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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

The total recorded thefts for a) motor vehicles, b) bicycles and c) all vehicles for each year 2017 to 2022 broken down by local authority showing a) number of cases, b) number of completed investigations, c) number unsolved cases, d) number of cases resulting in a conviction/charge.

In response to your request, please see the table at the end of this letter.

Please be advised that offences in Scotland are recorded as either undetected or detected, where an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings.

You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service (COPFS) which holds conviction information for Scotland. A request can be submitted to COPFS via email using the following address foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on foidundee@scotland.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

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| | detected | recorded | detected | recorded | detected | recorded | detected | recorded | detected | recorded | detected | recorded |
| Aberdeen City | 149 | 710 | 159 | 581 | 112 | 423 | 128 | 521 | 122 | 640 | 62 | 230 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 5 | 23 | 6 | 22 | 1 | 13 | 5 | 13 | 8 | 22 | | 3 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 91 | 262 | 111 | 249 | 85 | 182 | 84 | 154 | 77 | 182 | 41 | 69 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 53 | 425 | 42 | 310 | 26 | 228 | 39 | 354 | 37 | 436 | 21 | 158 |
| Aberdeenshire | 93 | 224 | 83 | 190 | 73 | 147 | 75 | 156 | 67 | 120 | 24 | 63 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 | | 2 | | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 71 | 116 | 66 | 93 | 54 | 82 | 62 | 85 | 62 | 80 | 19 | 40 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 21 | 105 | 15 | 91 | 17 | 62 | 13 | 69 | 5 | 36 | 3 | 19 |
| Angus | 45 | 110 | 32 | 94 | 42 | 111 | 47 | 96 | 54 | 134 | 14 | 46 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | 1 | 3 | | 1 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 30 | 47 | 28 | 46 | 28 | 54 | 35 | 53 | 48 | 85 | 12 | 30 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 14 | 62 | 3 | 46 | 13 | 54 | 12 | 43 | 5 | 46 | 2 | 15 |
| Argyll & Bute | 29 | 59 | 23 | 50 | 27 | 68 | 18 | 47 | 19 | 46 | 3 | 7 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | | 2 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 27 | 38 | 22 | 37 | 21 | 40 | 16 | 24 | 15 | 27 | 3 | 5 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 2 | 19 | 1 | 13 | 6 | 28 | 1 | 22 | 3 | 17 | | 2 |
| City of Edinburgh | 331 | 3428 | 411 | 2519 | 261 | 2318 | 423 | 2404 | 263 | 1879 | 73 | 765 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 20 | 263 | 23 | 125 | 13 | 95 | 7 | 74 | 13 | 93 | 7 | 60 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 226 | 1000 | 198 | 576 | 156 | 630 | 229 | 585 | 148 | 545 | 60 | 264 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 85 | 2165 | 190 | 1818 | 92 | 1593 | 187 | 1745 | 102 | 1241 | 6 | 441 |
| Clackmannanshire | 25 | 54 | 23 | 52 | 22 | 63 | 20 | 49 | 31 | 73 | 8 | 11 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | | 1 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 20 | 30 | 14 | 20 | 18 | 32 | 14 | 27 | 22 | 33 | 7 | 8 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 4 | 23 | 8 | 31 | 4 | 30 | 5 | 20 | 6 | 37 | 1 | 2 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 64 | 152 | 45 | 131 | 55 | 140 | 48 | 114 | 34 | 91 | 20 | 40 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | | 2 | | 1 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 1 |

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| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 47 | 81 | 34 | 60 | 42 | 78 | 35 | 52 | 12 | 33 | 17 | 28 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 15 | 67 | 10 | 68 | 13 | 60 | 13 | 61 | 17 | 52 | 2 | 11 |
| Dundee City | 90 | 348 | 95 | 279 | 101 | 335 | 123 | 351 | 90 | 364 | 44 | 224 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 3 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 10 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 63 | 128 | 81 | 148 | 81 | 165 | 104 | 172 | 75 | 188 | 34 | 128 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 24 | 211 | 13 | 124 | 16 | 160 | 17 | 172 | 13 | 165 | 8 | 86 |
| East Ayrshire | 43 | 116 | 57 | 138 | 58 | 127 | 49 | 125 | 53 | 120 | 17 | 49 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 9 | | 4 | 2 | 5 | | 1 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 39 | 95 | 54 | 105 | 47 | 94 | 45 | 99 | 47 | 89 | 16 | 39 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 4 | 19 | 3 | 31 | 7 | 24 | 4 | 22 | 4 | 26 | 1 | 9 |
| East Dunbartonshire | 33 | 126 | 34 | 108 | 21 | 101 | 46 | 147 | 29 | 90 | 4 | 33 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 3 | | 6 | 4 | 8 | | |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 31 | 77 | 30 | 65 | 18 | 64 | 40 | 90 | 20 | 52 | 4 | 22 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 2 | 47 | 3 | 36 | 2 | 34 | 6 | 51 | 5 | 30 | | 11 |
| East Lothian | 54 | 188 | 38 | 169 | 45 | 167 | 98 | 175 | 40 | 144 | 17 | 63 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 2 | 8 | | 10 | | 6 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 11 | | 3 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 44 | 105 | 35 | 96 | 31 | 98 | 82 | 102 | 32 | 80 | 14 | 34 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 8 | 75 | 3 | 63 | 14 | 63 | 12 | 68 | 7 | 53 | 3 | 26 |
| East Renfrewshire | 16 | 70 | 21 | 75 | 11 | 62 | 36 | 103 | 22 | 62 | 13 | 26 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 13 | 39 | 21 | 55 | 10 | 45 | 30 | 54 | 22 | 48 | 13 | 24 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 3 | 30 | | 19 | | 16 | 6 | 48 | | 14 | | 2 |
| Eilean Siar | 11 | 14 | 7 | 12 | 7 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 10 | 11 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | | |
| Falkirk | 68 | 197 | 91 | 184 | 62 | 214 | 76 | 222 | 71 | 190 | 19 | 57 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 20 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 11 | | 1 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 58 | 116 | 75 | 123 | 48 | 127 | 59 | 121 | 54 | 104 | 17 | 35 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 10 | 77 | 14 | 58 | 9 | 67 | 13 | 90 | 14 | 75 | 2 | 21 |
| Fife | 195 | 434 | 157 | 411 | 188 | 443 | 155 | 403 | 173 | 396 | 82 | 182 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 2 | 13 | 3 | 18 | 9 | 20 | 5 | 17 | 6 | 12 | 2 | 10 |

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| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 103 | 194 | 132 | 243 | 130 | 234 | 118 | 219 | 131 | 237 | 68 | 125 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 90 | 227 | 22 | 150 | 49 | 189 | 32 | 167 | 36 | 147 | 12 | 47 |
| Glasgow City | 418 | 2064 | 329 | 1931 | 292 | 1855 | 410 | 2168 | 417 | 2037 | 134 | 627 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 11 | 52 | 11 | 57 | 10 | 48 | 12 | 54 | 18 | 57 | 4 | 18 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 286 | 574 | 254 | 650 | 224 | 678 | 320 | 679 | 246 | 651 | 101 | 263 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 121 | 1438 | 64 | 1224 | 58 | 1129 | 78 | 1435 | 153 | 1329 | 29 | 346 |
| Highland | 114 | 326 | 98 | 238 | 93 | 238 | 94 | 208 | 80 | 217 | 30 | 95 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 73 | 112 | 72 | 92 | 64 | 103 | 67 | 88 | 63 | 86 | 23 | 25 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 36 | 209 | 21 | 140 | 26 | 129 | 22 | 115 | 12 | 125 | 6 | 69 |
| Inverclyde | 41 | 105 | 30 | 73 | 24 | 75 | 29 | 71 | 19 | 59 | 14 | 23 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | | 7 | 3 | |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 38 | 74 | 30 | 68 | 20 | 53 | 25 | 53 | 16 | 37 | 11 | 20 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 2 | 27 | | 4 | 3 | 20 | 2 | 14 | 3 | 15 | | 3 |
| Midlothian | 58 | 214 | 58 | 170 | 48 | 130 | 48 | 138 | 50 | 150 | 15 | 45 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 3 | 22 | | 3 | 1 | 10 | | 2 | | 5 | | 4 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 51 | 132 | 46 | 105 | 40 | 87 | 42 | 94 | 43 | 98 | 15 | 30 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 4 | 60 | 12 | 62 | 7 | 33 | 6 | 42 | 7 | 47 | | 11 |
| Moray | 31 | 93 | 42 | 83 | 28 | 62 | 27 | 66 | 43 | 79 | 13 | 22 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | | | 4 | 5 | | | | 1 | 3 | 3 | | 1 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 25 | 40 | 26 | 35 | 19 | 24 | 21 | 31 | 29 | 41 | 8 | 10 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 6 | 53 | 12 | 43 | 9 | 38 | 6 | 34 | 11 | 35 | 5 | 11 |
| North Ayrshire | 63 | 200 | 63 | 169 | 64 | 147 | 64 | 158 | 47 | 123 | 14 | 49 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 2 | 4 | 2 | 5 | | 6 | | 8 | | | | |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 52 | 113 | 47 | 97 | 57 | 100 | 51 | 100 | 39 | 81 | 14 | 31 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 9 | 83 | 14 | 67 | 7 | 41 | 13 | 50 | 8 | 42 | | 18 |
| North Lanarkshire | 173 | 515 | 177 | 560 | 204 | 611 | 223 | 573 | 157 | 378 | 51 | 149 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 4 | 18 | 4 | 18 | 7 | 21 | 5 | 19 | 4 | 16 | 1 | 4 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 157 | 365 | 162 | 432 | 190 | 465 | 191 | 389 | 139 | 279 | 49 | 119 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 12 | 132 | 11 | 110 | 7 | 125 | 27 | 165 | 14 | 83 | 1 | 26 |
| Orkney Isl&s | 5 | 4 | 11 | 14 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 8 | | 1 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 4 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 6 | | |
| Theft of pedal cycle | | | 4 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | | 2 | | 1 |
| Perth & Kinross | 40 | 127 | 37 | 98 | 49 | 139 | 55 | 156 | 61 | 140 | 24 | 63 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 2 | 5 | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 34 | 54 | 30 | 53 | 39 | 75 | 37 | 69 | 51 | 73 | 21 | 38 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 4 | 68 | 7 | 45 | 9 | 62 | 16 | 82 | 9 | 64 | | 21 |
| Renfrewshire | 74 | 257 | 69 | 272 | 65 | 231 | 73 | 260 | 76 | 204 | 29 | 68 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 13 | | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 60 | 144 | 53 | 169 | 52 | 141 | 61 | 138 | 66 | 120 | 26 | 51 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 13 | 110 | 14 | 97 | 10 | 82 | 10 | 109 | 10 | 77 | 2 | 15 |
| Scottish Borders | 46 | 108 | 31 | 98 | 50 | 113 | 38 | 104 | 30 | 93 | 9 | 35 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 1 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 40 | 71 | 26 | 65 | 44 | 76 | 30 | 54 | 17 | 52 | 8 | 27 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 5 | 31 | 4 | 27 | 5 | 33 | 7 | 44 | 11 | 35 | | 6 |
| Shetl& Isl&s | 14 | 15 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 14 | 15 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | | | | | | 2 | | | | 2 | | |
| South Ayrshire | 46 | 123 | 40 | 136 | 39 | 123 | 39 | 128 | 39 | 120 | 19 | 42 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | | 1 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 1 | |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 35 | 61 | 33 | 61 | 28 | 66 | 27 | 56 | 34 | 60 | 17 | 24 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 11 | 61 | 5 | 68 | 10 | 52 | 10 | 68 | 4 | 52 | 1 | 18 |
| South Lanarkshire | 139 | 421 | 151 | 463 | 135 | 437 | 182 | 446 | 120 | 346 | 40 | 121 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 6 | 20 | 8 | 25 | 4 | 26 | 4 | 20 | 2 | 19 | | 2 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 122 | 317 | 137 | 367 | 127 | 352 | 139 | 322 | 112 | 254 | 37 | 108 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 11 | 84 | 6 | 71 | 4 | 59 | 39 | 104 | 6 | 73 | 3 | 11 |
| Stirling | 52 | 134 | 41 | 148 | 55 | 182 | 52 | 162 | 31 | 116 | 24 | 53 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 1 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 | | 2 | 1 | 4 | | |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 37 | 59 | 21 | 48 | 31 | 65 | 34 | 45 | 21 | 48 | 20 | 28 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 14 | 72 | 19 | 94 | 22 | 113 | 18 | 115 | 9 | 64 | 4 | 25 |
| West Dunbartonshire | 35 | 107 | 36 | 147 | 31 | 102 | 49 | 128 | 35 | 90 | 12 | 35 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | | 1 | 2 | 11 | | 3 | 2 | 3 | | 3 | | |

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| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 26 | 54 | 27 | 73 | 26 | 59 | 41 | 63 | 31 | 49 | 11 | 23 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 9 | 52 | 7 | 63 | 5 | 40 | 6 | 62 | 4 | 38 | 1 | 12 |
| West Lothian | 71 | 270 | 90 | 300 | 62 | 329 | 99 | 340 | 68 | 208 | 18 | 90 |
| Attempted theft of a motor vehicle | 1 | 11 | 3 | 16 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 17 | 3 | 10 | | 6 |
| Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking & driving away | 66 | 148 | 78 | 177 | 57 | 231 | 89 | 224 | 61 | 149 | 17 | 58 |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 4 | 111 | 9 | 107 | 4 | 84 | 9 | 99 | 4 | 49 | 1 | 26 |
| Gr& Total | 2666 | 11313 | 2584 | 9899 | 2339 | 9525 | 2846 | 10043 | 2353 | 8730 | 853 | 3321 |

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 25th May 2022.