

8 November 2024

FOI Ref 17449

Request - You asked us the following:

I would like to know the top 20 roads that have had the highest number of drink-driving related incidences over the last three years, with the data broken down by year.

I would like the data to cover the following police codes:

Code
Offence
Penalty points
DR40
In charge of a vehicle while alcohol level above limit
10
DR50
In charge of a vehicle while unfit through drink
10
DR10
Driving or attempting to drive with alcohol level above limit
3 to 11
DR20
Driving or attempting to drive while unfit through drink
3 to 11

I would like the data in an Excel or .csv file format.

We received your request on 08/11/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

- I would like to know the top 20 roads that have had the highest number of drink-driving related incidences over the last three years, with the data broken down by year. – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17449 Drink Driving Incidents Data.CSV'.**

Please note that the data presented has been retrieved from a search of our crime/occurrence recording systems between 08/11/2021 and 07/11/2024 for individuals arrested on suspicion of being in charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit, driving motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit, attempting to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit, being in charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink, driving whilst unfit through drink and attempting to drive vehicle whilst unfit through drink. The road figures have been retrieved using a search for the street in which the individuals were arrested. In addition, please note



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that where a street has been titled 'unnamed road', this is because the street name was not recorded within our crime/occurrence recording systems and such arrests may have taken place on different roads. Where there is more than one street within the top 20 roads where drink driving incidents have taken place, these road names have been aggregated.

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/incidents 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:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

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Staffordshire Police HQ
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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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