

[FOI/1136] Drink Driving Offences

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please could you provide the following data for your police force area:

1. The total number of roadside breath tests conducted in each of the past three calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 so far if available), broken down by month or quarter if possible.

Month	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
January	255	574	433	638	1900
February	245	464	464	554	1727
March	255	228	594	580	1657
April	326	474	510	517	1827
May	368	443	564	557	1932
June	392	323	421	250	1386
July	451	201	417	N/A	1069
August	438	276	560	N/A	1274
September	406	291	580	N/A	1277
October	433	709	511	N/A	1653
November	437	328	598	N/A	1363
December	217	477	645	N/A	1339
Total	4223	4788	6297	3096	18404

2. The number of drivers who tested positive or failed a breath test in each of those years.

Year / Result	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
2022	255	245	255	326	368	392	451	438	406	433	437	217	4223
Fail	42	30	39	54	59	75	93	81	76	75	62	29	715
Pass	212	215	215	271	308	315	357	357	330	358	373	188	3499
Refusal	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	9
2023	574	464	228	474	443	323	201	276	291	709	328	477	4788
Fail	93	67	34	75	61	68	31	46	41	211	52	73	852
Pass	481	393	193	398	382	254	169	230	250	496	276	404	3926
Refusal	0	4	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	10
2024	433	464	594	510	564	421	417	560	580	511	598	645	6297
Fail	86	60	86	78	100	62	61	84	82	67	78	73	917
Pass	344	404	506	430	464	358	355	475	497	441	519	571	5364
Refusal	3	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	16
2025	638	554	580	517	557	250	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3096
Fail	89	85	75	74	77	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	434
Pass	545	468	505	442	479	214	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2653
Refusal	4	1	0	1	1	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9
Total	1900	1727	1657	1827	1932	1386	1069	1274	1277	1653	1363	1339	18404

If available, a breakdown of breath tests conducted by local authority area, town, or policing sector within your jurisdiction.

This data is not recorded in the breath test apparatus, and accordingly, no information is held in relation to your query at this point.

3. The top 5 locations (towns/areas/postcodes) where the highest number of drink driving offences were recorded over the past three years.

District / Offence	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
South Tyneside	12	12	8	12	44
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	2	0	0	0	2
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	0	1	0	0	1
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	2	5	3	6	16
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	8	6	5	6	25
Gateshead	14	18	32	22	86
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	0	4	1	5	10
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	1	0	2	1	4
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	6	11	14	13	44
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	7	3	15	3	28
Newcastle	48	43	51	22	164
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	3	3	3	2	11
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	5	3	3	1	12
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	27	21	27	13	88
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	13	16	18	6	53
North Tyneside	24	20	23	11	78
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	1	2	2	0	5
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	2	4	3	1	10
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	14	7	9	7	37
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	7	7	9	3	26
Northumberland	31	22	37	19	109
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	1	2	2	0	5
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	4	2	2	1	9
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	15	10	17	11	53
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	11	8	16	7	42
Sunderland	34	26	42	17	119
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	7	2	5	2	16
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	4	2	4	3	13
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	11	10	19	6	46
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	12	11	14	6	43
Pedal cyclist riding under the influence of drink or drugs	0	1	0	0	1
Total	163	141	193	103	600

4. Any available demographic breakdown (e.g. age group and gender) for individuals who were stopped and breathalysed, and failed a breath test or were charged with a drink driving offence, in the above time period.

The table below provides the requested demographic breakdown for persons who were charged with a drink driving offence:

Year / Offence / Gender	16 to 25	26 to 35	36 to 45	46 to 55	56 to 65	66 to 85	Unknown age	Total
2022	28	64	38	14	11	4	4	163
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	4	5	3	1	1	0	0	14
Male	3	5	1	1	1	0	0	11
Female	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	4	4	4	3	0	1	0	16
Male	4	4	3	3	0	0	0	14
Female	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	12	27	19	6	5	2	4	75
Male	7	19	12	5	3	2	0	48
Female	4	8	7	1	2	0	0	22
Unknown Sex	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	5
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	8	28	12	4	5	1	0	58
Male	6	21	7	4	4	1	0	43
Female	2	7	5	0	1	0	0	15
2023	32	45	35	18	8	2	1	141
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	1	6	3	2	1	0	0	13
Male	0	5	3	2	1	0	0	11
Female	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	2	3	4	3	0	0	0	12
Male	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	7
Female	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	5
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	14	18	18	8	5	0	1	64
Male	12	17	14	4	4	0	0	51
Female	2	1	4	4	1	0	0	12
Unknown Sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	15	17	10	5	2	2	0	51
Male	15	15	9	3	2	2	0	46
Female	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	5
Pedal cyclist riding under the influence of drink or drugs	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Male	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
2024	36	52	48	43	8	6	0	193
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	3	1	1	4	3	1	0	13
Male	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	9
Female	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	7	1	2	3	0	1	0	14
Male	7	1	2	2	0	1	0	13
Female	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	14	24	25	19	5	2	0	89
Male	10	19	21	15	2	2	0	69
Female	4	5	4	4	3	0	0	20
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	12	26	20	17	0	2	0	77
Male	12	22	16	16	0	2	0	68
Female	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	9
2025	25	20	30	18	9	1	0	103
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	9
Male	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
Female	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	5
Being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	7
Male	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	6
Female	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive - Drink	13	9	14	10	9	1	0	56
Male	10	9	11	6	8	1	0	45
Female	3	0	3	4	1	0	0	11
Driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit to drive through drink or drugs (unspecified)	11	7	9	4	0	0	0	31
Male	10	7	6	4	0	0	0	27
Female	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
Total	121	181	151	93	36	13	5	600