| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0868  Responded to: 13 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request data on car theft investigations within your police force’s jurisdiction. Specifically, I’d like details on:

## The total number of reported car thefts in your jurisdiction for each of the last three calendar years (2021, 2022, and 2023).

## The number of those cases that resulted in a suspect being charged or otherwise identified as the offender.

## The number of those cases that remain unsolved

## If possible, please provide this information in a year-by-year breakdown.

For period covered by request, we cannot provide data for cars specifically without reviewing all theft of a motor vehicle crime reports to extract the vehicle type. As such, 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.

To be of assistance, you may wish to visit [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](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.