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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016613/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information.

1. A yearly breakdown of the total number of 'theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicle' offences reported in your policing area during the periods:

*1st April 2019 - March 31st 2020
1st April 2020 - March 31st 2021
1st April 2021 - March 31st 2022
1st April 2022 - March 31st 2023
1st April 2023 - March 31st 2024
1st April 2024 - March 31st 2025
1st April 2025 - March 31st 2026*

2. Please provide all recorded outcomes for the results of Q1 above using the same yearly periods.

Q1 NOTE: This request is being sent on the 23rd March 2026. I have asked for the latest period to run until 31st March 2026 which I feel is an achievable request as the data for the period ending 31st March 2026 should be available by the time of your response.

Q2 NOTE: For forces in England and Wales please record the answers to Q2 using the same 22 outcomes as outlined in the Crime outcomes in England and Wales: Technical annex.

Please send me the data requested in the form of an Excel spreadsheet or as a csv file.

If you are able to supply some of this information more quickly than other items, please supply each item when you can rather than delay everything until it is all available.

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.

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 01/04/2019 and 29/03/2026 where the HO offence level is 'theft of a motor vehicle', 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.

A crime outcome of 'Missing Value' means that the investigation is ongoing and an outcome has not yet been applied.

Outcome	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Missing Value	387	6	11	22	9	40	211
1 - Charged/Summoned	95	94	107	234	158	158	123
1A - Charged/Summoned Alternative Offence	71	53	145	144	64	54	54
2 - Caution - Youths	3	1	3	5	5	4	0
2A - Caution - Youths Alternative Offence	0	1	1	2	0	1	2
3 - Caution - Adults	3	0	1	0	2	5	3
3A - Caution - Adults Alternative Offence	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
4 - Taken Into Consideration	7	1	19	6	48	17	2
5 - The offender has died (all offences)	0	3	5	5	4	0	0
8 - Community Resolution	5	6	3	4	10	10	5
9 - Prosecution not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)	6	4	0	4	1	0	0
10 - Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	15	5	2	4	3	1	0
12 - Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

13 - Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence	3	2	0	4	1	0	1
14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	250	294	410	457	184	230	171
15 - Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	331	440	676	749	702	641	607
16 - Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.	191	194	315	302	300	328	243
17 - Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.	2	5	9	6	0	1	0
18 - Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	5094	4057	5232	5202	4275	3289	3448
21 - Named Suspect Identified; Prosecution not in the public interest	152	101	41	25	11	14	1
22 - Diversionary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest.	0	2	0	3	1	0	0