| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1260  Responded to: 6th June 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please could you provide the number of bike thefts in Scotland in 2023, broken up by both city and (if possible) by county.

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) and 27(1) exemptions apply:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”

Information for the period up to June 2023 is publicly available:

[Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

The data is broken down by local authority multi-member ward (MMW).

Further information regarding those boundaries can be accessed online:

[5th Reviews - ward maps | Scottish Boundary Commission (boundaries.scot)](https://boundaries.scot/5th-reviews-ward-maps)

Information for the period July to December 2023 will be published at the same link within 12 weeks of this response.

“Information is exempt information if it is held with a view to its being published […] at a date not later than twelve weeks after […] the request for the information is made”.

I believe it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information be withheld from disclosure at this time and that maintaining the exemption outweighs any public interest in disclosure.

By way of assistance, the table below details recorded theft of a bicycle crimes, broken down by local authority, for the period 1st January to 31st December 2023.

As explained above, the more detailed breakdown by MMW will be available online in due course.

| **Council Area** | **Theft of Bicycle 2023** |
| --- | --- |
| Aberdeen City | 228 |
| Aberdeenshire | 56 |
| Moray | 32 |
| Perth and Kinross | 58 |
| Angus | 29 |
| Dundee City | 122 |
| Highland | 174 |
| Orkney Islands | 10 |
| Shetland Islands | 1 |
| Western Isles - Eilean Siar | 7 |
| Stirling | 51 |
| Falkirk | 50 |
| Clackmannanshire | 16 |
| City of Edinburgh | 1190 |
| West Lothian | 59 |
| East Lothian | 59 |
| Midlothian | 22 |
| Scottish Borders | 30 |
| Fife | 124 |
| Glasgow City | 963 |
| East Renfrewshire | 12 |
| East Dunbartonshire | 20 |
| East Ayrshire | 17 |
| North Ayrshire | 33 |
| South Ayrshire | 34 |
| North Lanarkshire | 75 |
| South Lanarkshire | 49 |
| Argyll and Bute | 24 |
| West Dunbartonshire | 19 |
| Inverclyde | 12 |
| Renfrewshire | 58 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 39 |
| Total | 3673 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.

All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 29/05/2024

The data was extracted using the crime's raised date and by using SGJD code (302204) - Theft of Bicycle

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.