



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:19/06/2025

2025/620 - Number of RTAs

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1 - Please provide a breakdown of how many road traffic collisions have occurred when cars on hard shoulders have been hit, since 2014.

2 - Please provide a breakdown of how many road traffic collisions have occurred when broken-down cars have been hit, since 2014.

Method

The injury road traffic collision (RTC) data is sourced from the Home Office Stats19 returns for the period of 01/01/2014 – 16/06/2025. Please note that 2024 and 2025 data is considered provisional, therefore subject to change. This data has been analysed and broken down to include the vehicle type and location of the vehicle when involved in a collision.

Findings

1 - There have been a total of 57 collisions, involving 65 cars, which have been hit on hard shoulders or entering/leaving a hard shoulder for the above time period.

We are unable to look at damage only collisions as this would take over the 18-hour threshold due to having to carry out a manual search of every highway disruption which is a total of 57,315 incidents. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

2 – As above in point one, we would be unable to carry out this query due to the amount of time it would take to carry out the manual search of each collision.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 17/16/2025

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