

9 October 2024

FOI Ref 17246

Request - You asked us the following:

1. In the last 5 years, [Between April 6- April 5 2019-2024] - how many shoplifting offences have there been in the area that the force covers? (Broken down by years, 2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)
- 1a) Of these offences during this five year period, how many prosecutions were made?

We received your request on 10/09/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds some of the requested information.

- 1. In the last 5 years, [Between April 6- April 5 2019-2024] - how many shoplifting offences have there been in the area that the force covers? (Broken down by years, 2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24) – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17246 Shoplifting Offences Data'.**
- 1a) Of these offences during this five year period, how many prosecutions were made? – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17246 Shoplifting Offences Data'.**

Please note that the data has been extracted from our crime/occurrence database for all offences of 'Theft from shops and stalls' occurring between the following date parameters – 06/04/2019 to 05/04/2024 and broken down by financial years for Question 1. Likewise, The data disclosed for Question 1a has been broken down by whether the offence was charged or summoned/postal requisition.

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.



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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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