

Date: 2 June 2025
Reference: F0007404

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 22 May 2025, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). For reference your original enquiry was as follows:

I work in the press office for Savills and working on a straightforward advice blog on drone use in the UK – I was hoping to quote an up-to-date figure for how many drones are currently registered in the UK – is this something you might be able to help with? I think you have published figures previously but can't see anything recent on your website.

Your request has been considered in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that the CAA holds information within scope of the above request; if I may I shall address each of your points in turn:

Active Drone and Model Aircraft Registration and Education System registrations as of 31/03/2025:

Number of Active Flyers ID (13+): 460,655

Number of Active U13 Flyers: 9,666

Number of Active Operators - Individuals (18+): 266,110

Number of Active Operators - Organisations: 8,844

For further information on Flyer ID and Operators please use the following link:

Overview : Flying drones and model aircraft | UK Civil Aviation Authority

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

FOI.Requests@caa.co.uk

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Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the FOIA to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF
<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at FOI - Freedom of Information (caa.co.uk).

Yours sincerely
Communications & Engagement Team
Information Rights Specialist
Civil Aviation Authority

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CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.

