

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information Request.

The information from the relevant department is as follows:

o How many road traffic accidents were reported in your district in the calendar year 2008?  
**2369 Reported Personal Injury Accidents in the County of Nottinghamshire, including the Trunk Road network, excluding the City of Nottingham,.**

o How many road traffic accidents were reported in your district in the calendar year 2018?  
**1557 Reported Personal Injury Accidents in the County of Nottinghamshire, including the Trunk Road network, excluding the City of Nottingham,.**

o From roads within your district, which have the most reported road traffic accidents in the 10-year period of 2008-2018?

**This is very difficult to answer in a meaningful way, it depends where exactly you terminate each length of road. For example the A60 runs through the County from top to bottom and so would probably have more accidents than a much shorter road like the A6007, just because of the length. That doesn't mean the A60 is less safe than the A6007, it's just longer, and probably busier. If you broke it down into coherent lengths of similar character, you'd have some lengths in rural areas, and some through the middle of towns. If you try to analyze these against each other, let alone against all the other roads, to say which is "worst" it will be difficult, because the answers will depend almost entirely on where you divide the roads up.**

**Even if the lengths you choose look like coherent lengths, if for some reason all the accidents happened at one short bit at one end (e.g. by a small collection of shops) that short bit would be "worse" than an adjacent bit, and the average over the whole length of what you have decided is a suitable length will be a different value again. To further complicate matters many accidents occur at junctions, so if you include the 'terminal' junctions in the figures (ie the junctions at the end of the lengths of road you are looking at) that will affect the figures a lot, and if you divide up a road at a junction, which length do you put the terminal junction accidents into, or do you leave them out? Also is it correct to compare a very busy road with a quiet road in accident terms or should you incorporate the traffic flow on each section into the comparison, assuming you can find that out? And over a ten year period the network will have changed significantly in many places further skewing the figures. (Not to mention all the changes in vehicle design, introduction of speed cameras changes to speed limits etc.)**

**So to do a 'which is the worst road' comparison for the whole road network throughout the County is an almost infinite task which would produce very questionable results.**

**We tend not to deal with length comparisons to see which is "worst" for this reason, it is almost impossible to get a meaningful answer.**

**If you wanted to see some analysis of A and B roads in a generalized way, the Road Safety Foundation produces an annual risk rating map of the whole Country including Nottinghamshire, it's called EuroRAP, on which it shows just the Killed and Seriously injured accidents, taking into account the traffic flow and length of road. It does suffer from the issues I describe above, in that the chosen limits of each section are very open to debate and not all that useful for Local Authorities like ourselves, but it is a national study by a respected body, and may serve your purpose, or possibly replicate your own study to some extent?**

- How many speeding offences were recorded within your district in the calendar year 2008?  
**Information held by Nottinghamshire Police not NCC**
- How many speeding offences were recorded within your district in the calendar year 2018?  
**Information held by Nottinghamshire Police not NCC**
- How many registered drivers live within your district? **Information not held by NCC try DVLA?**
- What is the total population of your district? **Information not held by NCC – Try Office of National Statistics**
- How many mobile phone related driving charges were issued within your district in the calendar year 2008? **Information held by Nottinghamshire Police not NCC**
- How many mobile phone related driving charges were issued within your district in the calendar year 2018? **Information held by Nottinghamshire Police not NCC**
- How many newly qualified drivers entered the roads within your district in 2018?  
**Information not held by NCC**
- How many road traffic accidents reported in 2008 included drivers within the age bracket of 18-24?  
**See below**
- How many road traffic accidents reported in 2018 included drivers within the age bracket of 18-24?  
**See below**
  
- How many people aged over 65 reside in your district currently? **Information not held by NCC – Try Office of National Statistics**
  
- How many road traffic accidents reported in your district in 2008 included drivers aged a) 18-24 b) 25-64 c) 65+
- How many road traffic accidents reported in your district in 2018 included drivers aged a) 18-24 b) 25-64 c) 65+

Drivers Age	2008	2018
18-24	695	348
25-64	1764	1226
65+	258	221

**Please note that these numbers cannot be added together to get a total figure for a particular year for all ages, that total will appear larger than the year total given above. This is because an accident may involve more than one driver – for instance in a single accident where a driver who is 19 collides with a driver who is 39 that accident may appear in both totals because it is**

- A) An accident involving a driver 18-24 but also**
- B) An accident involving a driver 25-64**

I hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

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<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you wish to raise any concerns about the way your request was dealt with, then please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail [foi@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottscc.gov.uk) quoting the reference number above.

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