



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at, **Section 1(1) (a)**, is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at, **Section 1 (1) (b)**, is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

The information that you are seeking is in relation to the following:

REQUEST

1. Please could you provide statistics for the number of people charged for drink-driving from 1 September 2022 to 1 September 2023?
2. What is the breakdown of these figures according to (a) occupation, (b) sex, (c) age?

RESPONSE

The table below provides a breakdown of the number of people charged for drink driving from 1st September 2022 to 1st September 2023.

Please note that the data provided is based on the number of individuals arrested (i.e., someone will only be counted once even if they have been arrested more than once in the timeframe). If an individual does not have a PNCID recorded, they are not included in this search.

The data was then filtered to only provide charges and postal requisitions for drink driving offences. Please note that charge disposals can be added any time after the arrest and that some arrests may still be under investigation – these figures are accurate as of the 27/09/2023.

Drink driving offences that are included within this table are;

- 803/02 Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit.
- 803/09 Drive whilst unfit through drink.
- 803/05 In charge of motor vehicle – alcohol level above limit.
- 803/11 In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink.



Age	Female	Male
18-25 Years	6	22
26-35 Years	12	37
36-45 Years	13	31
46-55 Years	2	16
56-65 Years	1	5
Over 65 Years	1	2
Total	35	113

Unfortunately, we cannot answer this request as it will exceed the 18-hour time limit to complete a request. In the time frame requested, there have been 148 records. In order to retrieve the data, each record would need to be reviewed. It would take approximately eight minutes to review each individual record, which would equate to 19 hours of research. Therefore, a Section 12 Excess Cost exemption has been applied.

Section 12 – Excess Cost

The exemption applicable to the information you have requested for this question can be found at Section 12(1) of the Act and this refusal notice is issued under Section 17.

Section 12(1) “does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.”

In the case of a police force, the appropriate limit is set at £450, which is calculated at £25 per hour (i.e. 18 hours). Gwent Police would have to conduct a manual search to find and extract the information for this question. This would take more than 18 hours of staff time therefore we are unable to answer this question and the exemption is engaged

Freedom of Information Act is a public disclosure regime, not a private regime. Any information disclosed under the Act is thereafter deemed to be in the public domain, and therefore freely available to the public and will be published on the Gwent Police website.

If, upon receiving a response to a freedom of information request, you are unhappy with the outcome, you may request an internal review. **This should be made within 40 working days of the initial response.**



Please note, any written reply from an applicant expressing dissatisfaction with an authority's response to a request for any information will be treated as a complaint and will automatically lead to an internal review.

Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.