



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-01480

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Burglary and Robbery Statistics For 3 Years

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

#### Request 1

Please confirm the number of burglaries and robberies across NI in the past three financial years.

#### Request 2

Would be grateful if you could break down by date, geography, age of victim(s), and whether or not anyone was charged.

#### Answers

Figures for the number of burglaries and robberies in Northern Ireland are published on the PSNI website and are also available through the Crime Mapper website, the Open Data website and the Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service (NINIS) website.

PSNI website: A range of figures are available through the annual trends bulletin, the monthly updates and the bulletin on outcomes of crimes recorded by the police. These bulletins will provide information on the number of burglaries and robberies by method of disposal, as well as a breakdown by district and victim age.

Crime Mapper website: Street level crime and anti-social behaviour figures are available on the Crime Mapper website. The requester can use the mapping facilities of this website to identify the streets they are interested in and obtain crime and specifically burglary and robbery figures. The website is updated on a monthly basis. Below is some guidance on how to use the website. After selecting FIND YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD, a user can put in their postcode and it will take them to a map for that area showing the number of crimes/ASB. Selecting Explore the crime map allows users to manipulate the map and also allows them to draw their own boundary and see crimes/ASB within that boundary. It is also possible for users to download data and use this to map the information themselves.

A few pointers that may be helpful are outlined below:

- After the specific boundary has been drawn on the map, click on the link to the right of the map showing 'View detailed statistics'. This will show figures for the last 12 months based on the specific area drawn.

- Comparison of crime types in this area (showing latest 12 months) – this shows the totals for each crime type and ASB for the latest 12 months.
- Crime levels in this area (showing latest 12 months) – this shows the number of crimes/ASB each month for the latest 12 months. There is a selection tool allowing the chart and numbers to be changed to show lower level crime types or ASB.
- The data can also be downloaded from this screen as a CSV file.

OpenDataNI website: the total number of burglaries (including attempted) and robberies by month, policing district and victim age is published on this website. Figures by month and policing district are available for the period April 2001 – June 2018, while victim age is available from 2007/08 to June 2018.

NINIS website: Crime figures are available under the Crime and Justice theme. Figures for burglary and robbery are available for a range of administrative geographic areas.

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.