

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
**Our ref:** FOI/25/014063/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***Is it possible for you to publish the data surrounding the ethnic statistics/split of those charged under the Theft Act 1968 in the latest previous calendar year. And if possible to only publish the data around those whose charge was primarily due to phone theft/snatching. If such data was published in a easily eligible format such as a pie chart this would also be greatly appreciated. This request is made under the grounds of public interests to be featured in a news article for informative purposes.***

### **Result of Searches**

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

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To determine if a record relates to 'phone theft/snatching' would require a manual review of all records returned. A search of GMPs records returned 9,776 records which would require a manual review. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested information.

Therefore as per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within

the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a much shorter time period and a reduction in the volume of questions asked. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to [freedomofinformation@amp.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@amp.police.uk)

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

**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 charged date under the Theft Act 1968 between 01/01/24 and 31/12/24, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

The data includes duplicated data due to an error on police systems whereby the ethnicity of the offender has been entered twice for the same crime and is sometimes different.

| <b>Ethnicity</b>                   | <b>Count of Crime and person count</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Asian - Any Other Asian Background | 194                                    |
| Asian - Bangladeshi                | 10                                     |
| Asian - Indian                     | 17                                     |
| Asian - Pakistani                  | 164                                    |
| Black - African                    | 190                                    |
| Black - Any Other Black Background | 200                                    |
| Black - Caribbean                  | 96                                     |
| Mixed - Any Other Mixed Background | 75                                     |
| Mixed - White and Asian            | 39                                     |
| Mixed - White and Black African    | 22                                     |
| Mixed - White and Black Caribbean  | 155                                    |
| Not Provided                       | 932                                    |
| Not Stated                         | 483                                    |
| Other - Any Other Ethnic Group     | 94                                     |
| Other - Chinese                    | 6                                      |
| White - Any Other White Background | 385                                    |
| White - British                    | 6478                                   |
| White - Irish                      | 205                                    |
| (blank)                            | 31                                     |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                 | <b>9776</b>                            |