



**Date:** 02/10/2023  
**Our ref:** 01/FOI/23/011326/B

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011326/B**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/09/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*I wondered if you would be able to supply me with the number of car thefts recorded by month, since 2013? (If the past ten years would take too long, the past five would work!)*

*Please let me know if you require anymore clarity or information from me*

*Clarification provided from you -*

*Can you please search the last 5 year for vehicle theft, and then a search to break down to just cars only?*

*Or*

*If harvesting the data to that level of detail isn't doable, just vehicle theft will do*

**Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

**Caveats:**

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

- This data contains crimes with a latest Home Office classification of 37/2: Aggravated Vehicle Taking or 48: Theft or Unauthorised Taking of Motor Vehicle, with a created date between 01/01/2018 and 31/12/2022, excluding cancelled crimes.
- Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

In total, over the 5 years you have requested there are 39,297 crimes relating to vehicle theft. To manually search each record to determine which of these matched "cars only" would take this request over 18hrs and therefore would be refused.

As per your clarification on the 18/09/23, to avoid this request being refused I have provided the total vehicle thefts reported to GMP for each of the 5 years you have asked for. Please see table below.

| Year                 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Vehicle theft totals | 7748 | 7962 | 6905 | 7883 | 8799 |