| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1517  Responded to: 02 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding tool theft offences recorded by your force. I would be grateful if you could provide the following data, ideally covering the past five years. If five years of data is not available, the most recent two years will suffice:**

1. **The number of reported tool thefts, broken down by:**

* **Theft from vehicles**
* **Theft from residences**
* **Theft from workplaces**

**Please include this data by postcode area, if possible.**

1. **For thefts from vehicles:**

* **The make and model of the vehicles targeted**
* **The number of offences associated with each make and model**

1. **The time of day and day of the week when these offences occurred, segmented by theft location (vehicle, residence, workplace).**
2. **The recorded outcomes of these offences, including:**

* **Whether the tools were recovered**
* **Whether an arrest was made**
* **Whether the case resulted in no further action**

1. **Monthly breakdown of tool thefts over the requested time period.**
2. **Number of tool theft offences by postcode area.**
3. **A breakdown of the types or categories of tools stolen, and the number of incidents involving each type.**

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.

For the period covered by your request, we have no means of searching crime reports based on the nature of the stolen property being classified as a “tool”.

All crime reports would therefore need to be manually reviewed and assessed for relevance.

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.