| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2559  Responded to: 10 September 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the latest statistics you hold on thefts of watches valued at £3,000 or more within your force area.**

**Please include any notifiable offence types in which a qualifying watch was recorded as stolen (for example: theft from person, robbery, burglary, vehicle crime, etc.), where this can be filtered from your crime recording system.**

**1) Counts by time period**

* **Total number of offences meeting the above criteria for:**
  + **01/01/2022–31/12/2022**
  + **01/01/2023–31/12/2023**
  + **01/01/2024–31/12/2024**
  + **01/01/2025–31/07/2025 (part year)**

**2) Geographic breakdown**

**For the same periods, a breakdown by your standard local geography (e.g., city, borough/district, LPA, or command unit). Please state which geography you are using.**

**3) Brand / model**

**For the same periods, where recorded, the most commonly stolen watch brands and models (e.g., Rolex Daytona, Omega Speedmaster, Audemars Piguet Royal Oak), with counts. If model isn’t consistently recorded, brand alone is fine.**

**4) Recoveries**

**For the same periods, the number of qualifying watches recovered (and, if recorded, how many were returned to owners).**

**5) Offence type (if readily available)**

**A breakdown by offence classification (e.g., robbery, theft from person, burglary), with counts for each period.**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, the only way to research your request would be to individually examine every crime report relating to theft and extract and not details regarding the property stolen, an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

To be of assistance, crime data for Theft, Theft by Housebreaking etc can be accessed online - [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/).

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.