

7 November 2024

FOI Ref 17384

**Request - You asked us the following:**

In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my inquiry as specifically as possible. If however, my request is unclear, I would be grateful if you would contact me to enable me to clarify any misunderstandings.

1. Please provide the number of reports of shoplifting submitted to Staffordshire Police for the following years: 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (to date).
2. Please provide the number of reports of shoplifting that were attended to by Staffordshire Police for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (to date).
3. Please provide the number of arrests made by Staffordshire Police in connection with shoplifting for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (to date).

We received your request on 21/10/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

**Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.**

- 1. Please provide the number of reports of shoplifting submitted to Staffordshire Police for the following years: 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (to date). – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17384 Shoplifting Offences Data'.**
- 2. Please provide the number of reports of shoplifting that were attended to by Staffordshire Police for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (to date). – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17384 Shoplifting Offences Data'.**
- 3. Please provide the number of arrests made by Staffordshire Police in connection with shoplifting for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (to date). – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17384 Shoplifting Offences Data'.**

Please be advised the data disclosed is from the 01/01/2021 to 05/11/2024, broken down by year.

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



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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:

[foi@staffordshire.police.uk](mailto:foi@staffordshire.police.uk)

Or by Post to:

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Staffordshire Police HQ  
PO Box 3167  
Stafford  
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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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