

Wednesday, 29 July 2026
Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017261/O

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017261/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/07/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

For the calendar year 2025:

- 1. The total number of recorded residential burglaries and, if available, by month*
- 2. The days of the week ranked by frequency of residential burglaries.*
- 3. The 10 most commonly recorded categories of property stolen during residential burglaries, together with the number of recorded thefts for each category.*
- 4. Breakdown of residential burglaries by property type, where recorded (e.g. detached, semi-detached, terraced, flat/apartment)*
- 5. A breakdown of residential burglaries by method of entry, using categories recorded by the service e.g. unlocked doors/windows, forced entry*

Please note domestic dwelling data would be welcomed if it is the term used by the service as opposed to domestic.

Result of Searches

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

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data regarding **Parts 3 to 5** would involve a manual search on each record as these types of data cannot be promptly generated from the system. From initial searches carried out on residential burglary crimes that occurred in 2025, a total of 8,648 records would need to be manually reviewed. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18hours 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill (see below information), I have supplied information, relative to your request, that was retrieved / available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed. I trust this is helpful, 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 residential burglary crimes with a created date between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025, excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as non-counting fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

Data

Part 1:

Month	Count
Jan	838
Feb	657
Mar	744
Apr	699
May	669
Jun	705
Jul	675
Aug	668
Sep	639
Oct	797
Nov	813
Dec	744
Total	8648

Part 2:

Weekday	Count
Wednesday	1305
Monday	1294
Thursday	1275
Friday	1237
Tuesday	1221
Saturday	1159
Sunday	1157

In this instance, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce the request on **Parts 3 to 5** in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.