



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-03442

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Alcohol/Drug Driving Offences

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The number of people caught drink driving broken down by month, so far in 2015, 2014 and in 2013 in your force area. Please also break down by age and gender, if possible.

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Please find tables on pages 1 – 2 at the end of this correspondence showing persons detected for alcohol/drug driving offences during 2013, 2014 and up to 31st October in 2015. This has been broken down by month, age and gender as requested.

Please be aware that this response includes drug detections because the wording of some offences includes drugs as well e.g. 'Driving when unfit through drink or drugs'.

Question 2

The three dates of the year that most people were caught drink driving in 2013, 2014 and so far in 2015, and the number of incidents recorded on that date (e.g. 1st April 2015 = 21 incidents recorded) in your force area.

Answer

Please find a table on page 2 at the end of this correspondence showing the 3 dates in 2013, 2014 and up to 31st October 2015 when the highest number of alcohol/drug driving offences were detected.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a

review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Q1. People 'Detected'¹ for an alcohol/drug driving offence – 1st January – 31st December 2013

	Male	Female	Under 18	18-29	30-49	50-69	70+	Unknown	Total
January	175	38	2	88	87	34	2	0	213
February	180	37	5	81	90	36	5	0	217
March	221	35	3	119	95	37	2	0	256
April	242	48	3	123	113	46	5	0	290
May	224	50	3	116	96	53	6	0	274
June	237	45	1	125	104	46	6	0	282
July	246	43	3	113	117	51	4	1	289
August	232	54	6	103	116	58	3	0	286
September	248	41	3	107	111	62	6	0	289
October	237	50	5	117	106	55	4	0	287
November	227	48	1	120	116	31	6	1	275
December	206	50	4	97	112	34	8	1	256
Total	2675	539	39	1309	1263	543	57	3	3214

¹ The term 'detected' in this context means they were arrested/investigated on suspicion of a alcohol/drug driving related offence but some may subsequently have been found to be under the legal limit and not proceeded against.

People 'Detected'¹ for an alcohol/drug driving offence - 1st January – 31st December 2014

	Male	Female	Under 18	18-29	30-49	50-69	70+	Unknown	Total
January	193	29	1	95	90	34	2	0	222
February	199	46	7	94	100	41	3	0	245
March	255	58	5	126	143	35	3	1	313
April	228	55	4	100	121	53	4	1	283
May	218	60	5	81	128	57	7	0	278
June	201	50	9	94	94	50	4	0	251
July	211	62	7	106	111	49	0	0	273
August	220	43	3	109	113	35	3	0	263
September	191	50	5	91	100	42	3	0	241
October	228	48	4	117	102	50	3	0	276
November	222	31	2	103	104	37	7	0	253
December	200	42	1	97	101	41	2	0	242
Total	2566	574	53	1213	1307	524	41	2	3140

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People 'Detected'¹ for an alcohol/drug driving offence - 1st January – 31st October 2015

	Male	Female	Under 18	18-29	30-49	50-69	70+	Unknown	Total
January	200	35	1	91	103	35	5	0	235
February	163	31	6	95	64	26	3	0	194
March	194	50	0	97	108	36	3	0	244
April	193	41	3	93	107	29	2	0	234
May	213	45	2	89	113	53	1	0	258
June	250	46	4	120	127	42	3	0	296
July	249	46	3	108	134	48	2	0	295
August	205	53	3	111	100	39	5	0	258
September	232	36	2	119	106	35	6	0	268
October	231	30	4	107	115	32	3	0	261
Total	2130	413	28	1030	1077	375	33	0	2543

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2015 Statistics are provisional and may be subject to minor amendment.

Q2. Top 3 dates that most people were 'detected' for an alcohol/drug driving offence –

1st January 2013 – 31st October 2015

2013		2014		2015*	
Offence Date	No. of people 'detected' ¹	Offence Date	No. of people 'detected' ¹	Offence Date	No. of people 'detected' ¹
06-Oct-2013	30	04-May-2014	29	07-Jun-2015	26
28-Apr-2013	28	08-Jun-2014	26	14-Jun-2015	26
01-Jan-2013	24	23-Mar-2014	24	13-Jun-2015	25

*to 31 October 2015

¹ The term 'detected' in this context means they were arrested/investigated on suspicion of a alcohol/drug driving related offence but some may subsequently have been found to be under the legal limit and not proceeded against.

Source: Statistics Branch, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Lisnasharragh