| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-3307  Responded to: 09 October 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Q) How many instances of parcel theft (HO Offence Code 042/0 - theft of mail bag or postal packet) where the words 'doorstep/front door/porch/lobby/postbox/letterbox' are included were reported between the following dates: 01/01/2021 - 26/08/2025. I would like this information broken down by calendar year, and with the results for 2025 so far separate.**

**Q) Please could you share a breakdown of these instances by month for each of the date ranges provided (i.e Jan 2021, Feb 2021 etc through to Aug 2025 so far)**

**Q)Could you let me know the number of thefts, broken down by month from Jan 2021 - August 2025, that have led to a Type 1 outcome (ie. charge/summonsed/postal requisition) and also the number that have led to a Type 18 outcome (Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available)**

We are unable to search crime reports by type of property stolen. The only way to collate the requested data in a comprehensive and concise manner would be to review all theft related crime reports for the time period specified to establish firstly, whether it involved a parcel being stolen from a doorstep, and thereafter the further requested details.​

This is an exercise that would clearly exceed the cost threshold outlined within the Act. 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.

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.