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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015161/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to find out the number of crimes reported on canals and navigable rivers (and their banks/towpaths) in your jurisdiction, please, broken down by year over the past five years. If you record this by calendar year, that would be 2019-2024, if it is by financial year then 2020/21 to 2024/25 please.

If possible, I would also like to know the breakdown of these crimes by type, if it doesn't mean too much work and invalidating this request.

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 created date between 01/04/2020 and 31/03/2025, where the Crime MO Keyword contains 'location', Crime MO Category contains 'waterway' and Crime MO Subcategory contains 'canal'; 'river' or 'towpath', excluding cancelled crimes and fraud offences. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- MO keywords are only available for new and migrated crimes.
- The MO keywords are not mandatory and may not be completed.

Crime Latest Classification : Crime Tree Level Four	1 Apr 2020- 31 Mar 2021	1 Apr 2021- 31 Mar 2022	1 Apr 2022- 31 Mar 2023	1 Apr 2023- 31 Mar 2024	1 Apr 2024- 31 Mar 2025
All other theft offences	2	8	9	18	15
Bicycle theft	0	2	2	6	4
Business and community burglary	0	0	0	1	0
Criminal damage and arson offences	3	3	12	13	7
Homicide	1	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous crimes against society	2	1	3	2	4
Other sexual offences	1	5	8	5	8
Possession of drugs	1	0	0	5	5
Possession of weapon offences	1	0	3	3	3
Public order offences	9	21	34	39	35
Rape	2	2	1	0	15
Residential burglary	0	0	7	8	2
Robbery of personal property	2	7	11	14	29
Shoplifting	1	0	0	1	0
Stalking and harassment	0	2	3	2	7
Theft from the person	1	2	4	6	6
Vehicle offences	0	1	0	4	4
Violence with injury	7	10	9	14	20
Violence without injury	6	18	16	22	28