2b has been retrieved from a search of our crime/occurrence record systems , where an arrest has been effected for one of the following and the most significant disposal has been recorded as Charged or Postally Requisitioned::

- Aid abet the driving of a motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit (recordable)
- Attempt to drive a motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit (recordable)
- Attempt to drive vehicle whilst unfit through drugs (recordable)



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- **Cause death by driving without due care / consideration while over specified limit - specified controlled drug (recordable)**
- **Cause death by driving without due care / consideration while unfit through drugs (recordable)**
- **Drive a vehicle whilst unfit through drugs (recordable)**
- **Drive motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit (recordable)**
- **In charge of a motor vehicle with proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit (recordable)**

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional offences may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response.

If you would like us to carry out a review of our response, please let us know within two months of the date of receipt of this email, review requests should be addressed to:

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