

31 October 2025

FOI Ref 21980

Request - You asked us the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding vehicle theft in your police force area. Please provide the following, broken down by calendar year for the last three full calendar years (2022, 2023 and 2024). Please also provide information from and 2025 to-date up until 31/09/2025). If data is not available up until then, please specify when the 2025 data runs until.

- 1 - The total number of recorded incidents of theft of a motor vehicle in your area
- 2 - The total number of arrests made where the principal offence recorded was theft of motor vehicle
- 3 - The top three locations (for example towns, districts, or wards) in your force area with the highest number of recorded motor vehicle thefts each year
- 4 - Of the vehicles reported stolen (theft of motor vehicle), how many were subsequently recovered, broken down by year if available

If any of the above data is only available in financial years (rather than calendar years), please make this clear and provide the information in that format instead.

If any part of this request is available sooner than the rest, I would welcome partial responses.

If fulfilling the full request would exceed the cost limit outlined in Section 12 of the Act, please advise what information could be provided within the limit.

Should you require any clarification, please don't hesitate to contact me.

If possible, please provide the information in a spreadsheet (Excel or CSV) format.

We received your request on 16/10/2025 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.

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- 1 - The total number of recorded incidents of theft of a motor vehicle in your area – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21980 Theft of a Motor Vehicle Data.xlsx'.**
- 2 - The total number of arrests made where the principal offence recorded was theft of motor vehicle – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21980 Theft of a Motor Vehicle Data.xlsx'.**
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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/incidents 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.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Staffordshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:

IAT@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Information Access Team
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Information Access Team within two months of the Force's response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by a Supervisor who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Information Access Team will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The independent Supervisor will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following link:
<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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Information Access Team