

30 August 2024

FOI Ref 17081

Request - You asked us the following:

I would like to omit the following request: The value of stock or money that was reported stolen in each shoplifting offence reported between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023

I would like to request the following information:

1. The number of shoplifting offences logged by the force between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023
2. The neighbourhood or postcode of each business involved in a shoplifting offence logged by the force between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023
3. The month in which each shoplifting offence logged by the force between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 occurred

CLARIFICATION RECEIVED 24/07/2024

'date reported' instead of 'date logged by force

We received your request on 24/07/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

- 1. The number of shoplifting offences logged by the force between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 – **Information held.**
- 2. The neighbourhood or postcode of each business involved in a shoplifting offence logged by the force between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 – **Information held.**
- 3. The month in which each shoplifting offence logged by the force between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 occurred – **Information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

- 1. The number of shoplifting offences logged by the force between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 – **Disclosed - 5,997.**
- 2. The neighbourhood or postcode of each business involved in a shoplifting offence logged by the force between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 – **Disclosed - Please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17081 Refinement of FOI 16925 Shoplifting Offences Data'.**

- 3. The month in which each shoplifting offence logged by the force between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 occurred – **Disclosed - Please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17081 Refinement of FOI 16925 Shoplifting Offences Data'.**

Please note, the data has been extracted from our Crime/Occurrence recording system where by the offence has been recorded as 'Theft from shops and stalls - Theft Act 1968 Sec 1'. This data has been broken down by the LPT (Local Policing Team) and month.

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional offences may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response.

If you would like us to carry out a review of our response, please let us know within two months of the date of receipt of this email, review requests should be addressed to:

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Or by Post to:

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Staffordshire Police HQ
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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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