| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0366  Responded to: 13 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please can you provide details of the number of motor vehicles stolen within your Force area for calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024

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) exemption applies:

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

The information sought is publicly available:

[How we are performing - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/)

## Please can you provide details of the number of motor vehicles subject to the 'unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle' within your Force area for calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, this relates to English/ Welsh offences. Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the [Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/user-guide-recorded-crime-statistics-scotland-3/documents/) offence classifications, however there is no Scottish crime classification relevant to your request.

1. **Please can you provide the Make and exact Model recorded on your crime recording system in relation to request 1 and 2 within your Force area for calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024**
2. **Please can you advise how many of these motor vehicles were equipped with keyless entry**

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 crime recording systems used by Police Scotland have no facility which allows for us to conduct a keyword search of crime reports.

To fully answer your request, all crime reports relating to ‘theft of a motor vehicle’ would have to be reviewed individually 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.