



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2023-01828

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Theft and Burglary

Subject: Motorcycle Theft

Request and Answer:

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

Request 1

The number of reported motorcycle thefts in Northern Ireland between 2019 and 2022.

Request 2

The number of stolen motorcycles recovered within the same period.

Answers 1-2

Please see below table of recorded 'Theft or Unauthorised Taking Of A Motor Vehicle' offences where a 'Motorcycle' has been classified as 'Stolen', 2019 – 2022.

Please note in conjunction with the information provide the following caveats:

- i. The following table is based on all recorded 'Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle' offences where a vehicle described as 'Motorcycle' was classified as 'stolen', during the period 1 January 2019 - 31 December 2022.*
- ii. The number of offences where a 'Motorcycle' has been additionally classified as 'recovered by owner', 'recovered by police' or 'recovered by other agency' has been included has been included.*
- iii. Please note that this will not be a count of all stolen motorcycles, as this approach will not capture motorcycles stolen as part of a 'Higher' offence (one with a longer maximum sentence than 'Theft or Unauthorised Taking Of A Motor Vehicle'.*
- iv. **Please Note: 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.***

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
'Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle' offences where a vehicle described as 'Motorcycle' was classified as 'Stolen'	130	55	75	136
<i>'Of which additionally classified as 'Recovered.'</i>	28	17	12	40

Request 3

The number of prosecutions for motorcycle theft within the same period.

Answer 3

Please see information requested in the table below.

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
Motorcycle 'Theft' Resulting In Prosecution	4	1	2	1

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.police.uk.

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

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 their discretion.

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