



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-01315

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Cars Stolen in Northern Ireland

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many cars were stolen in Northern Ireland in the past year (April 2013 - present)? Please provide a breakdown of the number of cars stolen month by month during this period. Please provide a breakdown of where (towns or cities) from where these cars were stolen from in this period. For Belfast, please provide a breakdown of areas i.e. Divis, Falls, Andersonstown etc.

Question 2

How many cars were stolen in Northern Ireland between April 2012 and March 2013?

Question 3

How many cars were stolen in Northern Ireland between April 2011 and March 2012?

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 find below on pages 1 – 4, tables showing the number of cars reported stolen in Northern Ireland between 1st April 2011 and 28th February 2014 (Table 1). This has been broken down further to show the number of cars reported stolen in Northern Ireland per month between 1st April 2013 and 28th February 2014 (Table 2). The towns and cities where the vehicle thefts occurred for the period 1st April 2013 to 28th February 2014 are shown in Table 3 and Table 4 provides a further breakdown of the policing areas within Belfast where the thefts occurred.

The information provided is based on data extracted from a live crime recording 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.

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.

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

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

1. Number of cars reported stolen for financial years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 to date^{1,2}

Financial Year	Number of Cars Reported Stolen
1 st April 2011 – 31 st March 2012	1,925
1 st April 2012 – 31 st March 2013	1,803
1 st April 2013 – 28 th February 2014 ²	1,529

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

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2. Distribution by month of the number of cars reported stolen for financial year 2013-14 to date^{1,2}

Month	Number of Cars Reported Stolen
1 st – 30 th April 2013	174
1 st – 31 st May 2013	151
1 st – 30 th June 2013	134
1 st – 31 st July 2013	121
1 st – 31 st August 2013	118
1 st – 30 th September 2013	126
1 st – 31 st October 2013	124
1 st – 30 th November 2013	120
1 st – 31 st December 2013	159
1 st – 31 st January 2014	170
1 st – 28 th February 2014	132
TOTAL (2013-14 to date²)	1,529

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

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3. Distribution by town/city of the number of cars reported stolen for financial year 2013-14 to date^{1,2}

Town / City ³	Number of Offences	Town / City ³	Number of Offences	Town / City ³	Number of Offences
ANNALONG	1	DOAGH	1	MAGHERA	4
ANTRIM	23	DONAGHADEE	2	MAGHERAFELT	10
ARDGLASS	1	DOWNPATRICK	34	MOUNTNORRIS	1
ARMAGH	25	DROMARA	1	NEWCASTLE	13
ARTICLAVE	1	DROMORE	3	NEWRY	77
AUGHNACLOY	3	DRUMQUIN	1	NEWTOWNABBEY	53
BALLINAMALLARD	1	DUNDONALD	5	NEWTOWNARDS	34
BALLYCASTLE	2	DUNGANNON	30	NEWTOWNSTEWART	2
BALLYCLARE	11	DUNGIVEN	1	OMAGH	26
BALLYGAWLEY	1	DUNMURRY	5	PORTADOWN	12
BALLYGOWAN	1	DUNNAMANAGH	1	PORTAFERRY	1
BALLYKELLY	2	ENNISKILLEN	24	PORTRUSH	5
BALLYMENA	42	FINTONA	1	PORTSTEWART	6
BALLYMONEY	9	FORKHILL	1	RATHFRILAND	2
BALLYNAHINCH	16	GARVAGH	1	RICHHILL	1
BANBRIDGE	18	GILFORD	2	ROSTREVOR	1
BANGOR	18	GLENARM	1	SILVERBRIDGE	1
BELFAST	607	GLENAVY	1	SION MILLS	2
BELLAGHY	1	GLENGORMLEY	3	SIXMILECROSS	1
BESSBROOK	2	GREYABBEY	1	STRABANE	19
BROUGHSHANE	1	HILLTOWN	1	TEMPLEPATRICK	1
BUSHMILLS	1	HOLYWOOD	7	TEMPO	1
CARRICKFERGUS	17	KELLS	1	TOOMEBRIDGE	1
CASTLEDAWSON	1	KESH	1	WARINGSTOWN	1
CASTLEDERG	4	KILKEEL	1	WARRENPOINT	2
CASTLEWELLAN	8	KILLINCHY	1	WHITECROSS	1
CLOGHER	2	KILLYLEAGH	1	TOTAL	1529
COALISLAND	3	KIRCUBBIN	1	<i>Source: PSNI Statistics Branch</i>	
COLERAINE	15	LARNE	13		
COOKSTOWN	8	LIMAVADY	14		
CRAIGAVON	54	LISBURN	47		

CROSSGAR	3		LISNASKEA	3	
CRUMLIN	12		LONDONDERRY	117	
CULLYHANNA	1		LOUGHGALL	1	
DERVOCK	1		LURGAN	7	

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³The information for town or city was extracted from the address where the incident occurred as recorded.

4. Distribution by policing area of those offences identified in table 3. for which the town / city is Belfast for financial year 2013-14 to date^{1,2}

Policing Area	Number of Offences
BELFAST EAST	72
BELFAST NORTH	139
BELFAST WEST	128
BELFAST SOUTH	178
ANTRIM	1
CASTLEREAGH	43
LISBURN	45
NEWTOWNARDS	1
TOTAL	607

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