



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-03165

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Burglary Figures 2011 - 2015

Request and Answer:

Question 1

For all questions, please give combined figures for ‘burglary in a dwelling’ and ‘from premises’ (burglary in a building other than a dwelling).

What proportion (%) of the domestic burglaries (including attempted domestic burglaries) that were reported to the police force authority have not been attended. Please provide data for the following years:

- a) 2011
- b) 2012
- c) 2013
- d) 2014
- e) The first half of 2015 (1st Jan - 31st June)

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 a table below which provides the requested information on the number of crimes of ‘burglary in a dwelling’ and ‘burglary in a building other than a dwelling which were reported to the PSNI between the 1st January 2011 and the 30th June 2015. The information provided in the table below also shows the number of burglaries for which no PSNI officer has been linked as an ‘Investigating Officer (IO)’, ‘Investigating Officer (assistant)’, ‘SIO’ or ‘SIO (deputy)’ where SIO stands for Senior Investigating Officer. However please note that our central database does not have a category for ‘officer attendance’ to burglaries and so this may not be representative of whether a PSNI officer attending the scene of the incident or not.

Calendar Year	Number of Crimes of Burglary Recorded	Of which no officers were linked as an Investigating Officer
2011	11,242	442
2012	9,521	426
2013	9,125	459

2014	8,889	693
2015 (to 30 th June)	4,694	412

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

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 and, as such, this may not accurately reflect whether an officer was or was not sent to the scene at any point during the investigation.

Please note that data from the 1st April 2015 onwards is provisional and is subject to change.

Question 2

How many domestic burglaries (including attempted domestic burglaries) were reported to the police force authority in the first half of 2015 (Jan 1st - Jun 31st)

Answer

As shown in the table above, there have been a total of 4,694 burglaries which were reported to the PSNI between the 1st January 2015 and the 31st June 2015.

Question 3

How many of the domestic burglaries (including attempted domestic burglaries) that were reported to the police force authority in the first half of 2015 (Jan 1st - Jun 31st) have been solved?

Answer

The term 'solved' is not one that is used by the PSNI in relation to crime figures. Instead, please find a table below which provides the requested information on the 'outcome' of the recorded crimes of burglary. An 'outcome' is where an action has been taken against a suspect; outcomes include detection by means of charge, summons, caution, discretionary disposal, penalty notice for disorder and offence taken into consideration. The number, shown in the table below, that have since resulted in an outcome may increase as suspects may yet be identified.

Calendar Year	Number of crimes of Burglary Recorded	Of which have since Resulted in an Outcome
2011	11,242	1,339
2012	9,521	1,135
2013	9,125	1,000
2014	8,889	857
2015 (to 30 th June)	4,694	364

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

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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.

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