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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017118/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The total number of recorded shoplifting offences (Home Office classification below) for each of your ward areas. Please send data for each separate calendar year 2023, 2024 and 2025 and also 2019.

For your help shoplifting has the Home Office Code 046/00 and designates Theft from shops and stalls, commonly referred to as shoplifting.

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.

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.

- Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.
- This data contains shoplifting crimes with a created date between '01 January 2019' and '31 December 2019' and 01 January 2023' and '31 December 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.

- We are aware of various system issues affecting committed at locations for new and migrated crimes. These issues mean that data for a specific location may include crimes that did not happen in that location and/or exclude crimes that did.
 - Some crimes do not have a beat code, which means that they cannot be mapped to other geographies e.g. districts.
 - Some crimes have an incorrect beat code, which means that they are mapped to the wrong geographies.
- Please note, there are 71 duplicate crimes within this dataset. This is reflected in the crime reference numbers and occurs because some crimes are associated with multiple beat names.

Data

District Name	2019	2023	2024	2025
Bolton	1861	1705	2184	1628
Bury	1090	943	1163	1181
CoM Central	2166	2129	2705	2561
CoM Historic	5	0	0	0
CoM North	977	831	973	927
CoM South	942	1484	1793	1282
Manchester Airport	80	146	199	131
Oldham	1526	1333	1726	1301
Rochdale	1340	1343	1616	1468
Salford	1230	1344	1854	1686
Stockport	1459	2090	2119	1916
Tameside	1501	1369	1488	1491
Trafford	1210	1730	2104	1947
Unknown	27	33	18	4
Wigan	1864	1755	1903	1920
Total	17278	18235	21845	19443