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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 253/25 – Road Rage

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 25th February 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

For each calendar year 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, could you tell me:

- 1. The number of reported crimes which mentioned 'road rage' or 'aggressive driving' in the MO field of the crime report and the detailed crime type*
- 2. The number of road traffic accidents recorded with a contributing factor of 'aggressive driving' (code 601)*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

To obtain information relevant to your request, searches were undertaken on the Constabulary's Crime recording database for Question 1, using a search of keywords 'road rage' and the words 'aggressiv' and 'driv' to ascertain crimes specified in your request, which were then manually read for relevancy.

To provide information for Question 2 of your request, data was extracted from the collision recording system, which is hosted by the Department for Transport. Searches were undertaken for collisions where a factor of aggressive driving had been recorded. Please note that the data does not include collisions on private roads.

Answers

Question 1 - The number of reported crimes which mentioned 'road rage' or 'aggressive driving' in the MO field of the crime report and the detailed crime type

Offence	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Causing Intentional Harassment, Alarm Or Distress.	29	20	31	20	30	130
Common Assault And Battery.	12	4	4	4	12	36
Fear Or Provocation Of Violence.	9	3	7	8	8	35
Assaults Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm.	4	4	2	3	5	18



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Other criminal damage to a vehicle valued under £5000		4	5	3	2	14
Harassment	1	4			2	7
Use or display threatening behaviour, words (written or spoken) or visual representation likely to cause harassment / alarm / distress	2	1		1		4
Wounding, &C, With Intent To Do Grievous Bodily Harm, &C., Or To Resist Apprehension.		1	1	1		3
Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in Any place in England and Wales (whether or not in a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	1				1	2
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article in a public place.			2			2
Threaten with an offensive weapon in a public place.				2		2
Affray	1					1
Aiding, Abetting, Causing Or Permitting Reckless Driving.		1				1
Assault or assault by beating of a constable.				1		1
Cruelty To Or Neglect Of Children.		1				1
Making Threats To Kill		1				1
Other Criminal Damage, Other valued under £5000					1	1
Possession Of Offensive Weapons Without Lawful Authority Or Reasonable Excuse.			1			1
Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking.		1				1
Putting People In Fear Of Violence.	1					1
Racially / religiously aggravated stalking without violence				1		1
Racially / religiously aggravated assault occasioning actual bodily harm	1					1
Racially / religiously aggravated intentional harassment / alarm / distress – words / writing				1		1
Robbery.				1		1
Send indecent or grossly offensive communication to cause distress or anxiety			1			1



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Stalking involving serious alarm/distress.					1	1
Stealing Pedal Cycles			1			1
Wounding Or Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm (Inflicting Bodily Injury With Or Without Weapon).				1		1
Total	61	45	55	47	62	270

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the keyword(s) were recorded in a different field to that which has been searched, or if another name or term was used to describe Road Rage, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken. For this reason, although provided in good faith, the information may not be wholly accurate.

Question 2 - The number of road traffic accidents recorded with a contributing factor of 'aggressive driving' (code 601)

Year	Number of Collisions
2020	197
2021	123
2022	101
2023	86
2024	84
Total	591

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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