



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2014-05099

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Burglary Incidents January 2013

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

How many burglary incidents have there been in your area of jurisdiction between January 2013 and present?

#### Question 2

What is the value of the items taken from January 2013 to present?

#### Question 3

Which month of the year is the most common for burglaries to take place?

#### Question 4

Which cities under your jurisdiction have the highest incident rates of burglaries between January 2013 and present?

#### Question 5

Which towns under your jurisdiction have the highest incident rates of burglaries between January 2013 and present? (Top three if possible).

#### Question 6

Which villages under your jurisdiction have the highest incident rates of burglaries between January 2013 and present? (Top three if possible).

#### Question 7

How many burglaries occurred in a:

- Detached house between January 2013 and present?
- Semi-detached house between January 2013 and present?
- Flat between January 2013 and present?
- terrace houses between January 2013 and present?

**Clarification:** Please could all questions relate to dwelling.

Your notes on Question 3, 4, 5 and 6 look fine, thanks for letting me know.

No worries about flat for Question 7.

## **Answer**

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Please see table below which supplies burglary incidents recorded from January 2013.

Please note that data was extracted on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014. This information is based on data extracted from a live system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant. All data from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 is provisional and subject to change.

In particular, the value information was extracted from the property information where the classification was set as "Stolen" and where the estimated value (original or current) was available. It is highly reliant on the level of detail provided by the inputting officer or staff.

The Town data was extracted from the total number of recorded crimes of burglary. From this subset, those crimes for which the Occurrence Address of the linked incident (or officer Dispatched Address if not available) were grouped based on the Town field information.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

1. From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014, there were **10,055** offences of burglary in a dwelling recorded in Northern Ireland.

*Notes: All data relating to burglary offences from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 is provisional and subject to change.*

2. The estimated value of the items stolen for crimes of burglary in a dwelling recorded between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 was **£5,301,849**.

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3. The table below provides the month of each calendar year for which the most crimes of burglary in a dwelling were recorded from 1999 to 2013:

Calendar Year	Month of the calendar year with the most crimes of burglary in a dwelling recorded	Number of crimes of burglary in a dwelling recorded during this month
1999	July	706
2000	October	780
2001	January	819
2002	May	903
2003	January	904
2004	January	803
2005	July	686
2006	January	645
2007	January	676
2008	November	743
2009	March	738
2010	March	669
2011	May	637
2012	September	563
2013	February	562

*Source: PSNI Statistics Branch*

4. 5. 6. The towns for which the highest number of crimes of burglary in a dwelling were recorded from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were: **Belfast** (3,816 crimes of burglary recorded); **Londonderry** (687); **Craigavon** (561).

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*The data was extracted from the total number of recorded crimes of burglary. From this subset, those crimes for which the Occurrence Address of the linked incident (or officer Dispatched Address if not available) were grouped based on the Town field information.*

7. Of those 10,055 offences of burglary in a dwelling, the type of dwelling recorded was as follows:

Dwelling Type	Number of crimes of burglary in a dwelling recorded during this month
House	8,239
<i>of which Detached</i>	1,656
<i>House – Semi detached</i>	1,210
<i>House – Terraced</i>	2,406
<i>House – Other</i>	248
<i>House – Not specified</i>	2,719
Flat	1,122
Other	424
<i>Missing</i>	270

*Notes: This information is based on data extracted from a live system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.*

*The dwelling type information was extracted where the location subtype was recorded as 'House' or 'Flat'.*

*Where a dwelling' location subtype was recorded as 'House', the building subtype was then used to classify it as 'Detached', 'Semi detached', 'Terraced' or 'Other'. Note that 'Terraced' includes the classification 'End terrace'. Where no building subtype was indicated, it was set as 'Not specified'.*

*Where the location subtype was not 'House' or 'Flat', it was set as 'Other'. Where no location subtype was indicated, it was set as 'Missing'.*

*Note that when multiple building types were recorded against a crime, the first type identified was selected.*